

CHISLET and HOATH PARISH MAGAZINE

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, CHISLET

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Dear Readers,

You may have heard the news report in March stating that all church services will be suspended. This was issued locally by Bishop Rose on behalf our Archbishops.

In these unprecedented times of uncertainty and fear we must try and remain connected by following four principals in our Benefice:

- . **Keep praying**
- . **Keep connected**
- . **Show unusual kindness**
- . **Keep safe**

Although there are no church services, the list below will enable you to keep up to date with what services would have been carried out at Chislet Church, but couldn't happen because of the coronavirus problems:-

5th April – Morning Praise,

12th April – Easter Day – Family Communion,

19th April – Morning Prayer,

26th April - Morning Praise followed by the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**, which is also cancelled.

And at,

MARSHSIDE METHODIST CHAPEL

Minister: Rev. Emmanuel Aggrey-Ogoe, tel: 01227 273725

19th April

There will also be no Parish Magazine printed and posted through your doors until further notice. Instead the Parish Magazine will be shown in the Wantsum Benefice website. So please look at the following website : wantsumchurches.org and look for [parish magazine](#).

Canterbury Cathedral

Canterbury Cathedral wil conduct the Eucharist and Evening Prayer by Cathedral Chapter members only and streamed on line each day [via the Cathedral's Youtube channel](#).

Vickey Coneys wrote this for the Parish Magazine which is very appropriate:

What strange times we find ourselves in, as family, friends and neighbours have to spend time apart from one another, and the world waits to see what will happen next.

In this anxious season, we will need to hold onto all the signs of kindness and neighbourliness which are going on around us. There are many acts of love and prayers of hope, often unseen, and these give us hope.

Spring itself is a great time of hope, as nature renews itself and colour and life return. And Easter is the great festival of hope, of love conquering fear, and life conquering death. After the sadness of Good Friday and the Cross comes the joy of Easter morning.

Although our Easter celebrations may feel very different this year, prayer is being offered daily for our villages. And even though we cannot hold church services for the time being, let us be assured of the message of God's love, and life and hope.

Vickey Coneys

Chislet and Hoath Parish Magazine – Hugh Bird

Hugh Bird has been printing the parish magazine for some 20 years and has decided to retire from doing the printing, especially as his printer decided to collapse from old age. As the printer engineer said to Hugh, it must be as old as you.

So the Editors and all those involved would like to thank Hugh for all the work he has done over the years in providing 275 copies of the magazine to Chislet and Hoath for distribution around the two Parishes. **WELL DONE HUGH. What a great job you have done!**

At the moment, the April (and future) editions of St Nicholas and Monkton magazines are on the Benefice website and local FB pages too. The same will happen for our magazine.

When things return to something like normal... we can look at how we print the magazine. The copy shop in Broadstairs will consider a discounted price to print and collate magazines if there is a regular order. (Monkton and St Nicholas are considering this).

The cost for them to print the March Monkton magazine was not that much more expensive than the usual route of printing.

Best wishes
Richard Braddy

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

April 2020

Dear Readers,

What strange times we are having. It is being said that the nearest equivalent is what occurred during World War II. Although many people were killed in the UK during this war this was caused because of the bombing, strafing, and the V1 and V2 rockets, unlike the 'attack' from this new virus, meaning most countries are now in lockdown.

There are photographs available taken in 1940 showing the parts of the cathedral protected with sandbags and the statue of Jesus removed from above the main entrance facing the Buttermarket, presumably to avoid war damage. The churches and cathedral remained open for services, not like at present where all churches are now shut and people have been asked to stay in lockdown.

You do wonder how long this will carry on?

Whilst travelling back from our apartment in Brittany in late March, we discussed what we might do if the lockdown occurred in the UK. We expected that we wouldn't be able to travel to Bristol or Scotland, or fly to New York. So we thought, as we approached Calais, we could decorate the house, as 5 years have passed since we last painted all the rooms! Or we could do "lots" in the garden, cook meals from our new 'fast 800 recipe book, finish off the jigsaw and repair and mend all the things that have been left for another day, which can be now done!

As we entered the 'Chunnel' it crossed my mind that Chislet is made up of country villages, with most houses having back gardens, which means one can make a retreat, be able to do a bit of digging and planting, and then rest, and watch the birds and animals beginning their Spring life. In our garden there are two squirrels who like to climb up the seed pole and eat the peanuts whilst hanging upside down. The birds love eating the sunflower seeds, particularly the goldfinches, which are able to fight off the chaffinches, great tits and blue tits, to gain the most seeds.

Early in the morning the rabbits come out to eat and frolic, until us humans come out to work in the garden. There appear to be plenty of blackbirds about, with one female having an early wash under the pond filter system pipe gushing water.

Have you done this? Come in from the garden, turn on the tv to watch the evening news and afterwards sit and watch a series of 8 episodes in one go, going to bed at 1 p.m.? Whilst you are watching you are thinking why am I doing this? I could be reading a very interesting book or a selection of poetry, and also thinking that tomorrow it's time to plant the beans, tomatoes, courgettes, strawberries and lettuces, but am I going to feel too tired if I don't get to bed soon? Of course, I don't need to worry as I don't have to get up too early.

So for all those who work for the NHS or have volunteered to help prepare these new hospitals, work in various factories producing new PPE and maybe risking their lives, we all clap and sing our praises to you. THANK YOU.

Rob Maxwell



Audrey Turff (Richardson)
Born August 14 1930 - March 27 2020

Audrey Turff, who lived in Upstreet from 1975 until 2016, died on Friday, March 27th at her home in Welford on Avon after a short illness.

Audrey was born in 1930 in Forest Hill, South London. She would have had an ordinary suburban childhood were it not for the intervention of the war, during which she was evacuated twice, first in the blitz and later and when the V2 rockets started to fall. After the war she worked as a secretary in the City and the West End and in 1953 married Leonard (Len) Richardson who she had known since childhood.

Over the next 30 years together they had three sons, Michael, Andrew and David, who sadly died in 1966, and lived variously in Stevenage, West Wickham, Cambridge, Glasgow and London finally moving to Kent in 1973, first to Hoath, and then, in 1975, to Little Thruxted in Upstreet.

Len and Audrey were welcomed into the local community and made many great friends in the area, Len died prematurely in 1983 and Audrey, with a lot of help and support from her friends, built herself a new, smaller house, Dower Cottage, and proceeded to start again. In 1990 she married Bill Turff. Bill and his family were long-standing friends and Bill had lost his wife Catherine at around the same time as Audrey lost Len. A new and different life began as she gained not only a new husband but a ready-made family into which she threw herself with her usual enthusiasm.

Audrey and Bill spent the next 25 years together in Upstreet until Bill's death in 2015. In 2016 Audrey was persuaded to leave her beloved Upstreet and move to a bungalow nearer to her eldest son Michael and his wife Lynda where she lived out her remaining years with their unstinting support.

Audrey was always kind. She saw the best in people and was a supportive and loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. She loved to sing and to dance, she served on the Parish Council and was a long-standing member of the WI. Audrey was also a very effective social worker for many years and continued to think of others right until the very end.

She will be remembered with love by her family and her friends. They don't make 'em like Audrey any more!

Rosemary Audley

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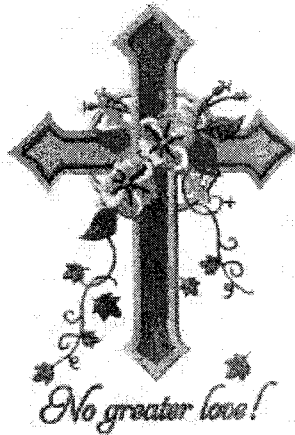
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Easter Greetings



Dear Friends

I write from my study to wish you all a Blessed Easter. We will all find it a bit strange this year with the churches closed, no Easter Services and no Easter Egg hunts. What are we to do? I have found the last few weeks very interesting as I try to get to grips with new technology learning how to do church in a different way. I will be going live on my Facebook Page on Sunday 12th April Easter Day with an Easter Day Service from the Vicarage at 10am. On our website we are flooding it with services you can use at home individually or as a family with lots of other advice and contacts as well.

All around the world people will be praying together but in their own homes and we will be lifting the Lord's name on high. He will be glorified. We must remember that Jesus himself said I am the Resurrection and the Life and our faith can be grounded in that promise. In our morning worship service sheet for the Benefice we have a Thanksgiving Prayer that I would like to share with you all.

For loving the world and knowing our names.

All: We thank you God

For your strength that fills us and your love that heals us.

All: We thank you God

For your presence here with us today and your hand that leads us to tomorrow.

All: We thank you God.

Go and know that the Lord goes with you; let him lead you each day into the quiet places of your hearts, where he will speak with you; know that he loves you and watches over you; that he listens to you in gentle understanding; that he is with you always, wherever you are and however you may feel.

Amen.

The coronavirus is with us for s season, and there will be a new tomorrow. Stand firm in your faith and know that as a Church we all stand together worldwide.

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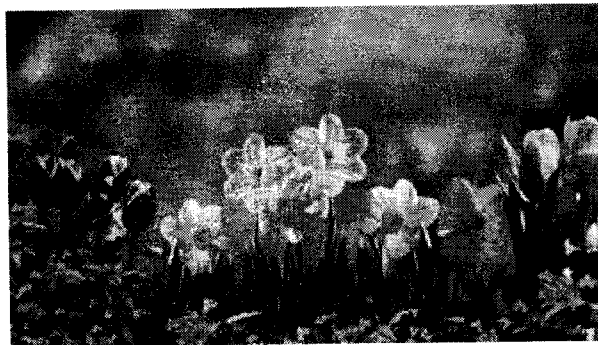
Yours faithfully

Rev Sue Martin

Priest in Charge

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HOLY CROSS CHURCH, HOATH

Everyone is warmly welcome to all our Services, dates and times as follows:

Sadly, there will be no Services until further notice.

Please keep well and stay safe.

Stay in touch with each other.

Coffee Mornings at Holy Cross Church have been Cancelled until further notice.

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It is possible that we may have to prove why we are out or shopping in bulk, so written instructions from the person requiring help may be essential.

Keep safe and well.

HOATH PARISH COUNCIL

Abridged minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2020.

1. CCC and KCC reports

Rachel Carnac (CCC) reported that the CCC 2020/21 budget had been approved.

Alan Marsh (KCC) has been contacted by the householder next to the allotments who has experienced a degree of flooding to her garden and believes the allotments may be to blame. The PC discussed the history of this and thought it unlikely that it had much to do with the allotments but agreed to contact the Allotments Association accordingly.

Mr Marsh said that KCC is objecting to the Hillborough development until more information is received.

At this point the meeting was adjourned to allow comments from members of the public:

- Potentially dangerous sludge at the foot of Ford Hill was reported.
- More instances of fly-tipping were reported.

2. Planning

Having declared an interest in respect of application CA/20/00378 (Knave's Ash Cottage) Cllr Williams withdrew from the meeting. There were no objections.

3. Report of the clerk/RFO

The clerk reported that the end-February cash book balance was £17,828.77.

The clerk also reported that a letter soliciting donations had just been received from Air Ambulance. In line with previous practice, it was unanimously resolved to make a donation, of £100.

The following payments were unanimously approved:

1. Clerk: February (net)	£351.76
2. Air Ambulance - donation	£100.00

Correspondence, etc

The clerk reported that at long last he had received (two) dog waste signs. It was agreed that the best place for them was at the start of the footpath opposite the church and the verge opposite the village hall.

4. Date of the next meeting.

The next meeting date was confirmed as April 6th at 5.30 p.m. It should be noted that this is a change from the usual schedule due to the timing of Easter. (THIS WILL NOT GO AHEAD)

HOATH AND DISTRICT GARDENING SOCIETY

Tony Russell welcomed thirty members to the March meeting and told everyone that he has decided to cancel the annual outing in July owing to the coronavirus. Lesley read the minutes of the February meeting after which Tony introduced Lauren Kennedy who spoke on Bee roads and gardening for bees. Lauren is an outreach officer for a project which is running for three years, of which this is the final year, for the Bumblebee Conservation Trust. The trust began in Scotland and Kent was the chosen location for England because of the climate and the large diversity of flowering plants available. There are twenty four species of bumblebee with twenty two being found in Kent. The trust runs identification courses, as well as guided walks and other community events around sites in Kent. The Hoo Peninsula, Dartford, Leysdown on the Isle of Sheppey, Milton Creek, Whitstable, the undercliff at Westbrook, sunken gardens at Foreness Point, Sandwich Bay and Dungeness are all hotspots for bumblebees. Volunteers are always welcome to help on projects; there are currently 97 working with Lauren and one other paid employee. They are taking on some trainees who will be paid from grant money allocated to the project by the National Lottery. The trust is now looking for continuing funding to enable them to continue their excellent work with bumble and honey bees. Lauren was very enthusiastic about her subject giving a clear and captivating talk on a project that is clearly dear to her heart. Further information can be found on www.bumblebeeconservation.org Lauren was warmly thanked by Tony for her informative and entertaining talk.

Members were reminded that the next meeting will be the Spring Show on Wednesday, 1st April. **However since then it has been announced that all meetings and outings are cancelled until further notice. It is hoped that meetings can be resumed in the autumn.**



The International Space Station is currently passing overhead in the convenient early evening. If you haven't already been watching it go overhead previously you might like to try and locate it now. If the sky is clear and you can see stars, or the brilliant Venus blazing in the western sky you should be able to see the Space Station. It's orbit always brings it from a westerly direction passing over the sky, often almost overhead at our location, going towards the east. It will be generally coming from the direction of where the Sun sets or where you see Venus. The chart gives you the times to see it until 5 April and for how long it should be visible. At the moment it cannot be confused with aircraft passing over as they are rarities at the moment. It is a constant light reflecting off the Space Station. There are no winking red or green lights signifying an aeroplane.

If you want to update the list, go to "Spot The Station" in Google. The "Spot The Station" site comes up, including a map, inviting you to put a location in a box. Choose "Canterbury" for instance and click on "Canterbury, Kent, England GBR". This opens the map showing our Canterbury, with a blue pointer. Click on the blue pointer. This gives you the chance to "View siting opportunities". Click on that line. Up come the current list similar to the one I have included here.

Apart from the Sun, Moon and probably Venus, it ought to be the brightest object in the sky. If you are not sure you have seen it the first time, any subsequent observations of it and you will know what you are seeing thereafter. If you are wanting something to do from the safety of your own property, to while away a few minutes, then this could well be it. Happy hunting.

The following ISS sightings are possible from Monday Mar 30, 2020 through Tuesday Apr 14, 2020

Date	Visible	Max Height*	Appears	Disappears
Mon Mar 30, 7:58 PM	4 min	86°	42° above W	10° above E
Mon Mar 30, 9:33 PM	2 min	40°	14° above W	40° above SW
Tue Mar 31, 8:46 PM	3 min	54°	26° above W	24° above SE
Tue Mar 31, 10:22 PM	< 1 min	10°	10° above WSW	10° above WSW
Wed Apr 1, 8:00 PM	4 min	70°	41° above W	12° above ESE
Wed Apr 1, 9:35 PM	3 min	21°	10° above W	21° above SSW
Thu Apr 2, 8:48 PM	4 min	29°	18° above W	16° above SSE
Fri Apr 3, 8:02 PM	4 min	40°	28° above WSW	10° above SE
Sat Apr 4, 8:50 PM	4 min	14°	10° above WSW	10° above S
Sun Apr 5, 8:04 PM	4 min	21°	17° above WSW	10° above SSE

"FROM TIMES GONE BY"

Here is an old article "from the vaults" so to speak. It appeared in the June 2008 issue of our Magazine and I repeat it in this electronic edition for a little additional reading material as the master copy happens to still be in existence.

Clearly I can no longer go off for a walk in the present climate, as I began and ended the article. I shall look forward to the day when I am free to do so once more.

JUNE 2008

Barrie

FROM THE EDITOR RIVERS, TREES AND STONES

I have long awaited the better weather so that I might resume my walks along the footpaths of our parishes. (He's clearly not a serious walker, just a fair weather one, I can already hear a number of you thinking.) There are few things better than a tranquil lunchtime walk out along Gilling Drove on a sunny May day. The hawthorn blossom was magnificent this year. A two hundred years old book I picked up recently quoted May 17th as the traditional day when May blossom was then considered to be at its peak. As I walked the Drove on May 15th I wouldn't argue with that author's claims.

Unfortunately, there is the need to return to gainful employment for the afternoon, but after an evening meal I can revert to the fields. The footpath opposite Hoath Church lych-gate is the one I take by choice; out down the slope with panoramic views to Chislet Park - you can just imagine the Archbishop's medieval deer roaming across here - left at the mushroom farm, over Deer Downs, then follow the Hoath / Chislet border home again. The stop watch tells me I can complete the circuit easily in thirty minutes.

I spend much of my journey field walking, looking at the various stones and bits of detritus on the surface of the path. Only the more malicious of you would say I was looking for money, although I do fondly remember finding a George III half penny (which I still have) back in 1967, near a Roman bath house site in Wingham - I've walked looking at the ground ever since! An item occasionally makes me look twice at it, an unusual shape, a unique colour. Every so often, a man made artefact is encountered; a length of clay pipe stem, a shard of broken plate. I deliberate about its previous owner, possibly a long-deceased village resident at rest in the graveyard from whence I set out. The contours and colour differences within the chunks of stone are what I find the most fascinating aspects. What forces formed them? Was it far from where I picked it up? And the leading question, just how long ago? As I hold it in my hand and gaze intently on its surface, I listen with my eyes to what this stone is saying to me.

My imagination wanders to a primeval time, to an animal running in the shallows of a long vanished Hoath lake, stirring up the mud. The sediment then resettles on the bottom a little distance away, creating almost imperceptibly, layer by minute layer, what will later become my stone. Other pieces of stone show in cross-section what appear to be ripples within them. To me, they mimic the size and image of the ridges you find on the sea shore as the tide goes out. Is it possible that these stones formed at the margins of an early Hoath sandy beach, where only the highest spring tides reached? Ripples left behind in the damp sand or mud, dried by the sun, left to harden



for a time until covered by a future spring tide. This time, water from a contrary direction brings in different coloured soils, to settle in the troughs of the ripples, building up my two-tone stone with inbuilt harmonic pattern in a relatively fast process. Maybe, just maybe, in such simple ways, the beautiful colours and complex patterns in my stones came to be. Another stone that caught my eye has impressed into it the outline of part of the shell of a prehistoric limpet, or similar creature. Yet another, is the conical shape of a sea anemone with its flat base and rows of lines and holes, found at the foot of the hill just before the stream known further on as the Nethergong Penn. Then there are the many smoothly rounded pebbles; the product of interaction and abrading with similar rocks, constantly chipping, grinding and refining, demanding a fluid environment; at one time maybe a Hoath shingle beach? The cumulative significance of all these chance finds leads me to the inescapable conclusion that our area must have been underwater in the past. Indeed, books on Kent geology signify that our area has been submerged by the sea on numerous occasions. Sometimes Kent was the site of a shallow Tropical lagoon; at other times just about all of Western Europe was sea bed. The Wantsum was an underwater area in recorded time; that's hardly even a geological blink of an eye ago.

I've no idea how stones actually form; I've never read about the process and my thoughts may send a geologist into great convulsions of laughter. A friend of mine actually is a Professor of Geology and when I meet him next I really must seek his views. The last time he called by, I felt too embarrassed to raise the matter with someone of his standing. One book I have from the 1930's states that just what a flint was, was then a highly contentious topic, and even more so, how it actually formed. It would be good to know from my friend whether recent researches have advanced any concrete conclusions over the last seventy years.

As I pick up an insignificant stone on my wanderings, I speculate whether it really is a little piece of something that formed at the place we know as Hoath, or if it has had a long and exotic journey from the point of its creation to where it, and I, came into contact. Is it ten thousand years old, or should my yardstick be recalibrated in tens of millions; or even hundreds of millions? To what pressures has it been subjected? How deep in the earth has it been? Am I the first person to gaze upon it? Maybe hands previously held it in Neolithic times? Possibly, a hundred youngsters, centuries apart, have picked it up and thrown it back and forth across the field since time immemorial - part of an ongoing slow motion game. There is an inexhaustible supply of similar items of insignificance out there for me to pick up, ponder about, immediately discard, or, just occasionally, add to the growing collection on my desk.

I feel the need to let my mind meander backwards in time again. The weather's fine, so please excuse me, I'm off for a walk!

Barrie Beeching





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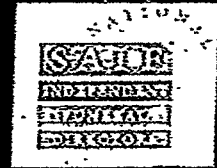
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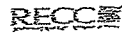
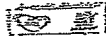
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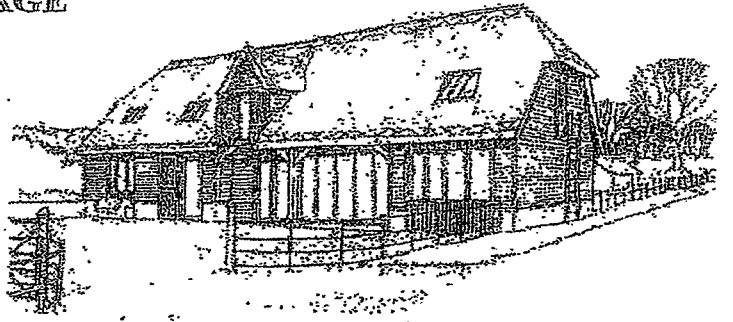
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