

Stillington News

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Stillington Community Primary School News

The summer term has arrived and we are extremely pleased to have welcomed all our children back at Stillington Primary School. We thank the families, staff and community in supporting us through these challenging times. There is a 'buzz' around school with happy children, who are pleased to see their friends and teachers. We are extremely proud of how resilient and adaptable our children have been, they are a credit to their families.

It is with much pleasure that we have also welcomed our new nursery children to school. All 4 have settled in amazingly and are enjoying their play based learning in our exciting provision. If you have a child who is due to turn 3 or is due to start school in reception 2022 and are interested in seeing what a fantastic transition to full time schooling we offer, then please get in touch to organise a visit through the school office on stillingtonoffice@foston.n-yorks.sch.uk.



Although we have not been back long after lockdown our children have already been busy! They have taken part in a sports enhancement day, completing activities such as dance and den building. They have also enjoyed drama workshops over Microsoft Teams, made ramen noodles and led a French Café.

We celebrated Easter this year in an

online Service which we shared with our partner schools Foston and Terrington. All children were actively involved in pre-recorded readings and singing, thank you to all the families who joined in this celebration and to Rev Steve and Rev Chris for leading the service. We hope for the day when we can return to church for our services.

We have three exciting topics this half term to inspire the children with their learning. In the Early Years the children are learning about Superheroes and people who help them. In Key Stage 1 the topic is 'What was it like to be at our school when it opened?' In Key Stage 2 we have the gruesome topic of 'How has crime and punishment changed?'. We also look forward to welcoming Audrie Woodhouse, our drama teacher, in to do some sessions throughout the summer term with our children. We would welcome anyone who previously attended Stillington school to share their memories with the children, please email stillingtonoffice@foston.n-yorks.sch.uk if you would like to contribute.

Before Easter we virtually welcomed Ofsted for a visit and were proud to show the huge amount of progress our school has made. Whilst this was a monitoring visit and our grading could not be changed the inspector recognised we had much to celebrate. We look forward to having the letter published on the Ofsted website at which point we can share the fantastic comments made with you. We would also like to share the exciting news that the workshops for babies and toddlers will be returning in the summer term. These will be FREE interactive sessions led by our Early Years teachers Mrs Scaife / Mrs Speake at Stillington Primary School. Further details to follow – keep your eye on the school website, Facebook page or Twitter feed. Alternatively, please email stillingtonoffice@foston.n-yorks.sch.uk to find out more and book a place.

Sarah Moore, Headteacher



We were so pleased with the excitement surrounding the announcement of the **2021 SCARECROW FESTIVAL...** so here's a little more info:

We'd like to make a map of all of the wonderful creations populating the village! So, if you'd like to take part, please write your address on a piece of paper, and drop it off in the box provided in the village shop.

The deadline for this is the 31st May. The maps will be available to purchase (with proceeds going to charity) on the weekend of the festival itself.

There is no 'theme' for the scarecrows... so let your imaginations run free! Let's fill our village with cartoon characters, celebrities, animals, superheroes and anything else you can think of! With the festival being on the weekend following the kids' half term... there'll be plenty of time to create something wacky, weird or wonderful!

As mentioned earlier, we'd love to raise some money for charity too, so there'll be details of this (and the PRIZES we're working on!) in both the June edition of the Stillington News, and on the Community Facebook Page.

Please email contributions
for the **JUNE** issue to
news@stillingtonvillage.org
by **19th May**

Stillington Bowling Club

Our learning to bowl for new starters and practise evening, social bowling open to all will commence on **Wednesday 5th May at 7pm** and continues weekly all season. All are very welcome.

Stillington bowling green and bowls club house is located at the Sports and Social Club, between the tennis courts and the rear of the main club building. If you are in need of outdoor exercise then why not come along.

STILLINGTON GARDENING CLUB

Plant Sale

The Stillington Gardening Club Annual Plant Sale will be held on Friday 7th May starting at 7pm.

This year it will be a proper sale and not a virtual sale as thought last month.

To comply fully with Coved restrictions it will be held outside at the Stillington Sports & Social club. It will be safe. Sanitizers will be available and masks are optional.

There is ample parking and open space in front of the Club. There will be a one way circuit – marked by signs and tape-and you are asked to follow it and the instructions of the marshals.

After you have selected your plants you will be directed to the cash desk. You will also be able to pay and collect your membership cards.

Please come and support your Club. Dennis North has put such a lot of work into bringing on the seeds through the last few months. He has prepared: Vegetable and Brassicas; Herbs in pots and a range of Flowers & Sweet Peas.

Autumn Show

This will take place on Sunday August 15th 2021.



Herbs

Cowslip Medicinally, cowslip wine and cowslip tea are valued for their calming, sedative qualities. The herb was used to treat spasms, cramps and paralytic ailments. The flowers can be

eaten fresh in salads or candied and used as decoration. Many people now have cultivated cowslips in their gardens, they have herbal properties. They should not be picked in the wild as nowadays they are very rare.

May Tips for the Garden:

- Start planting out summer bedding towards the end of the month.
- Look after your finished spring bulbs for next year.
- Remember to open greenhouse vents and doors on warm days. You can also damp down your greenhouse on hot days to increase humidity and deter red spider mites.
- Keep your lavender plants healthy with regular pruning.
- Thin out drifts of hardy annuals.
- Harden off half-hardy plants by leaving them outside during the day and bringing them back under cover at night for 7 to 10 days before planting outdoors.
- Plant summer hanging baskets, adding good-quality compost, slow-release fertiliser and water-retaining crystals, to keep them in top condition. Protect them from late frost.
- Continue dividing herbaceous perennials to improve vigour and create new plants.
- Divide hostas as they come into growth.
- Prune penstemons now - cut all the old shoots back to the base, providing there is new growth at the bottom of the plant. If there are no new shoots at the base, cut just above the lowest set of leaves.

OBJECTS OF INTEREST No 11

Each month we will show an object of interest in the Stillington area. An extract from Rudyard Kipling's poem, The Elephant's Child.

"I keep six honest serving men. They taught me all I know. Their names are: What and Why and When and How and Where and Who."



QUESTIONS: WHAT is it? **WHY** was it important? **WHEN** was it used? **HOW** deep is it? **WHERE** is it? **WHO** is it named after?

ANSWERS:

WHAT? It is one of four chalybeate wells in the area. It produces water containing iron which was used for healing skin and eye complaints.

WHY? Such wells were considered holy places.

WHEN? Probably from the Medieval Era up to the late 19th Century.

HOW? It is at least 2.5m deep

WHERE? In the woodland off York Road at OS grid reference SE 58349 67207

WHO? St John the Apostle.

Looking back over "Well Field" towards the Sports Club.



Written and researched by Robert Churton & Liz Cole with help this month by Dave Green.

Little things that can help the Environment



Now we have some fine weather again, how about switching off the tumble dryer and drying washing outside on the line? The good old-fashioned way, spending not a single joule or therm and therefore being better for the planet.

And have you thought of turning off the dishwasher too and spending time with children or partner washing and drying? Only the water from the hot tap uses any energy there. And if you use water that's hot enough, and there's no grease to clean off, you won't need any (or much) detergent either.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

The Parish council meeting was held by Zoom with councillors Conway, Cookman, Drew, Churton, Taylor, Chairman Rowe, District CLLR Watkins, Clerk Mrs Midgley. The full minutes can be found on the council website and on the notice board.

PARISH MAINTENANCE.

Churchyard Headstones. Edward Moorey has quoted to refix seven memorials. All documentation required has been given to Mr J Clark (Parish Church Treasurer) for forwarding to the Deanery Office as per protocol with a request for a faculty.

HIGHWAYS.

North Back Lane is now on the Parish plan, repairs and maintenance will be resurfaced eventually.

The concrete surrounding the metal outer wall of the BT inspection pit has been broken on the Roadside of the pit on the grass verge on North Back Lane adjacent to the Lane cottages. BT have been informed and will repair in due course.

PLANNING.

REF 21/00427/CAT Works to trees in a conservation area Ashfield Cottage Main Street Stillington.

REF 21/00484/LBC Retrospective Listed Building Consent South Lea Main street Stillington.

REF 21/00513/FUL Change of use of agricultural land Fox Covert Sand Lane Huby.

REF 21/00674/TPO Works to trees Townend Pond High street Stillington.

Two applications Passed.

REF 20/02527/MRC Variation of Condition South Lea Main Street Stillington.

REF 21/00200/FUL Erection of a single storey side and rear extension 3 Hillside View Stillington.

CLERKS REPORT.

Quotes are being sought to renew fences around Townend Pond with Birdsmouth Fencing.

MATTERS FOR REPORTING.

Dog walkers/dog owners

Please keep your dogs on lead, please clean up after your dog. Owners of the land you walk through are witnessing more and more cases of NEOSPORA WHICH IS ABORTION IN CATTLE. NEOSPORA comes from dog muck in cattle feed. The fields either side of the Lucy Balk footpath are intended for cattle feed.

AOB.

Owlwood House (adjacent to pond) Saturday 5th June will be using top Green as a carpark i.e., weather and condition of ground permitting.

NEXT MEETING.

Wednesday 5th May by Zoom video link. If anyone would like to join the meeting please contact the Clerk Mrs Midgley 01347810285 stillingtonpc1@hotmail.com.

The Minutes to be ratified as a true record at the next meeting.



Yorkshire

Yorkshire is blessed with huge expanses of stunning moorland which, along with mountain, heath, down and some common land, is open access or has a right to roam.

Many are unaware, but the law says that you must keep your dog on a lead no longer than 2 metres between 1st March and 31st July, when on any open access land to protect ground-nesting birds. For safety, you should also always keep your dog a lead around grazing animals, although it's safer to let your dog off if you are chased by cows or horses.

Thank You

Val and Dick Tregaea would like to thank friends and neighbours for their support during Val's recent bereavements and her stay in hospital. Their good wishes, cards, gifts and flowers have been much appreciated.



Many thanks to those who made a donation to **Water Aid's Lent Appeal** - £255 was sent from Stillington, which was a great result. **YM**

Your editors are: Emma Johnson & Tracy Sinclair.
If you would like to contact us please do so using the Stillington News email.



Christian Aid Week takes place in May each year. Last year's collection did not happen and there is now no organising committee in the Easingwold area.

I am therefore going to try a delivery only collection - as we have done in recent years with envelopes being handed in at the Village Stores - just on behalf of Stillington village.

Peter Coomer and myself will distribute the envelopes and bank any monies raised, as so many worthwhile projects are dependent on this charity's fundraising.

So thank you in advance for any contributions you might make and, if you are able, please complete the Gift Aid declaration and include it in your envelope.

Yvonne Murphy

Your Village Defibrillator is kept in the Church Porch Available 24/7

Remember: Call an Ambulance, start CPR, get the Defibrillator - it will tell you what to do

A Little Outdoor Pop-Up Cafe

After some variable weather this month it seems the sun is peeking out more and Spring is properly on the way. Every day down At The Mill we love seeing everyone out on walks, with dogs, with family, with a friend. This year has been tough, so we wanted to help make the summer months a little brighter for everyone in the village. We've opened a pop up cafe here At The Mill. Just a little one, a place to grab a top notch cup of coffee on your walk or to pick up a quality home made cake on your way home. **We're going to open our garden and our cafe on Saturdays from 10am-2pm.**

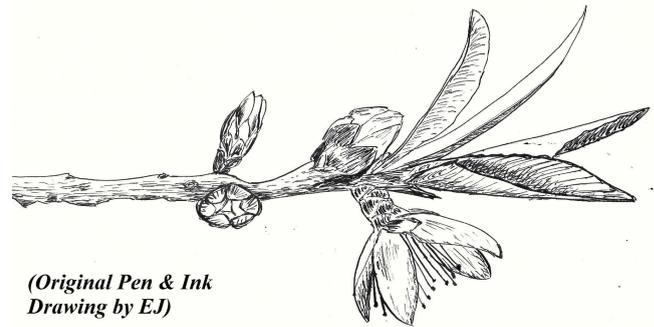


As some of you know, we hope to keep inviting people to events here At The Mill, and we're planning more of those - some theatre, some music, some communal gatherings as and when we're allowed. But first up, we think a tasty cup of local coffee, a nice slice of cake or a signature ice cream is in order. So, you'll see a sign out front when you walk past on a Saturday inviting you through the arch to a little outdoor, undercover pop-up cafe. And we'll be ready to serve you!

All Covid safe precautions will be in place, so bring your masks if you're popping in.

Countryside Notes May 2021

19th April 2.30pm with the sun streaming in, in glorious brightness opening buds on trees and the flowers in the garden. How different have been the nights for so long; with frost every night. I have never known so many consecutive frosts at this time of the year before. It is hindering the grass growth and development of the crops in garden and field. A good warm rain would be most welcome. Someone has said "it's a pity that fine weather ever did any harm"! But, please do not give anyone the water switch or there will be even more chaos in our chaotic world.



*(Original Pen & Ink
Drawing by E.J)*

The lambing season is officially starting tomorrow, however, 2 pairs and 2 singles have appeared in the last 24 hours. So here's to some long days and short nights for a while. The ewes' cycle is 17 days, so the bulk should be producing in the next three weeks. We are currently selling our last season lambs, now called Hoggets, on a very firm market for a change. Next job is to sort out for Malton tomorrow a load of prime Hoggets.

The Siskin that I mentioned last month unfortunately flew into a window and is no more. These small finches feed on small seeds on Alder, Birch and Pine along with small buds, and this time is usually a hungry month and is reducing their numbers. Incidentally, they did not come into the garden with feeding stations until the 1960s, being very much a woodland bird. I saw my first Swallow on the 8th April at Marton, but not seen one since. The Curlews are back, and the call is pleasant to hear again. I wish them well in their breeding activities this summer. The Fieldfares have finally gone back to Northern Europe for their breeding season. Whilst at home, the Tits are using the feeders along with the Sparrows. I am hoping to track down our Long-Tailed Tits to their nesting sites.

We are seeing more butterflies when we are having lunch. They are Brimstones in their bright sulphur yellow colours, orange tips which adequately describes the male, but the female has no orange but just white upper wings, with the beautiful green marbled under-wing, which is common in both sexes. Friday, a butterfly landed on a bright yellow Dandelion and when I went for a closer look it was a small Tortoiseshell that had woken from hibernation. However, its blue spots were still full of colour on the wing borders. Today a shiny bronze beetle scuttled across the greenhouse floor. There is so much colour about when you look for it and is marvellous to behold.

It is good to see banks with yellow Primrose in strong clumps, following the ever so bright Celandine, both only here for a season, before the more vigorous plants raise their heads to hide these gems for next year. The Daffodils have struggled with the warm sun but have not fared too badly compared with the Magnolias and Camellias that have really been clobbered by the sun after the frost. But how well the aubretia, with its purple flowers is doing in the Church wall.

Last month I reported seeing a bird of light colouring that I thought was a Snow Bunting. However, after catching a rare glimpse, I was finally rewarded by finding it feeding at the sheep troughs and I was able to say that it is a very light-coloured Yellowhammer. Its underparts are almost white, along with its head and its brown wing feathers a light tan colour, a pretty sight.

There are many pretty sights to be seen all around as we are in 'England now that Spring is here'. Enjoy its moments.

R & M

Remembering HRH Prince Philip

From THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK

I join with many of you across the country as we mourn the death of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh. Prince Philip was a remarkable man who lived a life of service dedicated to his country, to his wife, Queen Elizabeth II and his family. At eighteen, Prince Philip joined the Royal Navy and served with distinction throughout the Second World War. At the same time, the beginnings of a cherished friendship with Princess Elizabeth began to blossom.

That friendship resulted in a marriage which lasted for over 70 years and has been a source of mutual joy, support and comfort in private moments but equally as they have both navigated a very public life together.

Having become the longest serving British consort, Prince Philip has been unstinting in his support, leading Her Majesty to famously comment. 'he has, quite simply, been my strength and stay all these years.'

His faith in Jesus Christ was an important part of his life and one which shaped who he was.

For so many in this country and around the world, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is an enormous part of Prince Philip's legacy. The award has allowed countless young people to develop and discover skills, which have instilled confidence in them and given them an encounter of working together for the common good.

Prince Philip was patron to hundreds of charitable organisations, covering a wide range of disciplines all of which benefited from his wit and wisdom and his inquisitive mind.

Do join me in praying for members of the Royal Family as they mourn and may God bring them comfort. As we give thanks to God for a life lived to the full, may Prince Philip rest in peace and rise in glory.

The Most Reverend Stephen Cottrell

St Nicholas Church is sorry that we were not able to fly the Union Jack at half mast on the church tower, but the masonry is unsafe and we have not been able to get on with fixing it due to the pandemic.

However the bell was tolled shortly before the Duke of Edinburgh's funeral.

From the Bishop of Selby

It is with sorrow that I join with you in mourning the death of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, a man whose life was one of dedicated service to this country, to the Queen and to his family. His down to earth speaking, his passion for the wellbeing of young people through the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and his role as patron of many organisations won him the affection and respect of many. His zest for life was clearly seen in his enthusiasm for sport and the environment. The trauma of his family's life following their exile from Greece when he was a baby and his education in France, Germany and this country, followed by service in the Royal Navy, bred in him a resilience which he drew upon as the Queen's husband of over 70 years and her consort of 69 years. As we trust him to God's merciful keeping we do so in Easter hope. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. +**John Selby**

Church Meeting

The Annual Vestry Meeting, followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held, subject to regulations in place at the time, in St Nicholas' Church on Thursday 27th May 2021 at 7.00 pm.

The sole purpose of the Vestry Meeting is to elect Churchwardens for the coming year. Nomination forms for the post of Churchwarden are available from the PCC Secretary, Richard Mapletoft on 811854.

Following this brief meeting, the Church Meeting consists of reports on the past year in the life of the church and receives the church accounts for 2020. The accounts and Annual Report will be available up to ten days before the meeting on application to the Hon. Secretary, as above.

The meeting also elects members to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for the coming year. If you wish to nominate someone, please apply for a nomination form from the PCC Secretary, to whom it must be returned by 19th May.

Note: If you wish to make nominations or take part in the Church Meeting you need to be on the church's electoral roll, which is displayed in the church porch. If you are not currently on the roll and would like to be, please contact the electoral roll officer, Michael Turvey, on 810473, for an application form which must be completed and returned by 12th May.

Weather Report April 2021

Rainfall

The rainfall total in March, at 23mm, was about half the average value.

The second half of the month saw a mere 0.5mm of rain, a trend which continued through the first half of April. We have now had a whole month with a few snowflakes but less than 1mm of precipitation.

Temperature

March had a really warm spell in the last few days of the month, ending up with 22.2°C on the 31st. This appears to set a new record for March.

The solar panels delivered 280 kWh, slightly less than in recent years.

In the first half of April we have had some warm days and chilly nights. There have been half a dozen overnight frosts, causing damage to early blooms. The lowest overnight temperature was -1.7°C, on the night of 12th/13th, while the highest daytime temperature was 16.8°C, on the 4th.

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CHURCH SERVICES

St Nicholas, Stillington

Priest: Revd Stephen Whiting 810251

Church Wardens: Janet Martin 822981

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Richard Mapletoft 811854

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We are now holding all worship in church. There is no need to book and to leave a name and contact telephone number

Sun 02 Holy Communion 10.00am

Sun 16 Morning Worship 10.00am

Sun 23 Holy Communion 10.00am

Sun 30 Village Praise jointly 10.30am
with Methodists in St Nicholas

We need to continue to maintain social distancing in church and ask all those attending to wear a face covering, sanitise their hands on entry and leave a name and contact phone number

The church will be open for private prayer every Wednesday 2 - 4pm and Sunday 10 - 12am (when no worship)

Prayers for the village

Now held on zoom on **Fridays 4.30pm** for half an hour.

Pease contact Margaret Price for zoom invitation (pricehm870@gmail.com or phone 01347 811262) All welcome

200 Club

1st Mr C Torlesse - £50

2nd Mrs Sootheran

3rd Mrs V Chapman

Drawn by "Our Ernie"

St Leonard's, Farlington

Priest: Rev Stephen Whiting 810251

Church Wardens: Sally Wright 878745

Richard Haste 878581

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It was a pleasure to return to church services after three months of lockdown. Being together, even if socially distanced, is far superior to Zoom!

Services in May

Sun 09 Shortened Matins (BCP) 11.15

Sun 23 Holy Communion (BCP) 11.15

Pre-booking for these services is not necessary.

Because of the on-going requirement for the church to be thoroughly cleaned after it has been open to the public, opening for **private prayer** will continue to be on **Tuesdays and Saturdays between 10.00am and 4.00pm**

The Churchyard remains open at all times and is looking lovely in the spring sunshine. Why not go there to enjoy the spring weather and have some 'quiet time.'

Leading fruitful lives.

In May, this year we celebrate two vital events in the life of the church Ascension and Pentecost. The first happens on a Thursday and is often overlooked. The second commemorates a weird and wonderful event: the coming of the Holy Spirit as recorded in the book of Acts chapter two. Both of these events, Ascension and Pentecost, are vital parts of Jesus' story and vital parts of our story, our Christian story and heritage. Easter will always be the most glorious festival for those of us who believe – death is not THE END, Jesus is alive, evil is overcome with good, Jesus has proved himself to be the real thing: God with His people, showing us all the way. But even Easter is not an end in itself. Jesus was preparing his friends (and by extension us) for the next phase of God's work on earth. Jesus' life remains the inspiration for our lives but he needed to go away – which is what we celebrate at Ascension. He went away in order that God the Father would send the Holy Spirit to all of his people: young and old, rich and poor, religious and non-religious. At Pentecost we celebrate God at work in each and every one of us to inspire us to be the best versions of ourselves that we can be – the Holy Spirit: encouraging, cajoling, challenging, disturbing, comforting, equipping God's people for acts of service and works of goodness. I am fully aware that the Ascension and Pentecost can mean little to those who are not part of the church community, however, I do want to offer some light and hope in these days as we still grapple with the pandemic. For Christians, the first day of Pentecost is the birthday of the Church; God sent the Holy Spirit and transformed the lives of the Apostles of Jesus Christ from a group of ordinary men into some of the most remarkable and dynamic leaders the world has ever known. They literally changed the world. It was through the guidance of the Holy Spirit that a rag tag group of fearful ordinary men altered history. As Christians we look to the Holy Spirit and the gifts and fruits of the Spirit to guide and help us to live Jesus shaped lives. It is the fruit of the Spirit that I want to briefly focus on, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. If you take these nine fruits you cannot fail to agree that they are indeed positive attributes. Attributes that go into making any community or society a loving, nurturing, caring, responsible, altruistic place to be. I'm not looking for utopia here, I'm merely suggesting that as people, humanity, we all could make the world a better place for all humankind if we each bear these fruits in our lives so that we will each use our gifts and talents to make a difference amongst the people with whom we rub shoulders; you never know it could be after the example of Jesus Christ our risen, ascended and glorified Lord.

Rev Steve

Methodist Chapel

Minister: Rev E Cushion 821460

Stewards: Robin Jackson 810250

Gareth Papps 810094

On Saturday 1st May 1971 we had a Special Opening Ceremony for our "New" Church.

This year we celebrate our 50th Anniversary with a gathering outside in the garden.

Sunday 2nd May at 3-0'clock

Everyone Welcome.

We hope to have a real celebration later in the year probably on the August Bank Holiday weekend.

We continue to zoom with Easingwold on Sunday mornings and with the Village Chapels on Sunday afternoons.

Please contact Rev Elizabeth Cushion on 821460 or Tricia Mitchell on 838569.

Everyone is very welcome to join us

St Mary's Marton Church

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Thanks to a glorious sunny afternoon, we had a lovely outdoors celebration on Easter Sunday!

It was wonderful to hear the bell ringing, gather together, sing and see each other again.

We are now planning an outdoors Pentecost Celebration at 3pm on Sunday 23rd May. Please book in if you would like to join us!

Marton Church is open for personal prayer every **Thursday (9-12) and Sunday (2-5).**

You are also welcome at any time to come and sit in the churchyard.