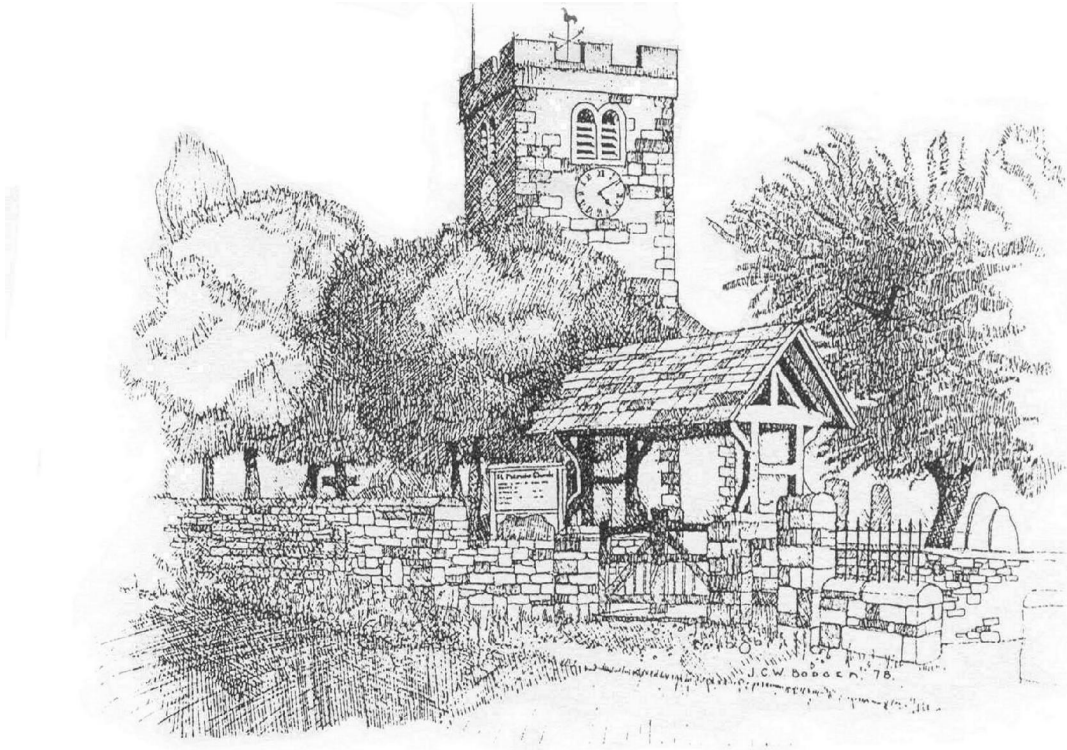


# BAMPTON PARISH NEWSLETTER APRIL - MAY 2020



## *Dear Friends*

When it is my turn to write the introductory letter for our Benefice newsletters I am very conscious that it will be several weeks before it is published and then delivered and read, so that many things may have happened or changed between now and then.

Never has this been more true than today as we wait to see whether the coronavirus can be contained in the UK or whether it will become an epidemic which will call for draconian action by the government. By the beginning of April will all our schools and universities be closed, and large gatherings prohibited as they are in Italy already? Which of the two strains of the virus will occur most frequently or will there be another mutation? Could it cause as many deaths worldwide as the “Spanish” flu epidemic at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> world war? Will the NHS be able to cope? What a lot of questions to which nobody knows the answers, what a lot of dire possibilities, what a lot we could be worrying about. We certainly could be worrying but should we worry?

A few weeks ago the gospel reading in our church services was from Matthews’ gospel and the heading of the section in one of the newer translations of the Bible was **Do not worry**. It is a very well-known passage in which Jesus tells his

disciples that they must not spend their lives worrying about what they should eat, what they should wear, because there was more to life than food and clothes. He gives the wonderful illustrations of the birds of the air that are fed even though they do not reap or store food, of the lilies of the valley which neither labour nor spin but who are dressed more beautifully than Solomon in all his splendour. He urges his disciples to seek God's kingdom and his righteousness rather than thinking only of material things. In the 17<sup>th</sup> century King James' translation of the Bible the passage ends with the admonition "Take no thought for the morrow, for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

Well, I don't think that any of us would be very happy if we thought that our government, the NHS, the World Health Organisation, were not taking any thought for what might happen with this epidemic, what advice the public should be given, what plans need to be put in place. And, of course, we ourselves do think about our own future and make provision for it with pension schemes and savings if we can, and we pay house and car insurance so we are covered for accidents and other unforeseen troubles.

So was Jesus wrong? All the newer translations of the Bible which I read do not have the words "Take no thought for the morrow" but "Do not worry about tomorrow", which is rather different. Surely, what we should do is to think seriously about what future problems may arise, whether it be a global pandemic or devastating climate change, then we should decided what we can do to help avoid the most disastrous scenarios and act on our decisions. When we have done this, then we should get back to living in the present, to coping with today's problems and enjoying today's pleasures, to being good neighbours, friends, parents, grandparents, children, always remembering that there is a spiritual dimension to life and that what is most important is that we need to keep seeking the kingdom of God.

So let's try not to worry – remember (as some people say) "the worst may never happen!" But suppose it does? Suppose, for you it already has! I leave you with two Bible promises:

Matthew 6:8 Jesus said, "Your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!"

Hebrews 13:5 He himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

God bless you

*Diana*

## **Contact Details**

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Tony Hall, Church Warden 01931 713204

Kathy Jenkins, Church Warden 01931 714400

Elizabeth Coy, Asst. Church Warden 01931 713211

**We regret to report the passing of three Bampton people, whose funeral arrangements were held elsewhere:**

Grace Margaret Kirkpatrick died 14<sup>th</sup> February

Joseph Wilkinson (Joe) Magee died 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Dr. Roger Storey died 27<sup>th</sup> February

## **CORONAVIRUS CANCELLATION NOTICE**

**by St. Patrick's Church**

### **Public Worship**

A joint announcement by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York has suspended all regular Sunday church services until further notice. Details of how to access online worship (for those who are able) will be issued in due course.

Following Government guidelines the church will be closed with immediate effect and not open for personal quiet prayer and meditation.

### **Weddings, Funerals and Christenings**

Weddings and christenings will no longer take place. Funerals are exempt from the restriction but with limited family attendance.

### **Pastoral Care and Spiritual Guidance**

We will continue to provide pastoral care and spiritual guidance, albeit not usually face to face. If you, or anyone you know, want someone to talk to or to pray with, please contact our ministers.

Rev Alun Hurd 01931 716048      Diana 713194      Neil 713401

**We will resume normal services as soon as it is deemed safe to do so.**

*The Vicar & The Churchwardens*

### **Lent Lunches**

Unfortunately the Lent Lunches fell victim to the coronavirus and had to be cancelled after the first two – as did the St. Patrick's Day supper. However, the two successful Lent Lunches that were held produced donations of £236.10 which we will be sending to the Great North Air Ambulance Service.

*Bampton PCC*

### **A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

I am planning to lead a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land at the beginning of February 2021 having just been on a Clergy Study Tour at the end of January with Sharon. We already have names of some people interested and I would like to invite you to an information evening to find out more without any commitment.

To enable the trip to go ahead we will need a minimum of 15 people plus myself and hopefully many more!! Pilgrimages to the Holy Land are often described as once in a lifetime opportunities and give us a chance to truly breathe life into the

stories, history and culture of the Bible and walk in the footsteps of Jesus. It is a experience like no other and can be a real encouragement and boost to our spiritual journey and faith.

Please come along on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April** to find out more if we are still allowed to gather – venue most likely to be **St Michael's Church Shap at 7.30pm**. If you are interested please let me know you are coming and if not able to make that date also let me know or if you are just vaguely interested. There are a few leaflets and booking forms available in the church.

I look forward to sharing some of the experiences of a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with you. Best wishes and Shalom.

*Alun 01931 716048 [alunjurd@gmail.com](mailto:alunjurd@gmail.com)*

## **Bells**

Unfortunately, until the coronavirus situation settles down there will be no practice ringing on a Saturday morning. However, if anybody would like to become a bell ringer...no qualifications are necessary. Ringers come from all walks of life and range in age from ten to those in their eighties. Ringing is well within the capabilities of most people – it is never too early or too late to start. The initial teaching takes several weeks after which you join the Bampton band of ringers for weekly practice, ringing for Sunday service, Civic occasions, Special celebrations, Weddings and so on.

If your curiosity has been aroused please contact our Tower Captain – Bridget Kelly at [email@bridgetkelly.me](mailto:email@bridgetkelly.me)

## **Shopping and Coronavirus**

In view of the increasing issues regarding the coronavirus and the advice to minimise social contact, the more we can do to self-isolate the better.

Some of the businesses in Penrith are planning to run deliveries to the town and some of the villages. This helps reduce the amount of time we need to spend in the shops and supermarkets. You can phone them direct and place your order; they are planning to work out routes dependant on volumes and areas. They will take payment either over the phone, by internet banking or cash on delivery. It may be that there will be one drop to, say, the Village Hall for ease.

The first four are all in the Devonshire Arcade (the covered market):

- The fruit and veg shop: Rooting for U: Nev 07773749777 or Hazel 07779428585
- The Fish Cellar 01768899408
- The Arcade Pet shop 01768863809
- The Crafty Bakers 01768899511.
- Arnisons are also planning to do home deliveries of clothing, home wares etc., or even private shopping if required – contact Tim Scott on 01768 862078 .

We will try to get a longer list printed in the Herald at the weekend.

Stay safe in these strange times.

*Ann Farrow*

## Community Help and Support

We're all here for each other.

We are all anxious to support our community in these uncertain and challenging times, particularly those who are more at risk than others. The Parish Council are looking at a longer term strategy but in the short term there are a number of volunteers in the community who are able to help with day to day assistance such as shopping, collecting prescriptions or just someone to talk too even if this is at a distance.

The following people are all willing to assist where there can. If you need help, please call or email; some people are still working. If you are unable to contact any one please contact Vickie Haddock, Alison Jones or Jane Storey who will act as co-ordinators and try and get you some help.

<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Phone no</b>
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We need more volunteers so if you are able and willing to help please get in touch with the co-ordinators who can add you to our volunteer lists.

Please share this message with everyone in the community.

## Winter is ending on Bomby Green

Despite many heavy downpours, Bomby Green has survived the winter well, and the ditch on the road side has surely helped a bit to lessen flooding on the road. One curious thing as a result of all the rain is the emergence of Bomby Pool. This large puddle has been visible for longer than in many recent years and as I write there is still a small patch of water. Bomby Pool is marked on a lot of the old maps and must have been a more or less permanent feature; that is, until it was drained for farming.

It's too early for many signs of spring but if you look carefully there are celandines giving a hint of things to come. Bomby Green is open and those who are not able to venture far may like to explore this village amenity. We would as always ask that if you take your dog for a walk there, you pick up any mess.

*Katharine Cooke for the Bomby Green management committee*

## **Bampton Community First Responder team**

I'd like to update you all on the impact of the Corona-virus on the CFR team. Due to recent health service guidelines, CFR's will not be sent to confirmed or suspected cases of Covid19, however, we have been provided with the necessary personal protective equipment to attend breathing problems not thought to be associated with the Corona-virus. The team is not allowed to undertake any training until this pandemic has passed but we will continue to support the community to the best of our ability and thank you for your continuing support.

If you think you'd like to join the team and help provide essential emergency cover for the local community please feel free to get in contact with me for an informal chat or look at the NWS CFR page <http://www.nwas-responders.info/> All applications are submitted through the web page and are confidential.

**If you feel unwell and think it is a medical emergency DIAL 999 or 112 and ask for AMBULANCE. Any on call CFR's will then be tasked by Ambulance control to attend if appropriate. CFR's will not be tasked to attend all 999 calls but will be asked to attend the following type of emergencies: abdominal pain, severe allergic reaction, breathing problems, fitting, diabetic emergency, chest pain, stroke, loss of consciousness, collapse, cardiac arrest, respiratory arrest, some trauma. We will not normally be tasked to any incident involving children under 12.**

*Christine Hill, Bampton CFR Team,  
07771 934996/01931 713210 or christinehillski@gmail.com*

## **The Bampton Trust**

We have now appointed the new tenants for Norbrock House. We hope the village will extend a warm welcome to them and help to make their new venture a success. Justin and Dan Brown who come from Mells in Somerset have accepted our offer and will be taking over the running of the village shop over the course of the next 3 months. They are looking forward to joining the community, making friends and seeing what they can do to develop the shop, tea room and B&B in order to support the community. Graham Uney with the help of Mandy will continue to operate the Post Office counter throughout that period.

The trustees would like to hear from anyone, within our local community, who may be experiencing financial hardship as a result of the corona virus outbreak. Please do contact any of the trustees to discuss what support is available.

Trustees:-

Susan Bowman – 713327; Gillian Dickinson – 713227; Mike Jones – 713555;  
Thomas Thompson – 713348; Stead Bowness – 713226; David White – 713350;  
Kerry Harmer – 713127; Mike Dyke – 713478

## **Community Lunches**

Due to the current coronavirus outbreak, community lunches will be on hold until the situation improves.

*Alison Jones (713350), Vickie Haddock (713466) & Alison Kitchen (713586)*

## **Bampton Amblers**

Unfortunately it has become necessary to suspend our walks programme for the next couple of months and then take stock of the situation. By now everyone knows that the effect of the recent Government announcement has put an end to anything other than an individual or couple taking daily exercise within the guidelines. All we can do is walk, wait, keep in touch with each other and hope!

*Heather (716861) & Alison (713350)*

## **Bampton & District Local History Society**

The Society would like to pass on our sincere condolences to Jane and the family of Roger Storey, the Society's late Chairman, who died recently.

The meeting on 'Bampton in the Reformation' on 14<sup>th</sup> March was well attended and everyone learned a great deal about the purposes of the monasteries, the motivation for their dissolution, the winners and losers from the episode in Bampton, and the gulf that divided the north and south of England in their experience of monastic houses. It was a small group format, led by Prof Michael Mullett of Lancaster University, an authority on Reformation issues and on the local history of our area, especially Penrith. There were 16 people at the session and nourishing comfort food was provided by Marion Drinkwater. It was a very interesting and thought provoking afternoon.

Sadly, due to Corona-virus it has been decided that this will be the last meeting for the immediate future. However, as soon as we can we will reinstate the planned meetings and hope to re-arrange the meetings planned for the next 2 months for a later date.

*Christine Hill, Chairperson (temporary)*

## **Bampton REMOTE Cinema**

We are deeply sorry that it is not possible in the present unhappy circumstances with Covid-19 to continue with our film and supper events until further notice.

Please collect any refunds for "The Current War" you are due from Bampton Post Office and Shop. We ask if you would please simply write your name on the ticket.

Thank you one and all for your support for Bampton REMOTE cinema. It has been great fun to share these evenings with everyone for eight years now. We sincerely hope that we can once again meet to share good company, good crack, brilliant food and great films.

We wish all our audience the best of luck and good health throughout this period.

*Hazel (713311), Katharine (713392), Mike (713555), Vickie (713466)*

*David (713586) Bampton REMOTE cinema committee*

## **60/70s Night**

The planned event was to have been held at the Memorial Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> May but in view of Government guidelines this has now been cancelled and will be rescheduled once the coronavirus pandemic has subsided.

*Lesley White*

## **Marion Drinkwater**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March should have been the last meeting as Clerk of Bampton Parish Council that Marion would have officiated at after 30 years of diligent service to councillors. Covid-19 meant the meeting couldn't take place.

Throughout the 1990s Marion grew into the role required as parish clerk to a council that was made up predominately of members of the local farming community who saw their role as low key and non-contentious. Elections were never held and when a vacancy arose a local resident, deemed appropriate, was invited to join the council.

However, during the decade, the role of a parish councillor became more complex and responsible and as a result in 1999 all the councillors stood down. An election was held resulting in 7 disparate individuals with their own ideas and objectives being chaired for the first time by a lady; all needing education and guidance which Marion provided to achieve to provide a smooth transition.

Over the next 20 years Marion has seen chairpersons come and go, a considerable turnover of councillors and ever increasing bureaucracy and complexity. During this time Marion has been the glue that kept the council effective. Marion grasped the challenge of the computer revolution though at heart probably yearned for pen and paper.

Foot and Mouth came and went; Bampton Endowed School closed; a new playground was provided for the local children; problems with flooding were a recurring problem as were the local roads; and a weekly bus service was saved. The list of problems the clerk has to deal with is never ending and includes the important tasks of annual budget preparation and accounting.

Throughout the past 15 years Marion has carried out a similar role for Askham just as diligently and in her years of public service has acquired a wealth of knowledge and expertise, so as they say, she will be "a hard act to follow". All those who have had the pleasure of working with her wish her good health and happiness in her years of retirement.

### **Background**

Marion was raised and educated in Carlisle, before going south for further education where she met her late husband John. They both taught: Marion domestic science and John art in the South and Midlands before moving to an old farm house at Swindale Head in the late 1970s with their son Alexander. Here, John developed a pottery business and a second son, Edward, was born in 1984.

From the start Marion took an active part in community life in Bampton. In addition to the parish council she was the WI treasurer for 20 years and a founder member of the Bampton & District Local History Society as well as keeping weather records for United Utilities at Swindale. A skilled needlewoman and baker, her services are often called upon for village hall functions and she is official cake provider to the History Society, producing delicious and varied cakes appropriate to the theme of each meeting. It is rumoured Marion intends to write a recipe book featuring gluten-free cakes she has developed.



History is a passion and she has widely researched her family history as well as local history. Since moving from Swindale to Shap in 2015 Marion has been a willing volunteer at the Old Courthouse there.

*Bampton Parish Council*

### **Bampton Pilates**

Pilates is cancelled until further notice, until it is safe to restart again. I am running online Pilates twice weekly, at **7pm on Monday and Thursday** evenings. This is being done over an online conference chat and means that we can all see each other and have a chat too.

If you want to join us, even if you have never tried before, please contact me.

*Alexis 07411 902674 [Penrithpilates@gmail.com](mailto:Penrithpilates@gmail.com)*

### **Eden Half Marathon**

This was indeed a real success for the Memorial Hall this year as we took £587.73 for the food on the day and they also hired the hall and field.

I would personally like to thank all those people who helped on the day; this could not go ahead without you. See you next year all being well.

*Lesley White*

### **French Group**

For the time being the French Group is going to take a prolonged holiday. Hopefully normal service will be resumed as soon as possible!

*Marion Jones (713555)*

### **Rainfall 2020**

To date, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, rainfall for year so far is 797mm, almost 32 inches. This is 187% of average for the period since 1993 when I commenced recording and just exceeds 2014 as the wettest start to a year.

*Mill Craggs*

### **Village Choir**

Following recent advice about preventing spread of the coronavirus the Choir will sadly not be continuing its fortnightly meetings. We will wait until we hear further official advice before resuming our meetings. Choir members (and no doubt others in the village and beyond) will continue to sing at home, in the bath or elsewhere. Let me know if you would like any other suggestions of what to sing.....! But in the meantime here are two songs you all might like to listen and sing to. They are on YouTube so just copy the address into your browser and it should work. More in the next Newsletter:

First, 'What shall we do with the drunken sailor': [https://youtu.be/rPL\\_TzIDbGo](https://youtu.be/rPL_TzIDbGo)

Second, 'The Vagabond', a song from Songs of Travel by Vaughan Williams: <https://youtu.be/PqI9mwveoyU>

*John Garside (713294)*

## **Summer Sports**

The committee are still focused on planning for this years summer sports and will review and make any decisions based on how the situation changes.

*Vickie Haddock (713466)*

## **Tinclar's Library**

In view of coronavirus the library is now closed except for appointments. For further information please ring either Sue (713434) or Margaret (713325).

*The Trustees*

## **Penrith Playhouse 2020 Season**

In the current circumstances Penrith Playhouse is closing for the foreseeable future. This means that Ivan Day's talk about Renaissance cookery and the next play, The Mandrake, will not take place. All events will be cancelled till the end of June unless circumstances change. Our own plays, Mandrake and The Hound of the Baskervilles have been rescheduled for next year. If people have bought tickets on line Ticketsource will refund them. If you have bought them through the Tourist Information Office you should contact them about refunds. We are cancelling the Jersey Boys concert on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May and people will be refunded, but point out that they are returning on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October. Customers will have the chance to see them then. Booking for that is now available. At this stage it is hoped that the two bookings for the end of June (Queen tribute act and 10ccelo) will still take place but we will have to see how things develop.

*Mike Head (07963 904925)*

## **The local bus**

The bus is run by Fellrunner and operates every **Thursday** – please note this new variation to the route. The bus will go down **Rosgill Hill at 9.47 am**, then travel via **Bampton Grange (9.53 am)** to **Burnbanks (10.00 am)** and leave **Bampton at 10.14 am** to arrive (via Morrisons) at **Penrith Bus Station at 10.48 am**. The return bus will leave **Penrith Bus Station at 2.00pm** to arrive back in **Bampton at 2.32 pm**, **Burnbanks at 2.46 pm** and **Rosgill at 3.00 pm** (subject to passenger requirements). Bus passes can be used and children under 16 years travel free.

## **Bampton Village Website - [www.bamptonlakedistrict.org.uk](http://www.bamptonlakedistrict.org.uk)**

Please send any updates for the website to Chris Cant on [chris@phdcc.com](mailto:chris@phdcc.com) or 713240. Any new photos very welcome.

**Copy deadline for the June/July issue is 5pm on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Please send all items to Heather Pitt (Tel no: 01931 716861) [pathfinders2728@gmail.com](mailto:pathfinders2728@gmail.com); Jane Storey (Tel no: 01931 713490) [roger\\_storey@btinternet.com](mailto:roger_storey@btinternet.com); or leave at the Post Office. Thank you.**