

NEWSLETTER



 St Andrew's Church, Marks Tey

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Ian Scott-Thompson *writes...*

Dear Friends,

During the past few weeks, life has felt very strange and different! Maybe you've been wondering what's really important in life? Which risks are worth taking and which are just too... risky! It's hard to know.

These are uncertain times for all of us and we need to look out for one another, especially those who are finding it hard to cope. In the coming weeks, restrictions that seemed manageable at first may become intolerable. Some are using it as an opportunity for scams, crime, racism and intolerance. Please look out for your neighbours and be kind and considerate. Caring, as well as careful.

We've also found that lots of people are offering to help, but we are not easily discovering the people who need help (hence the 'Pooh' cartoon). So please don't be too shy to ask, even for small things!

Last month, we invited you to Try Praying for a week. We still have plenty of Try Praying booklets – just get in touch (rector@marksteychurch.org.uk, 01206 215772), or ask a friend or neighbour who comes to church.

We'd love to know how you get on...

with best wishes,

Ian



Worship at St Andrew's Church, Church Lane, Marks Tey

During the present crisis, the Church of England will not be gathering for public worship. However, please make full use of televised church services, websites, social media, smart speakers etc., which all offer worship in different forms. It's also a good opportunity to read your Bible, pray and phone a friend to encourage one another.

The Church building is now closed to the public; but God is always there for you, so please continue to pray.



MARKS TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Hello!!!

If you are self-isolating due to Covid-19, can we link you to a friendly local volunteer?

Picking up shopping

Posting mail

A friendly phone call

Urgent supplies

Just call or text one of us and we will do our best to link you to the local support network
Maureen – 07928 810404
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Or let us know if you would like to volunteer.

Marks Tey Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

We need your views, in order to protect Marks Tey from uncontrolled development.

Please go to www.mtnp.org.uk to complete the Questionnaire online.

Neighbourhood Plan documents can be viewed there; there are also paper documents available to view in the Pharmacy.

Marks Tey Pharmacy

Marks Tey Pharmacy has now moved across the road to the refitted Chateau Wines shop and remains open for you during the crisis (212878). If you are isolating, they can deliver in an emergency (but capacity is limited).

HELLO! If you are self-isolating, I can help.

My name is

I live locally at

My phone number is

If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19 I can help with:

Picking up shopping

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Just call or text me and I'll do my best to help you (for free!)

Coronavirus is contagious. Please take every precaution to ensure you are spreading only kindness. Avoid physical contact (2m distance). Wash your hands regularly. Items should be left on your doorstep.

#ViralKindness

Could you cut this out (or copy it), complete it and put it through your neighbours' door

This month we will be praying for all who live and work in Long Green, Stane Field, Ley Field and Dinants Crescent

and pray for those who feel lonely or separated from a loved one by circumstances beyond their control

For further details/prayer requests, please contact: Peter Strode on 01206 212917



WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

Funerals can still happen, but on a small scale and with careful hygiene. Weddings can no longer take place, see government guidelines on their website. We are your church – please phone or email and we'll do our best for you!



With school and clubs and activities cancelled at this time of social distancing, the Messy Church team and Teddy Club will be putting an activity on to the church website each Thursday. Please take a look and have a go with your family... www.marksteychurch.org.uk



1ST MARKS TEY & COPFORD SCOUT GROUP

Just after the February half term holiday, the Beavers and Cubs had a joint indoor weekend event of a Sleepover in a Box. A few life skills were practised such as preparing the vegetables for dinner and the washing and wiping up after dinner. They made and decorated their cardboard beds and also made firefly jars, which looked really pretty flickering in the dark when the youngsters settled down in their beds.

The youngsters brought, amongst other items, donations of men's and women's toiletries along with them to this event to donate to Beacon House – a charity who offer help and support to the homeless.

The Beavers have also had a navigation activity evening, a pancake making evening and, on another evening, have worked towards a new activity badge – The Digital Citizens. One of the activities for this was to construct individual computer components out of cardboard and then put them all together to create a whole computer! The youngsters also talked about where you can find computers in everyday life and many of them were very surprised to learn that their parents' cars contain computers.

The Cubs have, in addition to a pancake making evening, had two skills evenings recently – one where they practised their First Aid skills and the other where they developed their teamwork skills. Their teamwork skills were put to the test when they were given spaghetti and marshmallows and the instructions to construct a bridge which could hold a ball. One of the Cubs' Young Leaders taught the youngsters a new game and one of the Cubs has recently been presented with his Silver Chief Scout Award (the highest award achievable in the Cub Pack), but then said his goodbyes to the Pack, as he moves on up to the Scout Troop to continue his Scouting journey.

Instead of pancake cooking this year, the Scout Troop had a cooking evening related to St. David's Day, where some fantastic Welsh treats were produced. A different Patrol took their turn to run the entire evening's activities – a great test of the youngsters' organisational and communication skills. If you would like to know more about 1st Marks Tey & Copford Scout Group or would like to put your son or daughter on our waiting list (they are never too young to be added) then please visit our website www.1stmarkstey.org and complete the New Member Enquiry Form.

Important Notice: In response to the current situation the Scout Association have posted 100 indoor activities for the benefit of young people and their families.

Please go to www.scouts.org.uk



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With all that is currently happening in the world, it has brought to mind how much today's younger generation in particular have to carry around with them. News and social media play a part in adding to the almost constant exposure of often worrying reports that in particular our older children experience. Sharing the story of *'The Selfish Giant'* in Assembly can lead to discussions about panic buying in supermarkets. Children look to adults around them for answers on this and other matters such as preserving our environment for the future generations. Schools are central to the community, play a crucial role in supporting the well-being of children in partnership with families. Conversations children have with staff reflect their confidence, openness, honesty and quest for clarity within respectful and trusting relationships. Adults embrace children's **'big questions'** which often are underpinned by **'big feelings'**, that benefit from being shared and supported by adults. Fortunately this way of being is embedded in our school culture and children's value as unique individuals is integral to daily life in school. I am very proud of my staff, particularly in these challenging times. The whole school is looking forward to the Easter period as a time of renewal and hope for the rest of 2020.

Easter: Jesus rode into Jerusalem, he rode there on a mule, the people laid down palm leaves, they thought he was really cool. For the next two days he prayed, his followers knelt beside him with pride, Jesus got angry with the market men and threw their tables on their side. They had a meal the next day, they had it during fast, but what they didn't know was this meal with Jesus would be his last. Judas had betrayed him, he always regretted that day, he went to get the soldiers, while Jesus went to pray. The soldiers came to get him, Peter cut off someone's ear, but Jesus being a good man, healed it back so he could hear. Jesus told them he was the son of God, but they all thought that he lied, so they planned his death... he was going to be crucified. They made him carry a cross, to the place where everyone would meet, they put him on the cross and nailed down his hands and feet. He died a painful death, whilst the Romans jeered. Some of the crowd cried, the rest of them cheered. The next day people said, **'Don't worry, he died for all men'** and the next day they rejoiced, for Jesus had risen again!

By Lucy Tate

Dear God,

Thank you for everybody that we have in our lives that look after us and help us to learn. We also thank you for all of the fresh food that we have from farms to keep us alive and healthy. Amen.

By Year 2

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