Benefice community newsletter for Falfield, Tortworth, Tytherington, Rockhampton and Cromhall

5 Villages Alive

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"I just want to do the right thing……."

I'm sure that everyone reading this wants to do the right thing, and I hope that you'll be pleased to know that I certainly do. However, when I start thinking about what is "the right thing", I often find myself caught in a tangle of ethical dilemmas. Naturally certain things don't need any thought, I don't kill people who annoy me or go out shoplifting, but when it comes to doing things that are positively ***right***, rather than just avoiding what is definitely ***wrong,*** that's when life gets complicated, especially when we're thinking about how to direct our charitable giving.



There is a movement called Effective Altruism which has at its heart the idea that we should give to charities that do the most good. This sounds straightforward, and some of it is about focusing on the organisations that offer the most bang for your buck in terms of the balance between work on the ground and administration costs. But there is also the philosophical concept about what constitutes the most good, based largely on complicated calculations about life expectancy and quality of life. Providing mosquito nets in malaria ridden countries scores highly because they are inexpensive and save a lot of children who can then go on to live long and useful lives. This is an over-simplification, but it gives an idea; you can find out more by Googling "Effective Altruism".

However, channelling our giving in this way mostly rules out charities helping in the developed world, animal charities, and small local endeavours. So do I contribute to the Foodbank to help hungry children in my own community, or buy a net to save the life of a child in Africa? Should I support the Donkey Sanctuary who care for elderly and neglected animals in the UK, but also improve the lives of working donkeys and their owners in very poor countries? At the moment, we are all acutely aware of the suffering of the people of Ukraine, and no-one can doubt that help for the refugees is desperately needed; but what about all the charities which have already suffered catastrophic loss of income through covid, and are now faced with new competition for the limited funds of donors?

So much to think about when we wake up at 3.00am!

While good stewardship means that we should think seriously about all these issues and more, the danger is that we finish up so confused that we do nothing, and this is definitely not the right thing. There is a phrase attributed - many think wrongly - to the 18th century statesman Edmund Burke "All that is needed for evil to triumph is for good people to do nothing". Whichever ways we direct our charitable giving if we are in a position to give, and whatever small kindnesses we offer to those around us, we are standing up against the evils of poverty, cruelty and injustice. Ultimately we will all make different decisions about these things, and this is right. In 1 Corinthians 12, St Paul describes the church as being a body made up of people with different gifts, and tells them that things won't work properly if everyone does the same thing. If we pray and consider how best we can help our fellow human and non-human creatures, I believe that God will bless our efforts. As the prophet Micah says in chapter 6, verse 8 "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."



Rev. Frances Wookey

Visit the library and become a Gadgeteer with the Summer Reading Challenge 2022 - it's FUN and FREE!



All children aged 4 – 11 are invited to take part! Children read books over the summer holiday and collect stickers (including some stinky ones!) to complete their special *Gadgeteers* poster and get a medal and certificate.

Join *Gadgeteers,* Summer Reading Challenge 2022 at a South Gloucestershire library from **Saturday 9 July to Saturday 10 September.**

Pick up your FREE bag of Gadgeteer Goodies* and see the difference the Summer Reading Challenge makes to your child's reading:
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'We really enjoyed completing the challenge. It encouraged my son to read every night as he wanted to complete it as soon as possible. We will definitely be completing again next year. I can see a big improvement in his reading' *Parent, Kingswood*

'…I'd like to do this every day of my entire life!' *Child, Staple Hill*

Children love taking part and there are lots of **FREE activities**: Fizz Pop Science workshops and Gadgeteer themed crafts and Lego clubs.

Find out more at www.southglos.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge or like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/sgloslibraries for the latest updates.
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Cheques, payable to **Benefice Newsletter**, may also be sent to our treasurer or the editor.

Joan Wells (formerly Richards)

We are sorry to report the death of Joan Wells (formerly Richards) who died in Greece on 30th April. Joan and her family came to live in Falfield in the late 1960s when the Detention Centre, now occupied by HMP Eastwood Park, opened. Joan's husband, Cyril, was employed there and Joan worked at several jobs in Thornbury over the years.

The family were active members of St George's Church and Joan continued to worship there until ill health affected her mobility. More recently, after the death of her second husband, Tony, she moved to Greece to live with her daughter, Anne, and her family to whom we offer our condolences.

Sharing the Caring

ST PETER'S HOSPICE

GARDEN PARTY

at
Grove House,
The Street, Alveston (BS35 3SX)

Sunday 17th July, 2.30pm – 5.00pm
(by kind permission of Geoff and Carol)

Entrance: £5.00 to include tea and cake.

Raffle

Bring a picnic chair, listen to the musical entertainment and enjoy the gardens.

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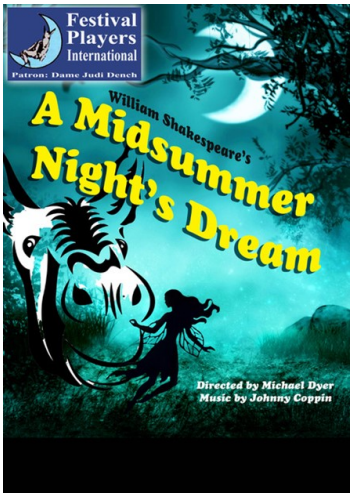
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Shakespeare's wonderful fantasy comedy has always been a firm favourite for open-air production.



As in the Bard's day, Festival Players International will be performing with an all-male company of skilled professional actors, and invite you to share in the colour, poetry, and magical mayhem of this unique and amazing play.

A Summer treat for the whole family.

WI NEWS

Falfield WI Report for June

It's become clear that practices at The Wheatsheaf are definitely needed because unfortunately, we have been knocked out of the skittles competition. However, we are still having crochet afternoons at Ann's and the walk this month will take place in the evening and will be around Berkeley. There is also more baking to be done as we are helping out at the Berkeley Show in the WI marquee.

Our picnic meeting was a walk at Richard Cornock's farm in Tytherington. After the loss of so many trees to Dutch elm disease, he and his father began a tree-planting venture to fill the gaps. Now, oak, ash and lime trees around the farm, and an orchard of fruit trees offer beautiful views across the fields in stark contrast to the mainly arable fields on neighbouring farms. We stopped briefly to examine barn owl pellets and to 'hug' a fantastic old oak tree, which was over two hundred years old. A big thank you to Richard, who along with his wife, set out tables for our American Supper. It was amazing to see the variety of food which appeared to bring an end to our lovely evening.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th July at 7.30pm in Falfield Village Hall, when we shall have a talk on The Lasting Power of Attorney.

TYTHERINGTON WI 'JUBILEE' CREAM TEA

This year will be our 102nd Birthday! We celebrated our Centenary belatedly last year as the awful Covid pandemic prevented us from doing so at the correct time and we think it a marvellous achievement to still be functioning in this lovely historic village in 2022.

Of course, this is also a very special year for the United Kingdom, being the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. All current members, being of a certain age, remember her coronation on that rather damp though amazing day in June 1953. Still suffering from post war austerity, people's spirits flew sky high in celebration with just about every village and town hall in the land being fully decked out and celebrating with afternoon teas and fancy dress festivities. We children thought it simply wonderful.

In our small way we plan to dedicate our annual **CREAM TEA** event to Her Majesty which will take place at **2pm on SUNDAY 14th AUGUST at Tytherington Village Hall. Everyone is welcome.**

Thornbury Volunteer Centre

Thornbury Volunteer Centre invite you to join them at a Volunteer Fair on **Thursday 21 July between 9am-1pm in St Mary Shopping Centre**, Thornbury.
There will be charitable and volunteering stalls who will be promoting their organisations, publicising volunteering opportunities and selling a wide range of goods.

Please visit us and find out how you can make a difference to your local community.

Please be aware that throughout the summer from Friday 22 July the Volunteer Centre will be open on Monday and Wednesday mornings only between 10.30am-12 noon. Normal opening hours will resume on Monday 5th September. We can be contacted via mail@volunteer-thornbury.co.uk

Alveston Gardens Association

The intrepid Marianne North
with Gina Merrett-Smith
on Monday 4th July 2022

Alveston Jubilee Hall at 7.30pm
All welcome – Visitors (£3)



Tat3

July 21st

3pm

in Cromhall Village Hall

for tea and a chat

All senior citizens in Cromhall welcome.

Contact Ann 294200 for more details

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Sun 14th August



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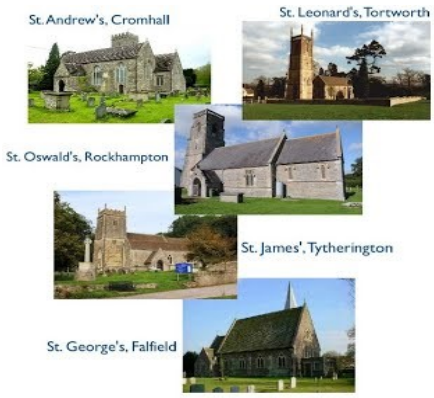
For all enquires please contact Nicola on 07799805996

Church services and important information

Just a reminder that the five parishes of the former benefice are now separate entities. There is no longer a benefice office or a central point of contact. This means that the churchwardens of each church need to be contacted directly.

Churchwardens:
Cromhall: Ann Greenhalgh 01454 294200
Rockhampton: Liz Cullimore 01454 412208
Tortworth: Hilary Legg 01454 413234 or Fen Marshall 01454 260821
Tytherington: John Williams 01454 412515 or Phil Coward 01454 281444

Until September, the parish of Falfield will still be looked after by Rev. Frances who may be contacted on 01453 519099
Churchwardens:
Falfield: Headley Pain 01454 269017 or
Sian Hogg sianhogg@gmx.com
If you cannot get hold of them, please try one of the other Wardens who will try to help you. But bear in mind they do have other lives and may not be available instantly. However, leave a message and they will deal with it as soon as they can. Failing that, contact David .Russell, the Area Dean on davidrussell@gmx.com or phone. (01454) 294267.



Cromhall:
10th. 9.30am Holy Communion - Rev. Richard Amys
17th 9.30am Morning Prayer

Falfield:
3rd 3.30pm informal songs of praise (outside, weather permitting)
10th 10.30am Holy Communion
17th 10.30am Morning Prayer
24th 10.30am join Rockhampton
31st United service venue tbc

Rockhampton: 24th 10.30am

Tortworth: 3rd 10.30am Holy Communion with Rev. Richard Amys

Tytherington:
3rd 10.30am Joint service with the Baptists at the Baptist Church
17th 10.30am Holy Communion with Rev. Ian Gardener
31st 10.30am United service at Tytherington

You are welcome to join us at any of these services

Thornbury Choral Society

With a mixture of excitement and apprehension, Thornbury Choral Society gathered at the Castle School on May14th for their first public performance since the pandemic. Would we be up to the challenge? Would there be an audience?

Under the leadership of our conductor, Steven Kings, the choir sang with great enthusiasm for an audience of nearly a 100.It was so good to be involved in live music-making again!
However, like many organisations, our numbers have diminished since 2019, so we are actively recruiting new singers in all four voice parts.

Maybe you sang at school or at university or you are new to the area and want to meet new people. The Choral Society could be just the place for you, so come along and see what we do. We do not hold auditions.

We meet on a Monday evening at 8.00pm in the United Reformed Church, Thornbury. We perform two concerts a year, our next being in November when we shall be singing Karl Jenkins "The Armed Man" and "Misa Criolla" by Ariel Ramirez.

The Autumn season begins on Monday September 5th with the AGM at 7.30pm, followed on 12th September with a 'Welcome' meeting, (including light refreshments) at 7.30pm followed by our rehearsal at 8.00pm. **Do come along to meet us, we would be delighted to see you.**

www.thornburychoralsociety.org.uk **Contact no. 01454416518 (Ruth Piolle)**



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If the answer is yes, please contact
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The Thornbury Macular and Low Vision Group

The group meets in the Methodist Church Hall on the first Tuesday of the month 10.30 a.m. until 12.30 p.m. We would welcome anyone wishing to join us. For more information ring John 01454 885301

At our May meeting we were entertained by Jo Preece of "Jolies Fleurs" In Thornbury . Jo had researched for her demonstration scented, structural and colours suitable for people with impaired vision and gave an entertaining description while working on her arrangement. We were encouraged to touch and feel the beautiful items in the display.

Falfield Village Hall Management Committee

Falfield Village Hall



Saturday 30th July 2022

10am - 12 noon

Come & enjoy meeting, chatting & making new friends



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10TH	**'Healing' [Mark 1:21 – 34] §**	***Brian***
17TH	**'Gift Of Interpretation' [Daniel 2:24 - 39]**	***Brian***
24TH	**'Hymns Of Praise Service**	***Brian***
31ST'	**An Unlikely Disciple & Lessons On Fasting' [Mark 2:13 – 24]**	***Brian***

§ Service includes Holy Communion

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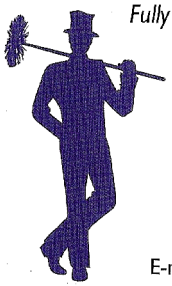
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Increase in advertising costs

As one of the measures to address the raised costs of printing 5 Alive, we have decided to in-crease the cost of some advertising space with immediate effect. **The monthly rate for one eighth of a page is now £10 for businesses within the 5 parishes and £12 for others.** (The difference reflects the fact that parish councils make a donation to our costs.)

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Email: simoncromhallchapel@gmail.com

All our sermons are available on the website: **WWW.CROMHALLCHAPEL.ORG**

Sunday Worship Services for July

Join us as we worship the Lord each Sunday, followed by refreshments.

3rd	(10.30am) Alan Tarling	(6.30pm) Simon Carey
10th	(10.30am) Damon Ujvarosy	(6.30pm) Alan Mann
17th	(10.30am) Maurice Wheatley	(6.30pm) Rob Simpkins
24th	(10.30am) Ed Stuart	(6.30pm) Simon Carey
31st	(10.30am) Simon Carey	(6.30om) Trevor Brain

Wednesdays at 7.30pm: 6th Home Groups – we meet in several homes in the area;13th and 20th Bible Study and Prayer in the hall and on zoom; 27th Members' Meeting

Tuesday half hour of prayer (on zoom): 5th and 19th at 7.00pm; 12th and 26th at 9.30 am

Cromhall Crafters: Tuesday 12th at 7.00pm. Come and join a friendly group of ladies who enjoy working on their own crafts while they chat over a cup of tea.

Everyone welcome.

Summertime at Tortworth Forest Centre

Whether you come to a **Visitor Day**, volunteer to scythe bracken and bramble, or sign up for our new Woodland Wellbeing Project, there are lots of ways to get involved at Tortworth Forest Centre this summer. Full details of all our events and projects, and how to get involved, can be found on our website - tortwortharboretum.org/community



Our **Visitor Days** are a chance to discover this special place and our botanical tree collection. You are invited to enjoy the peace, wander under redwoods, picnic amongst towering cedars and get lost among a hundred shades of green.

The next visitor days are on Saturday 16th July and Saturday 20th August, 10am-4pm, and tickets (adults £8, children £2) are available online.

The new **Woodland Wellbeing Project** (funded by the National Lottery Community Fund) provides weekly sessions for people in South Gloucestershire to improve their wellbeing. Activities vary from walks around the arboretum to crafts with natural materials, and cooking on the fire to learning about the ecology of the woods and the botanical tree collection we have. We provide hot drinks and a healthy vegetarian meal. The project is open to people of all genders aged 18+ and living or working in South Gloucestershire. Sessions are free, and run on a **Thursday from 11.00 am to 2.15 pm** - please sign up in advance by emailing referrals@tortwortharboretum.org

Our monthly **Volunteer Days** run on the third Sunday of the month, all year round, and are open to everybody aged 16+. If you're interested in trying your hand at woodland management and learning new skills in a friendly environment then please sign up to our volunteering newsletter by contacting volunteer@tortwortharboretum.org Hot drinks, a hot lunch, and all tools and guidance are provided.

We run other projects including **The Hawthorn Project**, for women struggling with their mental health, and our **Woodland Management Days**, a weekly volunteer day for people of all genders who are struggling with their mental health. Details of both of these can be found on our website - tortwortharboretum.org/community - along with other events we have coming up (such as a **Natural Ink-Making** workshop and a **Women's Wild Camp**).

*The site is also available for **private hire** with very reasonable rates, so why not consider it for a celebration, work event, or family campout? Find out more on our website - tortwortharboretum.org/hir*

You're invited to our Zumba Party at Thornbury Carnival!

www.zumbathornbury.com

Zumba is dancing to amazing music from around the World and I'd love you to join us **Saturday 2nd July** at Thornbury Carnival – we're doing a few songs on the community stage at **4.20pm**. Make it a date and let's dance!

If you are not around at the Carnival but want to find a class here's a list of local classes you can drop into:

- **Monday** 5pm Zumba Fitness - Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre
- **Tuesday** 11am Zumba Gold - Thornbury Leisure Centre
- **Tuesday** 6pm Zumba Fitness - Manorbrook Primary School, Thornbury
- **Tuesday** 7pm Zumba Toning - Manorbrook Primary School, Thornbury
- **Tuesday** 8pm Yoga-Lattes - Manorbrook Primary School, Thornbury
- **Thursday** 1.10pm Zumba - Gold Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre
- **Thursday** 6pm Zumba Fitness - Thornbury Leisure Centre

Text me to book: Natasha 07810068722

Minty Pea Soup (Serves 4)

1 tablespoon oil
!½ pints chicken stock
1 oz unsalted butter
2 tablespoons chopped mint leaves
1 onion, chopped
salt & freshly ground black pepper
1 medium potato, chopped
¼ pint single cream
10 ozs frozen garden peas

- Heat the oil and butter in a large saucepan and fry the onion and potato gently for about 5 minutes.
- Add the peas, stock and most of the chopped mint, season to taste with salt and freshly ground black pepper, bring to the boil and simmer for about 15 minutes.
- Pour the soup into a food processor and process until smooth, then rub the puree through a sieve or mouli to remove any remaining pea husks.
- Return the soup to the pan, stir in all but 2 tablespoons of the cream and re-heat the soup without boiling.
- Pour into a serving dish, swirl in the remaining cream and sprinkle with a little chopped mint.

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The weekend will kick off with the 'Swing in the Park', on Mundy Playing Fields on the Friday evening, 1st July, from 6pm until 10pm. The Main Event' will run for a record twelve hours on Saturday 2nd July with gates opening at 11am and a programme that will run until 11pm.

The Main Stage will feature a range of professional tribute acts including Dolly Parton, Take That, Little Mix and Queen amongst others.

This year, the bar and food concessions will be provided by local businesses and are being co-ordinated by Easter Compton Farm Shop.

To find out more follow us at Facebook/ ThornburyCarnival or visit our website www.thornburycarnival.co.uk." Online tickets are available to purchase through the website and will be available to buy until the day before the event.

Life as a Student Teacher in Saffron Walden 1887 - 1888

by Ada Male

This article was recently given to me by one of our readers as something which might be of interest. It was written by the head of a school in which our reader's mother worked in the 1920s/30s.

The career of a teacher started at the age of 14, under the title of 'Monitor'; the salary was 2 shillings per week (10 pence in current cash terms). This was usually paid in coppers from the children's fees of Id* (old penny) a week. If the probationer showed promise, she became a Pupil Teacher for four years.

So, I was entrusted with the education of about thirty children aged between 6 and 7. Before the annual examination, it was necessary that each child should produce three sums, done correctly and a passage of dictation, spelt correctly (if possible). After the arithmetic problems had been explained, the class stood in pairs, back-to-back, clutching slates and slate pencils for the test. This consisted of addition in hundreds and subtraction with 'borrowing'.

Results were very important, for on the annual parade day, the HMI (Her Majesty's Inspector) awarded marks which partly influenced the Head Teacher's salary. The iniquitous system of payment by results was the government system of deciding its grants. What of the poor children, standing with cold slates and scratchy pencils, whilst they puzzled over their sums? The reading lesson did nothing to stir the imagination – the books were very dull and unattractive – columns of words must be conquered – the three Rs must be mastered!

Another miserable experience was hemming on calico. Think of children aged 5 – 7 years, equipped with small needles and 40 cotton, a strip of calico on which were dots, put there by the teacher, who had also threaded the needles. The only bright spot was thimble drill. On hot summer afternoons the little hands were dirty and sticky – it requires no imagination to conjure the harassing feelings of children and teacher. Well do I recollect giving an extra lesson to a poor little boy, not yet 6 years old, from 4.30 to 5 o'clock. At the end, nothing had been accomplished and I went home feeling hopeless and sad when I thought of his worried face. Why did we do this impossible work? Because the Code ordained it and the teachers were compelled to obey. The Code was published annually by the Government and contained the syllabus for the following year.

Each age group had to produce certain efficiency in subjects named; every year there was the eagerness to read the New Code as to what next? Babies were admitted at 2 or 3 years irrespective of sores needing treatment, unpleasant discharges, etc.; chilblains caused the poor little babes many tears – and the school was cold in winter. The floor of their dingy room was arranged in steps on which children sat and sprawled – or slept. They had a few wooden bricks but no real toys. Sometimes they marched to the rhythm of an easel peg hammered on the door of a cupboard. Life was very serious and I cannot recollect any fun or laughter. At Christmas there was a tree and gifts - the children sang but had to 'sit up' with hands behind and restrain all emotion of joy.

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