

West Ilsley News

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH WEST ILSLEY

Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2021!

All Saints' will continue to open on Sundays for private prayer between 9.30am and 6.00pm. We do ask that you stick to the regulations of hand sanitising and keeping a distance from others.

Carol Service

Whilst it was a little wet, just under 80 villagers braved the elements and stood in socially distanced groups around the churchyard for the annual Carol Service, the rain failing to dampen voice and spirit. Sadly, the traditional mulled wine and mince pies could not be enjoyed but hopefully, there will be double helpings next year. Donations of £100 were sent each to Berkshire Women's Aid and 'Young People and Children First', a charity for those young people leaving care.

Christmas Day

The new variant of Covid cast an eleventh-hour shadow over the Communion Service planned and a Family Service took place outside. The weather was glorious, if a little chilly, and over 60 adults and children came together in the churchyard.

Christmas Greetings

Thank you all once again for the very generous donations given for All Saints' Church with the Christmas greetings.

East Downland Benefice

In January, there will be some services actually taking place in churches around the benefice, details of which are displayed on the lychgate noticeboard and on www.eastdownland.org.uk. Recorded services from some of our churches, in which you can participate, will continue to be provided and which can also be found on the website. Services are available to watch from 8.30am on Sundays. The website also contains our regular Weekly Sheet, as well as the Benefice Magazine that comes out monthly and lots more. You can also follow our church and benefice Facebook pages.

Watch This Space

The PCC will continue to keep an eye on the situation and will let you know when the church reopens for services

Other Websites

There are links to services and prayers on the Oxford Diocese website at: <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/>

as well as other resources and information. The Oxford Diocese continues to offer services by telephone, for those without the internet. These can be found on 01865 920930 and once connected, dial 0 for the full version of the service, or dial 1 for a short version. However - PLEASE NOTE - this line is not free, standard call rates apply.

Free Daily Hope telephone line on **0800 804 8044**. There is also plenty of information on the Church of England website at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/>

Pastoral

If you would like prayer (or other support) for you or someone else, please get in touch. We are happy to be contacted by phone or email using the details of contacts shown below.

If anyone needs help or would just like to chat, do contact the wardens or clergy who will do their best to help.

Contacts:

Churchwardens: Ian – 01635 281625; Alexandra – 01635 281306

Rector: Revd John Toogood – 01635 247566 or 07748 822336 - edownlandrector@gmail.com

Associate Priest: Revd Douglas Dales – 01635 247404 – revjdales@gmail.com

Associate Priest: Revd William McDowell – rev.w.mcdowell@gmail.com

East Downland Benefice Office: 07957 458107 - eastdownland@btinternet.com – Usually manned on Thursday & Friday mornings between 9am and 1pm.

Kay and Ian Fewtrell-Smith



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION COMPTON, ILSLEYS & NORREYS BRANCH - AN UPDATE

Poppy Appeal 2020 – In this difficult period for all of us, our RBL Poppy Appeal Organisers have worked doubly hard this year distributing poppies and collecting funds from our catchment villages. This Charity remains vital in providing support to the serving and ex-service men & women and their families who have fallen on hard times. This year, we have seen inspiring generosity from you all and funds raised have been boosted by two exceptionally large donations from local organisations. On behalf of the Poppy Appeal can we say a sincere thank you.

Poppy Appeal Lunch 2020 – it will be no surprise to our readers that this event, scheduled for Saturday 24th October, had to be cancelled. We usually squeeze up to 70 supporters of this annual event into the Foinavon dining area. Regrettably, gathering this

large number together in a confined space was always going to be against the rules! Our guest speaker was to have been our new Member of Parliament, Laura Farris. She has kindly agreed, her work programme permitting, to come to any re-scheduled event we manage to organise when Covid19 restrictions allow it.

West Ilsley Remembrance Sunday Service 8th November 2020 – it was the turn of West Ilsley to host the Branch’s event this year. We are pleased to report that it went ahead but, due to ever changing Covid19 restrictions, in a very much reduced format. Originally planned under the “rule of six” regime we were going to have a parade of 6 people marching from the Harrow – Piper, Standard Bearer and wreath layers – but just days before Remembrance Sunday, restrictions were tightened further. The result - a socially distanced Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial was permitted. A congregation of about 30 attended this solemn and memorable service led by Reverend Clive Jones. In attendance were Ian Knight (piper), Aimee Jones (cornet) and Mick Crockford (RBL Standard Bearer). Main wreath layers were Steve Alison (Branch Chairman), Rollo Duckworth (W Ilsley PC Chairman). They were joined by representatives from our catchment villagers and youth groups. Our thanks to those who attended.

Membership – come and join us! - our small RBL branch would welcome you as a member. You do not have to be ex services (or a senior citizen!) to join the RBL but only supportive of the charity’s objectives of looking after the serving and ex-serving community. The membership annual subscription is small at £17. To join, please contact one of the undersigned. Steve Allison tel 07812 991013 email steveallison1888@aol.com or David Norbury TD, tel 07770 326128 email davidnorbury@btinternet.com – thank you.

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VILLAGE HALL Ros Duckworth–Bookings–281471 rosduckworth@btinternet.com Rates: £10.00/hr Villagers £12/hr Non Villagers	
PRESCRIPTIONS Prescriptions are delivered from Compton on Tuesdays mornings at 8.30. Please collect yours from Ann Barnes, 3 Morland Close on Tuesday or Thursday evening between 2.30 and 6.30 pm Repeat forms can be posted through the letter box anytime before Monday evening for the following week’s delivery.	
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PARISH COUNCIL

Read the latest Parish Council Minutes and hear how village matters are being addressed. Visit our village website at www.westilsley.org - all the latest minutes from our meetings are available under the “Parish Council” tab.

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Remedial body Therapy

Rachel uses a combination of Remedial sports massage and McTimoney chiropractic to address problem areas. Treatment aims are to encourage **symmetry**, identify muscle **imbalances**, **improve posture** and **alleviate discomfort**.

Not In pain? It is also a good idea to get yourself assessed even when you are not in pain as a preventative way of fine tuning your posture and spotting minor issues before they build into bigger problems.

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