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FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

This year Easter will be very different with no public services – but the events commemorated point to the heart of the Christian faith – that Jesus, who had been killed, was found to be alive and remains alive now. In difficult times they speak of a God who loves us and is with us.

The events commemorated each year during Holy Week, the week leading up to Easter Sunday, and Easter itself are a reminder of what happened over 2000 years ago in what was then a backwater province of the Roman Empire. These commemorations draw out the significance of those events – why they have mattered for 2000 years and matter still.

What we now call a ‘Prequal’ to Holy Week and Easter is Lent

LENT (from Wednesday 26th February): Since early days, Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord’s passion and resurrection and prepared for this by a season of penitence and fasting. By carefully keeping these days, Christians take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel, and so grow in faith and in devotion to their Lord.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER: Through participation in the whole sequence of services, the Christian shares in Christ’s own journey.

Palm Sunday (5th April): the procession with palm crosses recalls the triumphal entry into Jerusalem. At the same time the record of Jesus’ arrest and execution is read and the whole story of the coming week is anticipated.

Monday to Wednesday: the record of Jesus’ last week from St John’s account forms a key part of the Bible Readings set for these days.

Maundy Thursday: contains a rich complex of themes: humble Christian service expressed through Christ’s washing of his disciples’ feet, the Last Supper when Jesus instituted the Eucharist – the Holy Communion, and Jesus’ loving obedience seen in his agony in the garden of Gethsemane ending in his arrest.

Good Friday (10th April): The church remains stripped of all decoration as Jesus suffering and death are recalled.

Holy Saturday: there are no services but a rising excitement as the Church is prepared for Easter.

Easter Day (12th April): From earliest times Christians have gathered to recall the story of God’s saving work, from creation through to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. In normal times all the resources of the church – music, flowers, bells, colours – are used to celebrate Christ’s resurrection. The use of the term ‘Alleluia’, which has been silent throughout Lent, returns.

God bless

Phil

On the back cover of this magazine, instead of the customary list of services, you will find extracts from a letter by the Archbishops which also contains information about on line resources to assist in personal worship.

EASTER LILIES

Despite the cancellation of all services, the Church will still be open for quiet reflection and prayer. Although we shall not decorate the Church as usual for Easter Sunday, a number of people have paid for and requested lilies in memory of their loved ones. I hope it will still be possible for me to order these and on that assumption, they will be placed in simple vases around the Church.

Marilyn (872237)

HAILSHAM FOODBANK

During these unsettling times, the food banks will need even more donations. The plastic container just inside the Church will continue to be emptied on a regular basis and delivered to the appropriate food donation point. There is a hand sanitizer on the pew end near the container. Very many thanks for your continued support.

Although all items are very welcome, particularly short are:

- Tinned tomatoes
- Tomato-based pasta sauce
- Toilet rolls
- Baby wipes
- Tomato ketchup
- Washing machine tablets/fabric softener
We are working our way towards a meeting with John, the son of Zacharias and Elizabeth in the wilderness region of Judea. He is best known as John the Baptist. However, before we arrive at that there is one event that Dr Luke mentions that we should consider first.

'So when they (Mary and Joseph) had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the Child (Jesus) grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him. His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when He was twelve years old they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast'. In fact this was Jesus’s ‘bar mitzvar’ or ‘coming of age’ when He became no longer a child but part of the family business. ‘When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it’. This was because they were not travelling alone as one family but several so a whole group of people both acquainted and related, journeyed together. The families had the working custom of looking after and caring for each others’ children on events like these so Mary and Joseph were not perturbed to begin with at the absence of Jesus, thinking He was elsewhere in the party. After not seeing Him for a whole day 'they sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him.

Now so it was that after these three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. So when Mary and Joseph saw Him they were amazed and His mother said to Him, 'Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have sought You anxiously'. And He said to them, 'Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?’ But they did not understand the statement which He made to them. What He was meaning was this: 'I have now had My bar mitzvar. I have now become an adult and am part of My Father’s business - My Father Who is in heaven. Hallowed be His name'. This is what they did not understand. And many since have not understood it either.

Now in the 15th year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and the region of Trachonitis and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, while Annas and Caiaphas were high priests, the word of God came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet saying these famous, historically significant words that we will look at next time.

**FROM THE REGISTERS – JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2020**

**Funerals:**

- **Chiddingly**
  - 10th January, Jose LOOSEMORE (Interment of Ashes)
  - 21st February, Eileen Rosemary TWORT

- **East Hoathly**
  - 17th February, Matthew Jeffery CLARK

**Lent Lunches**

The two Lent Lunches planned for April, at Peter Wellby's and Jennifer Parsons', have both been cancelled.

**Saturday Market**

The Market planned for the first Saturday in April has been cancelled. Whether it will go ahead in May is under review.

Christine Brinkley
While individuals and families are on self-isolation they may need assistance from those who are not. Therefore, Chiddingly Parish Council is setting up a scheme to put volunteers in touch with those who need assistance.

Volunteers who are willing and able should email their details, name and email address to volunteers@chiddingly.gov.uk

People who need assistance should email their details, name, address, email address (if they have one), and phone number to volunteers@chiddingly.gov.uk and indicate how they would prefer to be contacted, by email or phone.

Mike Goss, who is running the scheme on behalf of the Parish Council, will send regular bulletins with brief details, such as “someone in Muddles Green needs medicine collected from Hailsham”, to the volunteers by email. When a volunteer responds they will be given full details and asked to make contact. In this way the name and details of those requesting help will only ever be known to the volunteer helping and Mike Goss.

Please be aware that many of those most in need of help may not see this or other announcements, so please talk to your friends and neighbours and be prepared to send messages to volunteers@chiddingly.gov.uk on their behalf.

To keep up to date with this initiative and other Parish Council notices, join the email group by contacting the Clerk or email mailing.lists@chiddingly.gov.uk

A Facebook Group is also being set up. Details to follow.

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**NEWS**

As you may be aware, there have been some changes with members of the Parish Council in recent months. Cllr Julian Richards is now the Chairman and Claudine Feltham resigned as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) at the end of January. Claudine covered the role until the new Clerk was appointed and the Parish Council now welcomes Julie O’Donnell as the new Clerk and RFO. She can be contacted by email: clerk@chiddingly.gov.uk

You may have heard that the Parish Council has funds from the Community Infrastructure Levy that we must spend on infrastructure projects within the community. At last year’s Parish Assembly, we asked for and discussed suggestions for this, one of which was for adult exercise equipment in the Parish. We have progressed this idea recently, and we have a current plan for a modest adult exercise facility to be located in Jubilee Field, adjacent to the toddlers’ play area. This would comprise a mix of fixed exercise stations, and machines such as bike, cross trainer, rower etc.

We are also hopeful that we will be able to qualify for "match funding" from grant organisations, so that we can provide a great facility for the community at the lowest cost to us all.

We would value your comments on this project, as well as further suggestions for infrastructure projects for the parish as we should still have funds available for future use.

Please send any comments to clerk@chiddingly.gov.uk

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**NEXT MONTH.....**

As most activities and events are cancelled, there will be very few of the normal reports and announcements in the May Parish News. Therefore, I’m very keen to receive copy of a different nature.

Do you have a short story (up to 500 words) or poem that you would like to share?

An article of local interest?

How about a short quiz? With answers that can be printed on a separate page.

Or do you have information about resources to help us all in these difficult times?

Please submit by 15th April to ruth.mcdermott@live.co.uk.
CHIDDINGLY WI

On a wet and dismal March afternoon, a somewhat depleted group met. President Anne welcomed members and two guests and thanked them for braving the elements to attend. After the singing of Jerusalem, Anne introduced the speaker, Cliff Marchant, on the History of Morris Dancing.

He explained that he is a member of the Morris Ring and this group voted to allow women to join! Following the First World War, Cecil Sharp collected many of the dances from all over England in order to ensure they were not lost. There are many different local traditions of dancing, based on what they had to use e.g. clog dances from the mill towns in the North West. Cliff shared a number of interesting photographs that illustrated the dances he had spoken about. He played a tune called ‘The Princess Royal’, often used in Morris Dancing, on his melodeon. Sylvie gave a Vote of Thanks, which included some of her own reminiscences.

The month’s birthday posy was taken to be given to Jude.

A number of county events were discussed with some members saying they wanted to attend; subsequently, these had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 situation.

Anne passed round a couple of items of kitchenalia for members to look at and try to guess their use; one was a grapefruit baller and the other an unusual vegetable slicer. There was much chat over tea and sandwiches and cake!

Members were upset to hear that Janet was in hospital in Lewes, following a couple of falls, and that she had sustained a fractured pelvis. The afternoon finished delightfully with Sylvie reading a piece called ‘William, Dottie and the Daffodils’, which was about William Wordsworth and then reciting Wordsworth poem ‘Daffodils’. Due to the Covid-19 situation, unfortunately, there will be no meetings in April or May.

Liz

QUIZ FOR ST WILFRID’S

Lucy, Bronwen & Issy say a Massive Thank you to all the individuals and local businesses who came and supported the annual quiz on the 7th March hosted at The Yew Tree in Chalvington.

Fun was had by all and we raised a staggering £1328 for St Wilfrid’s Hospice!

Simon Cosham of St Wilfrid’s hospice confirmed that the Yew Tree Annual quiz raises more than any other quiz locally - so thank you to you all!

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Due to the advice regarding the Covid-19 situation, the Committee cancelled this year’s Spring Show. We hope that the Summer Show will be able to go ahead and that many of you will take part in the variety of classes available. The long Easter weekend is fast approaching and we hope for good weather, as it is often the prime-time for planting and sorting the garden for the coming seasons.

In May, the Society is currently planning to hold a Plant Sale, which should offer the opportunity to snap up some bargains. More details next month. In the meantime, enjoy your gardening as long as the ground has dried out at least a bit!

Liz

Jobs for April

With the clocks changing we’ve lost an hours’ sleep but it means we have lighter evenings to potter in our plots and gambol in the garden. If the weather follows its proper course (hah!) we should have showers this month, so consider linking some water butts together and checking the greenhouse guttering is clear.

- Protect emerging shoots of hosts and delphiniums from slugs and snails
- Divide old perennials to reinvigorate them and increase your stock
- Snap off dead blooms of bulbs but don’t bend stems or leaves over and tie them up
- Sow sweet peas
- Pinch out the tips of fuchsias to produce bushy plants
- Use cabbage collars to prevent cabbage root fly laying eggs
- Pinch out the tips of broad beans if they’re hosting aphids
- Sow sweetcorn, cucumbers, squash, French and runner beans
- Thin out heavy fruit sets on peaches and nectarines
- Hydrangea can be pruned if you haven’t done it yet to strong leaf buds
- Feed trees, shrubs and roses to give them a boost
- Remove suckers from the base of trees
- Sow a few extra seeds to sell at our social in May

Keep some fleece handy for any late frosts especially for flowering fruit and young shoots.

Stay well.
Dave
I have been asked to introduce myself. My name is Sue, the new manager of Chiddingly Village Shop and Café. I live just up the road in Horam with my husband and two teenage children. I grew up in the Horam area, went to university in Derby, lived for a few lovely years in Norfolk and then came back to Horam. I love Sussex though, you can’t beat being so close to the South Downs, the sea and so many beautiful villages.

I don’t have a detailed retail background so becoming manager is a fairly steep learning curve for me so please be patient! I am however organised and am keen to continue to uphold the wonderful ethos the shop has, to supply local produce as well as trying to choose the environmentally friendly option wherever possible.

I am already warmed by this community hub, I have met so many friendly customers and volunteers: how I’m ever going to remember everyone’s names, I’m not sure! I am very grateful to the volunteers for showing me the ropes and supporting me at this early stage. As I’m sure you all know the shop and café wouldn’t exist without the volunteers. If anyone has a few hours to spare and fancies giving volunteering a try, pop in and say hello. Volunteering is a great way of making friends. As my kids have grown up I have been part of the pre-school committee, then the school PTA and am currently a member of the Horam Scout Group committee. I have met so many great people along the way and have learnt many useful skills that have transferred into other parts of my life.

Outside of work, I play in Warbleton Brass Band, enjoy gardening and like to run occasionally but spend most of my time trying to keep up with the kids’ busy lives, I wouldn’t have it any other way, each day they make me proud.

Enough of me, please come and introduce yourself if we haven’t already met. Let me know if you have any thoughts of products you’d like to see on the shelves or in the café, just please forgive me if I don’t remember your name for several weeks!

Thanks to everyone who has come in and supported us over the last few weeks.

We are still serving our fabulous Red Roaster coffee and infamous village-made cakes, soups and flapjacks but it’s takeaway or eat on our seats outside.

We are working hard to keep the shop well stocked: local bread, milk and eggs are available. For those of you self-isolating, we are working with the Parish Council to get provisions to you. To register for this service please email volunteers@chiddingly.gov.uk. Please ring your order through to the shop (01825 872949), payment can be cash on delivery or BACS transfer. If you are able to collect your order but don’t wish to come into the shop, we can leave your order outside.

Our opening hours at this current time are Monday–Friday 8am to 2pm, Saturdays 9am to 12.30pm. We hope to stay open until 4pm on Good Friday but will be closed on Easter Sunday and Easter Monday.

Chiddingly Community Land Trust Update

Our AGM was held on Monday 9th March 2020. If you would like a copy of the minutes please email the secretary.

Officers for the next year are: Chair: Mike Goss, Secretary: Sue Skan, Treasurer: Richard Bean

Other Directors: Eugene Cassidy, Louise Champion, Terry Fairway, Tina Letanka, Mike Tiplady, Jean Thompson and Alan Zeal.

If you would like to contact any directors please email directors@cclt.uk

Our intention is to continue to hold our monthly meetings, the next one is due on Monday 20th April. However in view of the current corona virus pandemic this may be subject to change. Details will be available closer to the date from the secretary.
CHIDDINGLY CRICKET CLUB

The new cricket season is upon us: our players and members will have to stir and increase their activity levels. We need to get the ground ready for the new season, which is an opportunity for our chairman to exert his power and influence over us: delegating jobs, monitoring progress and passing judgement on our efforts.

This year, with the shadow of coronavirus hanging over us, we need to take some precautions to ensure matches take place in a safe environment. First, we are cancelling all forms of practice involving more than one player. We call upon other clubs to follow suit, thereby lowering all clubs to our standard. Players will be given a training manual showing them how to play "air cricket" in front of a mirror and how to practise their bowling action in a confined space, such as a bathroom.

We shall be taking action to restrict crowd numbers at our matches. First and foremost we shall moderate our skill level and endeavour to produce dull games. Our bowlers will be instructed to bowl wide of the wicket. Our batsmen will be told to block straight deliveries and leave wide ones alone. In these ways we shall minimise the runs scored, wickets taken and level of excitement (no change there). Spectators wishing to watch will need to inform us of their intention in advance so we can provide the requisite number of hand-washing facilities. Attendance will be limited to twelve; although in excess of our record crowd, we cannot make assumptions or voice an opinion about other people's plans. The spectators will be allocated their own area around the boundary, creating a safe space of at least 30m between each person. Communication will be by simple hand and arm signals. There will be no legs involved in this signaling as we don't want the matches to be delayed by players picking up fallen spectators. Players will only be allowed to celebrate moments of success with two modest on-the-spot jumps, two metres from the nearest person. Celebrating success has not been an issue in previous years.

Our new scoreboard and equipment shed are looking good, despite the temporary roof. We hope to have the funds to finish the roof in readiness for the 2021 season. Unfortunately, we have subsidence issues affecting the pavilion. We are very grateful for those villagers and members who have contributed money towards our roof. These contributions are ring-fenced. The subsidence issues will be covered, we hope, by insurance.

We are disappointed to report some vandalism of the pavilion which will divert important funds. We should ask people using the ground to report any suspicious activity or gatherings to our chairman, details below. Although, a large and imposing man, he is charming, persuasive and can tactfully deal with all kinds of people. New players warmly welcomed.

We sincerely wish everyone well in these challenging times.

For further details on any other aspect of the club contact Jonathan Lofthouse, club chairman (lofhouse885@btinternet.com)

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting was held as usual on the first Tuesday of the month.

- Red signs for heaters still need to be made, but for now there appears to be no need for higher speed.
- When the weather dries out, the potholes will be filled in.
- The microwave in the kitchen needs replacing. It appears that not very many users are aware that a microwave exists, so it makes sense to explore the less expensive commercial models.
- Additional Chubb keys to front door are proving difficult to use: the Caretaker is looking into this.
- Rubber inserts to chair legs have been fixed, so floor no longer damaged by chairs.
- The Treasurer reported an increase in electricity account over last year's winter period. Thermostats have been turned down, as they may have been set too high.
- Builders have carried out most of the outstanding work, but there are still some items outstanding.
- The next Souper Saturday will be in October. The February event was a great success and raised £215.00.
- There will be a Quiz on Saturday 10th October – Steve Tolhurst to host.
- The Burns Night Band have suggested an event later in the year – to be discussed at later meeting.

Ongoing work for 2020 – decoration to Main Hall and Green Room to be carried out in August, for which a group of volunteers is needed. The external work is a main priority and charges for Structural Engineer to be looked into so that wall cracking can be investigated.

Next Meeting Tuesday 7th April 7.30 in Village Hall.
Things to do......

Some of you will be frontline workers in the NHS or helping keep supplies in our shops and delivered to customers. But many of us will be at home either self-isolating with illness or social distancing because of vulnerability. There’s a lot of gardening or DIY to be done but here are a few other pastimes.....

Long books to read:

Credo by Melvyn Bragg (800 pages): Britain in the Dark Ages is the setting for the fascinating story of Bega, a young Irish princess, who became a saint, and her lifelong bond with Padric, prince of the northwest kingdom of Rheged. This dramatic, far-reaching tale brings to life a land of warring kings, Christians and pagans, and tribes divided by language and culture.

Dave Robicheaux thrillers by James Lee Burke: Read any of these stylish Southern Noir thrillers - there are 22 of them! - and you’ll become addicted. Follow Dave Robicheaux, a Vietnam veteran and recovering alcoholic, as he investigates crime in Louisiana.

IQ84 by Haruki Murakami: The charming and sometimes magical realism of Murakami’s books is always tempered by reassuring themes: long descriptions of cooking pasta, the pleasures of jazz, the joy of living simply. If you’re in social isolation for the long haul, start here.

The Europeans by Orlando Figes: a richly enthralling, panoramic cultural history of 19th century Europe told through the intertwining lives of three remarkable people: a great singer, Pauline Viardot; a great writer, Ivan Turgenev and a great connoisseur, Pauline’s husband, Louis Viardot.

Troubles by JG Farrell: Britain’s difficult relationship with Ireland is caught in miniature in this novel set in a crumbling hotel owned by an eccentric Anglo-Irish family in the 1920s. Funny, nostalgic and sad.

The Magus by John Fowles (672 pages): A feast for the mind and the senses but an escapist novel for the glorious improbability of the plot. Set on a remote Greek island, where a young Englishman, Nicholas, is drawn into the web of the mysterious trickster.

There are several very well known long reads to consider: War and Peace by Tolstoy, Ulysses by James Joyce - maybe you will at last finish it!, many Dickens novels eg Little Dorrit and Proust’s A La Recherche de Temps Perdu in several 500 page volumes.

Films:

Many will be scouring Netflix, AmazonPrime or Sky Movies to find films to watch but new releases can only be seen on Curzon Home Cinema, the digital arm of Curzon Cinemas. You can just pay for the films you watch, normally £11.99 or there are a range of membership packages. To get more information look at www.curzonhomecinema.com

Classical Music

Several opera houses and concert halls are streaming performances free of charge. The better known ones are The Metropolitan Opera (metopera.org), Wigmore Hall (wigmore-hall.org.uk) and the Berlin Philharmonic (digitalconcerthall.com) and of our local opera house, Glyndebourne.

Many top-calibre artists are also performing from their living room. Eg Mezzo-soprano Joyce DiDonato and harpist/pianist Piotr Beczala perform extracts from opera on facebook.

Singing

If your regular choir is suspended or maybe you have always wanted to have a go at singing there are several ways to get involved.

Gareth Malone is bringing together a virtual choir, as featured on BBC Breakfast. The concept is that singers and instrumentalists learn music at home, record themselves, download their performance and then professional produces will mix everything together into a virtual performance. To find our more or to join go to decca.com/greatbritishhomechorus

Other things....

As well as a boom in DIY, many people are using their time to in creative ways: writing, painting, knitting.

Tell Chiddingly what you are doing that is maybe new - something you never found time for.

Submit short articles (c300 words) for next months Parish News
The Chair, Sarah Leighton, welcomed those present. Apologies were received from those unable to attend. The notice of the meeting was taken and read, and the minutes of the AGM held on 8th February 2019 at Chiddingly Village Hall were approved.

The Chair gave a summary of the past year’s events and activities. She gave details of the French Visit which took place 24th – 26th May, which included the Saturday a trip to the Hidden Spring Vineyard, a visit to Birling Gap or Lewes, and an evening Barn Dance. On the Sunday there was a demonstration of Morris Dancing followed by lunch in the Village Hall. Sarah thanked everyone who helped with the weekend’s activities.

Sarah then mentioned the Human Fruit Machine stall at the Church Fete in June, the screening of the film Chocolat in November and the Chiddingly School Winter Fair also in November, where the Link had a “Splat the Rat” stall.

Sarah then gave an update on Link membership: the Link encourages new members, particularly families, to join. She also thanked the Committee for all their hard work during the year. There was a special thank you and presentation to Richard Merritt, who stood down from the Committee after many years.

The Secretary, Jeanie Gordon, then gave her report on future events. This year the French are unable to offer the usual date at the end of May and 19th – 20th September had been agreed. However, since the AGM, the Quiz Night, scheduled for early May, has been cancelled and all other events will be reviewed nearer the time.

Jeanie gave the Treasurer's report on behalf of Robin Symington. The finances are in good shape. The visit by the French to the UK in 2019 cost £3493, which is in line with the average of previous years. The accounts were adopted and thanks given to Sadie Cripps as Auditor. Subscriptions were confirmed at the current rate of £20 per family and £10 for single members.

The Chair, Secretary and Committee members, Isabelle Bailey, Barbara Cameron, Stuart Garland, Claire McIntyre and Rupert Cutler, were re-elected to serve another term. Two new Committee members Rose Harman and Sue O’Hare were elected and welcomed onto the Committee.

There being no other business, the meeting was declared closed and we sat down to enjoy a very good supper and catch up with friends.

Sarah Leighton
At this time of year I'm often asked "What's that butterfly with the orange tips on the end of its wings called?" "Well," I reply "its scientific name is Anthocharis meaning 'flower grace'; probably because this beautiful butterfly lends a certain grace to the flowers it frequents. In the 18th century it was 'The Lady of the Woods' - a seductive title well deserved by the best-looking butterfly of the spring. The Germans celebrate its beauty in the name Aurotafalter; the sunrise butterfly. The French honour it with the poetic title L'Auroré - the rising sun." "So what do the British call it?" "Well, we call it the Orange-tip - because it has orange tips on the end of its wings."

Whoever gave this exquisite insect such an unimaginative name should be ashamed. It's more than just a pair of orange tips. Forget your Bluebells and Skylarks, the emergence of the Orange-tip is nature's confirmation that spring has officially sprung.

Only the male Orange-tip has those road cone orange wing-tips that visually scream "Look at me! Look at me!" as he cruises the countryside's hedges and edges. You'd think this flamboyant display would land him on the menu for any passing bird - but he has an unsavoury secret. His orange tips make birds recoil when they recall last eating something that colour. To predators he is a flying pot of lime pickle: if you've eaten it once, you'll never eat it again.

The grey-tipped females are more secretive. Once mated they search the hedgerows for their food plants; Cuckooflower and Garlic Mustard. They tap-dance on the plants and identify them with taste buds in their feet. Once their six soles are satisfied they lay a single, tiny, orange, rugby ball shaped egg. The egg's shell emits a pheromone which deters other females from laying here because the cute little caterpillar, which hatches out a week or so later, is a cannibal.

This caterpillar gets to work eating the flower's seed pods, and it eats so many that it starts to look like one (my Mum once warned me a similar phenomenon would happen with me and Monster Munch crisps). Disguised as its diet, it merrily munches throughout May and the plant toxins it ingests will help to flavour the bitter butterfly it will become. In July, the caterpillar constructs a curious chrysalis, a bizarre bit of angular architecture attached to a stem by a single string. Inside this post-modern pupa the caterpillar melts into a cellular soup. And then the natural world's greatest regeneration takes place. This biological broth builds a butterfly and the April sunshine encourages the Orange-tip to emerge; that simple flash of orange signalling that an even greater regeneration has finally taken place. Winter has turned to spring.
WHAT’S ON IN CHIDDINGLY PARISH

Most regular activities are suspended and events either cancelled or under review.

Some events appear in this magazine because the Editor has not received an update on the status. Please check with the organiser before setting out to attend.

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The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are calling for Church of England churches to put public worship on hold and become a different sort of church in the coming months to face the challenge of coronavirus.

In a joint letter, Archbishops Justin Welby and John Sentamu said it was now necessary to put public services on hold until further notice. But they said that, far from having to shut up shop, the Church of England must face the challenge by becoming a radically different kind of church rooted in prayer and serving others.

It comes after the Government announced unprecedented peacetime measures to try to control the spread of the virus, with restrictions on public gatherings, transport and working. The Archbishops expressed the desire that church buildings may, where practical, remain open as places of prayer for the community, observing social distancing recommendations.

They also invited clergy to maintain the ancient pattern of daily prayer and, where possible, the eucharist—live streaming their worship if they have the resources to do so. They urged congregations to be in the forefront of providing practical care and support for the most poor and the most vulnerable during the crisis.

"Being a part of the Church of England is going to look very different in the days ahead," they wrote. "Our life is going to be less characterised by attendance at church on Sunday, and more characterised by the prayer and service we offer each day. We may not be able to pray with people in the ways that we are used to, but we can certainly pray for people. And we can certainly offer practical care and support.

Please do carry on supporting the local foodbank and buy extra provisions for it. Ensure the night shelters wherever possible are kept open. There are many very encouraging schemes happening right across our country in communities to focus on caring for the most vulnerable and do continue to play your part in those.

Then by our service, and by our love, Jesus Christ will be made known, and the hope of the gospel—a hope that can counter fear and isolation—will spread across our land."

They added: "This is a defining moment for the Church of England. Are we truly are a church for all, or just the church for ourselves. We urge you sisters and brothers to become a different sort of church in these coming months: hopeful and rooted in the offering of prayer and praise and overflowing in service to the world."

The archbishops have joined other church leaders in calling for a day of prayer and action this Sunday (Mothering Sunday) particularly remembering those who are sick or anxious and all involved in health and emergency services.

Further information on what the suspension of public worship will mean will be available as soon as possible on the Church of England website which will be regularly updated.

The Church will be providing a range of resources to enable people to continue to walk with God at this difficult time. This includes #LiveLent: daily reflections, prayer for the day on both audio and text and Alexa and Google smart speaker apps.

In the days and weeks ahead, the Church will be significantly expanding this output with audio of a simple daytime prayer and night prayer service, more video content and some live-streaming, new mental health reflections to support people, and webinars to help churches stream sermons, events and make the most of social media. The aim will be to make as much as possible available in simple downloadable and printable formats for those who can't easily access the technology.