

**St Giles Church,
Coberley**
**Newsletter – April
2021**



Resumption of services

We are delighted that Sunday Services have now resumed – Morning Prayer at 11am on the 2nd Sunday and Holy Communion on the 4th Sunday of each month at 9.30am.

Weddings and baptisms

Following the relaxing of the Government Guidelines regarding large events, it is encouraging to see the number of bookings for weddings and baptisms in Coberley and our neighbour Cowley. If you want to 'save the date', please contact Corinna at the Benefice Office.

Coberley School

Assemblies have resumed at St Giles every Friday and we are grateful to the local team that give their time to ensure that the children are escorted safely back and fore.

It will soon be time to say goodbye to the Year 6 leavers and we look forward to the Special Leaving Service.

Retirement of Revd Arthur Champion

There will be a special All-Benefice Service on Sunday 30th May at All Saints Church, North Cerney at 11am. It will be led jointly by Revd Arthur and Revd David Minns.

All tickets for the Upper Churn Retirement Service for Arthur have now been reserved.

Margaret and Arthur will be leaving the Cotswolds and moving to Derbyshire in June. We wish them a long and healthy retirement.

If you would like to contribute towards Arthur's retirement gift, please contact Amanda.



Parish Link

We are very grateful to Anne Jones who continues to coordinate the distribution of the Parish Link magazine. Earlier this year, we were lucky enough to win Lotto funding to help with printing costs for this magazine. Please let us know if you would like to subscribe for an annual subscription - £10 per annum, free delivery.

If you have any news or stories to share, please send them to Corinna at editor.pparishlink@gmail.com. We are particularly interested in hearing and documenting the social history of what it was like growing up in the Churn Valley many years ago.

Hardship Funds

Earlier this year, the Churn Valley Benefice set up a Hardship Fund to enable us to respond quickly to situations where there is an urgent financial need. It has been heart-warming to see how many people have supported this campaign.

In addition many years ago, The Arthur Connolly Trust was set up to specifically provide financial and material aid to elderly people

residing in the parish of St Giles, Coberley.

Please contact Revd David or Revd Arthur in the strictest confidence if you are aware of a real need for support within the parish.

Social and Fundraising Events

We are constantly keeping an eye on what social events we will be able to organise within the Government Guidelines.

We are hoping that a Harvest Supper will be held in the Autumn. Please let us know what events you would like to be held in the village and the church. Ideas so far have included: coffee mornings, flower arranging demonstrations, musical recitals and art exhibitions.

Repairs and maintenance

Michael Dykes and Duncan McGaw are busy finalising plans for the essential repairs to take place in the autumn. In 2017 the Quinquennial Report highlighted a number of areas that needed addressing. Quite a few of the smaller jobs have been completed, many by members of the PCC in their own time and at their own cost which is very much appreciated.

However, the largest project is the re-plastering of the Lady Chapel Wall Grant applications are being made and we are grateful that the monies raised in 2019 for the Coberley Bond will help towards the costs. However, we still need your support and details on how to do this are found later in this newsletter.





Following Government Guidelines, our Sunday Services were temporarily suspended for many months. However, our Churn Valley Clergy continued to provide online services and pastoral support virtually.

The Donate fundraising webpage was set up so that we could continue to financially support this vital work. Funds raised will go towards the general running costs as well as essential repairs and maintenance and larger scale projects such as the re-plastering of the Lady Chapel Wall.

As we are now moving towards cashless giving, this facility gives worshippers, friends and visitors a quick and easy alternative method of showing their support for St Giles.

Here are the ways that you can donate:

<http://easydonate.org/COBERLEY>

To donate £1, text COBERLEY to 70201

To donate £3, text COBERLEY to 70331

To donate £5, text COBERLEY to 70970

To donate £10, text COBERLEY to 70191



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Tess Hirst has set up a Coberley Church Facebook page. Please give us a follow and share photos, news and stories.

Arthur would like to hand over the baton for managing the Churn Valley Benefice Facebook Account. If you love working with computers, have a creative flair and would like to get more involved with the Benefice, please contact Arthur.

Clerk's Patch Allotments

We are most grateful to Margaret and James who have worked so hard over the last few years managing the allotments. The allotments were given to the village in 1932 for the growing of vegetables. There are 9 full ones, although some have been divided into smaller plots. We are very lucky to have this resource in the centre of the village. If you would like to be notified of any coming available, please let James or Margaret know.



Churn Valley Community Choir



Are you ready to get lost in the wonderful world of song?

We are looking for singers and musicians and a leader to launch our new community choir



Join our Facebook Group:

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