

MESSAGE FROM OUR VICAR

Welcome to the February edition of The Bridge.

On the 14th February we mark Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent – 46 days before Easter. The Parish church will mark this event during our 10am Holy Communion Service and all are welcome. Interestingly this is the same day as Valentine's day, which is the first time this has happened since 1945.

Easter will fall this year on 1st April – April Fool's Day. Many today might suggest that this is fitting because it is foolish to believe that a man can be killed by crucifixion on the Friday, left in a tomb until the Sunday and then get up without showing any ill effects. And to be fair they have a point, it is impossible. But what is impossible for man is possible for God and so I am convinced that Jesus did indeed rise again to life. In his letter to the Corinthians, found in the bible, the Apostle Paul acknowledges that some people will think it foolishness to believe in the resurrection. He writes, 'For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but it is God's power to us who are being saved'. 1 Corinthians 1: 18

At the end of January I took the funeral of Blanche Walker who celebrated her 100th birthday last year. Blanche was, over many years, active in our community and in the church. I am pleased to have known Blanche and to know that for her the cross was not foolishness but God's power to save. I would encourage all who read this to reflect on the cross.

Paul

FEBRUARY 2018

Worship at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Water Orton

9.00am
11.00am
10.00am

Holy Communion every Sunday
All Age Worship every Sunday
Holy Communion every Wednesday
ASH WEDNESDAY—14th February Service of Holy Communion at 10.00am

BFG - Church for all the family at The Link

Sunday 11th February 4.00pm – 5.30pm Come and join us for craft activities, fun with friends, songs and food, run by St Peter and St Paul's Church, for all ages, free for everyone.
Contact waterortoncfm@gmail.com for information.

Worship at Water Orton Methodist Church

Sunday 4th February	10.30am	Rev. Farai Mapamula - Holy Communion
	2.30pm	"Sacred Space" at Orton Manor Nursing Home
Sunday 11th February	10.30am	Deacon Kerry Scarlett - All Age Worship
Sunday 18th February	10.30am	Mrs L Appleyard
Sunday 25th February	10.30am	Mrs P Marshall
	7.00pm	"Songs of Praise" at the White City Community Centre with Roger Boulton

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WHAT'S ON AT THE LINK

SUNDAY

4.00pm—5.30pm

BFG. Church for all ages. Every 2nd Sunday in the month *

MONDAY

10.00am - 11.30am

Kiddoodle's Parent & Toddler Group for 0 – school age *

5.00pm - 6.00pm

Dodge Ball for 9yrs - 14yrs (*Contact Rachel on 07850409192*)

6.30pm - 7.30pm

Zumba & Tone

7.30pm - 8.30pm

Kettlebells & Cardio (*Contact Rebecca 07525 414703*)

TUESDAY

10.00am - 12noon

Art Class - All ages and abilities welcome (*Contact Mark on 07774 026169*)

2.00pm - 4.00pm

Dance,Dance,Dance - New Beginners Adult Ballroom and Latin dance class
(*Contact Dawn on 01221 783 5584*)

Stretch/Yoga (*Contact Sarah 07772 432485*)

WEDNESDAY

10.00am - 11.30am

Little Baby Buntings - Mum & Baby Group for 0-3 years *

1.00pm - 2.30pm

WOMBATS - Mother & Toddler Group 0-School age *

5.30pm and 7.30pm

Slimming World (*Contact Angie 07443 565571*)

THURSDAY

10.00am - 11.30am

WOMBATS - Mother & Toddler Group 0-School Age *

2.00pm - 3.30pm

Dance,Dance,Dance New Beginners Adult Modern Sequence class and practice
(*Contact Dawn on 0121 783 5584*)

Karate for 4yrs +*

5.00pm - 6.00pm

Kettlebells & Cardio

6.15pm - 7.10pm

Clubbercise (*Contact Rebecca 07525 414703*)

7.15pm - 8.15pm

FRIDAY

12noon - 1.30pm

Meet & Eat - Lunch and a chat for the retired (We are currently full) *

6.00pm - 7.00pm

Boxercise (*Contact Jason 07515 360586*)

* For more information contact The Link 0121-748-6360

MEMORY CAFE

The Memory Cafe is held on the 1st Friday in the month, 1.30pm - 4.00pm, in the Robert Lloyd Room at the Parish Church. It is open for anyone affected by dementia personally and for their carers. Anyone is welcome to call in to chat over refreshments, hopefully enabling your memories to help and remind others of times past and present.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Women's World Day of Prayer will be held at the Methodist Church on Friday 2nd March 2018. Come along and join in this lively service at 10.30am, wear something bright and enjoy refreshments afterwards. The service is open to males and females.

Rehearsals for this service will take place in the Robert Lloyd room on Friday 16th February and Thursday 22nd February at 10.30am.

WOMEN ALIVE

Women Alive—Thursday 1st February 7.30pm start -"Let's go to the Movies", with ice cream and popcorn. Venue, the Robert Lloyd Room, St Peter and St Paul's Church, Water Orton. Come and join us, everyone welcome.

WATER ORTON MEMORIAL GROUP

The memorial project consultation took place on 6th January. The survey on Facebook and papers completed on the day produced in total 71 results and showed 84.5% in favour of having names on the memorial and 60% against names of soldiers from other local areas being included on the memorial. Please be assured that these results and all comments will be taken forward in the design process. We have raised £13,000 of £25,500 needed to date but are hoping to get the remaining funds underwritten whilst we continue fundraising, to allow us to order the Memorial stone by March. We are planning to have it in place for dedication in October, enabling us to hold the Remembrance Service at the Memorial on 11.11.2018.

Our first fundraising event this year is a Quiz on 9th February. This will be held at Water Orton Cricket Club at 7.30pm. Teams of maximum 6 people, and tickets £5 each person. Please come along and enjoy the Quiz, knowing that you are supporting the new War Memorial for the village. Tickets are available at Derek's shop, Coleshill Road, Water Orton and from Judy Macdonald, contact her on 07914812509.

OPEN DOOR CAFE

Every Tuesday at 9.00am - noon and Thursday at 2.00pm - 4.00pm the Open Door cafe is open in the Robert Lloyd Room. Please come and join in with refreshments and a chat amongst friends.

Quote for Lent: Lent is a good time for sacrificing. Let us deny ourselves something every day, to help others.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCILLORS

I'm pleased to report that it's been a quiet Christmas at both councils, however, 2018 has now well and truly kicked-off in style with planning meetings about budgets, cost savings, HS2, and strategic development and infrastructure proposals. It's going to be a busy and challenging year, and a significant one for Water Orton too. A new school, a new war memorial, a decision from the airport on flight paths, the relocation of the rugby club, and yes, the start of construction proper of HS2.

We are going to be living with a lot of change and Ray and I will do our very best to keep everyone updated and consult whenever possible. If we can be of any help please let us know on either 07770 704 617 or via email at davereilly@warwickshire.gov.uk.

Ray and I will be available at our weekly surgery from 11am - 12 noon every Tuesday at St Peter and St Paul's Cafe and at the Methodist Church on the last Saturday of the month, 10.00am - 12 noon. If we can help with any issue then please contact us.

With kind regards, Dave and Ray.