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## What's On

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UNTIL COVID-19 IS UNDER CONTROL  
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## Clash Diary 2020

June 7	Hempstead Charity Lunch	Sep 7	Plumstead PC
July 8	Matlaske Coffee Morning	Sep 16	Matlaske PC
July 11	Edgefest 5	Oct 9	Matlaske Quiz
July 15	Matlaske PC	Oct 23	Hempstead Quiz
July 25	Matlaske Fête	Dec 6	Matlaske Christmas Party
Aug 2	Hempstead Fête	Dec 7	Plumstead PC
Aug 15	Baconsthorpe Fête		

If you are arranging an event please check with Corinne Youngs that there is not already an event being held that day  
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## Local Blog Writers

### Baconsthorpe Nature Diaries

Paul Nichols from Baconsthorpe has started a blog about his walks and nature observations during the lock-down: <https://baconsthorpenaturediaries.blogspot.com/>

### Edtechs Info Blog

Mandy Honeyman is a teacher and specialist in home education who lives in Baconsthorpe. She writes a blog with resources for parents that might be helpful for those with children at home, including self-isolation education idea: <https://bit.ly/359ojCT>

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## Lilly of the Valley - The Flower for May



Blue Tit by Mary Keasley



**Letter from the Rector - Revd Canon David Longe**  
577252 / 07881 950294 / rector@matlaske.org.uk

Dear All

I want to start by thanking the Beale family for permission to mention what follows in this letter.

In the church of Santa Maria Novella in Florence there is a painting of the crucifixion by Masaccio, who died only aged 26 or 27 in 1428. The painting, known as the *The Trinity*, from afar looks like a 'normal' crucifixion painting, with the three women, Mary (Jesus Mother), Mary Magdalene, and Mary the wife of Cleopas, as well as St John standing at the foot of the cross. Certainly, when I first saw this painting twenty years ago that was all I saw. But as you approach the painting you see another figure. A bearded figure standing behind the crucified Christ. And as you come even closer you see that the figure has his hands underneath the arms of Christ.

The figure – a human image of God – is holding his son, Jesus, as he bears the pain of the cross. Between them, harder to see, there is an image of the dove, representing the Holy Spirit. Hence the one picture contains the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Why we must ask (not to ask would not be to use our God-given facilities) is this virus causing such havoc and such tragedy? Where (we must also ask) is this apparently loving Christian God? On the face of it, God seems absent from all the difficulties we are encountering.



*The Trinity*  
(Trinity with the Virgin, Saint John the Evangelist & Donors)  
Masaccio c 1427

So far as I am aware, I remain incredibly fortunate that none of my family appear to have been affected by the virus. Yet these last few weeks I have encountered several families in our community who have had to face extraordinarily tough circumstances. They have had to watch as those closest to them suffer the most awful symptoms.

When I telephoned the Beale family last week to offer my condolences, I was amazed at their response. For within their sadness at losing a beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, there was an incredible gratitude for those who had cared for him. The description of the care that was given was way beyond the call of duty. It was loving, tender and gentle. The family could not stop singing the praises of the staff.

We have been told again and again of how outstanding the caring profession is being, particular the NHS. Their bravery, courage, and resilience will be remembered for many years to come. Our tribute on a Thursday evening is important (and proving entertaining – Jonathan Cooper's uplifting music is blasted out over the roofs of Baconsthorpe) yet it seems insignificant compared to the magnitude of their sacrifice.

So where is God in this we must ask again? Is God there? Has God forgotten us?

In St Matthew's Gospel Jesus is recorded as having said from the cross: "My God, My God why have you forsaken me?" He was at a loss, it was the end.

God I believe did not forsake Jesus; and neither does he forsake us. The God revealed in the tender child in Bethlehem and cared for by a young woman from Nazareth, Mary, is the God who calls us into relationship, where the Divine is continually revealed, even in times of great pain and great tragedy. We discern God's presence at the crucifixion because of the resurrection. Of course it's difficult to believe in the resurrection: Jesus clearly struggled or else we would not attribute those words to him. But believe in it we must: it is our hope. We must believe that we see the Divine revealed daily, in the mundane, in the simple as well as in the complex and unfathomable.

When Kevin relayed to me how his father had been cared for, I felt he had described to me a glimpse and an encounter with the Divine. A glimpse of the hands that held Christ in that picture in that Church in Florence.

For the Divine is not revealed through some flash of light but through, as Kevin so beautifully put it to me, the exceptional care and love that is being shown across the world by those who care for us.

When we clap this Thursday let it sound down our streets and across our fields with a prayer of gratitude for these brave individuals in whom we place our trust.

My prayers are with all who have lost those they love during this epidemic and with those who are suffering at this time: may they all be held in the loving arms of God.

David

## Baconsthorpe

### 200 Club

£25 Nicola Hems, £10 David Youngs, £5 Rosemary Combe, Roger Hall

Despite the selfisolation and everything being cancelled there is news in Baconsthorpe.



Photograph by Norman Allen

The first is very sad news. Alice Hazeel died on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April, aged 94. Alice was born at Hall Cottages and attended Baconsthorpe School. During the war she joined the ATS and was stationed at Anglesey. She met her husband Harold in Cornwall where they spent the first years of married life. She returned to Baconsthorpe in 1953 when the houses in the Pightle were built, and that remained her home for the rest of her life. She will be greatly missed by her friends.



Corinne Youngs  
577263

### Village Van

The mobile shop visited the village last Wednesday supplied with a wonderful range of goods and was very well supported. To check when they will be in Baconsthorpe the link is:

<https://www.neallskitchen.com/villagevan>

### Church Stall

Due to the cancellation of the Plant Sale many plants are available on the Church Stall at Ash Tree Farm. This is the only income the church is making at the moment so please do support our stall.



### Allotments

Thank you to Oliver Hussar who has made a very smart sign for the allotments. All this beautiful weather is allowing everyone to toil away on their allotments and in their gardens. We can look forward to reaping the benefits of all this hard work during the summer.

There are still plots available, if you're interested please contact Michael Day: 07768 816331

### Clap for the NHS

What an event Thursday nights at 8pm has turned into. Not only can clapping and banging in appreciation of the NHS be heard all over the village, but Jonathon Cooper is relaying Vera Lyn singing *We'll Meet Again* so the whole village and beyond can hear it. Well done and thank you Jonathon.

### Help in Baconsthorpe with Coronavirus

Just to remind you, this is working well. If you need shopping, prescriptions or help of any kind there is a team of willing helpers ready to do what is needed, we can't thank you all enough. If you do need help please phone me on 577263.



## Barningham Winter

I would be willing to collect tablets for anyone from Aldborough Surgery. Contact me on 577207



Sara Buxton  
577207

## Edgefield

### Village Hall News

We continue to improve our facilities in the village hall. The kitchen now has a new drinks fridge and a freezer which we made room for by altering the position of a radiator. We will be installing a worktop above these, so all of this will greatly assist with events that require catering. Our next event is scheduled to be EDGEFEST 5 on 11<sup>th</sup> July. As yet we have made no decision on this, but rest assured it will go ahead at some time, if not on that date. Stay well, everyone, and we hope to see you all before too long.



Richard Peaver  
587486

Jim Frost



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A reminder that anyone needing help should contact Su on 710702 or Yvette on  
712460.

Apologies to the Sanders family that the following notice was left out last month:

### Congratulations

You will be pleased to learn of the wedding of Nicholas Sanders and Eleanor Nash. They were  
married on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at St Ethelbert's Church Alby with Rev Brian Faulkner officiating.  
We wish good health and happiness to them both.

I hope that you are all discovering new ways to pass the time. I think all our gardens are going to  
look magnificent!



Su Summers  
710702

## Matlaske

### 100 Club

£25 Ian Fitzpatrick-Swallow, £10 Michelle Leeder, £5 Richenda Farmer

### Sincere Condolences

To Trudi Brett and her family on the death of Julian her husband and father of  
Selene and Remus.



Marion Shepherd  
577521

### Matlaske Community Working Together

There have been many great examples of the local community coming together to support one  
another at this challenging time. It is surprising how resourceful and creative we can be together  
when the need arises. How wonderful to see our neighbours, albeit from afar, each Thursday  
evening when we show our appreciation for our amazing care and healthcare workers. Our refuse  
collectors, farmers, post people, delivery people, shop workers and key workers in general are  
doing a fantastic job for us all. When it comes to feeling supported, a huge thank you to Reverend  
Canon David Longe and his ministry team for continuing to provide excellent services of worship  
to the online community on a regular basis.

Thank you also to Mick for supplying our monthly gardening diary, which in the current climate  
continues to be received very well.

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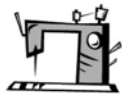


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## Plumstead

I looked back at what I had written at the beginning of last month's piece which concentrated on the start of the outbreak of the virus and before the lock-down was fully in place. Here we are a month later and we are settling into a new way of living with little idea of when the restrictions will be lifted. I feel very grateful that there is countryside around us where we can walk or bike. Many of us have gardens where we can spend time outside and children can play without breaking any government strategies to combat this bizarre situation we find ourselves in. Nature is completely unaffected by the dramatic changes to our lives, the birds are nesting, the trees are beginning to be in leaf, wildflowers are appearing in our hedgerows and the swallows are just beginning to arrive. Fortunately this part of our lives is a constant. There is little news but please do take note of these two events:



Mary Lintott  
577718

## Parish Council News

Plumstead Village VE Day Celebrations on 8<sup>th</sup> May have been hopefully moved to 15/16 August, VJ Day, which really was the end of the WW2. If restrictions have been sufficiently lifted, there will be a celebration at the Flagpole. Let us wait and see.

The cowslips on the meadow at Plumstead Green have given a lovely show. Please take your walks past to see what follows and perhaps see some goslings on the pond.

If you have any concerns please remember there is a list of contact numbers for help and support on the Parish Council website and on Notice Boards in the Village. Keep safe and well!

## Church News

Pumpkins, dahlias etc. Please don't forget to plant out your pumpkins, squashes and dahlias for our Autumn Event on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020. Now is the time! If you are having trouble accessing pumpkin plants all is not lost. Please do contact Mary 577178

## Richard Baglin

Richard died on 22<sup>nd</sup> March in hospital in London. He had a serious stroke just after Christmas and had been in intensive care. Most weekends he and his wife Anne travelled to Ivy Cottage from their home in Greenwich. They spent many hours creating a wonderful garden. It was a real labour of love. They supported village events and Richard will be remembered for his pithy humour, love of horse racing and walking his dogs. We are looking forward to seeing Anne again when the lockdown is lifted.

## Village Van

This has been a welcome addition to our weekly life - giving us structure so we finally know what day of the week it is and providing a good range of foodstuffs for us to purchase. You can view their website to place orders. It has been well attended so far and just in case you have missed it do pay a visit on a Friday 1 pm by the Flagpole Garden.

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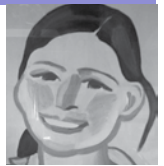
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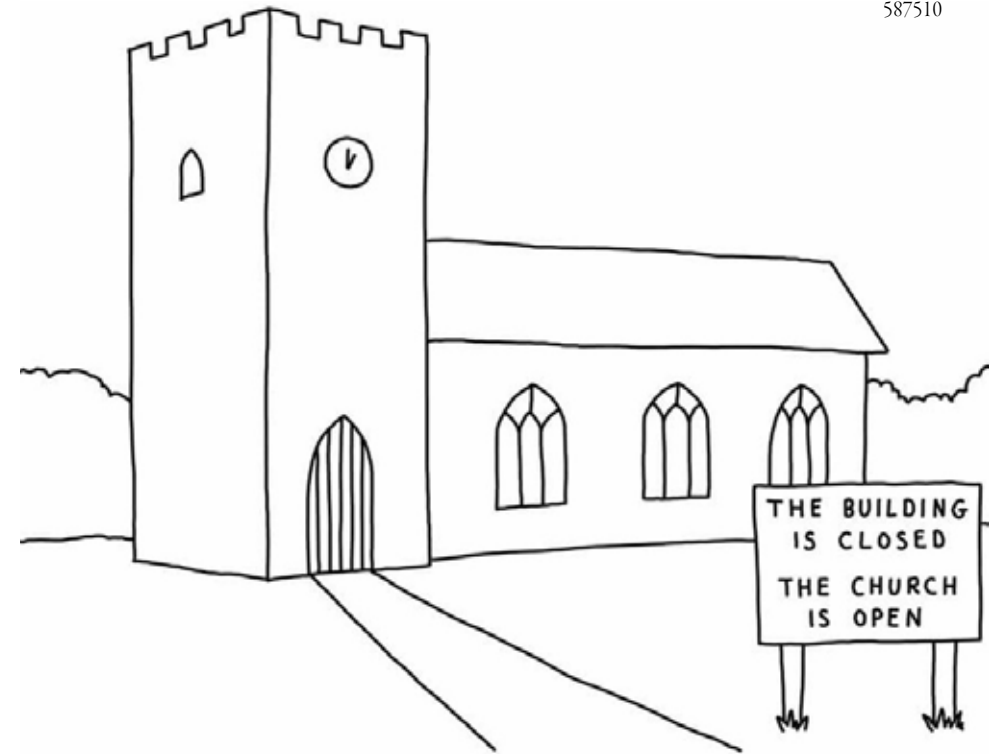
## Saxthorpe with Corpusty

### St Andrew's Church News

While St Andrew's Church building is unfortunately closed due to the Coronavirus pandemic, we are seeking new ways to share fellowship and worship at this challenging time. Online services are now being made available on our website: [www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10369/](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10369/)



Sophia Hodgson  
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We are sad to report the passing of Beryl Muttok (aged 82) (née Wright) on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020. Beryl died peacefully in Redlands Care Home in Hellesdon, Norwich. She was married to Cyril who died in 2019. They lived all their married life on Old Post Office Lane, Saxthorpe, having met at Corpusty Primary School. There was a small funeral, family only, on 16<sup>th</sup> April, and there will be a memorial service at a later date to be announced.

### Community Support Help-Line

For those who are self-isolating and otherwise adhering to government guidelines of care in these difficult times, volunteers from our community have created a telephone help-line to assist those who may require help with, among other things: picking up shopping, collecting prescriptions, posting mail, dog walking, technical support, or, above all, providing a friendly phone chat

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(someone with whom to talk when the need arises). Every household should have received a leaflet, but as a reminder the help-line team phone number is: 587998

A very special thank you to the many among our community who have volunteered, offering their time and effort in aiding those in the community who desire assistance. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

## Parish Council News

The main PC meeting on March 17th was cancelled, and an informal zoom meeting, some days later, established that meeting virtually is possible. As the next PC meeting is on Tuesday May 19th it will be held virtually if we are still in lock-down. Members of the public who wish to be part of the meeting should contact Kirsty Cotgrove on: [c.sparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:c.sparishclerk@gmail.com). In spite of the lack of formal meetings the work of the PC is proceeding with reference to planning applications, payments and other matters.

## Trussell Trust

Caroline Randell is coordinating a roadside stall outside her house, on Heydon Road just up the hill from the Dukes Head, selling plants and cut flowers. All proceeds go to the food bank Trussell Trust. At the time of writing an impressive £277 has been raised. So, if you would like cheering-up with flowers or want to stock your garden, please visit.

## Personal Protective Equipment

If you have unwanted sheets, pillow cases or quilts, please make them available to Diane Marshall 587822 or 07717 615022 for the purpose of producing PPE.

## Circulation

As well as being available on the PC website, if anyone would like to receive the Church & Village news by email, they should ask [guyhodgson@outlook.com](mailto:guyhodgson@outlook.com).



Harold's Restored Field - Corpusty by Steve James



## The Village Gardener

To Plant a Garden is to Believe in Tomorrow



For those of us fortunate enough to have a garden then I don't think there is much more solace that can be gained in these tremendously difficult times than by spending time in our own home-made havens. However, my heart really does go out to people who are self-isolating without some outdoor space. We are extremely fortunate to be where we are.

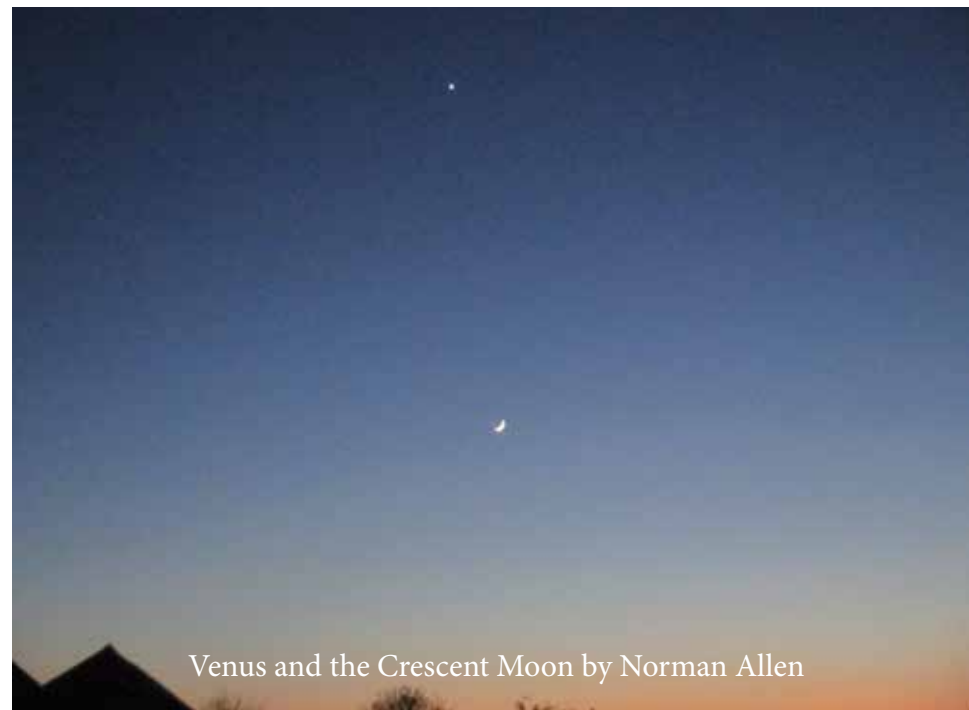
I am sure I am not alone in finding people's rediscovery of their gardens namely their vegetable gardens rather reassuring, if not momentarily frustrating when you try and put your usual seed order in... with that in mind we will start off in the vegetable patch! As I write this we have just had some quite sharp frosts, something to be really wary of until we are properly in May. If you have got plants that are desperate to get out, consider popping them in a cold frame or on a cooler windowsill just to keep them used to colder temperatures and to stop them roaring ahead. Be especially careful of courgette plants: they are so susceptible to frost, other veg plants are less fussy, thank goodness! In the veg patch try and focus on vegetables you really like to eat too, as space will be at a premium now so it's worth really thinking and planning through what you want to grow. There's no point in growing a huge bed of kale if no one in your household likes the stuff. Catch crops are helpful too, so try a row of radishes or cutting lettuce leaves in between slower crops like parsnips etc. Do keep an eye on young seedlings: on bright sunny days it's worth providing them with a bit of shade, especially if they have just been transplanted. However careful you are, they do sustain some root damage, so they just require a bit of care till they have found their feet again. Elsewhere in the garden keep on top of weeds by mulching well. We should soon see some early summer colour which will do us all the power of good.



This month's question is from Cathy Batchelar who says my husband has just given me a lovely little bare-root Victoria Plum tree which I have already planted. My question is would it help the tree establish if I add mulch around the base and if so what should I use? Thanks Cathy – wow, what a fantastic present! I would most certainly water it in well, then mulch to hold in all that water and help the tree settle in the early months, don't ever let it dry out! You can mulch with bark chip, leaf mould, garden compost etc, just be sure not to mulch right up to the stem of the tree, it needs to breathe. Have a fantastic birthday and enjoy your tree!

Do keep the questions coming in! Email me at [redmaple@btinternet.com](mailto:redmaple@btinternet.com) and as ever the most interesting question will be published next month.

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