

Stoke Orchard and Tredington Newsletter



March 2021

The Mad March Hare!!

The Monthly Message—The Rev. Ilse Ferwerda

What are you doing for Lent? Amongst other things, I have taken up reading some of the books that have been waiting to be read for er..... let's just say: a long time! I have nearly finished the first book, called 'Where God begins to be' by Karen Karper, a Franciscan nun who after living in a monastery for many years decided she wanted to be a hermit and live in voluntary poverty and simplicity. She was granted permission to do this and the book describes her time as a hermit. The book title comes from Meister Eckhart's quote: 'There where clinging to things ends, there God begins to be.' And this quote really makes me stop and think, and look at the shelves full of books with something close to discomfort: why am I clinging, holding on, to books that I know I will not read, or will not read again? I can feel a radical clear out coming on... And perhaps that should be my Lent 'thing'?

But it begs the question whether our 'clinging' to things stands in the way of our experiencing God. Clinging has a negative ring about it, a desperate holding on to something that may not be good or necessary for us. 2020 has been quite the year to reassess who and what we actually need, as we found ourselves in lockdown, as people lost their jobs or incomes, as the hospitality and travel and other sectors were – and still are - badly affected. Perhaps some of us have found we don't need 'things' as much as we need each other, need the communities of which we are part? Karen Karper, the author of the book, found that although her savings dwindled to next to nothing at times, she managed to find the trust and faith that she would cope – either because somehow whatever she needed would be given to her or she'd have an opportunity to earn some money (by leading retreats or spiritual direction), or because she was given the strength to cope and live without.

However I am very aware that I write this as a very privileged person who has a partner, good health, a job (two jobs even!), a house, a car, clothes, heating, food on the table and in the cupboards and the fridge and freezer – things that are not accessible or affordable to everyone.

I hope I will never take any of this for granted, and take heed of what Meister Eckhart wrote 'Where clinging to things ends, there God begins to be' and what is written in Matthew 24.19: 'It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God.' What is it that stands in our way, and what can we take up or give up to change that?

Peace and Blessings to you all - Ilse.

The Tredington News Pages

Tredington & Stoke Orchard WI met on Tuesday, 9th February, for a Zoom meeting & Bingo. As we were unable to finish the Bingo game, we met again on the 16th when we spent an enjoyable hour finishing the game. Viv Troughton won each time which must be a record!

Our next Zoom meeting is on **Tuesday, March 9th** when Bob Stockwell will demonstrate how to paint & decorate Easter Eggs. Members will have the opportunity to decorate 2 eggs each. These will be delivered beforehand, to everyone wishing to take part. Most people have already signed up, but if you haven't, but would like to, please ring Joy.

Tredington & Stoke Orchard Gardening Club met for a Zoom talk on Monday, February 15th to hear Mrs Chrissy Chang on "Making your Garden more manageable". This was very interesting & gave us several hints on the right garden tools to use, among other information. Our next meeting on Zoom is on **Monday, March 15th, When Victoria Logue will speak on" Extending the Seasons in your Garden"**. If anyone would like to join these meetings, please ring Paddy on 01684 294053.

Tredington Village Hall is still closed but as soon as we are allowed to open again, we will inform all regular users.

STOKE ORCHARD & TREDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL



Parish Councillors from 20th February 2020 are:-

Cllr Richard Chatham, Cllr Andrew Troughton,
Cllr James Gilder, Cllr Alan McDonald Cllr Phil Ternouth

Contact Details – through the Clerk - Mrs Jules Owen
S.O and T P.C. phone:-07763 250303

email- stokeorchardpc@gmail.com

Minutes of Past Meetings are to be found on the Parish Council Website.

Notice of Stoke Orchard and Tredington Parish Council Meeting

Due to Covid-19, following Government Guidance, all face-to-face Parish Council Meetings have been cancelled until further notice. The next Parish Council Meeting will be held electronically at 7.00pm on Tuesday February 2nd 2021. Members of the public are invited to request access details to the meeting from the Parish Clerk – please email: clerk@stokeorchardandtredington.org.uk by 12 noon on 29th January 2021. The Full Minutes of the October Parish Council Meeting are available on the website www.stokeorchardandtredington.org.uk .

The work of a Parish Councillor can cover a multitude of subjects and it is very fortunate that on the Council we have a wide range of expertise. However, with the decision that the Parish Council took nearly 15 years ago to take responsibility for the Shop, the Bus. the Playground, the Muga and the Public Open Space at Stoke Orchard to facilitate the removal of the redundant Old Coal Board site , a blot on our landscape with its steel gasification towers, asbestos , rotting steel and rats—there is still lots more to do. And we will be looking for “extras” to help in the future managing the Public Open Space!!

However, there is of a lot going on this Parish besides —— PTO!!



Parish Council and I would like to take this opportunity to mention the work of other groups which support the Parish Council and the Community in their own special way.

Ever since the tip opened some 50 years ago, our roadsides have been blighted by rubbish, some fly tipping, some blown off lorries and some from lazy people just dropping rubbish out of their cars. Over the last couple of months, orange bags of rubbish have appeared on the side of the road, sometimes outside peoples houses, other times at pickup points. What a difference the Volunteer litter pickers are making to our countryside. Not the most glamorous job but the result is visible and very welcome. There was a posting on the Tewkesbury Noticeboard last week from a local contractor who often drives through Tredington and he said how much difference it makes. So to those who actively clear Fiddington Lane and Bozards—thank you very much. It is sad that it needs to be done but what a difference. If any one else is interested in taking on a patch, The Borough Council will supply the tools, the bags , gloves etc and will make regular collections from pick up points. Give them a call.

Covid has produced very different reactions to the Volunteer section over the last twelve months There has been a wonderful reaction of support for those less able in the Community with people providing shopping and support facilities for those who have been unable to get out due to self isolation and shielding. However, sadly, there has been an alternative re-action and many organisations are facing a difficult future as volunteers who, due to the closure of so many facilities, have lost the impetus and fun of group volunteering and have dropped out. This problem has already been nationally recognised and several online forums and seminars for the Voluntary sector are encouraging those of us who volunteer to encourage and welcome both those who volunteered before and new ones. Volunteering can also be a great benefit to the lonely as they can meet and interact with others and must be encouraged and welcomed.

If we look at the Parish, Volunteers support and manage both our fabulous historic Churches, Tredington Village Hall and the Stoke Orchard Community Centre, two of us are involved as Flood wardens, The Orchard Stores and Amy's Coffee Shop, some drive the Mini bus and in the past year we have cleared trees and footpaths and of course the work with the NDP will start to flow again soon. Many of us volunteer elsewhere. To those who make a difference, we look forward to being able soon to meet again in the usual way - **Thank you—You Make the Difference.**

*Before anyone complains—apologies there are no Ramblings—
Back next Month—I promise!! Editor!!*

Community Centre

Our community centre is still feeling sad and empty and can't wait for the day when it can welcome our residents and hirers through its' doors, and for the rooms to be once again echoing with the sound of activity and laughter....or in the case of the exercise classes, the grunts of pain! Helen is doing a sterling job of keeping things running, whilst on very reduced hours, and with a largely non-existent income coming in. For the moment sadly, the hall continues to only be available for emergencies, the NHS and single professional use like dancers or elite sports people. However, as soon as we are able, we will be

The Orchard Stores and Amy's Coffee Shop.

Preparations are now well under way for the extension which will give us nearly 50% more shop shelving and provide extra room for the chairs and tables in the dedicated Coffee shop area we have so sadly missed during lockdown. We have managed to obtain extra grant money for more freezers and shelving so the total outlay will be nearly £40,000 . It is an exciting time and plans for a wider selection of wines, frozen & fresh foods and household products are on their way.

Parish Notes—Important Please!!

Over the past few weeks, the Parish Council has been working very hard to sought out problems that are affecting us all in both villages. The state of the road surface in the Parish is a disgrace. There is a serious problem with the drainage system at the S.O. Garage Site which is now causing dangerous flooding to that area. The odour from the Wingmoor Farm is causing serious concern and I attended a three hour Conference meeting last night about that problem. Tomorrow night I have a 2 hour Flood Wardens Meeting. Our little Parish is suffering and we need your help. The 4 Page pull out in this Newsletter is to help you help us. We need you to complain when there are problems. Please help us—see a problem ? - **REPORT IT. Thank you.**

Emergency File and useful Numbers.

Introduction—Over the last twelve months, we have had a succession of emergency problems from, **Floods, Sewage Bursts and Blockages, Water Main Bursts, Highway defects, Electricity Failures, and of Course Covid.** Please use the numbers on the following pages to report problems—please do NOT leave it to someone else.

Personal Emergencies

It is very important that you and your family are prepared

999—Fire—Police—Ambulance—Mountain Rescue

The most important Emergency Number

When making a 999 call You need to remember:

- 1. Tell the call handler which emergency service you need.**
- 2. To tell the call handler your address/or the location of the incident and phone number.**
- 3. Stay calm and stay on the line as the Operator might have some questions. LISTEN carefully—they will lead you through the information they need so they can send help quickly.**

112— You can also use 112 in the same way you use 999

111— NHS 111 can help if you have an urgent medical problem that is not an emergency issue and you're not sure what to do.

101— Non-emergency number for the Police only—

For instance—Your car or property has been stolen—Your property has been damaged—you wish to speak to the police about a crime.

Samaritans 116 123 Samaritans.

Remember we have a defibrillator in each village—

Stoke Orchard—Yellow box at the Community Centre.

Tredington - Yellow Box in the Telephone kiosk

In Any Emergency the Rules are Simple—

using the phonetell the operator

report on a website record the details

1. Report the Emergency YOURSELF—Immediately.
2. Be ready with - Where—When—and - What
3. Record your own details.
4. If you are speaking on the phone—speak slowly and clearly and listen to the operator.

Highways / Pothole / Flooded road / Traffic lights / Fallen Tree/etc.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/roads/your-highways-report-it/>

Go to this website and follow the directions— road from The Odessa Thro' to Bishops Cleeve is 'Stoke Road 300086'

If the situation is an immediate danger to public safety please
call our emergency number 08000 514 514

Electricity Power Cut.—first check with a neighbour to see that it is a general power cut and not your own Fuse box / Trip Switch.

Website <https://powercuts.westernpower.co.uk>

Enter your postcode on this site—or if no Broadband / Internet

Ring. 0800 6783 105 or new mobile no. 105

SMELL GAS !! If you smell gas, think you have a gas leak or have any concerns regarding carbon monoxide,

Gas Emergency Services—free on 0800 111 999

Remember—Have your Post Code ready!

Mains Water Bursts, Sewer Problems

If you see a water burst, have no water supply in the house—Sewer leakage from Manhole or pipe burst/Blockage- **contact Severn Trent.**

Severn Trent Emergency Number is(24hrs) 0800 783 4444
Or go online—check problems and report a fault/burst or blockage.

<https://www.stwater.co.uk/in-my-area/check-my-area/>

Floods In or Close to your Property.

For assistance and Emergency support

Tewkesbury Boro' Council Emergency **01684 293445**

Smell/ Fly infestation /Environmental Health incident

Environmental Agency Hotline **0800 80 70 60**

Includes methane gas from Waste tips. Etc.

IMPORTANT—please record—Time—Date— Place—

Type of smell and Intensity of Smell 1—10

Tewkesbury Community Hospital 0300 421 6100

Barton Street, Tewkesbury—GL20 5GJ **Minor Injuries Unit - Closes 8.00pm.**

Cheltenham General Hospital - 0300 422 2222—

Sandford Road , Cheltenham GL53 7AN **A and E - College Road.**

<https://www.gloshospitals.nhs.uk/your-visit/our-wards/andecheltenham/>

Gloucester Royal Hospital— 03004 22 2222 -

Great Western Road, Gloucester, GL1 3NN **A and E—Main Hospital**

<http://www.gloshospitals.nhs.uk/>

REMEMBER 111—111 is a non-emergency service which offers urgent health care assessment and can signpost you to the most appropriate care for your condition; this could be self-care, your GP, a local pharmacy, walk-in centre, emergency department or we'll arrange for an emergency ambulance if required.

Useful numbers , email addresses and websites.

Names, address and phone numbers supplied on a reference basis and with the best intentions—The Parish Council will hold no responsibility as to reliability etc.

Parish Council, www.stokeorchardandtredington.org.uk

Community Centre. www.stokeorchard.org

The Orchard Stores and Amy's Coffee Shop 01242 681464

Tewkesbury Borough Council 01684 295010

<https://www.tewkesbury.gov.uk/>

Gloucestershire County Council 01452 425000

<https://www.goucestershire.gov.uk/>.

Book a car at the Tip <https://forms.goucestershire.gov.uk/>

[HRC_CarBooking](#) - Or Telephone booking Ring 01452 596626.

Citizens Advice Bureau <http://gloscab.org.uk> 01452 527202

Crime stoppers <http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/> 0800 555111

Local Pharmacies.

Lloyds Pharmacy Devereux Centre, Tewkes GL20 5GJ 01684 293309

Badhams Pharmacy 105 Queens Rd, Tewkes. GL20 5EN 01684 290659

Badhams Pharmacy 23 Church Road B' Cleeve 01242 672653

Opticians

Norvilles 4 Stoke Road. B' Cleeve 01242 673634

Guilford and Carter 23a Church Street, B'Cleeve 01242 675964

O'Brien and Wrench. 18/20 Barton Street, Tewkes. 01684 850212

Boots Opticians, 99-100 High Street Tewkes. 01684 294817

(Scrivens, Specsavers, Alan Verrinder also available in Tewkesbury)

Plumbers and Heating Engineers.

IntIntergas (Cheltenham) Ltd. Southam Lane, 01242 677327

K. Steel and Son. Bishops Cleeve. 01242 677453

Electricians

Bolt Electrical Ltd— contact Martin. Tewkesbury 07852 255764

MJF Electrical, Bramley Road Tewkesbury. 01684 607030-07738 164359

Cobblers—Traditional Shoe Mender

Alan MacDonald, Tarlings Yard, Bishops Cleeve 01242 679169

Remember—to protect yourself against

Victims of this scam have reported losing over £242,000 since June. For more information, please visit <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/alert/fake-dpd-messages-lead-to-over-200000-in-losses-since-june>

We all get phone call scams—**please be aware.**

“Broadband is about to be disconnected—”



ActionFraud

National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre

0300 123 2040

“Amazon Prime account needs attention—”

“You have a delivery - we need details—”

“£600 has just been removed from your Visa Account—”

All these are regular scams and often on a daily basis.

DO NOT PRESS 1—PUT the phone down immediately.

**EMAIL SCAMS—some are threatening—report to
report@phishing.gov.uk.**

SUSPICIOUS TEXTS— forward to 7726

DO NOT GET SCAMMED—If in doubt just Delete

Latest Telephone Scam this week— Be sensible—be careful

Telephone—” Good morning, We have taken over the extended guarantee on your Dishwasher, Washing machine, Fridge. We just need your Bank Details to complete the form—It's ok, Madam —we don't need the long number.

Beware—this happened to my sister this morning—it's ok she did not fall for it.



Check or Trust



This month we have been continuing our wellbeing theme in ACE assemblies for both the children in school and those at home. It has also been Safer Internet Day which could not really have come at a better time.

The theme for this year was:

An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world.

We always take time on this day (and many others!) to ensure our children feel confident about what they could do if they were worried about something online. The internet is a fantastic resource which we use in school all the time for communication, research and interactive learning resources. The children also use it at home to stay in contact, learn new skills and to play games, all of which are fantastic uses and add to our lives.

In our assemblies we have considered how to separate the fact on the internet from the fiction, how this makes us feel and what we can do about it. Children were familiar with many of the examples we looked at – from ads for games and competitions to made-up news stories. We have also seen chain messages being sent recently and children have reported seeing these too – they were astounded when I explained these used to come through in the post!



Tredington Primary School

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By having open conversations about this, it helps us to understand what is current for the children (Facebook apparently is not!) and also demonstrates to them that we are interested and they can talk to us. Many of the children were aware of chain messages and knew not to worry about them

but had also sent them on without really thinking about whether they might worry others. As with anything they see on the internet which might concern them, our message is to show an adult they trust and talk about it. We can then help guide them about whether it is fact or fiction and whether to report, delete, block or simply ignore it. There are lots of free resources online for parents to help support discussions with your child too. We use the UK Safer Internet Centre where there is a parents/carers section which includes free resources.

Next month I will be sharing some of the children's amazing writing that they have been doing at both home and school.

If you'd like to find out more and connect with us, follow Tredington Primary School on Facebook or visit our website.

Mrs E. White (Head teacher)



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Assistant Priest	Rev. Kay Mundy	01452 780634	revkaymundy@gmail.com
Priest in Charge	Revd Ilse Ferwerda	01452 780880	upperleypriest@gmail.com
Church Warden	Tessa Mills	01684 216563	
Hon Associate Minister	Rev. Tom Curtis, Stonehills Tewkesbury, GL20 5FB	01684 295298	
Readers	Mrs Vivienne Troughton Tredington, Tewkesbury GL20 7BW 01684 293540	01684 293540	
Children & Young People's Church	Vivienne Troughton	01684 293540	
Tredington Primary School	Cath Pollard Head Teacher	01684 293617	admin@tredington.gloucs.sch.uk www.tredington.gloucs.sch.uk
Tredington Ted-dies Play-group & Tredington Ted-dies Baby & Toddler Group	Tina Taylor – Play leader/Manager Children aged 2 years to school age Monday to Friday 9am – 3pm Morning sessions 9am – 12.30pm	01684 293617	info@tredingtonteddies.org.uk www.tredingtonteddies.org.uk Stoke Orchard Community Centre Wednesdays, 9.30am – 11.00am £1.50 entry, no need to book
Village Hall	Frank Juckes	01684 294053	tredingtonvillagehall@gmail.com
Stoke Orchard Community Cen-	Helen	07437 533 132	info@stokeorchard.org
Recycling and Waste Collection Dates for March Stoke Orchard and Tredington. Blue - Thursday 11th , Thursday 25th , Green. Thursday 4th, and Thursday 18th			

FLOWER Volunteers are needed to help with flowers and decorating Stoke Orchard Church, especially at Christmas, Easter and Harvest. No skill is required - just a love of flowers! Please contact Tessa Mills (Churchwarden) if you can help. Thanks! Tessa's contact number: 01452 780434

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