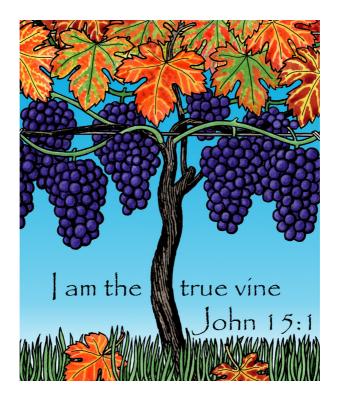
## Parish Magazine for Wem, Lee Brockhurst and Weston-under-Redcastle

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## St Peter & St Paul's, Wem St Peter's, Lee Brockhurst St Luke's, Weston-under-Redcastle



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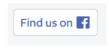
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## From the Registers of St Peter and St Paul's Wem

#### **Holy Baptism**

18 July Paige Harriet Reading 18 July Elliot James Davis 23 July Ronnie Thomas Steven Andrew Jones-Craft

1 August Delilah May Ralph
22 August India Tinsley Macrae
22 August Amora Esme Edwards
22 August Iris Arabella Lambe
28 August Anton Alan Paul Forrester
28 August Frederick Thomas Martin
29 August Florence Esme Evans
29 August Billy Thomas Griffiths

"One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all."

#### At Rest

9 July Elizabeth Anne Beynon (Interment Whitchurch Rd) 19 July Audrey Thorley 20 July Clive Jones (Interment) 31 July Cecil George Bound (Interment)

1 August Christine Olive Murray (Memorial Service) 7 August Ernest Hayes Ashton
7 August Robert George Dibben (Interment) 13 August Eileen Doris Whitaker
16 August Dorothy <u>Mary</u> Thomas (Interment) 17 August Brian Reginald Sergeant 18 August Elizabeth Mary Ford (Interment) 19 August Dorothy Eileen Dulson (Interment Baschurch) 23 August Margaret Joan Brind 25 August Michael Sykes 31 August Mary Elizabeth (Beth) Tye (Interment) 31 August Peggy Audrey Bloor (Memorial Service)

#### "Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord and may light perpetual shine upon them."

## **Holy Matrimony**

23 July Abigail Louise Rowson & David James Barnett 30 July Lucy Victoria Moss & Daniel Guy Matthews

6 August Katie Danielle Sutton & Rick Michael Boffey

Our congratulations, prayers and very best wishes to Abi & Dave, Lucy & Danny and Ricky & Kate.

## Book of Remembrance for September

1stGerald William Gregory19thRussell Mark Andrew K2ndRuth Ella Armitage19thChristopher Mark Jone3rdCharles Sydney Tommy20thWilliam Michael Fillmor4thNellie Louise Johnson22ndVictor Jones4thVincent Frederick James Ratcliff22ndFrances May Powell5thRobert McGrady22ndCharles Coyne Brien6thOlive Muriel Kynaston23rdGeorge Henry Salisbur6thEdward Henry Abbott Barnes24thElsie Bacon7thPatricia Mary Haarhoff25thPhyllis May Didlick11thJoan Young27thMichael John 'Mick' Mathing14thBella-Rose Emma Boyd27thMichael Taylor14thWinifred Margaret Wheeler29thJoe Powell	re ry
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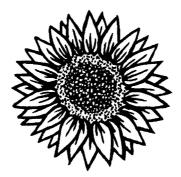
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September 5	Ruth
September 12	Elaine
September 19	June
September 26	Simon

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September 5	NT Elaine
	G Thelma P

- September 12 NT Rob B G Helen
- September 19 NT David G Karl
- September 26 NT John B G Katherine



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## From the Registers of St Peter's Lee Brockhurst

## **Holy Baptism**

3 July Lando Slater

"One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all."

## **Holy Matrimony**

### 14 August Fae Helen Lester and Gareth Morkot

Our congratulations, prayers and very best wishes to Fae & Gaz.

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## From the Registers of St Luke's Weston-Under-Redcastle

## **Holy Baptism**

17 July Rowan Ivan Athelane Rickersby

"One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all."

## At Rest

12 July Daphne Goodall Robinson (Interment)

"Rest eternal grant unto her O Lord and may light perpetual shine upon her."

## **Holy Matrimony**

10 July Mark Stuart Rickuss and Louise Ann Forrester 16 July Julia Karen Houston and Timothy Jones 26 July George Frederick John Heron and Samantha Helen Forrest

14 August Joanna Louise Clarke and Simon James Romei

Our congratulations, prayers and very best wishes to Mark & Lou, Tim & Julia, Sam & George and Si and Jo.

## SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

## ACROSS THE BENEFICE

DATE	SUNDAY	WEM	WESTON	LEE
5 September	14 <sup>th</sup> After Trinity	8.00 am	9.30 am	11.15 am
		9.45 am		
12 September	15 <sup>th</sup> After Trinity	8.00 am	9.30 am	11.15 am
		9.45 am		
19 September	16 <sup>th</sup> After Trinity	8.00 am	9.30 am	11.15 am
		9.45 am		
26 September	17 <sup>th</sup> After Trinity	8.00 am	11.00 am*	11.15 am*
		9.45 am		
3 October	18 <sup>th</sup> After Trinity	8.00 am	9.30 am	11.15 am
		9.45 am		

\* Harvest Festival



#### CALENDER FOR SEPTEMBER

September has three important Major Festivals, evenly separated, throughout the month. There is also a significant Lesser Festival a little nearer the beginning of the month:

Wednesday 8 September. The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

"The festival in honour of the birth of the mother of our Lord is celebrated on this day in both the eastern and western churches. Falling nine months after the feast of the Conception of Mary, it stands, as Andrew of Crete says, 'on the boundary between the old and the new covenants and ushers in the new dispensation of grace. Today is built a shrine for the creator of the universe.'" – From 'Exalting Holiness'.

The Collect for this day, as used by the Church in Wales:

Almighty God, who chose the blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed in him may, by your grace, be holy and obedient to your word: through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever.

Do please take time on each day to reflect on the beauty and richness our Holy Days add to our monthly devotions.

Tuesday 14 September. Holy Cross Day

Tuesday 21 September. St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Wednesday 29 September. St Michael & All Angels

Holy Cross Day.

John Chapter 3. 13-17

The centrality of the cross to the Christian has always been paramount. In the early days of the Church pilgrims would travel to Jerusalem to visit and pray at places associated with Jesus' life. One such, Helena the mother of the emperor, is said to have uncovered a cross, which many believed to be the Cross of Christ – subsequently a basilica was built on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and dedicated on this day in the year 335. All that is far removed from ourselves and the cross discovered extremely unlikely to have had any such provenance. Nonetheless this ancient feast day unites us with Christians and pilgrims down the ages who have focused on the crucifixion of Our Lord.

Almighty God,

who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Matthew Chapter 9. 9-13

Matthew who appears in the list of the 12 apostles according to the Gospel written under his name was a tax-collector. (Mark and Luke called the tax-collector Levi, it is assumed they are the same.) This occupation, then, was despised as it entailed collaboration with the oppressing Roman forces, even so Jesus ate with Matthew and with his friends causing outrage. In doing so Jesus showed the universality of God's love, not to judge by outward appearance and that God's call in Christ overcomes human distinction. Unsurprisingly Matthew is the Patron Saint of tax-collectors: today we should remember with thanksgiving all who work in this, now honourable, profession without which scarcely anything in our common life which we too often take for granted would be remotely possible.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax-collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow the way of your Son Jesus Christ

Michael and All Angels

John Chapter 1. 47- end

Another ancient Feast Day, dating back to at least the 5<sup>th</sup> century when a basilica, near Rome, was dedicated to Michael. All three named angelic figures in scripture are messengers of God. This day may also serve to remind us of the numinous, the 'other' – the mystery to human eyes of the holy – sometimes explicit as in Gabriel's call to Mary, sometimes hiding in plain sight.

Almighty and everlasting God, whom we adore with all the angelic host, may we always rejoice in your heavenly protection and serve you faithfully in this present life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

> "Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses....let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us."

## SEASON OF CREATION

## CREATIONTIDE

'Creationtide' or the 'Season of Creation' is the period in the annual church calendar (from 1st September to 4th October) dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. For Anglicans it is also a time when we celebrate Harvest, give thanks for the food we have and take action for those in need.

#### 'To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth'

is the Anglican Communion's Fifth Mark of Mission.

Let us throughout this season celebrate our God-given world around us with humble thankful hearts. Let us equally renew our vigour in striving for climate justice, do everything we possibly can individually and together to combat our climate crisis. Ignorance is no longer an excuse for any of us and our common Christian calling is to remove from our lives, whenever we can, any abuse of creation or misuse or waste of resources.

We should surely also pray as never before in the face of humanity's greatest crisis, one made far worse by greed and indifference.

Heavenly Father, You have taught us, through your servant St Francis, That all creation is your handiwork. Grant us your grace that we may Exercise wise stewardship of this Earth; Tread lightly upon it; And cherish its resources; That our children may enjoy its riches, throughout all generations, And your name be glorified through all that you have made. Amen.

"Reducing the causes of climate change is essential to the life of faith. It is a way to love our neighbour and to steward the gift of creation." - Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby

#### Ride + Stride Shropshire Historic Churches Trust Saturday 11 September 2021

St Peter & St Paul's last took part in this in 2019; due to the pandemic that was not possible in 2020. We are planning to take part again this year albeit in a slightly more modest fashion.

I have spoken to Fr Nick and we plan to open the Church Hall so that we will be able to register participants who visit us and also initial their forms, which are then sent off to the SHCT County Treasurer.

If you wish to ride or stride this year please either complete one of the forms at the back of the church or, if you have not yet returned to Sunday services, please contact:

Helen Hornsby 01939 233683 or Rob Ballantyne 01939 236565

In addition, the Church Hall will need to be manned by two people between 10.00 am and 12.30 pm to initial visitors' forms. If you are able to cover some of this period please contact Rob as above.

Thank you.

The next issue is scheduled to be prepared on **Thursday 23 September** and will be available on **Friday 1 October** after 4.15 pm if we are able to produce a physical magazine. Otherwise it will go out in an electronic version.

Items for the magazine can be left in the drawer at the back of the church in Wem (by 9 am Thursday) or sent to: pamedgmond@hotmail.com

#### Strawberry Tea 2021

After the poor weather of 2019 and the "no go" because of Covid 19 in 2020 it was agreed to run a Strawberry Tea at Brockhurst Farm in 2021. However, the deferment of the lifting of most constraints relating to Covid 19 meant that the proposed date was moved from 10<sup>th</sup> July to 24<sup>th</sup> July. What a difference from 2019, the sun shone and it was comfortable to sit outside and socialise.

We decided to keep the numbers much lower than on previous occasions as the thought of trying to achieve a modicum of social distancing indoors if inclement weather was forecast was too much to worry about. In the end the attendance was 35 which meant the tables could be generously spaced on the lawn and patio within a relatively easy walk from the kitchen.

The helpers were amazing. They hulled strawberries, filled pots with cream, jam and sugar, put on tablecloths, anchored with pegs because of the breeze, carried out trays of crockery and cutlery and food as the guests arrived, manned the produce and plant stalls and took money at the gate and sold raffle tickets. Car parking was organised. Not to mention the batches of scones produced beforehand! As you can see there was very little for me to do except make the tea and carry round the teapots and chat. Thanks to Penny, Alexandra, Val, Margaret Judith, Pam, Robert and Roger for helping to make the event a resounding success and an especial thank you to Georgina who "worked her socks off" all day!

Thanks to everyone's generosity we made just short of  $\pounds$ 500.00 and the difference of some  $\pounds$ 18.00 was made up by Roger. We had two donations before the Tea and one since making a new grand total of £510.00.

The best thing about the afternoon was the socialising, everyone was so pleased to be out at an event and meeting people they had not seen in some cases for up to 18 months and the sun shone as well. It was definitely a worthwhile exercise and I shall consider repeating it again next year!

Phoebe

As always, Phoebe completely understates the amount of hard work put in by both her and Roger. The thanks of the "St Peter's gang" go to them.

## Has a new language evolved?

R rate form a bubble shielding taking the knee social distancing two metre rule rule of six PPE clap for heroes test and trace pinged virtual exams virtual dating zoom meeting discord meeting double-jabbed anti-vaxers herd immunity staycation

Wendy Cook

In commanding us to glorify Him, God is inviting us to enjoy Him. - C S Lewis

We may pray most when we say least, and we may pray least when we say most. – Augustine

For every act of kindness and compassion done by any man for his fellow Christian is done by Christ working in him. – Julian of Norwich

#### Lee Brockhurst WI

It was lovely to finally meet up in person at outdoor locations in June and July, but there is no doubt Lee Brockhurst W.I. members are eagerly anticipating 'proper' W.I. meetings in the autumn. Kicking these off will be our **popular** 'What's The Point' craft club, on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm**, which will be making 'morsbags' (tote bags) for the Shropshire Federation to hand out at a climate change event in Ludlow at the end of the month. Our crafters will also be planning their programme for the next six months at this meeting so look forward to an update on their varied activities.

Our 'Summer Strollers' will be donning their walking boots for a circular amble along the canal and back through the town at Ellesmere... hopefully followed by a restorative cake and cuppa! This is from **7.15pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September.** All members and friends, (two or fourlegged!) are welcome but please let organiser **Rachel** know **beforehand** if you are coming so she can book the refreshments (07909 982609 or <u>rachel56bailey@outlook.com</u>). On the following evening, at St Peter's church, Lee Brockhurst, the Lee Brockhurst WI think tank, aka the committee, will be in high powered discussions making crucial lifechanging decisions about the future of our WI, or possibly having a relaxed natter over a cuppa.

The main event for September is our monthly meeting on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September from 7.30pm. Our speaker, Lady Natalie Cumming, was postponed twice last year so we are very keen to listen to her finally. She has the most unbelievable story..... and it is all true! Natalie's tale, 'The Fiddle', is heart-rending and shocking. It is the history of the family violin which accompanied her grandfather's family as they fled the Bolsheviks, struggling through the freezing Russian winter and playing music for board and lodging. Then her aunt, his daughter Rosa, who became a violinist with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, survived in Mauthausen, Auschwitz horrific experiences and Belsen concentration camps when forced to join the 'Women's Orchestra', later testifying at the Nuremberg Trials shortly before her death. As a child, Natalie promised her aunt she would publicise this story so that no-one could forget these global events. There are plans for her book to be made into a feature film. The violin was repaired at **the BBC's 'The Repair Shop'** and is now at the Yehudi Menuhin School. This is an account **everyone should hear** and I urge you to come along that evening, at 7.30pm, but be warned that it could be an emotional experience.

By complete contrast, our first 'treat' of the year is a trip to **Hawkstone Hall** for a very interesting self-guided audio tour of the hall and gardens followed, of course, by cake and a cuppa! This will be a wonderful chance for us to socialise in beautiful surroundings. We meet at the Hall **at 3pm on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September.** The cost is £11.95 per person which must be paid in advance.

Finally, **on 27<sup>th</sup> September from 8pm**, our bookworms will be reviewing their latest book, 'Great Love Lucky Dip', at the home of member Mary Lowry.

As you can see, Lee Brockhurst WI is **back on track** with a full programme of events and even more surprises to follow....

We love having visitors so if you are interested in giving us a try, contact our friendly secretary Julie for more details – she will be vey happy to help you. Her contact details are; 01939 200237 or jjwoolfenden@gmail.com.

My usual sentence at this point is 'all meetings are held at Lee Brockhurst village hall unless otherwise specified' BUT the renovation work is taking longer than originally planned so <u>please note the change</u> of venue to: Hadnall village hall (SY4 4AG) which is on the A49 main road on the right just before the church. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sue Wilton-Morgan

#### FARM BOY

Arriving in this world to find your parents own a farm is a blessing. Of course for the first few years it does not sink in but having moved to the farm house as a five year old, after the death of my grandfather, I began to realise what a wonderful environment it was.

Being in the thick of the countryside and close to nature with views over Wem to the Welsh Hills made me realise how lucky I was. Wildlife was on the doorstep to be observed daily and helping the farm staff with the daily care of the livestock gave me real enjoyment. Seeing the crops grow from the sown seeds to the late summer harvest gave me a sense of belonging to the world. What a big playground I had: hide and seek in the large garden and amongst the farm buildings, making tunnels out of straw bales in the Dutch barn and climbing trees. The latter gave my mother great concern and got me into trouble! The farm can be a dangerous environment for a youngster but within a loving family, where the child has no hang ups, common sense prevails and giving them an element of risk-taking is better than mollycoddling them. Of course the present day city kid is in a totally different situation where the danger is other people and there is the worry of the compensation culture we now live with.

Growing up in the late 1940s and early 50s on a mixed dairy and arable farm was different to our present day farming with its much greater reliance on big machinery and technology. The daily routine has changed enormously in that time with four times the number of animals to deal with now, but the wonderful "on farm" environment remains the same.

What was it like over sixty years ago? Well very much hands on and I enjoyed helping with manual tasks such as feeding wads of hay into the mangers of the tied cows, forking manure into wheelbarrows, carrying milk to the dairy for cooling and helping unload the bags of cow concentrate ration delivered from Wem Mills. At harvest time I helped place the corn sheaves into stooks, it seemed to take for ever to get round a large field picking up the outer six rows of sheaves! Of course the circuits lessened as you got nearer to the centre of the field and what a relief when I spotted mother bringing refreshments. A halt was called and we sat round sitting on sheaves to enjoy hot tea from the large enamel container, tangy cheese sandwiches and mother's homemade lemon-flavoured rock buns.

There was more "hands on" in the winter time helping dig out ditches and finding blocked drains with a spade. It gave me some big muscles! In the early summer I would help single out sugar beet plants, it was usually done on a hot sunny day, and in a large open field it was like being in a desert!

I have to tell you that it was not all graft and I did get to drive the tractors occasionally. Particularly memorable was driving the Standard Fordson between the rows of corn stooks as the men pitchforked the sheaves onto the trailer, a stop-and-start procedure requiring care with the clutch, which was not in the handiest of places being well down below the steel sprung seat. I had to shout "hold on," before I moved. A much easier job was driving the Fordson Major over the rows of grass swath picked up with the towed silage harvester which dropped the grass onto the linked trailer behind for loading. A man with a pitchfork built the load up, I got the easy job! A bit different these days!

Youngsters like to have some fun too and my brother and I would play innocent tricks on the men. I remember taking water pistols to the old stables loft and waiting for Joe Mainwaring to come and feed the calves below. There were enough wide cracks in the floorboards to allow squirted water through, aimed at Joe's ear!

An amusing story my father related to me which I could not remember was the day I was watching the corn binder cutting and packing the sheaves in the hill field. It broke down and I was heard to say in a loud voice "eeey now what's gone wrong?". One of the farm staff, Johnny Richardson, overheard me and exclaimed "chip off the old block", referring to my grandfather!

As we all know time moves quickly and the farm boy stage of life soon moves on but not before leaving an indelible set of memories at a time of life when there is no pressure on making a living and dealing with all the adult day-to-day challenges.

Roger Ashton

Any queries about searches in the Whitchurch Road Cemetery or elsewhere

Please contact Mr Tom Edwards of 1 Eckford Park, Wem, SY4 5HL or on 01939 233932

#### What Next?

Whilst sitting in my garden, watching the birds feeding and enjoying the silence, my mind wandered to the next phase of our existence from the earliest days of the Great Plague through all the years of wars and pestilence (not forgetting Brexit) and now having arrived at another crossroad or rather should I say roundabout?

We now have to bring different expertise {for "we" substitute World Leaders} at least as, or even more, effective than was applied to the pandemic, the Global warming being more lethal than any Covid 19. As we have seen, there is no vaccination for forest and other fires that are causing disasters from many corners of this globe and it may be that other pandemics will stem from this.

The wars, either civil or otherwise, that are raging and or emerging periodically are another pandemic to be quelled. So, I ask the question,

#### WHAT'S NEXT?

#### I say it is down on your knees - IT IS OUT OF OUR HANDS AND NEEDS A HIGHER AUTHORITY

Alan Cook

#### Holy Days in the September Church Calendar

- 1<sup>st</sup> Giles of Provence, Hermit, c710
- 2<sup>nd</sup> The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901 & 1942
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, 604
- 6<sup>th</sup> Allen Gardiner, Missionary, 1851
- 8<sup>th</sup> The Birth of The Blessed Virgin Mary
- 9<sup>th</sup> Charles Fuge Lowder, Priest, 1880
- 13<sup>th</sup> John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, 407
- 15<sup>th</sup> Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258
- 16<sup>th</sup> Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c432
- 16<sup>th</sup> Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, Tractarian, 1882
- 17<sup>th</sup> Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179
- 19<sup>th</sup> Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690
- 20<sup>th</sup> John Coleridge Patteson, first Bishop of Melanesia, 1871

#### 21<sup>st</sup> Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

- 25<sup>th</sup> Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, 1626
- 25<sup>th</sup> Sergei of Radonezh, Teacher of the Faith, 1392
- 26<sup>th</sup> Wilson Carlile, Founder of the Church Army, 1942
- 27<sup>th</sup> Vincent de Paul, Founder of the Lazarists, 1660

#### 29<sup>th</sup> Michael and All Angels

30<sup>th</sup> Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures, 420

#### CONTINUING COVID PROTOCOLS TO KEEP US ALL SAFE

It is so good that we have been able to worship and feel safe doing so for several months, by now we had all hoped that it would have been safe enough to lift most of our continuing care protocols. However with local rates having recently reached, in some cases, record highs there is little room for complacency, with infection rates as they are around our area do please remember:

- A record is kept of all attenders for track and trace, if you have the app on your mobile phone do use the QR codes provided and prominently displayed
- Alway sanitise hands on entry, after touching anything 'communal' and before Communion
- Wear your mask whenever attending worship
- We are now allowing a more relaxed approach to seating, however <u>always</u> ensure first that whoever you may be sitting next to is completely comfortable with this
- As you would expect Communion will remain in 'one kind' and as yet singing limited
- Follow any other guidance of the church wardens or sidespeople
- The toilets in those churches which have them are now available for use
- Refreshments are not being served at present

If or when matters change all will be informed as promptly as possible through both our email system and through the parish notices. We all hope to enjoy lifting some of the above in the near future and when we are comfortable doing so.

As always up to date information may be found at the Church of England website and the latest updates on guidance are also on our diocesan website.

Each parish church, has its own Risk Assessment displayed for any to see.