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# The Messenger

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## LENTEN GREETINGS

Since our last Messenger, the world has changed and darkened. The news of war is everywhere, with missiles flying, tanks rolling across Ukraine and a tyrant's fist crushing a nation's freedom. The images, pictures and accounts are heart-breaking, as they are of any war anywhere. It is always the women and children who suffer the most. We watch and wait and hope and pray for an end. In contrast to the dehumanising impact of

this conflict, the relief effort locally, nationally, and internationally has been truly amazing! The DEC, representing 15 major charities, reports £100 million raised for the Ukraine appeal to date. Donations of clothes, toiletries, toys etc. across the country are huge and there are collections and drop-offs around our villages. Pressure is mounting on our government to catch up with other countries and speed up the process of welcoming refugees. Radical hospitality is costly but the cost of not providing it even greater.

War in Europe in our time, reminds us that our human condition is lived constantly on the edge, that human culture

always exists under the shadow. Art and science, religious practice and human endeavour are often created, expressed, explored, experienced, and lived out in the bleakest of circumstances. The virtues of love and forgiveness, courage and compassion, patience and peace – the fruit of the Spirit – are found in basements, bomb shelters, and refugee camps as much, if not more, as anywhere else. We are at our best when we cultivate these virtues in our own lives and communities, doing those things both small and great, which defy tyranny and lighten even the darkest of times. Peace & all good. *Nigel*

#### DIARY DATES

**Goblin Combe Community Garden** is holding an open day on Saturday **March 26<sup>th</sup>** from 10am until 2pm. All welcome, come and see what's going on!

#### **Mothers' Sunday: March 27<sup>th</sup>**

The 10am service in Holy Trinity will include prayers for healing & anointing with holy oil.

**Taize Evening:** Palm Sunday **10<sup>th</sup> April 7pm** - to begin Holy Week [rehearsal for anyone from 6pm]

**Holy Trinity** will be open every day 10am – 4pm from Palm Sunday to Easter Day. There will be an installation in colour and word – The Bible in five Acts.

**APCM – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April** at 7.15pm at Holy Trinity.

**8<sup>th</sup> May** Team Service – a farewell to Tim Scott. 10am St Mary's, Yatton

#### **LIVING IN LOVE & FAITH**

What does it mean for followers of Jesus to walk in love & faith today? LLF is a 5 part course prepared by the Church of England exploring Christian teaching about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. [Website: <https://churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith>]

Taster Day: Saturday **14<sup>th</sup> May** 10am - 4pm Chapter House, St Mary's, Yatton. Looking at five

pastoral principles - bible study, film, discussion reflection. Bring packed lunch, a bible, a notebook. Drinks provided.

For those who then wish to join the course, the dates are:

**Wednesdays** - May 25<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> 7pm - 9pm Chapter House. Authorised course leader, Darren Chalmers & Jeannie Osmond LPA & Rev Nigel.

**27<sup>th</sup> May VESPERS** – a Songs of Praise with Robert Yeomans on organ. 7pm Holy Trinity. NB: Please give Nigel your choice of favourite hymn!!



**WELCOME PACK** – We have need of someone to produce a good welcome pack for those newly arriving in our villages. Some material and resources have already been gathered but we need someone to put it all together and see it through to production.



To those in need of love:  
**let the love of God be known.**

To a world in need of love:  
**let the love of God be shown.**

To those in need of food:  
**let the love of God be shared.**

By those in need of healing:  
**let the love of God be experienced.**

By those in need of peace:  
**let the love of God be felt.**

By those in need of hope:  
**let the love of God be seen.**

To those in need of joy:  
**let the love of God be sung.**

By those in need of justice:  
**let the love of God be heard.**

By all those in need of love:  
**let the love of God be known.**

**Amen.**

*Submitted by Jeannie.*

## Services Cleeve with Claverham March/April

### MARCH

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday - 13<sup>th</sup> March The Second Sunday in Lent

10am	St Barnabas	Shared Parish Communion
10am	Cleeve Village Hall	Cafe Church
6pm	ONLINE	Zoom Team Service

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - 20<sup>th</sup> March The Third Sunday in Lent

10am	Holy Trinity	Shared Parish Communion
11.30	Holy Trinity	Holy Baptism - Raphael King
6pm	ONLINE	Zoom Team Service

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 27<sup>th</sup> March The Fourth Sunday in Lent

#### MOTHERING SUNDAY (Clocks go forward)

10am	St Barnabas	Parish Communion
10am	Holy Trinity	Waymarks
6pm	ONLINE	Zoom Team Service

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday - 3<sup>rd</sup> April Passion Sunday

10am	Holy Trinity	Shared Parish Communion
6pm	ONLINE	Zoom Team Service

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April Palm Sunday

10am	St Barnabas	Palm Sunday Communion
10am	Holy Trinity	Festival Service with Eucharist
6pm	ONLINE	Zoom Team Service
7pm	Holy Trinity	Holy Week Taize service

#### Maunday Thursday - 14<sup>th</sup> April

7.30pm	Holy Trinity	The Last Supper with foot washing and Holy Communion
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### Good Friday - 15<sup>th</sup> April

2pm	Holy Trinity	Holy Ground
3pm	St Barnabas	Hour at the foot of the Cross

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April - EASTER DAY

6.30am	Holy Trinity	Outdoor service with new fire and Eucharist
7.00am	Holy Trinity	Cooked breakfast
10.00am	Holy Trinity	<b>Alleluia!</b> Festival Service Easter bonnets/garden/children's craft table/refreshments/egg hunt
10.00am	St Barnabas	Parish Communion

### Weekday Services

#### March

Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	09.30am	Holy Trinity	Healing Prayer + Communion
Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	St Barnabas	Coffee+Cake+Communion
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	09.30am	Holy Trinity	Healing Prayer
Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup>	09.30am	Holy Trinity	Healing Prayer

#### April

Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	09.30am	Holy Trinity	Healing Prayer + Communion
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	09.30am	Holy Trinity	Healing Prayer
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	09.30am	Holy Trinity	Healing Prayer + Communion
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	09.30am	Holy Trinity	Healing Prayer

### OPEN THE BOOK HELP NEEDED

OPEN THE BOOK – Court De Wyck school is now holding classes and assemblies as normal and we are looking for someone to co-ordinate our team. No acting talent is required, just an interest in seeing bible stories brought to life for

children, availability for 2-3 mornings/afternoons a month and a willingness to familiarise yourself with the material and work with the existing team to deliver it. Please contact Nigel if you feel this is something you could take on – it's a lot of fun!

## Pancake Brunch



Thank you to everyone who supported the Pancake Brunch. We had over 70 people attending and raised £467, which was amazing, and will be used towards paying for some very expensive Quinquennial work at Holy Trinity.

I would also like to thank all the ladies that worked so hard on the day, and others who supported us with raffle prizes and cakes.

Finally, the best part of the day was the pleasure everyone told us that they had enjoyed by just being there and soaking up the fun, company and friendship. Thanks again. *Lin*

Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> March was a very special day. Not only was it St David's Day and Shrove Tuesday but also a memorable day for the Horseley family as it was Trevor's 90th Birthday! Hope you enjoyed your cake Trevor!



## Day of Prayer

This year the theme could not have more appropriate for the situation in the world. The services are written at least three



years before being used. This year it came from England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Jeremiah wrote of Judah being invaded by the Babylonians and the people of Jerusalem taken into exile. We started the service with a prayer for the people of the Ukraine fleeing their country and also praying

for the people of Russia. In the service we read the words of three women who for one reason or another had sought refuge in our islands. How in their fear, they had come to know God's plan for their lives. *Janet Angle*

## Loft Sale

Libby and Terry, of 32 Bishops Road, Cleeve are having a loft sale from 10 to 12 on **Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup>**.

Please could you come and relieve them of their treasures – all donations for the Ukraine Appeal. (If wet this will be postponed.)

### ALSO -

Libby has volunteered for 32 Bishops Road to be a drop off point for the Ukraine Emergency Aid Appeal which is being run by Worle Community Centre. They desperately need:  
TORCHES: with appropriate size batteries,  
FIRST AID SUPPLIES:  
PAIN KILLERS  
ANTISEPTIC SPRAYS/CREAMS/  
WIPES  
BANDAGES

DRESSINGS  
BURN GELS  
PLASTERS/ELASTOPLAST ROLLS  
MICROPORE DRESSINGS/  
MICROPORE ROLLS  
BACK PACKS/RUCK SACKS  
INSTANT HEAT BLANKETS (LAST 8 HOURS)  
NAPPIES  
WET WIPES  
GOOD CONDITION BABY CLOTHES/BABY BLANKETS  
BABY FOOD  
BABY MILK  
SANITARY PRODUCTS: ST'S/  
TAMPONS/TENA LADY  
Please deliver all goods wrapped/in bags – put in black wheelie bin at side of house. Thank you so much. *Libby* (01934 707475)

## Ukraine Appeal

The collection that was held last weekend for the victims of the war in Ukraine raised an amazing total of **£1350** which Dave has sent to the Disaster Emergency Committee. Grateful thanks to all who contributed so generously.

*Ed*

# LENT LUNCH At CLEEVE VILLAGE HALL

**Thursday  
7th April**



**12-2pm  
£5**

**homemade soup , dessert & tea/coffee**

In aid of  
Clevedon  
District  
**foodbank**

*There will be a  
collection box for any  
donations  
to the foodbank*

Tickets Lin Mortimer 01934 838515 ~ Gill Roe 01934 832917

## Holy Trinity - Lent Lunch

Don't forget to buy your tickets for Lent lunch, the first one to be held for two years! They are £5 and available from Lin Mortimer on 838515 or Gill Roe on 832917. Lunch will be from 12noon until 2pm – soup and ploughman, with a sweet, plus tea/coffee.

All funds raised will be donated to the Clevedon Foodbank.

Lin is asking everyone who attends to bring along an item that we can send to the Foodbank - **a tin, tea, breakfast cereal, coffee, Easter eggs etc.**

If anyone is unable to come but would like to donate they can give something, or a donation to Lin/Dave (40 Cleeve Drive) or to me (15 Chestnut Drive).

Dave has just sent £195 to the Foodbank. He has received this letter from Lucinda from Clevedon Foodbank -

*Dear Dave*

*Thank you for your ongoing support, the future does look dark for so many people, and the situation in the Ukraine is so frightening.*

*The foodbank has been able to help by sending surplus feminine hygiene products to one of the appeals for Ukraine. With grateful thanks to you all.  
Lucinda*

## Free Regular Exercise!

We are looking for a person to deliver 'All About Cleeve' to around 25 addresses on Main Road from the church to Brockley stall.

The magazines are delivered to you each month and it's just a matter of putting them in the letterboxes of the properties concerned.

It is only for 10 months of the year as there is no edition in January or August.

Any help would be appreciated. Please help if you can to keep this magazine available to all residents and delivered free.

*Steve Molloy Distribution manager*

## MU News

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February, Cleeve and Claverham MU were at last able to meet again after a two-year break because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Fifteen members gathered at Holy Trinity church room.

Andrea led the meeting, firstly with prayers, then a few notices bringing us all up to date on forthcoming events. We then heard a very interesting talk from Sally Wilcox on the work of The Strawberry Line Café and Cycle project.



Sally explained how the project got started when a small group of local like-minded people who were frustrated by the lack of opportunities for adults with learning disabilities. So they got together to do something about it.

With the help of local businesses and lots of hard work applying for grants they managed to open the

Community Cafe in 2010 in the derelict building on platform 1 of Yatton station.

The restoration project was tough and expensive. But it was worth the hard work.

They now have a beautiful quirky little café, supporting young people with learning difficulties, supported by the local community and beyond.

The café can be found on the Strawberry Line cycle path which is part of National Route 26 of the National Cycle Network.

The Strawberry Line Café is a not-for-profit business run by unpaid directors. They give real paid jobs to adults with learning disabilities and also offer short term work experience.

Any profits that they make go back to the café to create more training and employment opportunities.

The café is in an old Great Western Railway building designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel. They make all their food from scratch on-site as much as possible using locally sourced ingredients. This gives the

trainees great opportunities to learn, support local businesses, and minimise food miles.

In 2016, they started a cycle hire business using funds from North Somerset Council to complement the café and provide even more opportunities.

There is now a bike maintenance workshop along with the cycle hire service. Sally told us how they'd not long had a generous donation of bicycles from a similar cycle project in Weston-super-Mare, which sadly had to close at the beginning of the pandemic! They now are able to hire out a wide variety of Regular bikes as well as Ebikes, Tandems, Kid's trailers, trikes, children's seats, adaptive bikes and more.

<https://strawberrylinecafe.co.uk>

At this time of year C&C MU usually go out for a meal as part of an event to collect money for the 'Make a Mothers' day. It was suggested that for 2022 we support the work of the Strawberry Line by having lunch at the Café, which everyone

thought was a great idea.

We finished the meeting with a lovely lunch (Thank you Lin!) Our next meeting is on Tuesday **15<sup>th</sup> March** at 12noon in the Church room. John Angle will be talking to us about his recent trip to Palestine and his work with The Hope Christian Trust.

## Tea & Tech.

Are you confused by your computer, or frustrated by your phone? Then come along to Cleeve Village Hall on Tuesday **15<sup>th</sup> March** from 10 to 12 for free Digital/Tech advice. At the same time you can connect with others over tea and cake!

**Royal Bath and West Show.** Rev Tobie Osmond from St Mary Magdalene Church Taunton has written to ask if anyone would like to be part of the Church Tent Team at the Royal Bath and West Show from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> June. They will have free entrance to the showground, be prepared to serve refreshments and be a friendly face to visitors. If you are interested and need more details please contact Nigel Thomas or Jeannie Osmond.

## Holy Trinity Cleaning Rota

Carole Perrott Jennie Ford Helen Bailey	March 13th March 20th
Jenny Haworth	March 27th
Jen Lankester	April 3rd
June Richards	April 10th

**Thank you** - for your contributions to this month's Messenger. Articles for the April Edition should be with me by **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April**. They can be e mailed to carole.perrott@gmx.com, given to me at church or put through the door of 15 Chestnut Drive, Claverham.

## Awful Jokes -

1. *From Angie, a new competitor for worst joke of the month: -*

I met a Dalek the other day and I said, "Where did you come from?" And he replied,



**"Exeter-mate Exeter-mate".**

*Ouch!*

2. *Another insight into Ron's home life .*

Whilst out driving the other night

we were stopped by the police.

**Police Officer.** "Your rear lights are not working sir"

**Me.** "Thank you officer I will get that seen to straight away"

**Wife.** "I've been telling you that problem for about a week"

**Me.** "For goodness sake woman just shut up"

**Police Officer.** "Does your husband always talk to you like that madam?"

**Wife.** "No, only when he's drunk"

## Useful Church Contacts

Team Office	Mon-Fri 09.30-11.30	.....	01934 832184
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