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SEASONS GREETINGS

I am feeling tired as I write. It's been a busy day in a busy week for sure, but this is a different kind of tired, not like the tiredness you feel after a day of roaming the parish or hours spent in the garden; this is a tiredness of spirit. It comes on when I try to take in the news from the Ukraine, reports of societal breakdown, the horrible effect of covid across the county, hearing of the needs in our own communities. And ever present, growing more

threatening with each season, environmental degradation, and climate catastrophe. It is exhausting.

Balanced against that are the moments in the day, and they are there, when a random act of kindness, a word, a smile, a piece of good news, a prayer, a shared moment of pleasure in the small things help cheer the heart and lift the spirit. May they never cease, for they restore faith in humankind and in the God who has gifted us with life and this wonderful world. This movement between blessing and woe and back again, this flux, this rhythm, should be familiar to us and to all people of faith. It is the movement we see in the gospel accounts of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, his Passion, crucifixion, and resurrection.

Cries of 'hosanna' turn to crucify'; the shadow of the cross quickly becomes very dark, very deep and touches all. The movement to Easter morning brings new light, new life when world-weary, tired, discouraged disciples are renewed in faith and hope and love; strengthened for their long road ahead.

And this is as much our story as theirs. The cross and its shadow, Easter, and the promise of new life. Each day we start out again in the

new light and the dancing shadow. Please look at the programme of devotional services and celebrations spread across our churches in Holy week and beyond and make the effort to come to something – something that may connect with you, with where you are at, and maybe help connect you with the Easter faith we will faithfully celebrate again this year.

A Blessed Easter to you all

Nigel

Blossom into Life

Easter with us, bountiful God, save your people from the consequences of their sin.

Where there is division, create unity.

Strike the shackles of oppression from the empty hands of the poor.

Mend the tapestry of community, torn by our neglect.

Rise within our concrete ghettos, our isolated neighbourhoods, our spoilt landscapes,

that we may blossom into life,

sense hope where living wages and secure homes are a forgotten dream.

May we choose life and live to proclaim your victory over death in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Easter Day Sunrise Service - An Invitation!

We invite everyone to join us for an event that is now firmly part of the Holy Trinity Church's calendar, irrespective of Covid disrupting us in recent times!

We look forward to welcoming a sizeable number of worshippers to the Sunrise Service on Easter Day,

17th April, to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The outdoor service commences in the tranquillity and peace of a spring morning at **6.30am** and is followed by a Full English Breakfast in the Church Room (vegetarian options are available). Numbers and preferences are required purely to aid the caterers (there is no cost involved). Please ring Lin on 838515 before Maundy Thursday, just to let us know you are joining us.



Easter Lilies



If anyone would like to donate to the Easter Lilies in memory of a departed loved one, please contact Jen Lankester on 01934 833463 or give your donation to Gill Roe or myself at Holy Trinity.

Lay Pastoral Assistant Course

St Andrew's Backwell will be running this course, to which members of churches in the deanery are invited, on Tuesday the **3rd May** from 10-3pm in St Andrew's Church House.

Lay Pastoral assistants play an important role in our communities

by visiting and caring for people in need, this role is a specific ministry from the church.

If you think that you are: good at listening, easy to talk to, prayerful, compassionate and confidential then this may be a way you could serve your community. Please contact Rev Katy Garner (revdrkatygarner@gmail.com)

Services for Cleeve with Claverham in April / May

2nd Sunday 10th 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 - 14th April

2.30pm	St Barnabas	Bible Study with Holy Communion
7.30pm	Holy Trinity	The Last Supper a service with foot washing and Communion

Good Friday - 15th April

2pm	Holy Trinity	Holy Ground
3pm	St Barnabas	Outside around the Cross

3rd Sunday 17th April - EASTER DAY

6.30am	Holy Trinity	Outdoor service with New Fire and Simple Eucharist
7.am	Holy Trinity	Cooked breakfast
10.am	Holy Trinity	Alleluia! Festival Service/ children's/ craft table/ refreshments/egg hunt
10.00am	St Barnabas	Easter Celebration Communion

4th Sunday 24th April The Second Sunday of Easter

10am	St Barnabas	Holy Communion
10am	Holy Trinity	Waymarks

1st May The Third Sunday of Easter

10am	Holy Trinity	Shared Parish Communion
5pm	Claverham Village Hall	Viva Palestina!
6pm	ONLINE	Revd Adrian Youngs: Archdeacon of Wells

8th May The Fourth Sunday of Easter

10am	St Mary's Yatton	Team Communion Service
		Rev's Tim and Linda Scott's final Service in the Team

15th May The Fifth Sunday of Easter

10am	Holy Trinity	Shared Parish Communion
6pm	ONLINE	Christian Aid Service led by Nickie

Weekday Services

April

Thurs 14 th	9.30am	Holy Trinity	Healing Prayer
Thurs 28 th	9.30am	Holy Trinity	Healing Prayer

May

Thurs 5 th	9.30am	Holy Trinity	Healing Prayer + Communion
Thurs 12 th	9.30am	Holy Trinity	Healing Prayer

Christian Aid Week



This year our collection dates are 15th to 21st May.

For some years now Claverham has had no Christian Aid team to collect during this week.

If anyone would like to join the Holy Trinity team and collect in Claverham, please contact Jen Lankester 01934 833463.

Living with Covid

“We all have to learn to live with Covid” is a phrase we are hearing a lot these days. But what exactly does that mean? There are clearly a wide range of interpretations ranging from those who think it means they no longer need to take any precautions to those who choose to continue limiting their social contacts, wearing masks in public and testing regularly.

This isn't the first time we as a society have had to adapt our behaviour to take account of a virus. Living with AIDS has meant accepting that it is no longer wise or responsible to have unprotected sex. It has never been a legal requirement to use a condom, but as a society we have voluntarily changed our behaviour in order to protect ourselves and others. Of course it could be argued that AIDS is a much more dangerous virus than Covid, but the principle of taking personal responsibility for our own safety and for that of others is the same.

There are many vulnerable people in society for whom Covid 19 could be life threatening and they therefore need our help to stay safe and well. The virus is likely to continue coming in waves, with peaks and troughs, so living with Covid is going to mean continuing to use protection – hands, face, space – particularly indoors when infection rates are high, as they are at present.

North Somerset's rates remain above the national average, and you may have heard this week that the rise in cases in the over 50s is now causing concern. So please think carefully about using all the means at your disposal to help stop the spread.

May we also encourage you to let your recent contacts know (particularly the clergy) if you test positive. Although this is no longer a legal requirement it is important to let people know so that they can take sensible precautions such as avoiding visiting anyone who might be vulnerable.

Nickie

Holy Trinity Church Tea and Cake Afternoon

Monday, 16th May 2-4pm – £2.50

Bickley, Main Road, Cleeve.



Everyone is invited to an afternoon of tea/coffee and cake – and a chance to bag a bargain from a variety of goods – with a number of brand new items.

Even if you don't want to buy a bargain, it is chance to meet up for a chat with friends in the comfort of a marquee in the lovely grounds of Bickley.

However, we require numbers to help with the catering, so please book your place by ringing Lin on 838515, or Elizabeth on 07787 781716.

Parking, including disability parking, is available, information will be made available on booking.

Wanted

Two more people to help with our Team in the Church Tent at The Royal Bath & West Show 2022: on **Friday 3rd June**, chatting to people and serving refreshments.

There will be time for you to look round as well.

The show is on the 2nd - 4th June at The Bath & West Showground (bathandwestshowground.com)

Free admission for helpers!

For more info and/or to volunteer contact Jeannie Osmond 832421 or Rev Nigel 283340

Claverham News

The market at the Village Hall will be on the 16th April from 10am to noon. Come along, browse the stalls and have a cup of tea with friends.

Claverham Ladies Guild gave £500 donation to the charity One25 in Bristol and The Big Give matched funded during International Women's Day week, drawing upon the tampon tax, as 'ONE25' support women, so they received £1,000! Well done Ladies' Guild for raising funds during these covid times and thanks to Nancy Thorne for liaising with the community fundraiser at 'One25'

Jean

Mother's Union News

Cleeve and Claverham MU members enjoyed a lovely lunch at the Strawberry Line Café last month. We were made very welcome and we will certainly be going back again! Whilst there we collected for the



Mother's Union annual 'Make a Mother's Day' appeal. As usual everyone was very generous and we've managed to donate a fabulous selection of gifts. A couple of examples :

The gift of words, which could support women to complete a

twelve month literacy and numeracy course .

All Weather Allotments, To train someone to find practical solutions/ techniques to everyday farming problems in their natural environment. A big thank you to everyone who gave to this very worthy cause.

Tuesday 15th March

On Tuesday 15th March the MU met again. Our meeting started with prayers including a special prayer for the people of Ukraine. Following various notices by Andrea, we then settled down to hear an extremely interesting talk by John Angle on his and Janet's work with 'The Hope Christian Trust' in Palestine. We heard that his involvement with Palestine started way back in 1964 when as a student he was at Bible College in Israel.

Over the years he and Janet have made frequent trips to Palestine and helped to raise funds for many different projects. Now they are concentrating on working with The Hope Christian Trust in Gaza, in Zababdeh, and with a home for handicapped children.

John illustrated his talk with slides which helped us to understand the issues that people are up against in that part of the world on a daily basis.

He told us that the aim of the trust was to bring hope, resilience, peace and joy to the people of Palestine by being with them, by helping financially and with contributions like clothes, toothbrushes, and toothpaste to their everyday lives.

We heard about the work the Charity does in the Lighthouse School, situated in a very poor area of Gaza; of the abject poverty some families are living in and how they benefit from the support the school gives them. We heard of the bravery of teachers and their understanding and commitment to the children.

John also told us how he works with both the Bishop of Jerusalem, who is unable to access Gaza but gets John to take in everyday goods like blankets to the people, and with the Roman Catholic priests in Gaza along with the Sisters affiliated with Mother Teresa who run a home for babies and handicapped children. Janet had taken out knitted jumpers and cardigans gathered from MU groups to give to the Sisters for the children back in 2019.

The other area that John and Janet visit is in Zababdeh, where a community centre has been built by a Dutch charity and is supported by the Hope Christian Trust. This has a day care centre which now funds itself and a guest house on the top floor. The leader organises a week long Summer camp for 150 children to help them to learn about God, and various women's meetings.

It was good to hear that those of the Muslim faith as well as the Christian faith attend both the Lighthouse school and the community centre.

We were all impressed at the commitment John and Janet have given over the years to Palestine both by physically visiting the area and also by raising thousands of pounds to help and support the people that live there.

Andrea then thanked John for his talk and he and Janet joined us for a delicious lunch cooked by Lin where they were able to answer many questions on Palestine.



27th March

On Mothering Sunday Lin made a 'Bonnet' cake which was enjoyed by the congregation of Holy Trinity.

The next meeting is on **19th April** at Holy Trinity when there will be a short AGM followed by a Communion given by John Angle and then lunch & chat as usual.

Holy Trinity Lent Lunch

Thank you to everyone who supported Holy Trinity's Lent Lunch on Thursday, especially the small, but terrifically hard working, band of helpers.

A lively and lovely atmosphere surrounded Cleeve Village Hall as folks enjoyed the company and the food – various delicious soups, plus a cheese roll and a generous piece of pie – together with as many cups of tea and coffee as they could drink.

Thank you too to all those who generously brought along produce or made a cash donation to send to the Clevedon Foodbank. We are pleased to say that we were able to send a brilliant cheque for £343 from the event. Thanks again *Lin*



Libby writes..

I would like to thank all of you kind people who have donated to the Ukrainian Appeal so generously by leaving much needed items from the list in the black bin outside my house. Just wonderful. They are being taken to the Worle

Community Centre regularly. The bin, on the driveway of my house, 32 Bishop's Road Cleeve, can be easily identified by the Ukrainian flag and will be staying there for donations for some time. Thank you again for your kindness.

Viva Palestina! -



CLAVERHAM VILLAGE HALL on Sunday May 1st 5–9pm.

An evening of live music with Faris Ishaq; authentic Palestinian cuisine with Alissar Amali; stalls of produce + items from the Bristol Palestine Museum; traditional dress display; stalls; short film - Liwan: a story of cultural resistance- from Bristol Palestinian Film Festival; live-link to Bethlehem to meet musician Zaid Hilal. Tickets £10 cash on the door. Entry + Meal : £15 [cash/cheque] Book meals in advance by email until April 25th.

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Community Matters..

Goblin Combe Community Garden
Plunder Street, Cleeve.

Open Day-Saturday 30th April
10am – 3pm

Come along at any time of the day to enjoy the garden and meet the community.

Join in various jobs. Swap Plants. Child friendly. Bring your own refreshments.

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/988528815043345>

Tea and Tech

Help is at hand for those who want to overcome those 'computer/ phone/tablet says NO' situations!

Tea and Tech have three sessions in Cleeve Village Hall, all from 10– 12. They are on Tuesday the **12th April, 10th May and 7th June**. The advice is free and you will be sustained by tea and cake. Just turn up or contact Tina, 07502 641 805 if you need further details. These sessions are run by the West of England Rural Network (WERN) in partnership with Cleeve Parish Council.

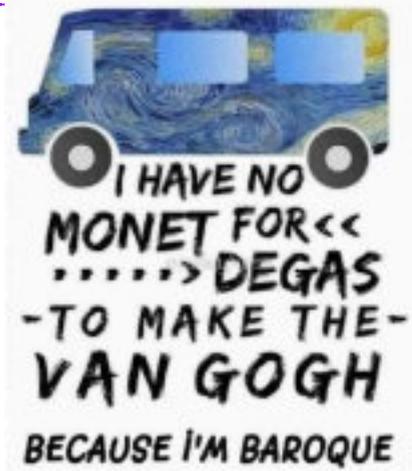
Also run by WERN are monthly Zoom Storytelling sessions, the next being on **Monday 11th April** from 3pm - 4.15 and the following one on **9th May**. You can join in or just listen. This month's theme is **pink**, - everyone to bring a pink

Holy Trinity Cleaning Rota

June Richards	April 10th
Sarah Cush Nick Cush	April 17th
Andrea Stoddart Lin Mortimer	April 24th
Ron Pring Enid Pring	May 1st
Kath Hunt	May 8th

object. We hope that a story will evolve from them and from the inspiration of this month's full moon which is known as the Pink Moon! To access the zoom meeting the address is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83714691248?pwd=ZG1QeURvNkVPanl1Z2RpMDVhc09tUT09>
Meeting ID: 837 1469 1248
Passcode: 896136. Contact Tina if you need more info. 07502 641805 or e-mail : tina@wern.org.uk

Thank you - for your contributions to this month's Messenger. Articles for the May Edition should be with me by **Wednesday 4th May**. 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.



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