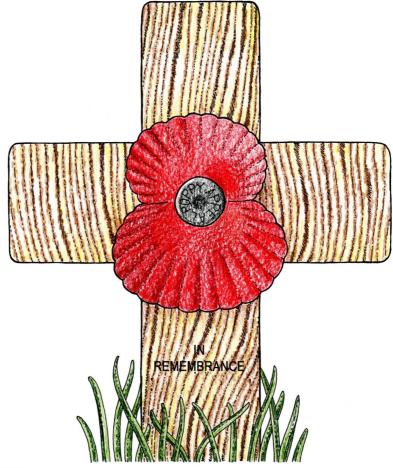


## **COUGHTON with SAMBOURNE PARISH NEWS**





Alcester Minster Churches at Alcester, Arrow, Coughton, Great Alne, Haselor, Kinwarton, Sambourne and Weethley

# **NOVEMBER 2020**

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Please contact if wishing to make own flower arrangements for baptisms, weddings and funerals.

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#### GIFT AID

Whenever possible, please gift aid any donations made to our churches. Charitable causes can reclaim an extra 25p in the £1 from the government on donations made under the Gift Aid Scheme. The giver must have paid a tax amount that at least equals the tax being reclaimed on the donation. Please contact the treasurer.

Items of news for **"The Link"** by the **FOURTEENTH** of the month to: Gail Smith gaildsmith@aol.com **t: 07449 930480** 

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## A Message from Sue Henwood

November is the month of remembrance, beginning with the festival of All Saints on the 1<sup>st</sup>. November. We would, normally be having a memorial service in the Minster, but that has been postponed until people can return to church in greater numbers than is possible now. But do take time in this season to remember with thanksgiving those who have died this year, in spite of your feelings of sadness and loss. It is good to give thanks to God for those who have enriched our lives, and to be grateful for the love that has been shared.

At this time, as a nation, we both celebrate deliverance from destruction and war, and remember those who have died. Again, these times of remembrance will be very different this year – more individual and home-based and less community - based. However that does not make them any less sincere and meaningful – in fact probably more so. You could light a candle or say a prayer at home, put a picture of a poppy in your window, make a poppy wreath to put on your door. I'm sure you can come up with your own ideas or find something on a website to inspire you.

As we remember, we can also pray for those who are still suffering the effects of war - the bereaved, the injured, the refugees, and pray for lasting peace in areas of conflict.

Ever-living God,

we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war,

into the peace of your presence;

may that same peace calm our fears,

bring justice to all peoples

and establish harmony among the nations,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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# Alcester Minster Church Services \*\*\*\*\*\*

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In response to the Government announcement at the weekend, regretfully we will not be holding services during the rest of November. Churches will continue to be OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER.
For all enquires please call either Tricia Berry:07840284294 or Gail Laband 07989983099.
Meanwhile weekly online services can be found on the Alcester Minster website and on Facebook.



Sambourne Armistice Day service-Due to Covid 19, this service has been cancelled

Christmas services are still uncertain, watch this space.

**VACANCY** – Please pray that God will guide us to His choice of a new Rector for the Minster parishes.



## Praver

The Ministry Leadership Team would like you to pray for the following topics:

- 1. Pray for all those who have been abused within a church setting/by someone in the church and have subsequently been ignored, that they may find justice, healing and peace.
- 2. Give thanks for all those working to make our churches places of safety.

### MINSTER EVENTS

For the most up-to-date information on Minster Events please see the website calendar on the noticeboard page on the website - www.alcesterminster.org or check out the weekly notice sheets available in the churches

Did you know that you can now 'LIKE' Alcester Minster on facebook?



Find details and pictures of events at

www.facebook.com/AlcesterMinster

# **Junior Link**





# Studley Isolation Support Group update May 2020 Edition 2

Now, more than ever, the community in our village are pulling together to support each other. The Studley Isolation Support Group supports all those who are isolated, alone, elderly or vulnerable. With Studley in Business and the Parish Council, we have built a core team of around 50 volunteers who carry out tasks on a daily basis. So far we have supported 165 households and undertaken over 1000 tasks. These range fromshopping, prescription collection to dog walking and daily newspaper deliveries.

Nothing is too much trouble for our volunteers, and we actively encourage anyone who is having to isolate, with no close family close by to help them, to give us a call on **07933 093268** from 9am to 5pm Monday to Saturday.

If you have a neighbour you are concerned about then please ask them to call us. Our aim is for everyone who is vulnerable to stay safely at home. No one who should be isolating needs to do any shopping, our volunteers are shopping ninjas!

We will be here for as long as necessary, and alongside our day to day tasks we can arrange for someone to call you for a chat, drop off some books or jigsaws, post letters etc. We are here for you.

### If you need help the Contact Phone number is: 07933 093268 Monday - Saturday 9am-5pm

Please note that we operate a password system to protect you. Please do not open the door to anyone you don't know, unless they can tell you the password that YOU have chosen. There are scammers capitalising on the current situation, and we want everyone to stay safe. Always follow the Government's Social Distancing guidelines

We are still looking for volunteers, please contact us if you are willing to help ...

Many volunteers are busy sewing scrubs, bags, headbands and facemasks. They are in need of new material (that can be washed at 60 deg), elastic & buttons about the size of a 2p. If you can help then please call the Isolation Support Group on 07933 093268. Arden Foodbank is working hard to supply food parcels to our community. Anyone who is struggling can request a voucher. Parcels can be collected from the Methodist Church on Tuesday afternoons, or one of the Isolation Support Group Volunteers can collect and deliver it for you. To contact the foodbank please call 07733 551926. Food donations can be made via the collection box in the Co-Op, or by calling the Isolation Support Group on 07933 093268.

Useful Contacts: Samaritans 116123 24-hour helpline

Your mental health is important. For a listening ear in time of need, call Janet 07852 349361

Mental Health Matters 0800 616171, 24-hr helpline & webchat www.mhm.org.uk/coventry-warwickshire-helpline

Arden Marches Churches – for help, someone to talk to, or a prayer request: Revd Kate Mier 01527 852830 rector@ardenmarches.co.uk or Revd Dan Corlett 07543370637 curate@ardenmarches.co.uk





## Local Businesses & Contacts Offering Services to the Community

#### The situation changes daily, so for up to date information please visit www.enjoyablystudley.com and check out the Studley Isolation Support Group Facebook page for updates.

Bespoke Butchers FREE delivery over £25, or if you are over 65 no min. Tuesday-Friday. Ring 01527 852235 in the morning to check availability. Deliveries at the end of the day.

Bruno's Bakery min delivery £10, packed lunches also available for delivery. 01527 854652

Mount Everest for takeaways 6-8.30pm Sun-Thur & 5.30-9.30pm Fri & Sat 01527 850717

Caney's Cider deliveries. Contact: social media, website or email caneyscider@gmail.com

Studley Fish Bar for collection or delivery. Download their App or call 01527 852448 Delivery of orders over £10 with a delivery fee of £1.75

The Cantonese Chef is open 01527 852021.

Purity Brewing free delivery over £40 www.puritybrewing.com/online-shop

Seven Mile Homemade frozen meals delivered on Weds & Fri. Phone Jake 07891 448749 jake@sevenmile.co.uk See www.sevenmile.co.uk & Facebook for menus

Stephanie Evans (Virtual MoneyPenny) for coordinating home deliveries if you're struggling 07908 226633

Fetch N Stretch for dog walks for the elderly or key workers. Emily Smith 07713 057028

Robert Pannifer from Thomas Guise Solicitors for phone support 01527 912912

Studley Florist deliveries of fresh flowers for birthdays, celebrations, memorials or a cheer up gift. 01527 853509 Mon-Fri mornings www.studleyflorists.co.uk & Facebook/Insta

Botany Bay Garden Centre FREE delivery over £25 within 5 miles. 01527 893885

Flutterby Heidi Handmade cards with local delivery. www.flutterbyheidi.co.uk 07791 662348

Happy Buffalo personalised gifts, free local delivery happy-buffalo.myshopify.com & FB

Helping Hands homecare services Katie 07792 172 604 Katie.Woodhall@helpinghands.co.uk

Alcester Home Care homecare provider 01789 765468 office@alcesterhomecareagency.co.uk

Neighbourhood Watch: Ring the Police on 101 for suspicious activity. For a crime ring 999 & then tell Jim Bacon (jimbacon@blueyonder.co.uk) so Jim can alert others.

Please email info@enjoyablystudley.co.uk if you are a local business & wish to be included online



www.studleyinbusiness.co.uk

We would like to express our thanks to everyone who has helped to create, print and deliver this leaflet. When you talk to your neighbours (from a safe distance), ask that they keep this leaflet close at hand, for help in the coming weeks. Not everyone has access to Social Media, and they may feel very isolated, particularly if they are poorly.



www.enjoyablystudley.com

All information is correct at time of print.

### Nature jottings from Perrymill Lane July

14<sup>th</sup> Sept. The onomatopoeic calls of Chiffchaffs were still being heard in Coughton Park woods and near Sambourne Park today. I noticed an interesting looking fungus in the woods which the "Seek" app on the phone identified as Amanita rubescens. My field guide describes it as "*indigestible when raw, but harmless and* good when cooked". We were not tempted!

17<sup>th</sup> Sept. Today delivered our treat of the month. As we walked along the Monarch's Way footpath beyond Botany Bay nursery, we noticed a flock of 12+ birds which we recognised as Meadow Pipits. They landed on a fence and we realised that there was a different species amongst them. Looking through binoculars we could see that it was a Wheatear. Another different species was noticed close to this and we identified it as a Whinchat. These are both summer visitors to this country and we have normally seen them in mountain and moorland habitats, so I assume they were on their way from their summer haunts back to Africa for the winter. Both are very attractive birds.

20<sup>th</sup> Sept. The arrival of a Sparrowhawk in our garden instantly cleared the area of the small birds that had been busily feeding.

21<sup>st</sup> Sept. A doe Fallow Deer crossed our path in the woods.

22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. Chris spotted a Weasel in his Middletown Lane garden – not the first time.

27<sup>th</sup> Sept. During an early morning walk through the woods we had good views of a couple of Goldcrests and a mixed flock of tits. Several Chiffchaffs could be heard calling.

1<sup>st</sup> Oct. A Red Kite flew over us on our woodland walk.

6<sup>th</sup> Oct. A Heron was standing in a field off Sambourne Lane in Coughton.

11<sup>th</sup> Oct. A lady resident of Coughton Lane in Coughton told us of seeing three Stonechats in her garden, of a Muntjac that is regularly found in her garden shed, and of seeing nineteen Herons standing in a circle in a nearby field.

13<sup>th</sup> Oct. Overnight a couple of Lawyer's Wig fungi appeared in our gravel drive. These are good to eat but didn't suit our menu for the day!

14<sup>th</sup> Oct. Adam commented on seeing flocks of small brown birds in a clover field and around cattle. From his description these are almost certainly Meadow Pipits. Today we noticed numbers of Ladybirds on the house walls presumably seeking suitable hibernation sites. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* F If YOU would like to contribute to the monthly  $\star$  magazine, then please contact the editor Gail Smith via email: gaildsmith@aol.com  $\bigstar$  $\bigstar$ 

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### **Coughton & Sambourne 100 Club**

October's Jackpot draw for £450 was won by one of early joining members Sandra Archer from Sambourne. Although a previous winner it was over 6 years ago. As we say to all our winners squander wisely Sandra.

This month's draw for £100 will be made on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> at Sambourne at 5.00pm

The Organisers will be pleased to welcome any new members who would like to join the 100 Club. By doing so you would not only be helping to maintain the churches in both Sambourne and Coughton but also have every chance of winning a cash prize each month. You should contact Peter Laband (01527 893879) or John McTavish (01789 764703) to be included in the monthly bit of fun.

### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

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There is also a **VIRTUAL JULIAN Meeting** once a month. Please contact Val Duffy Cross for details on 01527 892658



### Visiting Coughton Court this autumn...

If you're needing to step away from it all and reach a sense of calm, we've got the perfect autumn garden for you to explore. Admire the beauty of the golden tones of the trees and take a moment to notice how the water on a lake is still and peaceful. Listen to autumn wildlife in the trees or take a stroll surrounded by autumn colour. Jumping in crunchy leaves, discovering shiny conkers and enjoying invigorating fresh air with all the family — autumn is here for us all to embrace.

We've introduced advance booking to keep everyone safe and maintain social distancing. To avoid disappointment please book in advance, especially at busier times such as weekends and holidays. However, where space is available on weekdays, prebooking may not always be necessary, however if you do not book we cannot guarantee admission.

At Coughton the parkland and garden (excluding the walled garden) are open for pre-booking, along with part of the house, car park, mini café, shop and toilet facilities.

Please remember that dogs on leads are welcome in the car park and on public footpaths across the estate, only assistance dogs are allowed through the archway which includes the garden, toilets and mini café.

On arrival please have your tickets, membership card and booking reference close to hand. We've set up a welcome point with our friendly team to check your booking and welcome you onto site. Please arrive within your half-hour timeslot, to help maintain social distancing and once your onsite your welcome to stay as long as you like until closing time at 5pm.

We're open from 9.30am so grab your wellies and woolly hat and enjoy a misty morning walk with a cup of coffee or a hot chocolate. Avoid the busy weekends and pop over and see us on weekday afternoons too where you can watch the seasons change in a beautiful setting. This year, with the kind agreement from the Throckmorton family, we're delighted to be open throughout November and part way through December we look forward to welcoming you soon.

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Since this edition was created, the UK Government have bought in the latest Covid 19 restrictions which commence Thursday 5th November. Whilst every effort has been taken to update entries, please check that the information is relevant as changes can occur daily

### **STAY SAFE**



\*\*\*\*\*\*\* The Annual Parochial Church Meeting for Coughton with Sambourne was held on 19<sup>th</sup> October via Zoom .
The following members of PCC were elected:
Mrs Janet Allely
Mrs Marjorie Feast
Mrs Pauline Snape
Mr John McTavish(ex officio)
Mrs Margaret Yapp
Mrs Sue Swinbourne
Mr Mike Thake (Assistant Church Warden)
Gail Laband(Church Warden)



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## **COUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Our meetings are now being held virtually on Zoom & information can be found on our website.

Our next meeting is on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 7pm.

## We would love you to join us!

Our new website includes the following information and more:

Councillors Info, Meeting Dates, Agendas, Minutes, Events, News & Information and a Planning Tracker.

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