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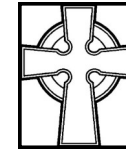
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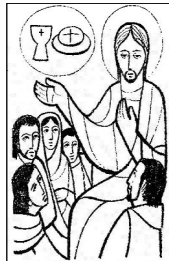
# ST COLUMBA'S WIDEOPEN

## Our Mission Action Plan

Ensure that we put Christ at the centre of all that we do.

Attract more young families and young people to the family of our Church

Help all members to grow in faith, discipleship and pastoral care



## JAMES HAMILTON FUNERAL DIRECTORS

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## **Groups meeting in Church**

Book Club monthly, watch for dates and venues

Ladies' Group 3rd Wednesday of the month 7.30 pm

Mothers' Union 2nd Thursday of the month 2 pm

Open Door 1st Tuesday of the month 12 - 2.30 pm

Parent and Toddler Group Tuesday 9.15-11 am (term time)

Scrabble alternate Mondays 2pm

Whey Aye WI 4th Tuesday of the month 7.00 pm

All held in the Church Hall unless stated otherwise.

Please note the Parent and Toddler Group does not meet in the school holidays.

**None of these is meeting at present.**

**We hope to resume all activities as soon as the current situation allows.**

## **ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH IN THE PARISH OF CHRIST THE KING**

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The Churchwardens  
Mrs Mary Lobb  
Mrs Avril Lomas

## **From your editors**

There is an awful lot of bad news around at the moment. Cases of coronavirus seem to be on the rise, especially in our region, and the consequent restrictions on our freedom of movement and assembly are considerable and in many cases distressing. Is there any possibility of seeing an upside to this situation?

Well technology can come to your help. Many of the church activities are now available through software enabling remote connectivity – Sunday and Wednesday services which are both live and virtual, , bible study, book club, even this week's church Annual General Meeting will be accessible virtually.

So this is a kind of way of keeping in touch – of course it's not as good as we are used to but it may lead eventually to a better state of affairs once we are through this pandemic. Hope to see you soon whether physically or virtually.

*Bill and Avril*

## **Method**

Heat the oil in a large pan with a lid.

Add the onion, carrots and celery and fry for 10 mins, stirring from time to time until they are starting to colour a little around the edges.

Stir in the lentils and cook for 1 min more

Pour in the hot stock, add the tomato purée and thyme and stir well.

Add the leek, cauliflower, courgette, and garlic, bring to the boil, then cover and leave to simmer for 15 mins.

Add the cabbage and basil and cook for 5 mins more until the veg is just tender.

Season with pepper, ladle into bowls and serve.

Will keep in the fridge for a couple of days. Freezes well. Thaw, then reheat in a pan until piping hot.



## Autumn Country Broth

### Ingredients

- 1 tbsp rapeseed oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 carrots, chopped
- 2 celery sticks, chopped
- 50g dried red lentils
- 1½ litres vegetable stock or bouillon
- 2 tbsp tomato purée
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh thyme
- 1 leek, finely sliced
- 175g bite-sized cauliflower florets
- 1 courgette, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- ½ large Savoy cabbage, stalks removed and leaves chopped
- 1 tbsp basil, chopped

Serves 4

## SERVICES AT ST COLUMBA'S



Wednesday  
10-12 noon

Church open for private prayer .  
Socially distanced refreshments in  
the vicarage garden

Sunday  
10 am

Eucharist in church and also  
available on Youtube, and Facebook  
followed by socially distanced  
refreshments in the vicarage garden

2-3pm

Church open for private prayer

4 pm

Eucharist in church

For further information and about reserving places at  
Sunday services please see the notices overleaf.



**From our Team Vicar,  
Pauline**

**Dear friends**



Autumn – season of mists and mellow fruitfulness – a time for harvest celebrations, the clocks to change, and all of us to remember people who have died... our loved ones, those lost during this pandemic, and those lost in war.

But this year it is really hard to predict where we will be next week, let alone next month. As I write we are still trying to come to terms with the local restrictions imposed on us at 00.01 on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September. What do they mean? What can we do? Why are some activities permitted, whilst others are forbidden? By the time you read this, let alone a month later, things may have changed again..

Nevertheless, our seasonal concerns are still important. Over recent weeks we have harvested about 23kg of plums from the vicarage plum tree (crows and insects got many more!), which has been industriously turned into tasty plum crumbles, plum jam (with cinnamon, with ginger, with apple), and plum chutney, and sold for church funds. And it seems I have blackberries and possibly some raspberries too... I have also collected my first crop of vicarage potatoes – though as I had left them a little too long, I perhaps didn't get the full value in my harvest!

## **Do you buy online?**

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising free donations for St Columba's Wideopen with easyfundraising?

There are over 4,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.

All you need to do is:

1. Go to [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stcolumbaswideopen/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stcolumbaswideopen/?utm_campaign=raise-more) and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to St Columba's Wideopen at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and we at St Columba's Wideopen will be really grateful for your donations.

**Thank you for your support.**

## **A bit of fun !**

Do you know the where you live?

Solve these anagrams to find ten streets in our church district

1. cab honoured view
2. a sky whale
3. larvae net you
4. fuse ice hoofs
5. video warmed
6. grand warhorse
7. tie waves
8. bring bale clamp
9. dreary claret
10. greedy news sale

Answers next time !

God's creation is abundant and amazing but it needs proper care. The need for attention to our planet, for sustainable ways of living has been highlighted by the pandemic. The idea of Jubilee, of rest for the earth and justice for all, at the heart of Old Testament thinking is this year's theme for Harvest. Our wellbeing is intertwined with the wellbeing of the whole earth, and all its inhabitants.

As the days draw in, and light fades early in the evening, we can feel that we want to shut ourselves in and avoid engaging with those around us, to stay safe... But if we are called to love all of our neighbours, we certainly need to still be paying attention to what is going on around us – and to be alert (perhaps a word now painfully associated with slogans, but still an appropriate word) to needs which are arising in our community...

Some of us are more vulnerable; some feel ground down by the demands of the pandemic – living in a state of high alert is not easy to sustain. Some are lonely or not confident with any of the technologies that have made others' lives, if not perfect, at least sustainable.

Everyone needs a break – but not everyone has found space for their own wellbeing. There are many ways to do this. We are experimenting with a social wellbeing zone, available on Sunday and Wednesday mornings to limited socially distanced numbers. You will of course need to wrap up warm!

## Consequences of Lockdown

And as time draws on, we will take space to remember people who have died: friends and family, and the many thousands lost in this pandemic, some from our own community, and then, as we celebrate 75 years since the end of World War 2, all the many who died in that conflict – and those who have died in battles since. We will – rules permitting – be holding services in church, and taking time to remember.



We hope too to be able to hold at least a brief service at the war memorial, and to broadcast that on our usual channels for the wider community, as well as relaying it to a congregation in church. As we remember, I hope we will all be able to commit ourselves to the future: living our lives as the people who died would have wanted, and building a future of peace and justice and love.

With love,

***Pauline***

In the last edition of the magazine we attempted to outline all the changes that we as a church have had to implement due to the coronavirus epidemic. No doubt we missed a few but as a corollary to that exercise it would be interesting to consider to what extent these changes are unwelcome. In other words is there in this pandemic a force which may be bringing us some good, or at least imposing on us developments which we will be reluctant to overturn.

The immediate and most profound impact has been on the church routine often established over a long period of time. Any institution can become settled into a fixed way of doing things and the longer that goes on the more entrenched views become with the result that the wider perspective is lost. So although the reason for our routine being shaken is really sad, the idea that our routine is turned upside down is no bad thing in itself.

And with closed churches we had to start to think of other ways of doing things, the first of which was to engage the services of technology to relay services to people's homes. This has led to the congregation having to develop their technological expertise to take part but most have welcomed the opportunity and followed us online. And now that churches are open there is on offer the choice between a live service and one that is streamed live. Equally it broadens the potential audience beyond the traditional members and enables others in the community to participate in what is going on. There is clear evidence of this at St Columba's. Other aspects of church life are also available through the zoom facility as both a bible study group and a book club have met and in the future this possibility will be offered to those who can't get physically to a meeting.

So there are some benefits but the real downside of these regulations is the insistence on social distancing. Humans are social animals, we pray to "our Father", the loss of that human touch is, in all senses, a great loss indeed.



## AGM

As you know we plan to hold our AGM on October 4th in church at about 11am 'in person' following our local risk assessments which we are confident ensure a safe environment can be offered. We are assured that such 'in person' meetings should not be affected by the new rules as they are part of our work as the church, as indeed is our worship. Please let Marjorie know if you plan to stay, as our capacity will be 30, or if you would like to join us using Zoom. The Bishop has authorised us to hold a meeting using Zoom should this be necessary.

At this meeting we will, as usual, elect Churchwardens, and we will be seeking to fill five vacancies in the membership of our DCC. In addition this year we will elect one Deanery Synod lay representative (each of the churches in the team will elect one, so that the parish has five overall).

This is important because in 2021 there will be elections for a new Diocesan Synod as well as the General Synod election deferred from 2020, and the lay members of Deanery Synod are the electors for the Houses of Laity in both of these elections - so our route to influence the thinking of the Diocese and the wider Church of England. Formal notices have been displayed, and those who are on the electoral roll (have you filled in a form?) are entitled to participate in proceedings (others are welcome to observe). Ask the wardens if you might be interested and want to know more.

## Inclusive Church



We are very pleased to report that we are now recognised as part of Inclusive Church -a network of churches, groups and individuals uniting together around a shared vision:

"We believe in inclusive Church - a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate. We will continue to challenge the church where it continues to discriminate against people on grounds of disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality. We believe in a Church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ."

## From the Registers

### Baptism

Nevaeh  
Smith– Davies

August 2nd 2020

### Funerals

|                     |             |                         |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| Brian Leslie Robson | July 24th   | Weetslade Cemetery      |
| Frances Brown       | August 24th | Whitley Bay Crematorium |



Please can you bring your collection boxes or cheques for the Children's Society with you to church over the next two weeks as Susan Brimer will be counting up our donations.

Thank you for your continued support

## Forms !!



The following are actual statements found on car Insurance forms where car drivers try to summarise details of accidents.

Coming home I drove into the wrong house into a tree which I don't have.

The other car collided into me without giving warning of its intention.

A pedestrian hit me and went under my car.

In an attempt to kill a fly I drove into a telephone pole.

To avoid hitting the bumper of the car in front I struck the pedestrian.

I told the Police I was not injured, but when I removed my hat I found that I had fractured my skull

I saw a slow moving sad faced old gentleman as he bounced off the roof of my car.

I was thrown from my car as it left the road. I was later found by some stray cows.

## You think English is easy?

Can you read these correctly?

The bandage was wound around the wound.

The farm was used to produce produce.

We must polish the Polish furniture.

He could lead if he could get the lead out.

A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.

The insurance was invalid for the invalid.

I did not object to the object.

There was a row between the oarsmen about how to row.

They were too close to the door to close it.

Let's face it. English is a crazy language

There is no ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in  
pineapple..

English muffins weren't invented in England.

A guinea pig is neither a coin nor a pig.

And a boxing ring is square!

## St Luke

Luke the Evangelist is one of the Four Evangelists—the four traditionally ascribed authors of the canonical gospels. The Early Church Fathers ascribed to him authorship of both the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, which would mean Luke contributed over a quarter of the text of the New Testament, more than any other author.

St Luke's Feast Day is celebrated on October 18th . He is known as a patron saint of artists, physicians, bachelors, surgeons, students and butchers.

In these times of ill health and need of medical aid let us remember him in his special prayer.

Almighty God,  
you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gos-  
pel,  
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:  
by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medi-  
cine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and  
power to heal;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen

## Harvest October 4th 2020



Normally the Harvest Festival is a time of community celebration for the food we unfailingly rely on growers, distributors and retailers to provide for us. It is, of course, an ancient festival which still retains a distinct place in the church calendar.

And this year it will still be celebrated but like so many other things, in a different way. So there will be a service of thanksgiving for creation on the Saturday 3 October in the church followed by a time of reflection in the grounds of the church during which people are invited to have a drink or a bite to eat which they must bring with them. There will also be a quiz available the proceeds from which will go to the People's Kitchen.

In order to comply with Covid regulations the congregation will be limited to 16 and it is so important to let the wardens know if you are coming to that event. One of the really difficult aspects of the current situation is trying to provide live services for the congregation whilst at the same time not overstepping the Covid regulatory line – this is not a comfortable circle to square!

## Harvest October 4th 2020

The traditional Harvest service will be on the Sunday October 4th and will be wholly in the church and will be followed by the AGM. Our numbers in the church for a service are limited to 31 so again it is necessary to pass on your name to the wardens – if you can't make it then you can always follow it on line.

We hope you understand the restrictions which limit the service we can offer and that you are able to find something which you can come to whether physically or virtually.

### The People's Kitchen

As usual we are taking our harvest produce to the People's Kitchen – a full list of what they would like is on the church website and please note that this year they are looking for clothes and toiletries as well as food.

