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FROM OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Alive!

As I write people are being pulled from collapsed apartment blocks in Ukraine. The war is a month old and the suffering is hard to conceive in this century. One frame from the news remains etched in memory. Amid the dark and chaos of a wrecked building a hand reaches out to the rescuers. Taking great care a hole is enlarged in the cavity and a person pulled away from being buried under the rubble. No cheering or noise, just kind hands placing the young woman on a stretcher. She is alive.

We can rejoice at the rescue of victims and the many tales of courage but our hearts cry out against the injustice of people being buried under the remains of their homes or taking an uncertain road away from their homes. Sometimes the sight of such suffering makes us feel quite helpless.

Like others, the church in Suffolk is responding to the appeals for help and support for the people of Ukraine. This Easter we are asked to give, give generously, where possible to support those who have become displaced and fearful of the future. A group in our sister church, St John's is starting to mobilise to support refugees (see stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk). I would like to add my own thanks to those in Bredfield who organised a collection of essential toiletries, medicines and health products at the beginning of March to be sent to help those who had suddenly found themselves fleeing from their home and country, and to those residents who so generously donated.

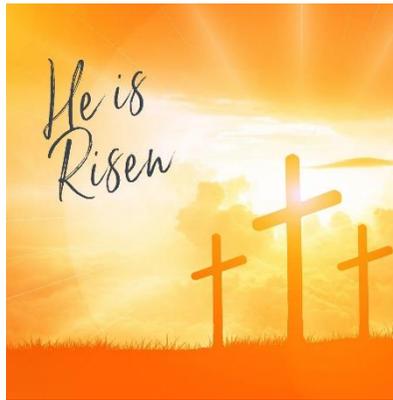
In the popular imagination Easter is a time of hope and new birth – lambs, bunnies, eggs, new clothes, holidays and going to tea with Gran. For many Christians Easter and the empty tomb comes at the end of a period of reflection and attempting to understand the significance of Jesus suffering. To reach Easter joy we walk through the crucifixion and death of Jesus. Like the women who went to the tomb with spices on

that morning on the third day we all want to do something, however small, something to help those who suffer.

Mary and the others found an empty tomb, an empty cross and a risen Christ. Like the Church in Ukraine this April, we will follow the Easter story with our friends in the village. On Easter morning we join with millions throughout the world declaring 'Jesus is alive'.

Greetings to you this Easter.

Rev Bill Herbert



From the PCC

When the PCC met on Tuesday 8th March it was clear that (i) the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine was worsening and going to negatively impact more people than any other event in Europe since 1945 and (ii) that the need for help was transitioning from food and medical supplies for refugees to targeted cash for areas of concern both immediately in neighbouring countries and for resettling refugees in other European countries. Therefore, the PCC unanimously agreed that both church service donations and PCC reserves should be used to make an urgent donation to the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) of £300 (which would be matched by another £300 from the UK government). This donation has been made to complement the donation of goods by Bredfield village which has already been dispatched.

DIARY DATES

Easter at St Andrew's

Palm Sunday 10th April

We are delighted that we will once again be able to hold our usual Palm Sunday procession from the village hall car park to the church for a service. Meet at the **village hall car park at 10.00 am.**

Good Friday 15th April

Rev Bill Herbert and Rev Garry Griffiths will lead an **Hour at the Cross** at **2.00pm**

Holy Saturday 16th April

Do come along to the churchyard at 2.00pm for a Family Easter Egg Hunt. Fun for all the family!

Easter Sunday 17th April

Rev Bill Herbert will lead a service of **Holy Communion** at **10.00 am.**

St Andrew's PCC AGM (APCM)

Sunday 24th April 10.30 am in the **Church** after a Service of the Word at 9.15am. All welcome. Those on the Church Electoral Roll are eligible to vote at the APCM (please contact John McCarthy as soon as possible if you wish to be added (01473 737276)).

Sunday Services and Private Prayer

Sunday services continue inside the Church with appropriate measures to counter the spread of Covid. Until we have received an update to the Church of England guidelines, we advise pre-booking for any service: contact details: Paul and Alison Cannard (01473) 737707 or lantern.bredfield@gmail.com

We have also opened up the Church daily for private prayer. We request that four actions are taken if you wish to enter the church at a time other than for a planned church service.

- 1) Please do not come into the church if you have recently tested positive for COVID or display the symptoms of COVID.
- 2) Please use the hand sanitiser on the bench in the porch – even better use your own before touching the outside porch door handle.
- 3) Please wear a mask whilst you are walking or standing in the church – preferably at all times or at least until you are sat or knelt in a pew.
- 4) Leave the main door and porch door open whilst you are in church to aid ventilation. When you leave then both inner and outer doors can be shut again behind you as per normal.

These simple measures will aid the minimisation and spread of the COVID virus and help to keep your fellow parishioners safe.



Family Easter Egg Hunts!

Saturday 16th April

10:30am
St John's Church,
Woodbridge

2:00pm
St Andrew's Church,
Bredfield

Both followed by refreshments

Fun for all the family!

For more information contact
Clare Johnston on
01394 383162 or
clare@stjohnswoodbridge.org.uk

The poster features a central illustration of a wooden cross with a purple cloth draped over it, set against a background of green grass and several colorful Easter eggs (yellow, blue, pink, green, and purple).

Saturday 23rd April

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Plant



and



Cake

Dallinghoo Village Hall

IP13 0JX

Sale



In aid of **The**
Dallinghoo Historic
Church Appeal,
Charity No. 803135

SAVE THE DATES

BEAT THE BOUNDS WALK

We are hoping to be able to resume our annual Beat the Bounds Walk this year, which will be held on **Saturday 28th May at 2.00pm.**



BREDFIELD CHURCH FETE 4TH JUNE



After a break of two years due to covid, the annual church fete is back! It will be held on **Saturday 4th June at the Old Rectory.** Put the date in your diaries now!



JUBILEE BBQ - SUNDAY 5TH JUNE



The Parish Council and Village Hall are organising a **Jubilee BBQ** for the village at the **Village Hall Playing Fields from 12 noon.** The bar will be open for refreshments. We will be dedicating a tree for the Jubilee and every child in the village under 16 will receive a Jubilee Mug. If you have children under 16 please email their names to Anne Henderson - henny@dircon.co.uk

We have a few more ideas in the pipeline and will let everyone in the village know nearer the date. We guarantee a weekend of fun in Bredfield.

BREDFIELD PRAYER CIRCLE

The Bredfield Prayer Circle is a group of Parishioners united in prayer for the needs of our community. The Prayer Circle operates in confidence. It does not discuss your requests but simply includes your needs with their private prayer. Please give just a first name and enough details to make your request meaningful to those who will be praying with you.

If you are in need of prayer, or praying yourself, and would like the prayer of others please contact Anne Ackerley 01394 384805 or Alison Cannard 01473 737707.

NEWS FROM BREDFIELD

National Old Stuff Day 2 March 2022



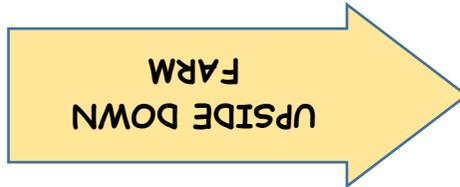
Now you are probably thinking the same as me when I first saw the title of `Old Stuff Day' – it must be all about decluttering unwanted items from your life?

Well, not entirely...

True it does encourage a lot of decluttering of your environment to bring in positive energies; clearing space, giving to charity or upcycling. And there is much research to prove this can improve your wellbeing and happiness, just look at the Chinese Feng Shui, American Minimalism or the Danish Hygge influenced lifestyles!

Though mostly it seems to focus on shaking up the usual routines that day - being a wee bit more adventurous, nudging bigger our comfort zones in either a physical, mental or spiritual way.

So to that end, I have upturned my usual style window display and made it into...



...changing both my skills (more Bear Grylls bush craft rather than brush craft!) and passer-by's usual perception of what is a normal window display format.

Why a farm theme and not something more abstract? Really for two reasons, I am creating a brand new bespoke Sheep Farm board game for a disabled friend and I already had old farm animal/scenery props – so all together, the window does encompass a little of the old and the new in keeping with the principles of `Old Stuff Day`!

Although this national day is contrived and very much concerning planned change. I thought it fitting to mark the end of the Chinese New Year celebrations with a couple of more spiritual quotes, which are by the Chinese Philosopher Lao Tao on the subject of general life changes:

“If you are depressed you are living in the past.

If you are anxious you are living in the future.

If you are at peace you are living in the present.”

“Life is a series of natural and spontaneous changes. Don't resist them; that only creates sorrow. Let reality be reality. Let things flow naturally forward in whatever way they like.”

Good luck with trying out improvements in your daily routines!

Lindsay

Resistance

It's war again: a family
carries its family out of a pranged house
under a burning thatch.

The next scene smacks
of archive newsreel: platforms and trains
(never again, never again),

toddlers passed
over heads and shoulders, lifetimes stowed
in luggage racks.

It's war again: unmistakable smoke
on the near horizon mistaken
for thick fog. Fingers crossed.

An old blue tractor
tows an armoured tank
into no-man's land.

It's the ceasefire hour: godspeed the columns
of winter coats and fur-lined hoods,
the high-wire walk

over buckled bridges
managing cases and bags,
balancing west and east - godspeed.

It's war again: the woman in black
gives sunflower seeds to the soldier, insists
his marrow will nourish

the national flower. In dreams
let bullets be birds, let cluster bombs
burst into flocks.

False news is news
with the pity
edited out. It's war again:

an air-raid siren can't fully mute
the cathedral bells -
let's call that hope.

*Simon Armitage - the Poet Laureate has written this in support of the
people of Ukraine* 

Suggested by Anne Henderson

100 Club Winners

1st Prize	No. 53 P. Daniels
2nd Prize	No. 3 J. Todd

Do you have any family news to share with your neighbours in Bredfield? Putting an announcement in The Lantern is a great way to ensure that everyone in the village hears about it.

Contact us at lantern.bredfield@gmail.com

You will have noticed that we have now resumed delivery of paper copies of the Lantern. However, several people have contacted me to say that they would prefer to continue to read it on the website only. If you no longer wish to receive a paper copy, please contact your deliverer. If you unsure who your deliverer is, contact me at lantern.bredfield@gmail.com and I'll try to help.

Alison Cannard

April/May Services at St. Andrew's

<i>Sunday 3rd April</i>	<i>No service at St Andrew's</i>	-
<i>Sunday 10th April</i> PALM SUNDAY	<i>Procession from village hall car park to church for Family Service</i> <i>Rev Bill Herbert & Roger Ackerley</i>	<u>10.00am</u> <u>FROM</u> <u>VILLAGE</u> <u>HALL</u>
<i>Friday 15th April</i> GOOD FRIDAY	<i>An Hour at the Cross</i> <i>(Joint service with St Johns)</i> <i>Revs Bill Herbert & Garry Griffiths</i>	<u>2.00pm</u>
<i>Sunday 17th April</i> EASTER SUNDAY	<i>Holy Communion</i> <i>Rev Bill Herbert</i>	<u>10.00am</u>
<i>Sunday 24th April</i>	<i>Service of the Word</i> <i>Roger Ackerley (tbc)</i> APCM 10.30am	<u>10.00am</u>
<i>Sunday 1st May</i>	<i>No service at St Andrew's</i>	-
<i>Sunday 8th May</i>	<i>Holy Communion</i> <i>Rev Bill Herbert</i>	9.15am
<i>Sunday 15th May</i>	<i>No service at St Andrew's</i>	-
<i>Sunday 22nd May</i>	<i>No service at St Andrew's</i>	-
<i>Sunday 29th May</i>	<i>Morning Prayer</i> <i>Roger Ackerley</i>	9.15am

To book your place, please contact Paul and Alison Cannard on 01473 737707 or at lantern.bredfield@gmail.com.



RECTOR: Vacant

CHURCHWARDEN: Vacant.

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