On Stream

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The Tower at Barrow now has a new ringing floor. See p8 for more pictures.

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Prayer Diary

For your prayers in August

This month we pray for:

Aston The residents of Manor Farm Road, Clarkes Lane and Walnut Close. Also the work of the Well Dressers and Recreation in Aston.

Barrow The residents of Swarkestone Road. Also the Football Club.

Elvaston The residents of Ambaston.

Shardlow The residents of Ambaston Lane. Also the Shardlow WI.

Swarkestone The residents of North Bank and St.James' Court.

Twyford The residents of Twyford.

Weston The residents of Old Gate Avenue and The Avenue.

The Community All of our District and County Councillors and their work.

The Diocese The Carsington Deanery. The Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches.

World Church The Provinces of South Africa, South India, South America and the Sudan.

Tony writes

Dear friends,

Twelve years ago this month, in August 2008, I wrote this in the church magazine:

"If ten to fifteen years ago someone had mentioned to me about churches having their own internet websites, I would probably have looked at them rather puzzled. Yet such has been the speed of the revolution in information technology, that logging onto the internet is now for the majority of people as much of a familiar, everyday activity as picking up the telephone or switching on the television. The good news, therefore, is that our Benefice website is now up and running."

If someone had told me in 2008, that in 12 years' time we would be posting services of worship on our websites (plural!), so that we would be able to continue to worship together during a global pandemic, I would have found it hard to believe. I would probably have been even more incredulous, had I been able to foresee meetings and Bible studies on Zoom (Don't worry, I'd never heard of Zoom 5 months ago) and the constant exchange of news and ideas via Facebook Twitter, WhatsApp etc. It does make you start to wonder what we'll be doing 12 years from now!

I recently read an article (I think it was on Twitter!), which reflected how those businesses which have thrived during lockdown are those who conduct their business primarily or solely online. By contrast, those which are struggling are those which have a traditional, physical presence on the high street and whose online business is secondary. The writer asked whether there was a message here for the Church. That set me thinking. Certainly, the Church of England, with its commitment to maintaining a worshipping Christian presence in every community, is finding maintaining a physical presence on the high street something of a challenge. We have thousands of parish churches around the country with just a handful of people worshipping in them. Should we follow the example of Amazon and be an increasingly online Church with some local manifestations?

Needless to say, my answer to that question is, "Certainly not" and perhaps even "God forbid!" Yes, the internet and mass communication has opened wonderful ways of keeping in touch, which have been invaluable during this time of social isolation. Going forward, we ignore this at our peril. However, having witnessed a congregation at All Saints' (plus one or two visitors) coming together again last Sunday, I need not remind myself about how much we need and treasure face-to-face human contact. There were many members of the congregation feeling quite emotional about the experience of returning to church, seeing friends again and worshipping together. This is irreplaceable. Moreover, we must never forget that we are not a business or a marketing enterprise but a community of people with Jesus right at the very heart of who we are.

God bless,

Services Church services resumed at Aston on 19th July and at Elvaston on the 26th July. The other churches decided to wait a little longer. See the back of the magazine for details.

Benefice News

If you would like to receive a copy of the magazine by email rather than in a hard copy please contact me on the email address below and I will send you one. (There is no charge for this, but a donation to your local church would be appreciated)

Please inform me of any detail changes for contacts that are listed on pages 16 and 17

All material for the September 2020 edition of the magazine to be sent to Joe Nutman at jnutman@btinternet.com by August 20th please.

Private Prayer Aston and Twyford churches are now open again during the day for private prayer. Please sanitise your hands on entering and leaving church and respect the cordoned off areas. Pass the word around in the community.

On Line Services Even after public worship has resumed I shall continue recording and posting the on-line services on both the Aston and the Benefice websites. You just need to go to the page entitled "On Stream worship" In addition to Sunday services, there is also a service of Compline (night prayer) for each Wednesday and I have also posted a couple of relaxing meditations. If you have missed any services and want to catch up, there is also a link to the YouTube channel, where you will find the videos of all the services.

Historical Tours I have now recorded visual historical tours of All Saints', Aston on Trent and St. Bartholomew's, Elvaston, based on the tours I led for the Aston Local History Group. I hope to be able to record something similar in due course for the other churches. They are available on the websites

We have started a weekly **Bible Study** at 7.00 pm on a Wednesday. This is via a conferencing program called Zoom. Zoom is easy to download onto your computer, smartphone or tablet. Once you have the app, you can join in the Bible Study by means of a link, which we will publish each week. Why not join us on Wednesday? If you have any trouble accessing or operating Zoom, please contact Ed or me for advice. We will do our best, as we are all learning new IT skills!

Facebook Groups. There are now Public Groups on Facebook for All Saints' and for the Trent and Derwent Benefice. Swarkestone and Barrow also have their own Facebook pages. They are a very convenient way of keeping in touch and will be even more useful once our services and activities start again. If you are not on Facebook or are unfamiliar with or are not used to social media, do contact Tony for advice, if you would like to be able to access the church groups.

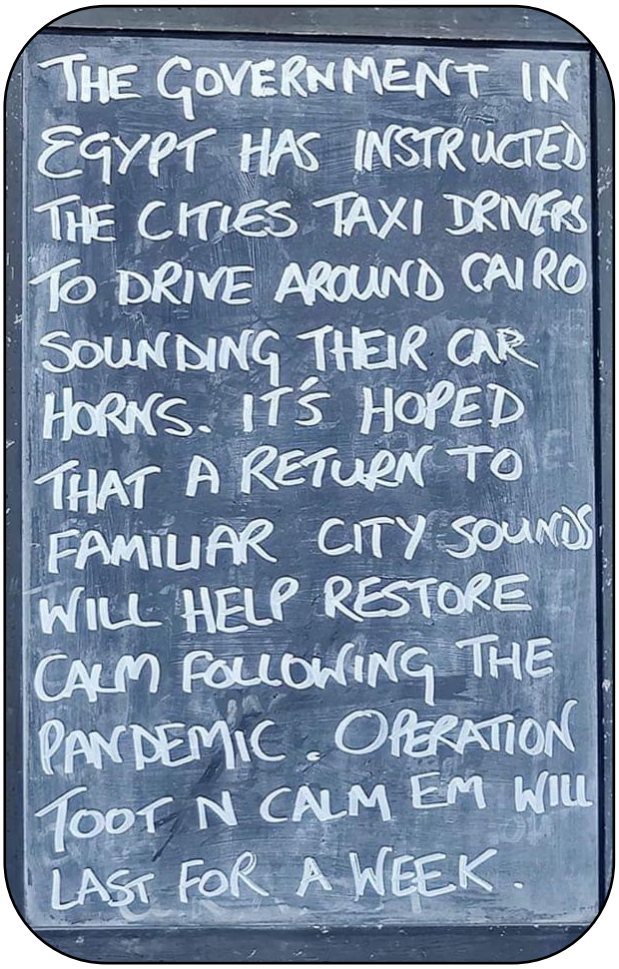
Giving These are financially challenging times for all our churches, as we have been missing weekly collections, fees for weddings/funerals and fundraising events. At the same time, a lot of our regular expenditure continues. If you give regularly by envelope scheme, please let your church treasurer have envelopes through their letter-box, if you can manage this. If you do not belong to one of our free-will offering schemes, please consider setting aside your normal giving and making a gift to your church whenever convenient. You may wish to consider making donations by standing order (have a word with your treasurer) or, if you are in Aston or Elvaston parishes, by joining the Parish Giving Scheme.

Thank you for all your support!

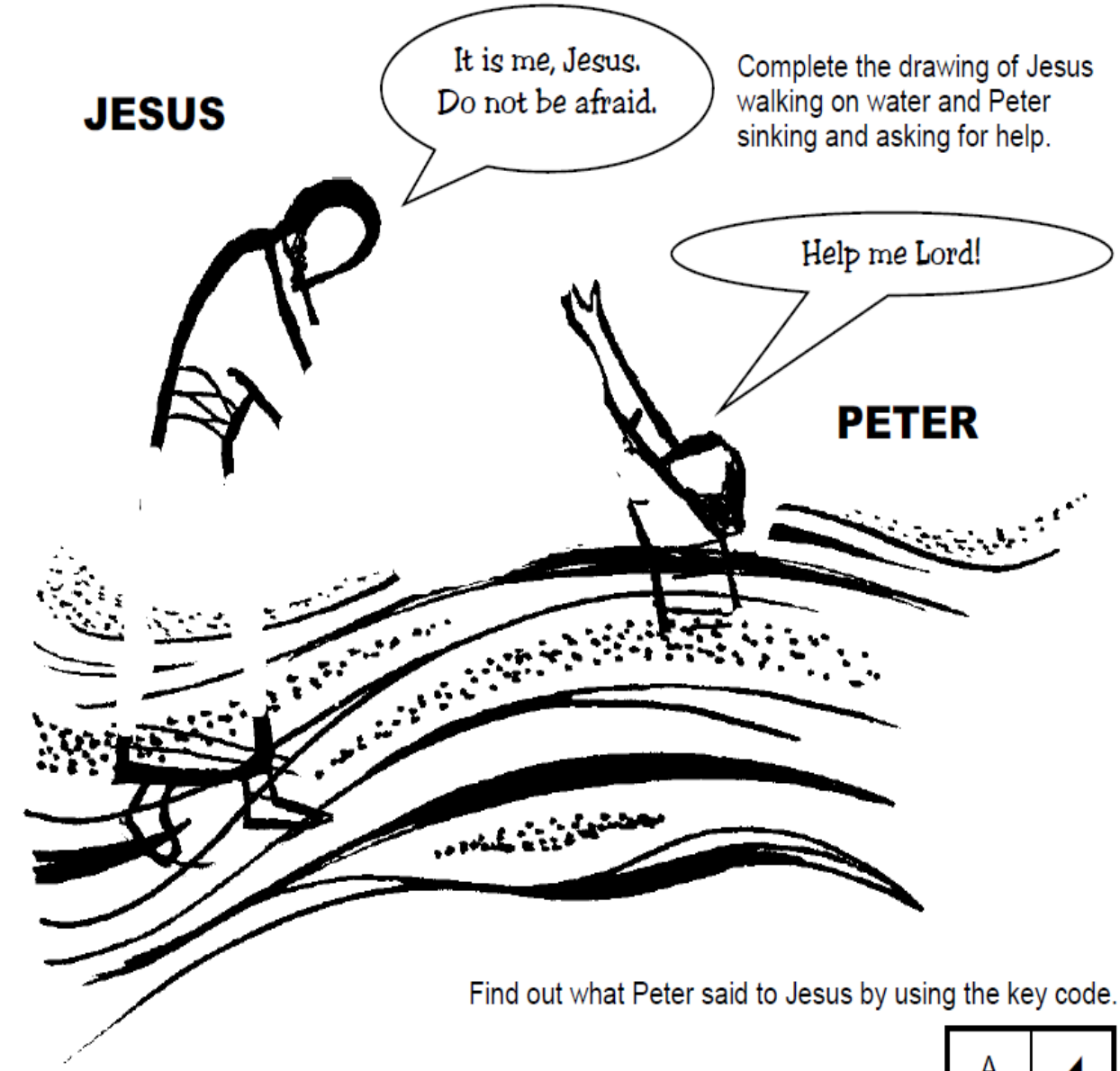
BENEFICE 200 CLUB

The 200 club numbers for July were drawn by Mary and Brian's granddaughter Jessica over a cup of tea in our garden rather than over the fence!

The winning numbers were 1st:- 140 (Swarkestone), 2nd:- 47 (Aston), 3rd:- 106 (Aston). Thank you Jessica!



CHILDREN'S PAGE



Complete the drawing of Jesus walking on water and Peter sinking and asking for help.

Find out what Peter said to Jesus by using the key code.

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th__ s__n __f G__d.

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E	◀
I	▼
O	▲
U	▶

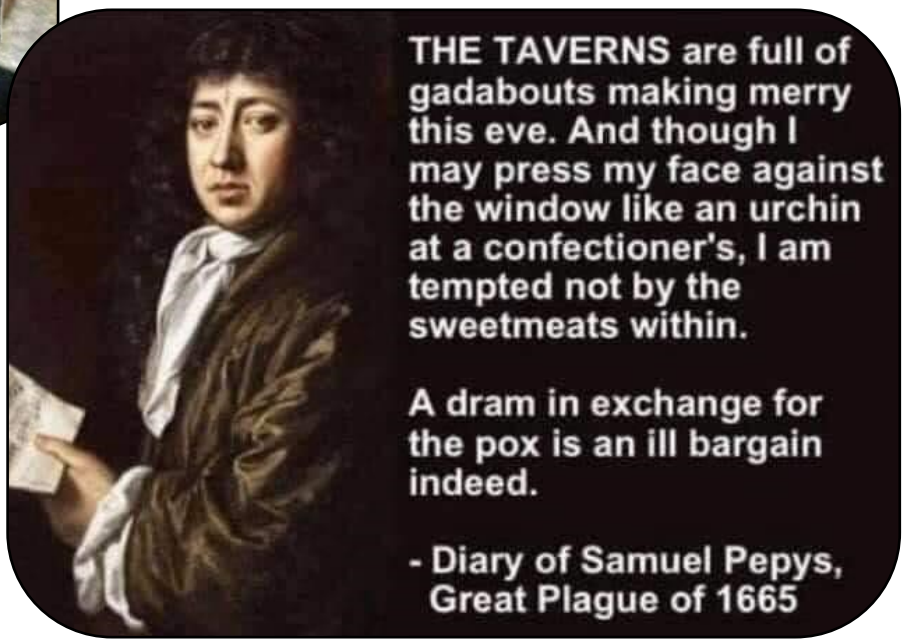
It was a real joy on Sunday 19th to hear the Church bells ringing out again and seeing people coming together once again in Christian worship and (socially distanced) fellowship.
We are asked to leave 72 hours between services, so for the time being there will be just the 10.30 am service on a Sunday and the 9.30 am Holy Communion on a Wednesday.

Aston on Trent WI

It's the great British summer and finally we are hearing some consistent good news in the UK as far as lockdown easing. Pubs and restaurants are now opening, albeit with restrictions, and people are making tentative steps back into the big world outside our homes!

Shops are flinging open their doors and I'm sure we're all continuing to support our local businesses wholeheartedly. Let's encourage those in a position to do so, to spend their money locally and help our economy get back on its feet.

Our social plans for the year are still on hold, but we hope to be able to review plans soon. Keep zooming everyone and keep washing your hands!



Barrow

We promised more photographs of our church transformation, and here they are! The internal parts of the building have been completely cleared out, down to the bare earth. We had hoped to reuse our old flooring in the transformed building, but the timber was not in good condition, so a new floor throughout is now in the process of being built.

The tower now has a new ringing floor. We have not had a west gallery for around 150 years – there won't be musicians on the new floor, but the bell-ringing and vestry will be relocated to this new room.

The drainage around the church has been a problem for many years, but this is now being remedied, supervised by an archaeologist at all times to record anything interesting that may be found whilst the holes are being dug.

Our effigy of an early mediaeval priest has been cleaned and conserved. A significant amount of polychromy (paint) has been discovered under the grime of 675 years, and a mediaeval paint expert has taken samples to discover the ingredients and let us know what he really looked like when he was originally placed in St Wilfrid's.

More updates will come over the next few months.

Sadly, a current and a previous member of our community have died from the Covid -19 virus.
Our condolences go out to their families

Elvaston

Shardlow

Wordsworth in Lockdown

I wandered lonely as a cloud,
Two metres from the madding crowd,
When all at once my name was called
To enter Waitrose hallowed hall.

This was the pensioner's special hour,
I'd gone to get a bag of flour.
But I forgot - when through the door-
What I had gone to Waitrose for.

The Waitrose staff are extra kind,
I told them it had slipped my mind.
They ask what else I had forgot
They clearly thought I'd lost the plot.

I phoned my wife again to ask,
She reminded me of this special task.
"I need some flour to bake a cake
With all that cream you made me take"

" Ah yes, I recall" I had to lie,
I dared not ask what flower to buy,
But then I saw them at the tills
A bunch of golden daffodils!

Supplied by Jane Williams

Swarkestone

Building works continue at Swarkestone, the roof now going on!

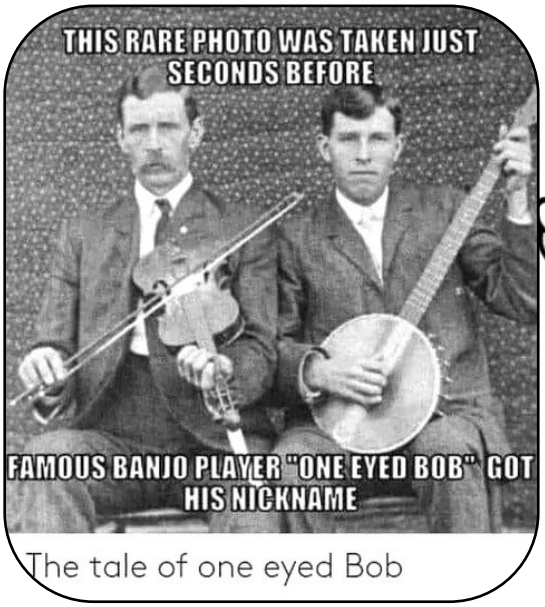
St Mary the Virgin.

Weston on Trent

Sunday Services

1st Sunday 10.30 Family Morning Prayer.

4th Sunday 10.30 Family Communion,



Twyford

There are no services currently planned for St Andrews during August, but in these rapidly changing times, it is hoped that one might be arranged. If so, online would be the place to look.

Repairs are taking place; the West window which is in the Vestry has been removed and the leadwork to this window has been repaired or renewed and the original glass put back in then the whole window has been put back in place There are eight small broken panes to be renewed in the windows in the Nave and the openers in these windows have to be eased or repaired then the church should be adequately ventilated.

Window repairs: Before *(Left)* ,the completed window *(Right)*

Hebe, flowering in the churchyard

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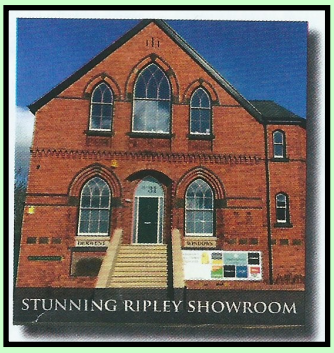

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19th July **Trinity 6**	10.30 FW Tony						
Wed. 22nd July	9.30 HC Tony						
26th July **Trinity 7**	10.30 FC Tony		10.30 MP Bruce				
Wed. 29th July	9.30 HC Paul						
2nd August **Trinity 8**	10.30 FW Tony						
Wed. 5th August	9.30 HC Paul						
9th August **Trinity 9**	10.30 FC Ed		10.30 HC Tony				
Wed. 12th August	9.30 HC Ed						
16th August **Trinity 10**	10.30 FW Tony					10.30 HC Ed	
Wed. 19th August	9.30 HC Tony						
23rd August Trinity 11	10.30 FC Tony		10.30 MP Bruce	10.30 HC Ed			
Wed. 26th August	9.30 HC Paul						
30th August St. Bartholomew			10.30 UBS Tony				

Key: HC = Holy Communion, FC = Family Communion, FW=Family Worship