

LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER –

January 2021

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BENEFICE OF LEVELS ARC

Sun 3 rd	10.10.am	Morning Prayer	On ZOOM
	11:00 am	Holy Communion	Muchelney Church
Sun 10 th	11.00am	Holy Communion	Drayton Church
Sun 17 th	10.10am	Morning Prayer	On ZOOM
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Pitney Church
Sun 24 th	11.00am	Holy Communion	Long Sutton Church
Sun 31 st	10.10am	Morning Prayer	On ZOOM
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Muchelney Church

Until further notice, midweek services will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Long Sutton at 10am. This will be either a Holy Communion or a lay-lead Morning Prayer service.

To meet Covid-19 protocol, the Church will not be open at other times.

Please wear a face covering for all services and observe social distancing always.

The Zoom Service is also available via telephone. For access, to receive the weekly Pew Sheet & all other church information, please contact Sue Creegan, PCC Secretary, on 01458 241 554 or via suecreegan@outlook.com

Sad News

We were very sorry to hear that Anita Barton, a long standing member of Holy Trinity Church, member of the Joint Benefice choir, member of Long Sutton W.I. and Mothers Union, died on 16th December at Yeovil Hospital. Anita's funeral will take place at Mendip Crematorium, on Friday 8th January at 12.30pm. Our condolences go to Alannah, Anita's niece, and family and friends. Please contact Sue (241554) if you would like to attend in person or virtually via the internet.

We were also sad to hear that Martin Jordan, a member of Holy Trinity Church, and previously a member of the PCC, died on 20th December in Yeovil Hospital. Funeral arrangements and date have yet to be announced. Our condolences go to Julie (Martin's wife), son Hamish, daughters Sophie and Amy and all their families and friends.

Jane's Christmas letter

Dear Friends,

If you haven't heard a 'Thank You' from me by any means until now, I apologise & say: Thank you all so much for welcoming me to your villages, – it seems impossible that nearly 13 years have gone by! Thank you for your kind words, cards and very generous gifts you have given me on my retirement. I hope to buy some garden furniture with the vouchers, and will put the cheque by in a savings account to visit some of my 'bucket list' dream destinations when we are allowed to travel again – Iceland, Norwegian fiords and, further afield New Zealand.

After my farewell service, I then had nearly 5 weeks holiday to take before I moved on December 3-4th. I made lots of trips to the charity shops and to the tip before I moved, and sold quite a lot for charity on a local facebook site, but still, fitting a four bed, 4 reception room house into a 2 bed bungalow is a challenge! The garage is still full of boxes and bits of furniture! It will take months to sort out.

There are still some teething problems with the bungalow – e.g. I haven't got a main light in my bedroom...the only way of turning it on and off is to put in or remove the bulb! Nor can I open & close the patio door in the sitting room...they are so difficult to close even by slamming, I don't dare do it for fear of breaking them. The Wi-Fi connection doesn't reach my desktop computer in the conservatory either!

My brother and family kindly painted the bungalow before I moved in, and have been down since to continue putting up curtain rails etc. I hope they will come again! The kitchen is very small & they didn't heed my pleas for the door to be retained, but they did put a cat flap in one of the patio doors for me!

The cats spent 10 days in a cattery over the move. I was concerned about that as they have never been in one before, but they (and I) survived and they are now with me; I have to keep them in for a few weeks before letting them out. Whenever I sit down to read or watch TV, I usually have at least one draped across me.

I have just rung the local church to see if I can book for any Christmas services, and I have been able to book for an outdoor Carol Service on Sunday and a midnight service, so I am really pleased. I am looking forward to being able to enjoy worshipping on Christmas Day without worrying about getting to the next church on time, and have I got the right visual aids with me and will whatever work!

Life still feels very strange with nothing that has to be done, no deadlines, no preparation, no visits to make – and of course it is even stranger with not being able to meet people and get to know them, although I have put notes through everyone's door in the road introducing myself, and have had welcome notes back.

I hope to join my brother, sister-in-law and nephew for Christmas lunch, and then my niece & her partner will come for tea – our small 3 household Christmas bubble for a short time!

I'm only 5 minutes from Jn11A of the M5, so if you are travelling north, do come in for a cup of tea or coffee (I can't put you up yet, boxes in the spare room & bed upright!)

Love and may God bless you
Jane (01452 618335 or 07948 336 935
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Long Sutton WI

The next meeting, via Zoom, is at 7.30pm on Thursday Jan 21st.
Our speaker is Anne Plested. She teaches at a college in Bethlehem and is going to talk about "Life in Bethlehem Today"
You are welcome to join us. Please email either President Jane or Secretary Heather to receive the Zoom link.
President: longsuttonwipresident@gmail.com

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Ann Sloman would like to thank everyone who has sent Christmas cards to her. Thank you all for your good wishes

News from Long Sutton Primary School **Retirement of Caroline Astington**

At the end of term we sadly had to wish Caroline Astington, our highly regarded colleague and friend for so many, a very happy retirement. She has given well over twenty years' service to the school and has played a large part in the education of so many pupils. We would like to wish her all the very best as she starts a new chapter in her life. Caroline certainly deserves her retirement after so many years of tireless dedication and hard work. Many of you will have had the pleasure of watching the many school productions in the village hall which she directed. We are sure that she will continue to be involved with many village and church activities as well as maintaining links to the school. She will be very much missed and we wish her well.

Kingfisher class local study

The children in Kingfisher class (age 5, 6, 7) shall be learning about what their local area was like in the past and we would really like to hear from anybody who remembers attending the old school in Long Sutton. Please could you write a brief account of your daily school routines and memories. Thankyou in advance!

Trussell trust

Thank you for your donations of food for our local foodbank. We made an Advent collection in school and all donations were gratefully received. All of us at Long Sutton School would like to wish our supportive community a very happy and healthy new year. We very much look forward to a time when we can open our doors and welcome volunteers back into school.

FOLSC Update 2021

With muted Christmas and New Year celebrations now behind us let us hope 2021 will bring better news; it has just been announced the AstraZeneca vaccine has been approved which is very welcome news and a step in the right direction. Sadly, other Covid-19 news shows we still have a long way to go to reach any form of normality and it is impossible to predict what we can and cannot do next week let alone in 6 months. Unless we get events pencilled in now, however, they certainly won't happen so that is exactly what we are doing. One change to advise is the date we published last month for our Midsummer Party has been put back by a week. It is now rescheduled for **Saturday 12th June** at the Long Sutton Village Hall. We are also pleased to announce we have secured the services of our local band 'Twisted Vinyl' to play for us on the night and we are keeping everything crossed circumstances will allow us to offer a real village Midsummer post lockdown gathering when we can finally get out, meet old friends and party! Our pre-Christmas event remains as previously advised, to be held on **Saturday 4th December**, when we will be entertained by the multi-talented Jan McNeil. Sadly, current conditions prevent us from planning the FOLSC AGM, but this will be scheduled as soon as circumstances allow. In the meantime, following the Quinquennial survey, the PCC are currently obtaining quotations for essential remedial work on the repointing

of parts of the Church tower. It is understood costs will be substantial, but this type of eventuality is the raison d'être FOLSC was formed and why we have been slowly building our fighting fund for just such a rainy day. More news on this when we have it.

'Happy New Year' seems almost glib under current conditions so let's stick with 'Stay Safe' !

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Martock & District U3A

We are wishing you a much happier 2021 and hope to be back to usual as soon as possible, is the message from Martock & District U3A.

But even with the restrictions at present, members are able to keep up with some of their hobbies and interests, with several groups meeting on line and inviting you to get in touch if you have an interest you would like to enjoy and share with others.

The U3A is also sourcing online talks for members, keeping in touch through online coffee mornings and sharing news, stories and support through a special Facebook group, Martock U3A Keeping in Touch.

So if you are feeling lonely or would like to do more with your time, come and join us. Get in touch by email

martocku3amembership@gmail.com , telephone 07510178094 or visit our Facebook page Martock & District U3A or the website www.u3a.org.uk