

LONG SUTTON AND LONG LOAD NEWSLETTER – March 2022

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Sunday Services in the Levels Arc Benefice

Ash Wednesday 2 nd March	10.00am Holy Communion + imposition of ash at Holy Trinity, Long Sutton
Friday 4 th	6pm –World Day of Prayer at St Mary's, Huish Episcopi (see below)
Sunday 6 th	10.20 am Zoom (tbc)* Online 9.30 am Café Church Pitney (see below) 11.00 am Holy Communion Muchelney
Sunday 13 th	8.00 am Holy Communion Long Sutton 11.00 am Holy Communion Drayton
Sunday 20 th	10.20 am Zoom (tbc)* Online 11.00 am Holy Communion Pitney
Mothering Sunday 27 th	11.00 am Holy Communion Long Sutton 11.00 am Mothering Sunday Pitney Informal service

Wednesdays – 10.00 am HC or Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity Long Sutton

Fridays – 6.30 pm informal prayers at Holy Trinity Long Sutton

The church is open daily during daylight hours for visiting.

*to be confirmed. For information to join the Zoom services, contact Sue on 241-554 / suecreegan@outlook.com.

World Day of Prayer – Friday 4th March – 5.30pm refreshments available before a 6pm World Day of Prayer service in St Mary's Church, Huish Episcopi. The worldwide service focuses on a different country each year, showering that country with prayers and blessings from all around the world! This year we pray for England, Wales & N. Ireland – bring your prayers together with others! ALL WELCOME!

Café Church, on Sunday 6th March in Pitney Village Hall, is an informal Sunday Supplement service! Coffee, cake, croissants (perhaps even a bacon buttie) will be served during a time of worship, praise and prayer, as well as discussions around topics in the Sunday newspapers of the day, from a Christian perspective. ALL WELCOME!

Lent Study – starting Tuesday 1 March in the evening on ZOOM, we shall be following "Women of the Holy Week", an Easter journey in nine stories. There will be a short break in Holy Week but the course will restart after Easter to finish the nine stories. If you are interested, please contact Liz Jones (01458-274264 or p.jones969@btinternet.com).

Flowers and Brasses rota

Date	Flowers	Brasses
March 5 th	Lent - No Flowers	
March 12 th	Lent	
March 19 th	Lent	
March 26 th	Lent	
April 2 nd	Lent	Mrs Ellerbeck and Mrs Bond

Coffee Mornings in the Church

The Coffee morning on the 5th February raised **£709.40**, for the Charity **School in a Bag**, thanks to the wonderful support, of Villagers and Friends who supported this event and also provided Cakes and produce to sell during the morning and create a lovely friendly atmosphere.

A special thanks also to the "Dynamic Trio", **Jean, Marian and Shirley**, who over the years, have possibly made the best Cups of Tea/Coffee in the West Country, with the most delectable Homemade Cakes to eat.

So, don't miss out on next month's Coffee morning, catch up with friends, bring a friend or visitors. We would love to see you, details below.

Future Events

On Saturday 5th March, 10.30 until 12.00 noon our Charity will be **Age UK Somerset**, who provide information, advice, activities and services to make life better for over 60s in Somerset, a representative will be joining us, if you would like a chat.

On Saturday 2nd April, the Charity, we will be supporting, is the **Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance** who rely on the

generosity of the public to support the incredible emergency work they do in our area.

Churchyard Tidy - Sat 26th March

We are planning to hold the spring tidy-up of Holy Trinity churchyard on Saturday 26th March, starting at 10 am.

Could all those with an hour or two to spare kindly lend a hand to help tidy the churchyard after the winter. Please bring your own tools. Coffee and biscuits will be available to sustain the workers.

Children's Society Boxes:

Jean Tulk would be pleased to receive all boxes at Tullards, Crouds Lane.

Food Bank

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously at Christmas. Sadly, the number of families being given referrals to the Food Bank in this area continues to grow. So every tin, jar, or packet is gratefully received by the charity "Langport Cares". The box for donations is in the church. Thank you for your generosity.

News from Long Sutton C of E (VA) Primary School

As we approach Spring time the school is as busy as ever. Each class recently joined the national focus on improving children's well being by taking part in Children's Mental Health Awareness week and Safer Internet day. Our youngest children in Cygnet class enjoyed a Night Welly Walk around the village which they really enjoyed. Sadly, it was too cloudy to see the stars but that didn't seem to dampen things! They did get a brief glimpse of the moon as they were lying on a tarpaulin looking up at the sky! A huge thank you to all the staff and volunteers who helped out. Our eldest children in Harrier Class enjoyed their Anglo-Saxon Viking Day, helping to bring alive their history learning for this term, through the use of real objects, stories and activities, all led by a real Viking of course!

Sports: Mrs Reynolds took 8 children to Huish Academy for a Hockey tournament. They were a credit to the school, behaving well, playing well and trying their best at all times. Although the tournament ended up with only a few schools participating, they had fun and ended up winning their matches! Well done to all involved!

If you would like to find out more about our school please do get in contact and come and visit. We have spaces in all year groups including the pre-school with wrap around care from 7.45 to 5.45. Toy Box pre-school is now open all day from 8.45 to 3.15 and parents are able to access the wrap around care too. Should you wish to look around please make an appointment and contact us on 01458 241434

longsuttonprimary@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Website: <http://www.longsuttonprimaryschool.co.uk>

Facebook: @LongSuttonPrimarySchool

Long Sutton WI

On Thursday 17th March at 7.30p.m in the village hall, we will be having an International Women's day event. This is your chance to listen to a variety of local women speak and to inspire us with what they have achieved. The Speakers are: Nina Gronw-Lewis - ACE Arts Manager and artist, Hannah Marchant – Artist ,designer and Printer, Lizzie Reynolds - Head at Long Sutton School and Yvonne Vigar - Executive and leadership Coach. This is an Open Event so please bring along another female. There will be a raffle and refreshments. We welcome all new members, so please do come along for a taster. Contact Jane 241237 or Caroline (after 6.00 p.m.) if you would like to find out more and have an informal chat about what we do.

The WEA are running a Day School on Saturday 30th April "The Medieval Church"

Tutor: **Nick Griffiths FSA**

Long Sutton Village Hall

10am to 4.30pm Fee £30

The course will look at three aspects:

1. The buildings, how styles have changed and how the internal fittings vary according to the rites at the time.
2. How the buildings were used, services and the role of the priest, objects relating to the priests
3. Letters and documents relating to the priests.

Nick has a fascinating CV which you will not find online, if you are interested in reading it please contact Doreen. Booking will be open from the beginning of March. You can enrol online through the WEA South West website where you will find full details or if you would rather book by telephone the number is 0300 303 3464 You will need to quote the course reference number which is **C3533522**

Any Questions?

Local contacts: Doreen Harvey on doreenharvey243@gmail.com or 01458 241711
Stevie Sales on stephaniesales@btinternet.com or 01458 241855

Follow up from Showcasing Long Sutton Exhibition.

The compilation album of photographs will shortly be available for organisations and later individuals to view. Booking will be through Stevie or Doreen. Contact details above.

It will then form part of a permanent record of village history.

Spring into FOLSC!

These words are written the morning after Storm Eunice, a name derived from the Greek word for 'a good victory'. Possibly misnamed by the Met Office, we should at least be relieved Holy Trinity has a tower not a spire. Despite the restrictions of lockdown, the demands on FOLSC do not go away. In 2021 we supported the PCC with significant financial assistance, part funding repointing works on the church tower. We are now advised, in order that the church insurance can be renewed, much of the ageing wiring needs upgrading and whilst estimates are currently awaited this will clearly deliver another significant bill. This is however the 'raison d'être' FOLSC was set up, but our fighting fund is already severely depleted. So, if you are not a member, we would love you to join us, and membership leaflets are available from the FOLSC noticeboard in the entrance to the Church or from any of the Trustees. In addition, we hope you can attend our Platinum Party on **Saturday 28th May**, the perfect start to a week of Royal celebrations! On the wider front we are also in urgent need of new volunteers to become Trustees. Several of the current team have served for a significant number of years and are finally stepping down at year end. We now critically need new volunteers to join us and unless this situation can be resolved, the continuity of our charity going forward will be in doubt. This is not a very demanding role and is an ideal way for those new, and particularly younger members of our community, to get involved and put something back into village life. Come and talk to any of the Trustees to find out more.

Long Sutton Parish Council

is delighted to announce the preliminary outline plans for celebrating the HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. For details please see the village website. The Village Hall Committee have kindly kept the diary free for the whole weekend, so should the weather become inclement, then we always have a fall-back venue for our out-door events.

If you would like to help coordinate any of the events together with the "hosting" organisations, then please email Rupert Cox on rupertandangie@btinternet.com or call him on 241616 in the evenings. We aim to convene a coordinating meeting toward the end of March

Car Boot sales

On Sunday 03 Apr 22, we will be starting up Car Boot sales at the Long Sutton Village Hall car park, from 11am - 1pm. Book in advance £3 per slot outdoors, £5 per slot in the Hall. Tables may be hired from the Hall for £1.50 each, chairs at £0.50. We aim to hold them at monthly intervals thereafter. Contact gcstones52@gmail.com to book a slot. Outdoor slots will be £5 on the day, indoor slots £7 if still available. Coffee and bacon butties available from the kitchen. Open for set up from 10am, funds go to the Village Hall

The Post office

is due to reopen in Long Sutton in March 2022. Please use the following link **For more information about the services available and opening times.**

There is an opportunity to provide feedback, until 28th February 2022, regarding access into and inside the premises, and any other comments. A questionnaire is available at the **Consultation Hub – Long Sutton TA10 9HT.**

The links to the information are available on the Parish Council website, on the home page as news.

Green Charter

Long Sutton Parish Council wants to fight Climate Change. Our first step has been to create a Green Charter document, defining the things we can do to reduce our carbon dioxide emissions, pollution and waste, but to make these happen, we need your help. On Saturday 26th March, please come and join us from 10.30am - 11.30am in the Village Hall, and get involved. We will present the Green Charter, collect parishioners' views on our proposals, and hopefully, inspire at least a few of you to join in and help us get things done. All are welcome and refreshments will be available.

LONG LOAD

Parish Council Meetings will be held every alternative month. The next one being 15th March and every third Tuesday in each bi month thereafter until further notice May/July/September/November. All Long Load Residents are welcome to attend 7:30 at Long Load Village Hall.

Chinese Brush Painting afternoon will take place on the 1st Wednesday of each month 2pm – 4pm.

Come along and give it a try if your interested. Contact Barbara Nieto for more information 01458 241284

Crafty Folk Club

The next Craft Club afternoon will be on Wednesday 9th March Jewellery Making with Sue.

Long Load Village Hall 2pm – 4pm. £5 Coffee and Biscuits included.

Village Hall Event

Good Friday 15th April Usual Good Friday Walk with Victor and Nicola Slawski starting from the village Hall 11am after hot cross buns in the hall.

There will be a **Quiet Hour** from 3-4pm at Long Load Village Hall on Good Friday

A time to meditate and relax. All are welcome

Easter Egg Hunt for Families

(adults must be accompanied by a child) linked with a quiz around the village, ending up at the hall where Cake and Teas will be available to purchase. As always, cake donations for the event would be most welcome

Platinum Jubilee Saturday 4th

The Village Hall Committee are to organize events for families in order to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee on Saturday 4th June including Cream Teas in the Hall and a variety of children's games on the lawn plus a quiz to be completed on the day. If you are able to help with any of these things please contact Marsha at Marsha.White2@btinternet.com or any other member of the Village Hall Committee.

Sunday 5th June

There will be a Jubilee (street style) garden party for the residents of Long Load to be held in a private garden. Look out for further details in April!

ALSO.... there will be a return of the very popular scarecrow competition, and we hope as many residents as possible get involved, scarecrows to go up during May. Theme: royal/ red white & blue. Time to get your thinking caps on!

Please note that as from 1st April Long Load Village Hall Hire cost will increase.

For further information please ring Ann Campbell on 01458 241202

Please send your contributions to lsnewsletter@btinternet.com by the **20th of the month.** For more information call 01458 241450