

Nether Broughton

Community Support during the Coronavirus Outbreak April 2020

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We would like to thank everyone who has offered their help to support those in need during the current crisis. Nether Broughton has always been a close-knit community and the readiness with which you have responded to the call for help has illustrated how much we care for one another.

I now have a list of at least 20 individuals who have offered support ranging from collecting groceries and prescriptions, dog walking, even supplying freshly-laid eggs! As yet, few people have requested assistance, but you must not be afraid to ask, as there are plenty of individuals who would be only too pleased to help you. If you are isolated at home and would like a friendly phone-call or some practical support, please do not hesitate to contact one of the people listed below and we will pair you up with a volunteer in your part of the village.

Contact details

Christine Todd	01664 822305 (Churchwarden)
Martin Rhodes	07525 136724
Inez Smith	01664 668631 (weekends)

St Mary the Virgin Church

St. Mary's church is now closed for both public worship and private prayer until further notice, following government advice. If you would like to receive a weekly reflection and material to help you pray at home, prepared by members of the local group of churches, please contact Christine Todd or e-mail oldmanorhouse@shoulers.co.uk. Reverend Jamie Mackay has prepared service sheets to be used at home and Martin Rhodes has recorded the music to hymns chosen for each week, with accompanying words. If you know of anyone who would like copies of this material, please contact us.

The Church's "**Time to Pray**" app, which includes simple daytime and night prayer services is now free to everyone. An accompanying daily audio offering on SoundCloud and iTunes was launched last week, with the Archbishop of Canterbury leading worship.

Reverend Jamie Mackay, our vicar, is no longer able to undertake regular home visits but is willing to talk with anyone on the phone in need of support.

Contact details

Reverend Jamie MacKay	01664 823475
Reverend Simon Shouler	01664 822698
Churchwarden	01664 822305

The church also has a **Facebook page** and messages can be sent to: stmarynetherbroughton@gmail.com

As many of you will be aware, publication of the Parish Magazine is temporarily suspended during the epidemic. However, the Churchwarden intends to continue to write her monthly Church news and will explore ways of circulating it to everyone. Please contact us if you would like a copy by email.

General information

- Please note Long Clawson pharmacy will no longer allow repeat prescriptions to be ordered over the phone. Anyone needing a repeat prescription can either order it online, if they already have such an account set up, or fill in the side slip on their current prescription. The pharmacy is no longer setting up any new online accounts. The pharmacy want to reassure everyone that they will get their medication by their due date but it may take longer than normal.

- You should have received information from Ruth Wakeling at the Bison Farm café, who has set up a Pop-Up Shop, on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Ruth can take orders for a wide range of fresh grocery items and other essential items. She can be contacted by phone on 07976 409923.
- Willoughby House, a local charity, has offered help with picking up shopping, posting mail, urgent supplies and phone calls. They can be contacted on 07492908185 or Email: debbie@teenchallenge.org.uk
- The government has talked about making available care packages. This is taking some time to organise but we are in touch with Melton Borough Council and expect some action next week. In the meantime if you or someone you know needs fresh food, in particular do get in touch.
- Kerbside bin collection will continue for the time being. However, municipal recycling and waste collection sites have been closed.
- The scout hut in Queensway has had to close its doors to visitors on government advice. A sincere thank you to Ian and Jenny Wellby for the help they have provided and for keeping it open thus far.

Lost and Found

A pair of glasses has been found in a field entrance on Hickling Lane. They have oval lenses and tortoiseshell frames and look fairly new. If they belong to you, please contact Christine Todd.

National Theatre Live

If you are struggling to fill the evenings in isolation, why not visit the theatre in the comfort of your own home? It is now possible to see some of the National Theatre Live productions on YouTube. Starting this Thursday, they are free to stream for seven days.

National Theatre at Home launches with *One Man, Two Guvnors* this Thursday, followed by *Jane Eyre*, *Treasure Island* and *Twelfth Night*, with more titles to be announced.

***One Man, Two Guvnors* streaming premiere at 7p.m. BST on Thursday 2nd April. Available on demand until 9th April.**

National Trust Blossom Watch

The National Trust is asking people to celebrate the blossom season – emulating Hanami, the ancient Japanese tradition of viewing and celebrating blossom as the first sign of spring.

The conservation charity is encouraging those who can see a tree in flower to take a moment to pause, actively notice and enjoy the fleeting beauty of blossom, and share their images on social media for those who can't see blossom themselves - to kick off a new British tradition of #BlossomWatch.

The move is part of the Trust's campaign to help people of all ages to become more connected with everyday nature. The charity said that blossom sweeping the country is one of nature's key moments that could help lift the spirits during these uncertain times and enable people to celebrate nature and history together.

The charity is asking those with trees in bloom in their gardens and on their streets to share pictures on social media using **#BlossomWatch** and tagging their location, so everyone can enjoy this year's blossom season.

In the meantime, follow the government advice and please stay well!