

Lockdown Year 2, week 3

Hello Everyone,

Easter week has brought snow and cold winds, (I seem to remember writing about the cold in the news sheet for Easter week last year). However, we must not let the cold deter our resolve to look forward to an unlocked future, even though care will still be needed until the "world" is vaccinated!

We had our committee meeting on Tuesday, by Zoom and we all managed to log on and take part which we all decided as very good for a group of "elderlies".
Here is what we have planned from June until January. As details become available, I will share them in the news sheet.

22nd June Big Tea Party, either in The Barn Garden or in Church if wet. All members and friends will be welcome as numbers should not be restricted by then. There will be a poster up in church and details in the Parish Magazine, if the deadline hasn't passed for the June edition.

- **July:** Bring and Share on the theme "All things bright and beautiful". Details to follow.
- **August:** Speaker, we have 2 possibilities.
Mary Sumner Day service at Sheffield Cathedral, this is now being organised details later.
Wave of Prayer, again details to follow.
- **September:** Outing to Gainsborough Old Hall, this is being investigated for availability.
- **October** Look at Archive material for 1940/50's especially a signed / embroidered tablecloth containing many familiar names from "Old Tickhill" families....we shall see if we could do a cloth using our names.
- **November:** AGM
- **December:** Carols and mince pies social meeting
- **January:** Festive Lunch, again details to follow
- **interchangeable depending on availability of speakers.**

We hope that this gives everyone something to look forward to.

We have 2 baskets ready to be filled for the refuge. I shall try to get them off to Tanis next week, so if anyone has anything to donate, please let me have things early next week.
GFFG are not taking clothes until after 26th April, as they already have a backlog. I'll let you know when anyone is going, its usually Margaret and or Joan Green.

Hi everyone,



I hope that you had a wonderful Easter weekend. Our church was filled with jars of spring flowers and happy faces. Our visiting priest, Sarah, said that the love of God was palpable, and again she sang for us, this time 'Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia' it was very hard not to join in. As we left our church service and went by our lovely remembrance garden, we were invited to take a plant from a wheelbarrow, 3 of them were placed in a socially distanced way and were full of hellebores. I chose a red one to plant and I look forward to seeing it grow and flower for next Christmas.

How time flies - I remember being told 'I only have one pair of hands!' Don't we all try to do more than one job at a time? Well perhaps we're not all alike, but it is easy to fall into traps when we should be focussing on one thing rather than trying to achieve the impossible, resulting in unfinished work. I believe that our work as Christians will never be finished; we have taken on this 'job' if you like, and we have to give it our all. As Mothers' Union members we are indeed doing a good 'job'. We had a wonderful service and branch meeting here at Barnby Dun, there were 25 of us enjoying a new sort of fellowship, finding it hard not to hug one another, but enjoying being together.

Looking ahead and making plans, a Summer Fayre, making pamper bags, a year on, again for the Women's Refuge. Sharing homemade produce along with our Hopes and Dreams, remembering that in Holy Week, our Lord Jesus Christ sacrificed so much for us. He gave us the gift of hope and eternal life, rescued us from sin and death. We will shine as a light for Christ in the world, to the glory of God.

Sing that wonderful old hymn:-

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of His spirit, washed in His blood
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Saviour all the day long

We also listened to that Easter hymn 'The Power of The Cross' so we are reminded of God's love for us all, not just at Easter, but always unto eternity.



I hope you haven't eaten too many Easter Eggs; thank goodness for elastic waistbands

Keep smiling, Love and God Bless, Tanis.

The prayer for this week is for hope for the future.

Risen Lord, giver of hope which sustains our lives now and for eternity, we worship you.

Our hope is in you, our loving Father;
you have opened the door of heaven through your plan of salvation.
Our hope is in you, our saviour Jesus Christ;
you have paved the way for us to know joyous relationship with God.
Our hope is in you, our counsellor Holy Spirit;
you have shined a light for us to see the love of the Father and Son.
Thanks be to God, that we are united together in resurrection hope.
Amen

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