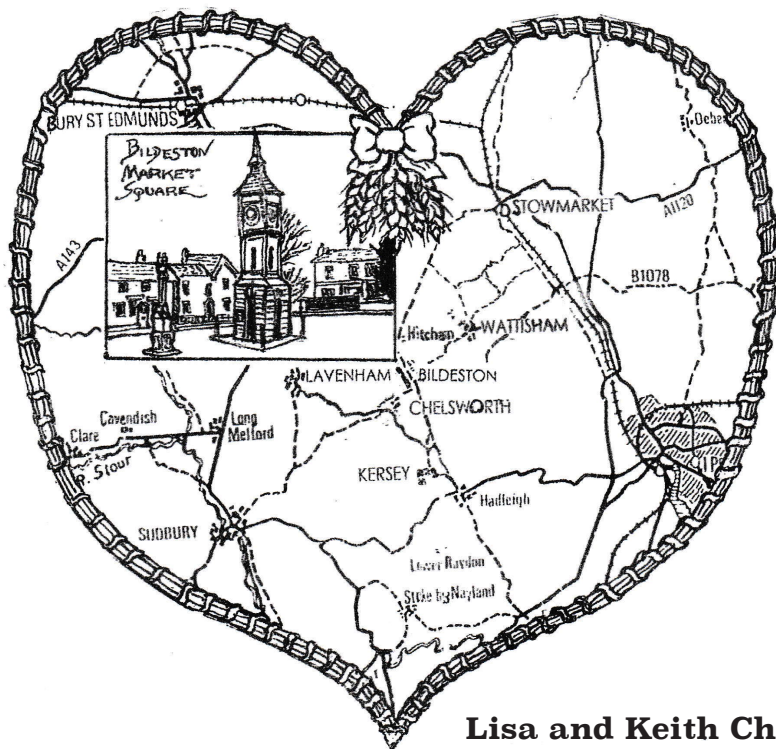


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ED'S COMMENT

Don't worry or think you are seeing things when you walk along Bildeston High Street on the morning of Friday 25th March, between 8.30am and 9.00am and the afternoon between 3.30 pm and 4.00pm. Don't be surprised if you are confronted by several little versions of Harry Potter, or characters from Alice In Wonderland, or from fairy tales or even Gangsta Granny and other superheroes. You are not in a parallel universe. You have stumbled across the children on their way to school dressed as characters from literature on World Book Day.

World Book Day is a charity funded by publishers & booksellers. Their mission is to give every child and young person a book of their own. Each year a collection of books priced at just £1 are published to encourage children of all ages to have a book of their own.

Children in primary schools across the UK are given a £1 book voucher to buy one of the £1 books, or to put towards the cost of any other book. The list of books for 2022 is available to buy now, they are:

BEGINNING Readers

- Hey Duggee: The World Book Day Badge Ladybird Book
- Rocket Rules: Ten Little Ways to Think Big! by Nathan Bryon, illustrated by Dapo Adeola
- Dinosaur Roar and Friends! by Jeanne Willis and Peter Curtis

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- Jemima the Pig and the 127 Acorns by Michael Morpurgo
- The Worst Class in the World in Danger! by Joanna Nadin
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INDEPENDENT Readers

- The Last Word by Ben Bailey Smith
- Boy, Missing by Sophie McKenzie

Most schools in the UK take part by holding lots of fun literary themed activities and encourage children to dress up as characters from their favourite book. All major supermarkets in the UK – Asda, Tesco, Morrisons, Sainsburys, Marks & Spencer and most large bookshop chains and hundreds of independent booksellers are participating, as are a number of school book clubs.

World Book Day was created to encourage children all around the world to get reading. The campaign has expanded its reach in recent years from its focus on younger children to include young adults and adults who struggle with literacy issues. Reading, arguably, remains the most important core skill of all, and it's never too early to start a collection of your very own books.

So look out on the 25th for all those children (and parents who helped!) who have spent time dressing up. Even better, join in the fun. Buy a book, read a story to someone in your family or go with them to spend their very special book voucher.

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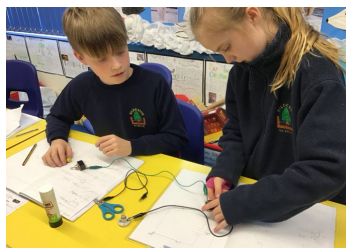
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Recycling in KS2

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Bee Bots in Reception Class

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Science in KS2

In Kestrel's science lesson their topic was electricity. They discussed the everyday use of electricity, looking at appliances at home which have cords and plugs. They also looked at cordless and portable appliances which are powered by batteries.

Tractor in School

As part of the Suffolk Agricultural Association's Tractors into Schools initiative, Mr Pratt brought his tractor into Bildeston school for all of the children to see. It was an opportunity for the children to about agriculture and animals and the effect of farming on their daily lives.

French Day in KS2

Kingfisher class have been learning how to order food in French. There was, of course, some taste testing too with lots of different French foods!

Kestrel class also enjoyed a French day, where Coq au Vin was on the menu!



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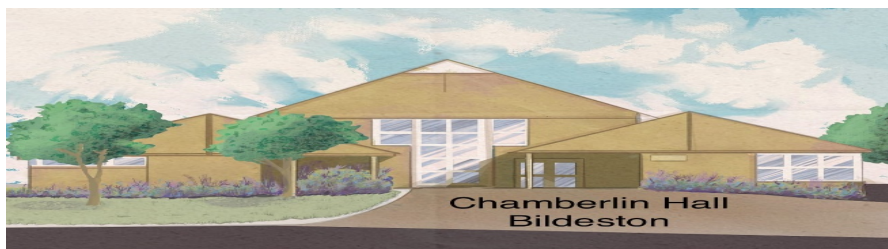
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Thursdays	9.30 to 10.30am	Sabrina Fit
Thursdays	10.30 to 11.30am	Zumba Gold
Thursdays	7.00 to 9.00pm	Badminton
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Fridays	7.00 to 11.00pm	Social evening
Sat 5th	Doors open 8.00pm	The Kicks
Sat 12th	4.45pm kick-off	England v Ireland 6 Nations Rugby
Sat 19th		England v France
Sat 26th	from 7.00pm	Quiz Night!

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As a bonus you are welcome to listen in if you enjoy all aspects of gardening.

If you would like to help we are willing to pay £30 for your Saturday afternoon and cheerful aid. Please phone Liz: 01449 740085 or email lizz.a.law@gmail.com. Thank you.

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February saw us back
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Our speaker Shaun Clifford was a skilled and passionate craftsman. His obvious love and depth of feeling for the wood he works with was clear to see. The pieces he brought with him to show us were beautiful to look at and very tactile too. I even started my shopping for Christmas 22, purchasing some of his lovely candle holders.

Then came the fun bit of swapping our Secret Santa gifts from last year and playing 'heads or tails' to raise funds towards our very own Golden Jubilee celebrations. It's great to know that we are in good company, with her majesty Queen Elizabeth also having a special year! I am not sure that our celebrations will quite match up to hers, but we will do our best!

This month we have another talented village resident, Lynne Edwards coming to show some of her work and give us a talk entitled 'My Life In Patchwork'.

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After three months of intensive work, we have now completed our Heating Bildeston application to the Rural Community Energy Fund and are awaiting imminent approval for funding of a feasibility study that will work out the most suitable and economic way of bringing low-carbon district heating to our homes.

We've analysed the consultant tenders and selected which team of experts offer the best match for our project. If approval is granted, the next stage will be to identify just how much energy all our homes use. Heating Bildeston and our consultants will prepare a questionnaire and approach every Bildeston household for your input. More information to follow in next month's Bugle.

The Heating Bildeston team recently visited Swaffham Prior in Cambridgeshire where a similar scheme is now being installed. We received a warm welcome, an abundance of great advice and a promise to support Heating Bildeston through our journey. You can find out more at heatingswaffhamprior.co.uk

If you want to find out more about Heating Bildeston call Gordon Mehrtens (07456 737113) or Shaun Moffat (01449 257136). Our website is at heatingbildeston.uk



BILDESTON BOWLS CLUB MEETING

Bildeston Bowls Club is preparing for the opening of the 2022 summer season and will have its pre-season meeting on

Friday 25th March 6.30pm at Chamberlin Hall

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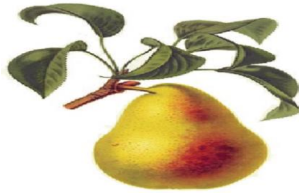
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UP COMING EVENTS



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Make it a date in your diary for the first one.

Join us on Sunday 3rd April 10.00am - 12.00 noon

We will be having a meeting on Sunday 13th March at the pavilion at 10.00am to plan these events. If you would like to get involved in this or you have any other ideas of how we can increase the use of our facilities, please join us, we would love to see you and hear your ideas.

That's the good news, now for the not so good news. The new bin at the entrance to the car park has been broken and there has been damage to the field by driving a vehicle onto it. If anyone has any information regarding these or any other issues you see please contact us or report directly to the Police.

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Save the Date

Sunday 5th June 2022

A fun day at the Sportsfield to celebrate
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee

Watch the Bugle for updates and for a flyer with all the details soon.
also...

SCARECROW TRAIL AND GRAND DRAW

This year the event will take place over the Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend 2nd -5th June with the prize-giving at the sportsfield on Sunday 5th.

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Annual Village Spring-clean



Bildeston's annual litter-pick is fast approaching and we have already had quite a few volunteers, so if you want to join in please give one of us a call. For newcomers to our lovely village this is a great way to get involved with the community and work alongside some fellow villagers.

Book now to avoid disappointment!

**Saturday March 26th
Meet at 10a.m. on the Market Square
Bring your own gloves
(Hi-vis vests, bags and litter-pickers provided)
Children welcome with adult supervision.**

As usual, you can pre-book a particular area of the village that you would like to work on or just join in where needed. We hope to cover all the pavements and pathways within the Parish boundary and the roadsides towards our neighbouring villages. As you will appreciate this is a lot of work, so the more volunteers the easier it is for us.

Come along and do your bit!

We have Ray with his trusty van to collect the sacks from around the village so there won't be a need to carry them back to the square if they are heavy or cumbersome.

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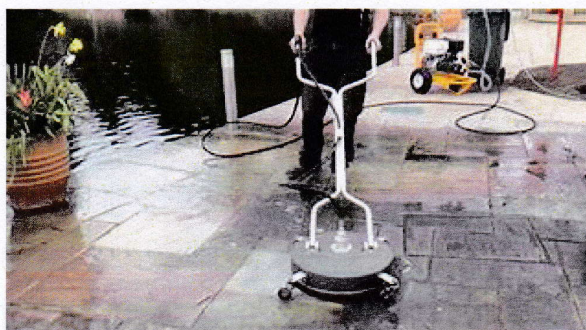
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- 2 1/2 tbsp cocoa powder
- 2 tbsp golden syrup
- 6 tbsp self raising flour
- 2 1/2 tbsp caster sugar
- 1 medium egg
- 1 1/2 tbsp oil
- 1 1/2 tbsp milk
- 40g finely chopped white chocolate



Method

1. Divide 1 tbsp cocoa powder equally between 2 standard mugs. Add 1 tbsp of golden syrup to each.
2. Place flour, caster sugar and remaining 1 1/2 tbsp cocoa powder into a medium bowl. Crack the egg into this and add the oil and milk then stir in the white chocolate.
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BILDESTON PARISH COUNCIL



Draft minutes for the Parish Council meeting held Monday 14th February 2022, 19:00hrs, at the Baptist Church Hall, Duke Street, Bildeston

Present: Cllr Andrew Guttridge, Cllr Ashley Hubbard, Cllr Ray McCann, Cllr Virginia Tuck. 7x residents. Clerk – Angela Chapman.

C216/21/22 Chairman's Welcome and Apologies. Cllr Andrew Guttridge chaired the meeting in the absence of the Chairman. Apologies: Cllr Alex Banks, Cllr Sarah Leigh-Hunt, Cllr Richard Lester, CC & DC Robert Lindsay. Apologies accepted. Chairman Peter Hutchings – absent.

C217/21/22 Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests.
None.

C218/21/22 Requests for dispensations in respect of pecuniary interests.
None.

C219/21/22 Minutes of Last Meeting held 13 December 2021:
Add Cllr Ray McCann to those present, then approved.

C220/21/22 Adjournments.

Meeting adjourned 1916hrs to receive reports from County and District Councillors, and consider any matters raised by local parishioners.

CC/DC Robert Lindsay – not in attendance, a report was sent and distributed, a copy of the report can be found on the village website. www.bildeston.org An email was also received about the traffic calming and the Newberry House damage. Cllr Andrew Guttridge briefly went through the report, explaining the options SCC Highways engineer had suggested for signage for Newberry House to avoid damage to the overhanging porch. Cllr Guttridge suggested a meeting with SCC Highways, Newberry House owners and the Parish Council. The PC confirmed it will support the residents.

The 20mph scheme, dropped kerbs and road closures were on the report.

Babergh Councillors are considering scrapping the cabinet system and reintroduce committee system. Suffolk CC budget proposals – 4% council precept rise, which is below the 5% cap.

Babergh DC are proposing a 2% rise in their council tax precept equivalent to £3.79 on a Band D property. The Government cap is the highest of 2% or £5 on Band D.

SCC are offering to waive road closure fees for the Jubilee events, criteria apply. Details on SCC website.

Resident gave details to the meeting and PC regarding a Funday on the Sports Field/ Pavilion for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Sunday 5 June 2022. A letter had also been received from another resident willing to organise the day and requested the Parish Council's permission to carry this out. The PC recommended the Bildeston Sports Field Management Committee to lead the event, with the PC willing to help support with funding, it was suggested the Henry Morphew Trust can also be approached for funding.

Organisers outside of the Sports Field/Pavilion committee to be led by the BSFMC meaning the BSFMC insurance and Health & Safety policies can be utilised.

Meeting reconvened 1958hrs.

C221/21/22 Planning applications

Planning appendix A – Items for comment by Bildeston Parish Council
None.

Planning Appendix B – Items determined by Babergh District Council
None.

C222/21/22 Projects and progress reports

a) **Joint Local Plan examination and representation.** Cllr Guttridge advised no update.

b) **20mph project/design costs/funding.** Cllr Guttridge previously reported

c) **‘Heating Bildeston’.** Gordon Merhtens updated, advising the application for the regional community energy fund has been submitted, should have a response by mid-March. Preparation work is ongoing, with data gathering to gauge demand for the system, data needs to be accurate, therefore a ‘guinea pig’ questionnaire will be run. Communication with the PC will continue. HB will put a small announcement in the Bugle giving an update.

Questions: What’s the geographic scope of the system?

The group will be guided by the consultants, it should reach every property in the compact village area. Not certain it will reach to the St. Mary’s Church. Don’t currently know where the boundaries are, however, the whole village has been included in the application.

How long before the system is in place? Funding is the main hurdle but could be within 3 – 4 years. Also legal issues to overcome.

d) **4 Year Work Plan review/update.** Cllr Sarah Leigh-Hunt to report on quarterly basis.

e) **Dropped kerb next to Old Post Office, High Street.** Update covered under CC Robert Lindsay’s report.

f) **Play area inspection/ work.** Annual inspection report received, no major issues, Clerk to liaise with operatives for any remedial work to be carried out. Add the gazebo to the Asset Register. Clerk to send thank you letter to the donor of the gazebo.

g) **Update on village amenities.**

Cemetery – Cllr Hubbard reported a memorial tree application received; the Chamberlin bench is in place.

Village sign – Cllr Ashley Hubbard confirmed a quote received for the brick plinth for the new sign received.

Jubilee trees – Cllr Richard Lester will be receiving trees and hedging from the Woodland Trust for planting to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee at the Sports Field. Area of planting to be confirmed and agreed with the Sports Field committee.

The PC to write to the Sports Field Committee regarding the football dug out and rubbish.

h) **Website.** It was agreed to employ Strudwick Designs to keep the website updated and current. Clerk to communicate with SD.

i) **Electric vehicle (EV) chargers.** Cllr Lester to report at the March meeting.

C223/21/22 Administrative, Finance and Governance reports

a) **Payments for approval.** All approved, apart from The Village Sign People, to be paid when sign received. Cllrs Guttridge and Tuck to authorise. Approval of Cllr Ray McCann to check Scribe reports monthly and to review the Internal Control Statement 6 monthly.

b) **Receive Internal Audit 2020/21 report.**

Report received and noted.

c) **Review and approve Standing Orders.**

Reviewed and approved.

d) **Review and approve Financial Regulations.**

Reviewed and approved.

e) **Review and approve Risk Assessment Register.**

Reviewed and approved

f) **Review and approve Fixed Asset Register.**

Add the gazebo in Chamberlin Close play area. Approved.

g) **Review and approve Internal Control Statement FY 2022/23.**

Approved for 6 monthly reviews, Cllr Ray McCann to lead.

h) **Appoint RFO for FY 2022/23.**

The Clerk is the RFO and is appointed as Clerk/RFO on a permanent contract, therefore, PC cannot reappoint each year.

i) **Appoint Internal Auditor for FY 2022/23.**

Council approved SALC.

C224/21/22 Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council

Bird scarer – still going off too often and very loud. Clerk to report again.

Approved for Tomlinsons to buy the ride on mower. Ratify at March meeting.

TMJ offered to donate a sizable tree to plant in the village for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The PC accept the offer, Clerk to write to TMJ. Location suggestions –

Coronation Park, as this area was donated to the village for the Queen's 1953 Coronation; various green spaces/verges; Kings Pightle Nature Reserve, Clerk to write to Secretary of KPNR.

C225/21/22 Items for next agenda

Ratify selling of JD ride on to Tomlinsons.

Go Start bus – funding request.

Meeting closed 2100hrs

Date of next meeting: Monday 14 March 2022, 19:00, Baptist Hall, Duke St.

Tree Planting at the Sports Field



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The parish council has contacted the Woodland Trust and secured 135 saplings for planting. We plan to plant a small copse near the sports field and plant native hedges around the sports field main car park.

If you are interested in helping with the planting, we will be looking for volunteers who would be available in early March.

For more information contact me at councillor.lester@bildeston.suffolk.gov.uk or phone on 744120

Richard Lester

BILDESTON PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The Parish Council is made up of nine elected or co-opted members who volunteer their time for the good of the community without receiving payment for their services. Their diverse backgrounds, skills and experience are a great asset to the parish.

The role of the Parish Council is to represent the interests of the whole community, engaging with local residents, discovering the needs of different groups in the community, such as the young and elderly, and lobbying on behalf of Bildeston. The Parish Council is the tier of local government that is closest to local people. Babergh District Council and Suffolk County Council form the other two tiers of local government that cover Bildeston. Details of their respective roles and responsibilities can be found in the Council services section of the website www.bildeston.org.uk Parish Councillors are subject to re-election every four years unless there are the same number (or less) of Councillors to vacancies in which case those nominees will be co-opted on to the Council. All Members of the Parish Council are required to comply with a Code of Conduct in the performance of their duties. If you have any questions, or think you would like to join the Parish Council please contact the Clerk on clerk@bildeston.suffolk.gov.uk or 07593 584209. Angela Chapman Clerk to Bildeston Parish Council

SESAW NEWS

Spring has definitely arrived. The birds are singing, the flowers are blooming, the dewy grass is steaming in the morning sun and there is an air of quiet optimism as the volunteers prepare for our first proper fundraising event in two years. Yes, we will be back with our Easter Fair at the Old School, Long Melford, CO10 9DX on Sunday 3rd April.

Expect the usual wide selection of stalls, crafts, flowers and plants, raffle, Jeanette's Terrific Tombola, and yummy homemade cakes and snacks. Do come along between 10am to 3pm, you'll get a warm welcome from all of us including Frank Payne who will be selling and signing copies of his autobiographical books. Our Octogenarian has led an interesting life and has plenty of tales to tell. His story begins in Blitz torn London and progresses through National Service and onto careers in journalism and football.

Speaking of sport, the Nayland 10K family-friendly fun event takes place on Sunday 10th July, starting at Little Garth School, Nayland, CO6 4JR. Once again, SESA W is one of the charities benefitting from this extremely popular, multi-terrain run through the beautiful Constable countryside. Routes for all ages and abilities, book your place now at www.nayland10k.co.uk

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Pop along to the village's nature reserve to see what we've done and see how it gets transformed by nature over the next few months.

If you're interested in being a volunteer at the nature reserve, then let us know via info@nature.bildeston.org or call me on 744120.

Richard Lester

Kings Pightle Trustee



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If you're on a low income or employed, you might be able to get help with some of the costs of sending your child to school, including school meals, transport and uniform. It's always worth talking to your local education authority to see what support is available as some of their resources and offerings can differ. The following information is for England.

Free school meals

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals. If you have older children you can apply for free school meals if you get certain benefits. In your case as you're on Universal Credit and you applied after 1 April 2018 you would be eligible if you earn less than £7,400 a year without benefits.

To apply for free school meals you need to contact your local authority, you can check the details at gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals by typing your postcode in.

Transport

If your children are aged between five to 16, your local education authority might offer free or lower cost transport if you don't live near school or your child's unable to walk there. You need to apply to your local education authority for help.

Uniforms and other costs

Your local education authority might also be able to help with some other costs, like uniforms, music lessons or trips and activities. There may also be local charitable schemes to help with these costs, it's worth checking with the school to see if it knows of any. Schools can also sometimes also advise on finding secondhand uniforms.

What's next

If your child is staying in education after year 11, you must tell HMRC's Child Benefit Office if you want to continue receiving child benefit and any extra support for children within means-tested benefits. When your child turns 16, HMRC will send you a letter asking whether your child will stay in education or training. You must reply to this letter to keep getting Child Benefit.

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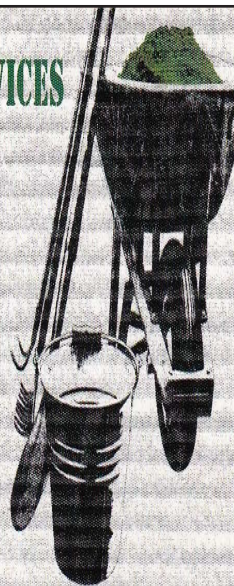
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Pastoral Letter – March 2022 from Revd Elke Cattermole



Dear All,

As we enter the month of March, we start the season of Lent where people think of as a time to give things up, whether you go to church or not.

On Wednesday 2nd March we start this season, beginning with Ash Wednesday. Lent is a 40-day season (not counting Sundays) marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and finally ending with celebration on Easter Sunday. The 40-day period represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him. Lent asks believers to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, marking a planned season of focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection.

At the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday, during a church service a marking of a cross from ashes may be placed on the foreheads of those attending. The ashes symbolize grief and the acceptance of our sinful state. This year the service of Ash Wednesday in this benefice will take place at All Saint's Church, Semer at 10.30am.

On the Fourth Sunday of Lent there is the service of 'Mothering Sunday' or also known as 'Mother's Day.' Centuries ago the Church developed a tradition of encouraging worshippers to make an annual pilgrimage to their '**Mother**' Church on the 4th Sunday in Lent. This would often be at the local Cathedral and a time when people would share refreshments after the service. Local servant girls would be encouraged to attend and meet up with their families and especially their mothers. On the journey to the Cathedral the girls would pick wild spring flowers from the hedgerows and woods to make a posy to give to their mothers.

The past two years we have not been able to celebrate this special Sunday in the way we would have liked. This year we will be celebrating Mothering Sunday in three of our churches in this benefice; St Mary Magdalene, Bildeston, St Mary's Naughton and St Margaret's Whatfield. A time where gifts of flowers or plants are given to those who can attend or to those in our villages, who may still feel lonely and vulnerable.

Many of you will visit your mothers or remember your mothers who are no longer with you. We can also remember those who have been like mothers to us. Remembering those who find that day very painful for whatever reason. This year we will be looking forward to having the opportunity to hug and enjoy as families that special day. I would like again to share this special prayer with all of you.

Loving God, Thank you for mothers and children and for all the joy of family life. Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother. Be with those who are struggling because they have no children. Be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from those they love. Let your love be present in every home and help your church to have eyes to see and hear the needs of all who come. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

All are welcome to join us at our Ash Wednesday Service and at one of our Mothering Sunday Services.

Blessing and love to you all during this season of Lent, keep safe and take care.

*God Bless
Revd Elke*

Services in the Brett Valley Benefice

March 2022

Date 2022	Time	Service	Church
Wednesday 2 nd March Ash Wednesday Benefice Service	10.30am	Holy Communion	All Saint's, Semer
Sunday 6 th March First Sunday of Lent	11 am	Holy Communion	St Mary Magdalene Bildeston
	11am	Morning Prayer	All Saint's Semer
Sunday 13 th March Second Sunday of Lent Benefice Service	11am	Holy Communion	St Mary's Nedging
Sunday 20 th March Third Sunday of Lent	11am	Holy Communion	Bildeston
	11 am	Morning Prayer	Naughton
Sunday 27 th March Mothering Sunday	11 am	Family Service & Communion	St Margaret's, Whatfield
	11am	Family Service	St Mary Magdalene Bildeston
	11am	Morning Prayer	St Mary Naughton



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