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A MAY LETTER FROM IAN GARDENER

Dear Friends,

I do hope that you are well and keeping safe. We are all trying to live as best we can within the constraints that the Coronavirus has necessarily placed upon us all. The scale of this pandemic is huge and crosses international boundaries. In these circumstances the task of government is extraordinarily complex and the response of health services, carers, volunteers and businesses in adapting to changing times, is magnificent and humbling.

I confess to being unable to express anything that might help in making sense of what we are all going through, there are no easy words, and these are not normal times. However, what I do see and hear about, is the generosity and ingenuity of people. That, I can understand, appreciate and say thank you!

Thank you for the support of one another in our communities; thank you for the selfless commitment of NHS and care staff in their caring and in their compassion; and thank you too for the clever people who know how to make social media work for good and communicate and encourage us with tweets, face time, videos etc... THANK YOU ALL.

When thinking about how I might characterise what I wanted to say in this letter, I thought of an image. The image is a hand, or hands. Beautiful, craggy, young, old, frail and strong hands. These hands of ours, that have been washed and washed again, because that is how we can help stop the spread of the virus.

Hands that reach out to offer support and help to those unable to get out. Hands that reach for the phone to talk to someone who might otherwise be lonely and alone. Hands too that hold and cuddle those closest to us when we are most frightened and many of us are now frightened and confused.

The Easter story of new life emerging out of death is so profoundly symbolic of all that we cling too, in this time of confusion and loss. In these dark moments, it is a story of hope and love in the midst of human chaos and pain.

It begins with rough hands that nail a broken body to a wooden cross. Hands that bore that broken body down from the cross and carried it the tomb. Despairing hands, wiping away the tears.

Yet, early in the morning, a woman's hands, that so wanted to grasp and hold the Lord she loved, were gently rebuffed, "*Jesus said to her, "Mary."*
She turned and said to Him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").
17 *"Do not cling to Me," Jesus said, "for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go and tell My brothers, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.'"*
18 *Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them what He had said to her.* JOHN 20. 16-18.

My words remain inadequate. I find that I am still confused and a little frightened for us all. Yet, I trust still, in the love and compassion of human beings. I trust too in the love of God and of his son Jesus Christ, with whom and in the Spirit the story continues. Love conquers all. May we hold onto that, today and in the days to come.

My love and prayers — Ian

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The Parish Council meets in the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm. You are very welcome to attend. Details of the meetings can be found on the notice boards at either end of the village or on the Uley village website at: www.uleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

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www.gloucester.anglican.org/parish-resources/communications/#messenger

ULEY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Uley Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank all those in our community who are continuing to help and support others by doing their daily jobs or volunteering at this difficult time. The Parish Councillors would like to thank our brave doctors , nurses and carers at Uley Surgery, to those serving customers at the Community Stores which is a godsend to so many who have volunteered and to those shopping and collecting prescriptions for neighbours who are unable to do so. Thanks also goes to the teachers who under very difficult circumstances are setting lessons and supporting their pupils online and by email, Ben and Mary at the Old Crown doing vegetables, groceries and takeaways and the Uley brewery will provide you with beer.

We are thinking of those whose businesses have been forced to close or those that are in turmoil and all those whose jobs are affected or worse still lost. We thank those local businesses who are diversifying, finding other ways to trade and working flat out in the most challenging environment to keep us supplied.
Many people are impacted in a variety of ways, our thoughts are with those who are self-isolating indoors spending long days on their own, those who fall ill and of course those affected by bereavement at this time.

Our thanks go to those who work for the Police, the NHS and other Emergency Services who continue to work, often putting themselves and their families at risk. The Parish Council fully support the weekly “clap for the NHS” at 8pm on Thursday evenings as a way of showing support for those who are working on the front line of the medical profession.

We are looking to the future, spring is well on the way and Uley is a lovely spot for our daily exercise. Technology and the old-fashioned landline keep us in touch with our loved ones and friends who we can no longer visit. Please continue to stay at home and normal life will return to our lovely village soon.

Cllr J Dembrey (Chair), Cllr M Paraskeva (Vice-Chair), Cllr J Browne, Cllr J Dee, Cllr M Griffiths, Cllr T Martin and Cllr J Wood.

ULEY ARCHIVES (Memories)

There used to be three Churches in Uley. The present St. Giles Church stands on the site of the original Parish Church. By the 1850's this was in a state of dilapidation and dampness and so in 1857 it was decided to demolish the old Church and build a new one. The foundation stone was laid on 15th May 1857 and the new Church was consecrated on 28th September 1858 by the Lord Bishop of Gloucester & Bristol. The total cost of the building was £2,958. Whitecourt (Union) Chapel was opened in 1791 and Bethesda, (built by the Baptists) in Clapgate Lane (now South Street) in 1838. By 1971 both chapels were closed and subsequently used for other purposes.

Now to everyday life. Most families were large with some having as many as eight children. There was no water in the houses, a few had pumps & wells but most collected rainwater in a tank or butt for the weekly wash. Reg tells us that Monday was always wash day which required Robin Starch, the Blue Bag, and plenty of elbow grease! Some people had a mangle with big rollers.

Paraffin & candles were the only lighting. There were no sewers, the toilet closet or privy was usually at the bottom of the garden screened by bushes or trees. The earth buckets were usually emptied on a moonlit night! There were no bathrooms either, a large tin bath was put in front of the fire and filled with the water heated in the copper. The young ones were bathed two at a time and the older ones had their bath when the youngsters had gone to bed. Reg says that by the time he got married the mains water & sewers were brought to the village, he was one of the first to be connected, the Chairman of the Parish Council, opened a bottle of Champagne and declared the sewer open by pulling his flush in 1951.

Most families grew their own produce as the cottage gardens tended to be quite large. Some kept fowl or a pig in the sty. These were fattened and killed for home use. There were also plenty of rabbits both tame & wild.

Reg recalled the girls at school wearing long white pinafores over their dresses and black stockings. The boys wore knickerbockers or short trousers and stockings which were turned down at the top. Both girls & boys wore lace-up boots,

some covered with hob nails or studs for those boys playing football. Other games were marbles, whip-tops, rounders, tag & conkers. You were banned if you had baked your conker beforehand and there was always a fight or two. Reg mentioned a boy called Harry Tilley who used to hang around the playground because no school would have him.

His father was a builder and they lived at Fountain Villa, (now demolished) at the entrance to Green Close. They could do nothing with this boy at home, he would let the pigs out, take his father's horse & go out hunting. The family eventually moved to Mutterall Farm where Harry knocked all the taps out of the cider casks and all the cider was lost down the drain!

The top row of houses at Lampern View were the first to have tap water laid on. They did not have toilets or baths as the main sewer had not yet been laid there. A lot of the old cottages were knocked down and the people moved into council properties. The rents were about twelve shillings a week. Reg himself bought
three cottages together in Fop Street for £260 in 1930, a lot of money when he only earned £3 a week! He paid twelve shillings a week mortgage and two shillings a week insurance for twelve years.

Uley was always fortunate to have a resident Doctor & surgery. Dr Campbell lived at Rose Villa in The Street (now known as Peopance) and was possibly the first person to own a motor car in Uley. His wife, Mrs Adele Campbell bred poultry & ducks, notably her development of the Khaki Campbells (1901).
Dr Campbell was followed by Dr. Hoskin who held his surgery in a wooden hut. You were never prescribed tablets, the 'tonic' was always in a bottle and you were expected to take an empty bottle with you. The next doctor was Dr. J.P. Huins, his surgery was in the cottage of Raglan House. He had served in both world wars and was awarded the Croix de Guerre. He died on 2nd May 1975 aged 77 years.
The porch gates of St. Giles Church were dedicated on Sunday 22nd October 1978 in memory of James Proctor Huins, l899-1976, a “beloved physician” of Uley.

Margaret Groom

We are still hopeful to hold the **ULEY ANNUAL SHOW**. Saturday 12th September.

I am sending you a preview of the Children's and Handicraft categories as you might have bored children and some spare time on your hands! So, get busy!
As you've seen this online, I'm hopeful to post the whole schedule too. Please let people you know who maybe don't have access to a computer and print them a copy thank you. As we will not be doing hard copies till a later date, when we know more of how the situation is panning out. Be safe.

CHILDREN'S SECTION

UNDER 5 YEARS	OPEN CLASSES
Potato print picture	A design for a Uley flag
Model made from Play-Doh	Make a bug hotel
5,6 & 7 YEARS	Design a Poster "How to protect the planet"
Make a Junk Monster	
Paint a Uley rock	

8, 9, 10 & 11 YEARS	COOKERY (all ages)
Lego model or scene (not a kit)	Bake a cake
Choose a famous poem & write it in your best hand writing	Make your favourite food
	Amazing sandwich (named)

ULEY SCHOOL YEAR ONE	GARDENING 9allages)
Design an Olympic Medal that reflects our Values of Wisdom, Friendship, Compassion & Trust	Something you've grown
	Largest sunflower head

HANDICRAFTS (Cup)

A string of bunting (folded)	Hand-made bag or purse
A Christmas tree decoration	Felting (wet or needle)
Any hand knitted or crochet item	Greeting card – any medium
Handmade article for use or decoration in the home	A clothing item
Any item from recycled materials	An item of jewellery
	Any item not included above

Any queries contact Moya Wallis 861675

ULEY WI DIARY
March/April

Oh Bother! Just as we had marked up our diaries and calendars with a myriad of WI outings and events, along came 'Rona and the lockdown to scupper all plans and make a right mess of calendars and diaries. Didn't see that coming! Uley WI managed however to squeeze in one last meeting just before lockdown overtook us, and we were treated to an extraordinary cheese-tasting evening. Lorraine Bradley of Godsells Artisan Cheesemakers quickly captured our interest — explaining how their cheeses are produced, stored and marketed, while chopping bite-sized portions that were offered to all. We were surprised by the wide range of cheeses they make and were inducted into the specialist art of cheese-tasting. It was a delectable experience.

Before the lockdown Uley WI had agreed to mount a display in the Uley Village Shop window. Although quite a number of members who were contributing to the display had to self-isolate, they still found ways to pull together all the components to give glimpses of the various interests and activities of the group. If you are passing or visiting the shop, do have a look. Our out-and-about activities may have been curtailed for the moment, but Uley WI has taken to communicating using all the technologies at our disposal.

Every day our secretary, Belinda Williams, circulates amusing anecdotes, entertaining video clips and picture diaries — all sent in by different members. A Facebook group has been launched to share even more of our interests and experiences, and telephones are ringing hot as we touch base with one another. So, lock-down is giving us amazing opportunities to get to know each other better and to find more ways to show we care about everyone in our community. Some members are busying themselves making scrubs for NHS staff. We need to work together to stay safe and support one another through this historic, albeit unwelcome pandemic. Please look after yourself and others.

Ann Warrender

https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/news-events/

The Archbishops' challenge to us all, when the Church of England had to close it's buildings because of the coronavirus, was that we should become a *radically different church... a church without walls.* Being in contact with one another has become an increasing priority for us all. As we have journeyed towards our Easter celebrations, the Gloucester Diocese has been supporting its diverse and spread out communities with some imaginative and uplifting content and resources. This is continuing in their Weekly Bulletins, so please do dip into it, through the link provided and I feel sure that you will find something of interest and value there.

Keep safe, look after yourselves and be assured of our continued love and prayers.
Ian Gardner
Associate Priest, Ewelme Benefice

A group of us in Uley have created a Facebook page to support anyone in need, share useful information and stay in touch, during this difficult time.

It can be found by searching for 'Uley Coronavirus Support Network' or with the following link:

http://www.facebook.com/groups/2349325671835914/?ref=share

This group has come together to create a network of many helpers who are willing to be on hand for those that cannot get out and don't have access to the internet, social media etc. They can offer services such as food shopping, deliveries, prescriptions, a friendly voice at the end of a phone, etc.

We have created a list of helpers for each area of Uley. Please contact the relevant contacts for your area directly, or for further assistance call Steve Haddrell on **01453 860148.**

This list will be on display at the shop and on village noticeboards, and we also aim to deliver a copy to residents.

Please share this information with those that need support.

A MAY LETTER FROM TONY KING

Dear Friends,

As I write we have been living under extraordinary circumstances for nearly three weeks – I have to say it already seems much longer! One of the worst aspects is the isolation – cut off from our families, both natural and church. It seems so strange to know that our churches, for many of us a real hub, are closed, locked and always empty. Instead we are running online services using Zoom – see our website ewelmebenefice.co.uk for details. But amidst all the bad news with rising infection and death rates, and problems with PPE and testing kits, there are glimmers of good news – the army of people volunteering to help, people using their skills to help others – even our friendly neighbour who is shopping for us.

And the signs of spring and new life are all around us – our weeping cherry tree was a mass of white blossom; birds are collecting twigs from our drive to build their nests: plants (and weeds) are springing up.

Perhaps May will bring better news – we can only pray that it will – and the church calendar offers encouragement as well. We will have followed our Lord Jesus through the solemnity and sadness of Holy Week and the joyfulness of Easter Day – muted though it will be this year. By the start of May, we will be three weeks into Eastertide with Ascension Day and the Feast of Pentecost to come.

Ascensiontide, the period between the two events, is a time of waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit and some Protestant denominations observe it as another period of fasting like Lent. Despite the nine day difference, Ascension and Pentecost are closely linked – the risen Lord is no longer present to the Church in the body of his flesh; the Church is now to be the new body of Christ, filled with his life through the gift of the Spirit, sent by God to empower the Church to perform the mission which the risen Christ had entrusted to it. Pentecost celebrates both the Holy Spirit and the Christian Church. It was originally the crown and completion of the Easter season; only later, in the medieval West, did it become a new festival season of its own. No matter how things develop throughout May this year, as we celebrate Pentecost on the last day of the month, we shall be able to say – if only through our computers, tablets and phones…

'Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love. **Alleluia**.'

Tony King

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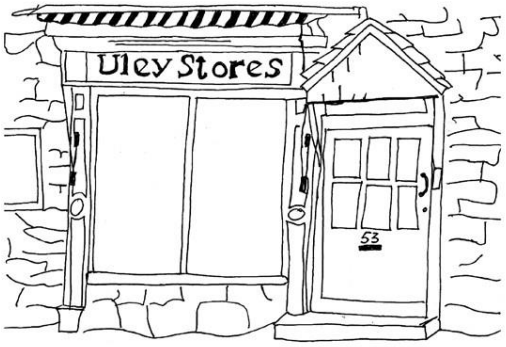

Join our management committee

Volunteer at Uley Stores!!

All kinds of help needed. Get in touch or drop in.

ULEY COMMUNITY STORES and POST OFFICE DIARY May 2020
Tel: Shop 861592, PO 860203 (Eileen, Ailsa, Carolyn and Angela)

It is quite strange to be writing the Shop diary at this time with the dreadful COVID-19.

Last year we launched the new Uley Community Stores bag and I was reminding you to order Euros and other foreign currencies for your holidays. Now we can hardly leave the village. But what a wonderful village it is. There is such a great camaraderie and community spirit.

On behalf of the Committee I would like to say a big thank you to…our customers, the suppliers, the wonderful PO ladies and our great volunteers, including the new ones who were quickly trained up by Cathy. So very proud of how the shop has been able to keep calm and carry on, with quite a few adjustments along the way including the opening hours and all the 'social distancing' we've had to adhere to well done. Please continue to check the Uley Community Stores Website and the shop notice boards in the windows for any news and possible further changes to the shop hours.

Various donations are arriving, please keep them coming. Any spare fruit & veg most welcome. As you know it was difficult to source them last month, luckily, we were able to direct customers to Mary and Ben at the Pub who had a good supplier. Good to support all.

Hopefully we have had some more spring sunshine to show off the lovely flowers and plants, lots more to come to cheer us up.
If you have a suggestion for any new items, you'd like stocked please let us know.

There are two Bank holidays in May.

Friday 8th (also VE Day) Shop open 8 – 12 PO closed and Monday 25th Shop open 10 – 12 PO closed.

Thanks to the Volunteers.

Pami Davis.

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26th July	Posy and buttonholes
14th July and 31st August	From garden to vase
4th August	Hand tied and wrapped bouquet
8th and 27th September	Dabble with dahlias
10 and 11th October	Pick your own
1st and 8th November	Dried flowers

More workshop dates on website.

Contact Fiona Porter, Withywind, Ham Lane, Coaley, GL11 5AS
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Coronavirus - COVID19

On 17th March the Archbishops of Canterbury and York took the unprecedented step of suspending all public services and activities in the Church of England. We understand that weddings and funerals can still be done - but we are waiting for further instructions in these areas. Churches should remain open for private prayer (while keeping a safe distance from others) but this will depend on the availability of persons to do this.

We are still deciding exactly what we can do in these difficult circumstances. The website **(http://ewelmebenefice.co.uk/)** will be updated as new information is available. For the moment please contact the Benefice Office (**ewelmeparishoffice@gmail.com** or **01453 549280**) for further information. All the latest information, with other material, can be found on our Coronavirus page **(http://ewelmebenefice.co.uk/coronavirus)**

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