

Uley, Owlpen & Nympsfield

September 2020

Village News

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SEPTEMBER CHURCH LETTER FROM TONY KING

Dear friends,

Before Ann and I moved to Dursley, I don't think I was consciously aware of any churches dedicated to Holy Cross. Not really surprising since there are only 94 churches which include the words 'Holy Cross' in their dedication, according to an analysis conducted by the Sean Blanchflower based on the 'A Church Near You' website. The list includes the complicated 'Collegiate Church of the Holy Cross and the Mother of Him who hung thereon', in Crediton.

There are 3 Festival Days in the Church in September – St Matthew on the 21st, Michael and All Angels on the 29th, but more interestingly Holy Cross Day on the 14th. Most festivals commemorate people; some commemorate events — but this one is (I think) the only festival commemorating an object. It takes us back to the early church.

After the end of the persecution era, early in the fourth century, pilgrims began to travel to Jerusalem to visit and pray at the places associated with the life of Jesus. Helena, the mother of the emperor, was a Christian and while overseeing excavations in the city, is said to have uncovered a cross which many believed to be the actual Cross of Christ. A basilica was built on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and dedicated on this day in the year AD 335.

But maybe it seems unnecessary to have another day celebrating the Cross — most of the Good Friday liturgy concentrates on little else. Perhaps some of the titles for the day used elsewhere give a clue. The RC Church refers to it as the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, or the Triumph of the Holy Cross, while in Eastern Orthodox churches it is known by the rather unwieldy Universal Exaltation (or Elevation) of the Precious and Life-creating Cross.

Good Friday is about the Passion of our Lord and the Crucifixion — Holy Cross Day is a more celebratory festival. Of course, it has its darker aspects. The Old Testament lesson appointed for Holy Communion on this day is the passage from Numbers about the serpents killing the wanderers in the desert and Moses raising a bronze image of a serpent, so that those bitten could look at it and live. The Epistle from Paul's letter to the Philippians says that Jesus '*... humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death -- even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him...*'

And in the Gospel from John Jesus teaches ‘... *just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.*’

The three readings take us from the misery of those wanderers suffering in the desert to the statement that God so loved the world that he gave his only Son – a journey that is indeed a cause for celebration.

The acclamation for Holy Cross Day sums it up:-

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

We preach Christ crucified,

the power of God and the wisdom of God.

By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

God forbid that I should glory,

save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Tony King

ST GILES CHURCHYARDS

Please remove decayed flowers from graves as they make grass cutting difficult and obscure the stones. There is a notice on the lower churchyard gate to this effect.

Please do not use glass jars to hold flowers as they present a serious hazard to those cutting grass around the stones.

Uley with Owlpen and Nymphsfield PCC Fabric Subcommittee

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Other Information

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



The **September** edition of the Messenger is now available to download from:

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

Church News from Canon Michael

Good news for St Giles!

We have now heard that the Chancellor of the Diocese of Gloucester has granted the Faculty which is the legal permission required for us to carry out the proposed works at St Giles. Many thanks to those who contributed to the consultation process and who came to look at the proposals during the two public consultation periods. The challenge now is to raise the money that is needed for the project which has crept up to an estimated £200,000. The proposals include improving the external access to the church, introducing a new screen under the tower to allow disabled access, relocating the historic Teulon Screen, removing the trip hazards in the church and creating a more flexible space at the west end of the building. We are fortunate to have some funds to put towards the project but will be applying to grant making bodies and trusts as well as doing some local fundraising — so watch this space!

Service pattern

Across the two parishes of the Ewelme Benefice we're continuing to be able to offer church services on Sundays, but these are still under the Covid-19 restrictions and thus are limited. We are still not able to sing in church which is very strange but have been greatly encouraged by the opportunities to physically be together in the church buildings for worship. We have also been able to live stream the service from St James in Dursley which has been much appreciated by those who are not able to get to church for different reasons.

Please do continue to check the calendar of services in this magazine or on the Ewelme Benefice website www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk It is helpful for us to know how many people might attend a service, so we ask that you let our administrator know by emailing the office on ewelmebeneficeoffice@gmail.com or leaving a message on 01453 549280. We have been asked to keep records of attendance for 21 days for Track and Trace purposes.

The directors of Uley Millennium Green wish to thank Uley Community Spirit for awarding a grant to cover the cost of purchasing new dog waste bins. The original bins – purchased in 2000 – were rusty and no longer fit for purpose. We hope that all dog owners will continue to dispose of their dog's waste responsibly in the new bins provided.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS...

Recently Married

James Davey and Elizabeth Sudlow

Recently Departed

Joan Weir

Those whose Year's Mind falls in September;

Muriel Claridge, Alice Dauncey, Thomas Gough, Margaret Kear, Kathleen "Kath" Mills, Eileen Morgan, Hubert Neep, Kathleen Neep, Harold Myatt, Sue Powell, Peter Strain, Gillian Emily Ward, Irene Worthing, Charles "Charlie" Young, Simon King

**ULEY PLANT AND CAKE SALE FOR
CHURCH FUNDS**

**5 SEPTEMBER 10.30 – 12.30 AND 2 – 4PM
IN ULEY CHURCHYARD**

Please support this!

We have grown on a good selection of perennial flowers and shrubs and would welcome more contributions. We hope to provide teas and coffees in compostable mugs and would be grateful for donations of cakes and biscuits for this and to sell.

There is lots of space and fresh air so it should all be very safe.

ULEY COMMUNITY STORES and POST OFFICE DIARY. SEPTEMBER 2020

Tel: Shop 861592, PO 860203 (Eileen, Ailsa, Carolyn, and Angela)

I hope you managed to see the wonderful display in the shop window that David Lungley did for the 75th Anniversary for VJ DAY, it was very moving.

Covid-19 with its rules and guidelines is not going away anytime soon. Remember to always have a “Face covering” with you for when out shopping, going for a take-away etc. I have them all over the place in the cars, every bag I’m using and by the door as going out. The Volunteers that are wearing the Face Shields provided are finding them more comfortable to wear long time and in the heat. They are now on sale in the shop. The “face coverings” are now kindly being made for the shop by Sally Lamerton, with donations going to the RNLI. Thanks Sally.

As previously mentioned, please observe the sign in the PO window before coming into the PO. It will show free, busy or closed. Sometimes it will say busy when there is no one at the counter, this is because they might be completing details for the previous transaction or processing business mail, they thank you for your patience. Also please be aware as the social distancing restrictions are still in place, our system of one customer for the shop and one for the PO will remain. Therefore, we cannot use the space on top of the ice cream freezer to wrap parcels! Also, we would advise not to wrap your parcels at the PO counter to avoid holding up the queue outside, that will be gratefully appreciated by all. I suggest you buy your wrapping paper or parcel boxes etc. from the shop, take it home then bring back your parcel ready to post. So much to think about and consider in all we do during this time!

“Bookers Delivery” — This is delivered fortnightly on Mondays. (September 7th, 24th) Normally it arrives between 12 and 2pm. As the goods are moved into and placed around the shop it will be closed for a brief period. On reopening a sign will be displayed to remind you to take extra care when moving around the shop as there will be boxes stacked on the floor. Stacking the shelves will take place later when the shop is closed. We’re sorry for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience.

Lots of local produce and flowers are in stock. Plus, there are plenty of village donations of home-grown fruit and flowers. Well done and please keep them coming. Sunny now but keep an eye on the weather when coming to the shop or PO, for queueing outside you might need a waterproof or umbrella.

If you have any suggestions for any new items, you’d like stocked please let us know. Check our Facebook page and website with up to date information for your Uley Community Stores. Remember to put on your face covering, use the hand sanitizer and then follow the one-way system as you enter.

Monday to Friday, Shop opens 8am-5.30pm / Saturdays 8-1 /Sundays 10am-12pm
Monday to Friday Post Office opens 9am- 5.30pm, closed for lunch 1-2pm. (Wednesday closes 4.30)
Saturday Post Office opens 9am- 12.30 /Sunday Post Office closed.

RUN BY VOLUNTEERS
Pami Davis

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Tomato Tatin

Ingredients

- 1 kg ripe Tomatoes
- 3 Red Onions
- 1 teaspoon Runny Honey
- 1 tablespoon Red Wine Vinegar
- Small bunch of Oregano (or thyme or marjoram)
- Butter for greasing the pan
- Olive oil
- 1 x pack ready rolled Puff Pastry (cut slightly larger than the size of the pan)
- 1 Egg

Method

- Heat oven to 120 degrees C
- Cut the tomatoes in half and place cut side up, tightly packed in a single layer in a roasting tin, roast for 3-4 hours. (This can be done in advance if easier)
- Halve the onions and finely slice into half moons.
- Cook in a little olive oil for 10-15 minutes, then add the vinegar, honey, a good handful of herb leaves plus seasoning and cook long and slow for just under an hour so they caramelize beautifully.
- Heat the oven to 220 degrees C (200 degrees C fan).
- Butter an ovenproof frying pan or tin (with lots of butter) and tightly pack the roasted tomatoes in.
- Scatter over the onions, lay the pastry across the tart and tuck the sides in tightly.
- Glaze the tart with beaten egg and bake for 25 - 30 minutes until golden and bubbling.
- Allow to cool slightly before turning out and serving.

(adapted from a recipe by Anna Jones)



‘Hunting Gathering’ by Duff Hart-Davis

Thanks to John Keats, everyone knows that autumn is the ‘season of mists and mellow fruitfulness’ – but although the poet praised grapes, apples and hazel nuts, he made no mention of blackberries, which have always been high on my list of wild targets. As a boy in Oxfordshire I was spoilt, for there was a magnificent bramble thicket right behind the farm buildings, and I could fill a bucket in no time without having to walk more than a few yards. All the same, part of the fun was to make expeditions to secret places where I alone knew the best berries grew.

No one can claim that blackberrying is the most comfortable of occupations. Bramble spikes are exceedingly sharp, and hook into the skin of hands and wrists with amazing facility. Stinging nettles, climbing among the fruit, are another hazard. So are flies, which whiz into one’s face and settle on one’s wrists with infuriating persistence. One can wear gloves, but I have always found them a menace, as they make it impossible to be properly selective: for best results one should test every berry gently between finger and thumb, to make sure that it is ripe rather than over-bloomed, and that it harbours no maggot. If it has the slightest fault, reject it, rather than risk contaminating the rest of the haul.

In my youth no deep freezes existed, so, besides making many pounds of jam and jelly, my mother would bottle the fruit in Kilmer jars, and her blackberry-and-apple pies were absolute favourites in winter as well autumn. She also tried making wine, but the results were disappointing — and she never boiled up the leaves into a kind of tea, thought by some to be a cure for whooping cough and other ailments.

Do not be inhibited by the fear that unauthorised blackberrying is a mild form of trespassing or theft. It is not, and no sensible landowner would regard it as such. The fruit has no value unless someone goes to the trouble of collecting it. The manager of one 2,000-acre estate, heavily frequented by amateur foragers, once estimated that for every berry picked by humans or birds on the territory he looked after, probably ten thousand went to waste.

Blackberries are known to have existed for thousands of years, some were found in the stomach of the Haraldskjaer woman whose was discovered in a Danish bog, dating to 500 BCE. Closer to home, you can be sure that the little Iron Age people who lived here on the Bury enjoyed them around that date — and that the Romans, coming after, did the same. Next time you go picking, reflect on the fact that you are the latest, but by no means the last, of the local hunter-gatherers.

ULEY PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Playground now open

Uley Parish Council have re-opened the playground following the Covid-19 closure. All parents are advised to get their children to wash their hands both before and after playing, consider using hand sanitisers during play and if the equipment is busy consider returning at a later time. All visitors to the playground should adhere to social distancing good practices at all times.

A reminder to organisations to apply for 2020/21 grants

Uley Parish Council would like to remind all local groups and individuals that all grant applications must be received by 31st August to be considered by the Parish Councillors. The grant policy and application are available on the Parish Council website.

Swifts in Uley

You may (or may not) remember that about 18 months ago I wrote to the News about the decreasing population of swifts, and what we could do about it as a village. I suggested buying a swift nesting boxes from the RSPB and installing them so that swifts have somewhere to nest and bring up fledglings. We bought one and our kind neighbour installed it at the recommended height of 5 metres above ground. Well, the good news is that it worked and there have been now swift noises coming from the box. So, this really well worth doing, it works, and will go a little way towards ensuring that swifts continue to enjoy our lovely valley. Please join us in this worthy cause!

Gill and Tony Flower

NOTICE OF AGM

The Annual General Meeting of
ULEY MILLENNIUM GREEN LTD
will be held **on the Millennium Green**
on Monday 7th September at 7.00pm
or the following Monday, if wet.

All are very welcome – please bring a seat!



ULEY WI DIARY

July/August

Five intrepid members explored the countryside around Uley on the first of our socially-distanced walks. With so many days of glorious summer sunshine, it is invigorating to get out together as a group and exchange views and news as you go along. This was our first organised walk since March and I expect many more will want to get involved in the coming months. Even without organised walks, I'm noticing how many members of Uley WI and other villagers are stopping for chats as they walk around and about the village. Queuing outside the Village Shop can be a great place to meet fellow villagers as is the Millenium Field. Now the Vestry Cafe has reopened, I've no doubt that will become a popular meeting point once again.

During July there have been seven gatherings of the newly formed 'Coffee Clubs' – each consisting of four members in the garden of one of the members. As each group was randomly chosen from all who expressed interest in attending, it gave us a wonderful opportunity to get to know other members with whom we may not have spent much time previously. I certainly had a delightful time with my Coffee Club group and, from what I've heard, I'm pretty sure everyone who went to one did as well. So, given the obvious success of this round, we are planning more in the coming month. While the weather is kind, it is such an easy way to meet up. Because, understandably, many members feel concerned about finding themselves in a situation where social-distancing may become tricky, we are keen to keep group numbers for all outings small so that doesn't occur.

Meanwhile, Uley WI members continue to Zoom-meet and we plan to host our first 'Zoomed-in' speaker before too long. The National Federation of Women's Institute (NFWI) has already organised several successful Zoom-talks, which have been well-received, so we think some of the speakers we had booked for our own meetings might like to use this medium to inform and entertain us. We think it's worth a go.

Ann Warrinder


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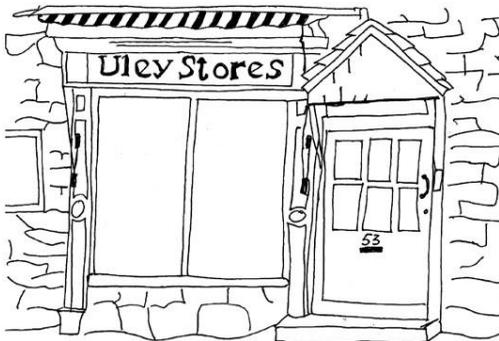
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Upcoming workshop dates:

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

More workshop dates on website.

Contact Fiona Porter, Withywind, Ham Lane, Coaley, GL11 5AS

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Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust
RIDE AND STRIDE 12 SEPTEMBER

Please do take part! Support by taking part or sponsoring someone to visit as many churches as possible in a day. You can cycle, walk, drive, roller skate or hold a distanced tea party in your garden. You don't have to do it on the Saturday, but churches are more likely to open that day.

Please email me for a sponsorship form:

pruevernon@btinternet.com.

I can add you to our Just giving page as part of the team

We shall be applying to GHCT for a grant toward the reordering of

St Giles so support for GHCT will mean more support for us.

I hope to walk from Nympsfield to Cam and take in 13 churches on the way – do join me for some or all of the way and if you can't take part please sponsor me! This our Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-giles-church-uley>

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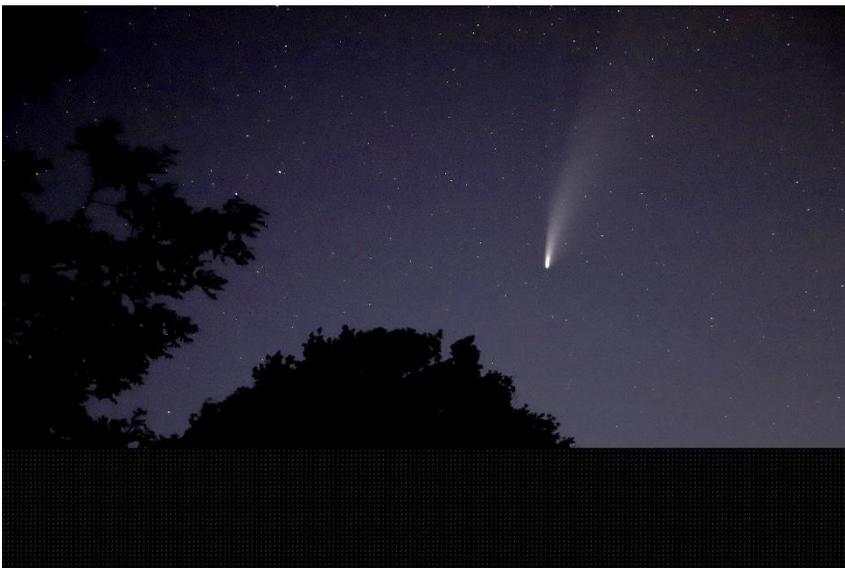
I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings

I know why the caged bird sings
With a heart fit to burst
With emotions it cannot express
With desires it cannot complete
With dreams it cannot realise.

It sings of the family it cannot embrace
It sings of the friends it cannot meet
It sings of the places it cannot reach
It sings of the freedom beyond its bars.

It sings in hope of a day to come
It sings of the day when the bars are gone
It sings of the joy waiting to be sung
When confinement is left far behind.

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Local view of Comet Neowise by
Timothy George Voss, 2020

The Ewelme Benefice

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September 2020 Services

Sunday 6th September St Giles	Trinity 13/St Giles 10.00am Parish Holy Communion (CW) <i>Patronal Festival</i>
Sunday 13th September Holy Cross	Trinity 14/Holy Cross 10.00am Parish Holy Communion (CW) <i>Patronal Festival</i>
Sunday 20th September St Bartholomew's	Trinity 15/Harvest 3.30pm Informal Service for Harvest (TBC) <i>Possibly in the churchyard & followed by a picnic tea</i>
Sunday 27th September St Giles	Trinity 16 10.00am Parish Holy Communion (CW) <i>Followed by APCM (provisional date)</i>

Church opening times

St Giles

Tuesdays & Fridays 10am - 3pm

St Bartholomew's

Wednesdays & Saturdays 10am - 3pm

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

by arrangement.

Please contact Canon Michael

Parish Administration -

Please contact the Parish Office:

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*The office is closed at the present time
but emails will be answered*

Church Activities

Due to the current Coronavirus restrictions, most of our activities have been cancelled or postponed

Saturday 5th September 10-12 Plant Sale in St Giles churchyard. 2-4pm Teas in churchyard

Tuesday 8th September 7pm PCC Meeting

Saturday 12th September Historic Churches sponsored cycle ride/walk

Sunday 27th September 11.30am APCM (Annual Meeting in St Giles - provisional date)