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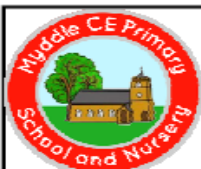
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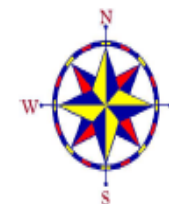
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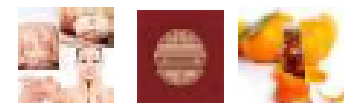
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Jesus Cares

We are living through difficult and strange days, our world changed by the covid pandemic, a challenging time for all of us, especially for the government and church leaders trying to make the best decisions for our health and safety. The guidelines we have been asked to follow have caused concern, worry and hardship, leaving some confused and afraid and others angry at not being allowed to work, or in despair at finding they no longer have a job.

It's not for me to pass on my own thoughts and judgements but rather to reflect on that very real question, "what would Jesus do?" Perhaps not such a hard question when we consider that the Gospels tell us that Jesus was all about love. Jesus was known to stand up for what is good and right whatever it took, however unpopular it made him with some. Jesus shared meals with those shunned by society, with those known not to follow normal guidelines of decent social behaviour. Jesus went out of his way to befriend those that others thought unlovable, he stood up for justice and always showed love and compassion to those who suffered.

Everything Jesus taught and did was and still is related to everyone, no-one is excluded from his perfect love which is known to drive out all fear. I can't begin to understand or explain what is going on in our world today, but I do believe that Jesus knows, and it is to him that I turn in prayer now.

I turn to him to influence those in power, I turn to him to love those I know and those I don't know, who have suffered or are worried, and I turn to him to give thanks for those who are working and striving for the good of us all.

Let us all turn to Jesus now, he is only a prayer away.

Here's some words to a hymn:

God who made the earth,
the air, the sky, the sea,
who gave the light its birth,
careth for me.

God who made the grass,
the flower, the fruit, the tree,
the day and night to pass,
careth for me.

God who made the sun,
the moon, the stars, is he
who, when life's clouds come on,
careth for me.

God who sent his Son
to die on Calvary,
he, if I lean on him,
will care for me.

Adam

Love in a box

The past few months have been difficult for everyone, but much more so for those living in extreme poverty. Recently I joined a zoom meeting of the charity T4U and watched videos of last year's Christmas shoe box distributions, some to families living in appalling conditions— parents and many children living in one-room-shacks with no electricity or bathroom and only one shared bed. Their need is even greater in today's crisis, and a dedicated representative, who joined the meeting from Romania, begged us to keep sending boxes.

T4U are determined not to let them down despite coronavirus problems and I hope we can lend our full support to this appeal to send some love in a box and let a needy child know that someone does care.

Anyone can help. The best way is to find an empty, medium-sized shoe box, cover the box and lid separately with colourful paper and pack the box with gifts for a child, not expensive, luxury goods, just simple everyday things we take for granted, like toothbrush and paste, soap and flannel, hairbrush, pens, paper, crayons, cuddly toy...

The charity website gives all details www.teams4u.com and leaflets with a list of suggested gifts and age group labels - 3-5, 6-11 or 12+ are available here. Please let me know if you would like a leaflet. You can also look at online videos of each type of box being packed on the charity YouTube channel (@teams4Utube). 12+ boy boxes were short last year.

If you do not have a box, flat-pack-boxes are available, only 35p each. Please let me know if you would like one to fill. They measure about 12" x 7" x 5" (30 x 18 x 13cm) so not too big, but it's amazing how many useful gifts and toys



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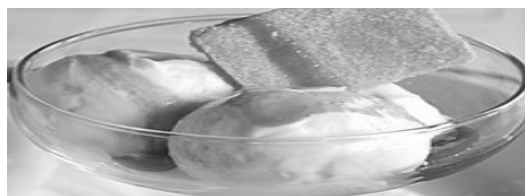
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- Pour into plastic container and freeze for at least 2 hours.



you can pack in! The boxes are designed to fit into special cartons for travel.

But if your finances have taken a hit recently and you are unable to fill a whole box, I am packing boxes in the Rectory, Myddle and would welcome any gifts you may like to contribute to these shared boxes. Perhaps you could add a face flannel, bar of soap or toothpaste to your shopping, treasures for those with only an outdoor water tap, or maybe you could spare one or two outgrown toys in good condition such as:

- cuddly toy
- skipping rope or ball
- musical instrument (if for blowing must be new)
- toy vehicle, animal, or figure (not war-related)
- picture book (the children cannot read English)
- game needing no instructions, like dominoes or snap cards
- small jigsaw, or puzzle such as a Rubik's cube



Or maybe you are creative and would prefer to make something for a shoe box, such as:

- a useful bag like a gym bag, pencil case or wash bag
- a glove or finger puppet
- a hair scrunchy
- a bracelet or necklace

If you have no spare toys and are not into craft, maybe you have a spare, unused tea-towel, candle, or socks. These things could be part of a home box for a family. Home boxes can be bigger shoe boxes, to allow room for a ladle or other cooking utensils. Perhaps you have a spare empty boot box...

I would welcome any loose gifts you may like to contribute to the shared boxes I am filling as soon as possible please, by mid-September (13th) at the latest. If you are packing your own box, the deadline is likely to be mid-October. I can be contacted on jtohevicarswife@hotmail.com or 01939 291390 and will aim to follow all coronavirus guidelines as we work together to do our bit for the poorest of the poor.

You may be interested to know a box I recognise is featured on this year's leaflet; it was decorated at our Messy Church last September.

Looking forward to hearing from you if you would like to help. I am very grateful to all those who have already made generous contributions.

Thank You Jo Clayton

Harmer Hill and District WI

Meetings have been temporarily suspended because of the COVID 19 pandemic.

The Committee have been holding virtual meetings and hope to hold the September meeting this way too. Once we are able to resume meetings in the Village Hall we will be able to welcome visitors again, socially distanced of course!

Keep Safe Everyone

NEW EDITOR NEEDED

We hope you are pleased to see the **Messenger** back in print. To ensure that it continues to reach your doorstep a new editor for the publication is needed. The **Messenger** is delivered to every home in the parish and is greatly valued by the community, particularly those who find the internet difficult to access. If you would like to know more about what is involved in this vital role in the community please contact the current editor Liz Hodge on 01939-291030 or hodgeliz@btinternet.com.



MYDDLE, BROUGHTON AND HARMER HILL

Myddle, Broughton and Harmer Hill Parish Council are now moving forward with a new Community-Led Housing Scheme, which will provide a small number of affordable rented homes for people living or working in the parish.

Community-Led Schemes allow local residents to have a closer involvement in the process, helping to decide how many homes are built, where they'll be located and in many cases, how they'll look.

We'd like to encourage parishioners of all ages to join our steering group and be part of this exciting development for the community. All we require is for your attendance at (*every four to six weeks*) events to share your views and add your voice.

JOIN OUR STEERING GROUP TODAY

If you'd like to take part,
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A Note of Thanks to the Retiring Editor

This is the first edition of the Messenger for some 20 years that has not been edited by Liz Hodge. In those early days the editor's role was not only editing the content but also putting together a team to complete the final stage of production by stapling the sheets of each copy together.

There are also myriad other tasks Liz took on as editor to make sure that every issue of the magazine reached homes in the parish on time. Over the years the Messenger has had a well deserved reputation for keeping us all informed about what is happening locally and in that way playing a vital part in engendering community spirit.

This is in no small measure due to Liz's hard work to produce the magazine; a total of some 200 issues since she took over the editorship. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Liz on behalf of the whole community for her unstinting efforts to make the Messenger the success that it is.



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The Covid pandemic has had a dramatic effect on church funds. In a normal year we are able to raise about £7,000 from church collections and fund raising events. So far this year we have managed to raise less than £2,000. If you would like to help us reduce this shortfall donations can be made at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stpeterschurchmyddle>

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MYDDLE, BROUGHTON & HARMER HILL PARISH COUNCIL

Council News:

The coronavirus and subsequent lockdown has meant that the Council has been unable to hold face to face meetings since the March meeting. However it has been possible to continue with Council business by holding online meetings using Zoom and by Members and the Clerk keeping in regular contact by emails and telephone calls. It is hoped that it will be possible to hold a normal meeting in Harmer Hill Village Hall in November and include the Annual Parish Meeting which could not take place in May.

The following is some of the business that has taken place during the past six months:

Audit:

The Council has reviewed the annual internal audit report which indicated that there were no concerns regarding the financial and overall management of the Council during the past year and the necessary documents have now been forwarded to the External Auditors appointed by the Government and based in London. Their report should be received in September when it will be published.

Road Safety:

Speeding Traffic is still the most common complaint received by the Council and affects many roads throughout the Parish. The Council is in regular contact with the Police and the Safer Road Partnership in an effort to get some enforcement action but they are faced with ever increasing demands on their time.

Last autumn a group of residents from Myddle set up a Community Speed Watch project which was designed to record excessive vehicle speeds and report the details to the police. It worked well for a time but has now been abandoned because there were not sufficient volunteers to run the project.

The Council has recently purchased and installed two additional road side data recorders which not only advise drivers of the legal speed but also record a host of other information. They are currently placed on Baschurch Road in Myddle but there are plans to use the units in Harmer Hill as well.

Streetlight up-grade:

Government statements have indicated that in an effort to reduce the carbon footprint all sodium street lighting has to be replaced by LED units which are cheaper to power and maintain.

The Parish Council is responsible for most of the streetlights in the Parish and has decided to use Community Infrastructure Levy finance to pay for all the units to be changed. The majority of the work has already been undertaken

and the remainder will be replaced over the next few weeks.

Community Environment Project:

Last year the Council received a grant of £1,500.00 from Shropshire Council which had to be match funded and could be used to carry out a range of Highways' tasks in the Parish, which would normally have been done by Shropshire Council staff. The grant enabled the Council to employ Mr. Marco Busi who did sterling work throughout the year, raising complimentary comments from many residents. Because of the success of the project a similar grant has been received for the current year and Mr. Busi will continue to provide a very valued service.

Affordable Housing Project:

For some considerable time the Council has been involved in discussions with the Rural Housing Association and Shropshire Council about the possibility of identifying a suitable area for the construction of a few affordable properties, which could be made available to local residents.

Shropshire Council has agreed to set up a small committee to study any proposals and would welcome membership from local residents. If you are interested in being involved please forward your details to the Parish Clerk

Highways:

The maintenance of the Highways, pavements, road signs etc. is the responsibility of Shropshire Council and regular concerns are highlighted by the Parish and sent to the Highways Department for action. You are probably aware of the dire state of Shropshire Council's finance, which has been worsened by the need to use staff time and additional money to deal with the virus crisis. As a result many of the reported problems have not been dealt with but the Parish Council will continue to report problems and press for the existing ones to be dealt with.

General:

Agendas, Minutes and other information can be found on the Councils web site and if you have any queries, concerns or comments please get in touch with the Clerk by whichever method is most convenient for you.

If you would like to receive regular news by email please contact the Chairman who will happily add you name to the current list.

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