

# Alpheton Parish News



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## CHURCH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL, ALPHETON

**MAY 2020**

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### SERVICES

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Sunday 3 May	10.30am	Holy Trinity	livestream Family Communion
Sunday 10 May	10.30am	Holy Trinity	livestream Holy Communion
Sunday 17 May	10.30am	Holy Trinity	livestream Holy Communion
Sunday 24 May	10.30am	Holy Trinity	livestream Holy Communion
Sunday 31 May	10.30am	Holy Trinity	livestream Holy Communion

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#### ***If you are not so familiar with Facebook:***

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2. Scroll down to the Facebook box at the bottom centre of the home page
3. Click on the words 'Holy Trinity Church' at the top of this box
4. Once in our Facebook page scroll down a little to see the service

*Services may be subject to change in light of the situation with coronavirus. Check the websites for any changes.*

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**[www.alphetonandshimplingchurches.org.uk](http://www.alphetonandshimplingchurches.org.uk)**

## From the Rector

### Easter Hope

In the last weeks I have been able to chat with many from Alpheton, whether by phone or when exercising on my bike. I'm heartened to hear many examples of people looking out for each other. Please know that I hold you in my prayers. I have just had a few days off. For my article this month I defer to a superior authority: Her Majesty the Queen, who said:

'Many religions have festivals which celebrate light overcoming darkness. Such occasions are often accompanied by the lighting of candles. They seem to speak to every culture, and appeal to people of all faiths, and of none. They are lit on birthday cakes and to mark family anniversaries, when we gather happily around a source of light. It unites us.

'As darkness falls on the Saturday before Easter Day, many Christians would normally light candles together. In church, one light would pass to another, spreading slowly and then more rapidly as more candles are lit. It's a way of showing how the good news of Christ's resurrection has been passed on from the first Easter by every generation until now.

'This year, Easter will be different for many of us, but by keeping apart we keep others safe. But Easter isn't cancelled; indeed, we need Easter as much as ever. The discovery of the risen Christ on the first Easter Day gave his followers new hope and fresh purpose, and we can all take heart from this. We know that Coronavirus will not overcome us. As dark as death can be — particularly for those suffering with grief — light and life are greater. May the living flame of the Easter hope be a steady guide as we face the future. I wish everyone of all faiths and denominations a blessed Easter.'

Let us all reflect on her wise words.

**Rev Matthew Lawson**

## **Pleasant surprise**

My eldest son and daughter-in-law, who live on the South Island of New Zealand, were astonished when turning on the television one day to see the Alpheton village sign on the screen.

This sign was carved by my husband and was erected as part of the Millennium celebrations. The programme was *Location, Location, Location*, and a house in Church Lane was featured.

I guess they were the only people in NZ who recognised the sign.

*Paddy Trevelyan*

## **Melford Music**

It is with much regret that the new team of Melford Music have decided to suspend the recitals for this summer's 29th season due to the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 epidemic.

The team very much hopes to be back again next year in order to celebrate the 30th year of Melford Music since inception, and looks forward to welcoming everyone back on Wednesday 2 June, 2021.

## **Alpheton website**

Regular updates on the coronavirus situation that are relevant locally, including information from Suffolk Police, can be found on the village website. This is in addition to nationwide information from the government and NHS.

**[alpheton.onesuffolk/net](http://alpheton.onesuffolk/net)**



## SHIMPLING & ALPHETON WI

As with so many organisations, the WI is unable to hold meetings at present. It is hoped this will not go on for too long but we must wait and see.

It is good to keep in touch by telephone, and I am sure other members will be happy to assist when needed. So keep well, and we look forward to meeting up again in the not too distant future.

*Paddy Trevelyan*

## Film news

The March and April Film Nights were cancelled because of the COVID-19 epidemic. It is hoped that this month's film, *The Current War*, can be shown on Tuesday 19 May, subject to restrictions being eased.

The June film will be *Mrs Lowry and Son*, and the July film, *Downton Abbey*. The postponed films, *Rocket Man* and *Yesterday*, will be shown later in the year.

## Fruit and veg deliveries

A company which has a fruit and veg stall on Sudbury market has extended its deliveries to include Alpheton.

Details can be found at [www.coxsboxes.com](http://www.coxsboxes.com), where you can fill in an enquiry/order form, or contact the company by telephone on 07931 389006.



## **Garden waste**

### **Brown bins**

Babergh District Council has suspended household garden waste collections until further notice. This is in response to coronavirus outbreak, so that crews can focus on collecting black bins and recyclable waste.

With recycling centres across the county closed, the option of disposing waste at one of these sites is also no longer available for the time being.

The council instructs householders who use the brown bin service not to put garden waste in their black bins, but either to compost it at home, or store it until the service resumes.

The council will not be invoicing for garden waste during the stoppage period, and subscriptions will be amended to compensate.

For more information: [www.babergh.gov.uk/waste-services](http://www.babergh.gov.uk/waste-services)

## **Facebook Group**

### **Alpheton and Bridge Street Community**

The recently created Alpheton and Bridge Street Community group is on Facebook. At this current time of crisis, you can use the page for help, shopping, a friendly chat or even a phone call request.

It's a place for discussions, sharing photographs, event information, suggestions, advice and help.

## **Foodbank vouchers**

Holy Trinity is now a point of contact for issuing Storehouse Foodbank vouchers. These are intended for those who simply cannot afford food.

To refer someone please contact Cheryl Morgan on 07943 811030.

If you are able, please put donations in supermarkets' foodbank boxes as stocks are low.

Please pass on this information where possible. If you know of anyone who needs to use this vital service, please contact Cheryl on their behalf, or advise them of Cheryl's number. Thank you.

## **Alpheton Table Tennis Club**

After noting all the requests for preferred sessions and times for the weekly table tennis club, it has been agreed as every Friday morning 10 am to 12 noon, hopefully starting on May 8 (although this may have to be delayed until all is well on the coronavirus front).

Remember that beginners are welcome, any age, and bats can be supplied. The price per session is £2.50, to include refreshments. I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Contact Trevor Treharne

*email* trevortreharne1949@gmail.com

*phone* 01284 827077 *mobile* 079 79 081 924

## **Alpheton Parish Council**

Parish Council meetings have suspended until further notice. The new Coronavirus legislation permits the Parish Council to conduct meetings/business by other means such as email, online meetings etc.

Madeline Gray has now taken over as Chair. Bridget Sumner had tendered her resignation in February, stepping down on April 7. It has been agreed by email with all councillors that Madeline is Chair and will be re-elected in May 2020 for a period of one year.

It is envisaged that neither the Annual Parish Meeting nor the Annual Parish Council meeting on May 5 will be able to go ahead as face-to-face meetings this year.

The Parish Council delivered an information leaflet to every household in the village, and councillors worked hard and quickly to get that information together. A parishioner kindly designed and printed the leaflet at his own cost.

We are helping a small number of people in the village who are genuinely unable to leave their homes to get shopping and medication.

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Second Tuesday of the month: WI, 7.30pm (*Spring and Summer*)

Third Tuesday of the month: Film Night, 7.30pm

Last Tuesday of the month: Coffee Pot from 10.30am

Last Friday of the month: Craft and Social session, 2.00pm (not Dec)  
Alphie's Bar, 8.00pm

Mobile Library:

Thursday every four weeks (next visit May 7)

11.35-11.55 opposite the Village Hall

12.00-12.15 Post Box near Church Lane



## Village Hall Bookings

The Village hall has a licensed bar and is available for hire

*For all village hall bookings please contact*

Stephen Larnar 01284 828468 [stephenlarnar@btinternet.com](mailto:stephenlarnar@btinternet.com)



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# **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

## **during May 2020**

**NB Some events may be subject to cancellation in the light of updating COVID-19 advice. Please check with organisers.**

- Sunday 3 May Livestream Communion from Holy Trinity, 10.30am  
Friday 8 May Table Tennis Club, Alpheton VH 10.00am-midday  
Sunday 10 May Livestream Communion from Holy Trinity, 10.30am  
Tuesday 12 May WI, Alpheton Village Hall, 7.30pm  
Sunday 17 May Livestream Communion from Holy Trinity, 10.30am  
Tuesday 19 May Film 'The Current War', Alpheton VH 7.30pm  
Sunday 24 May Livestream Communion from Holy Trinity, 10.30am  
Tuesday 26 May Coffee Pot, Alpheton VH, 10.30am  
Sunday 31 May Livestream Communion from Holy Trinity, 10.30am



### **Further ahead**

- Tuesday 16 June Film 'Downton Abbey', Alpheton VH 7.30pm  
Tuesday 30 June Coffee Pot, Alpheton VH, 10.30am



### **Message from the Editor**

In view of the current restrictions, and as a safety precaution for everyone involved in the normal production and delivery of the Parish magazine, this edition is coming to you online, rather than through your letter box.

It is appearing on both the Alpheton village website, and the St Peter and St Paul website, and will continue to do so until circumstances change.

Stay safe, and take care.

*Ken Watkins*

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