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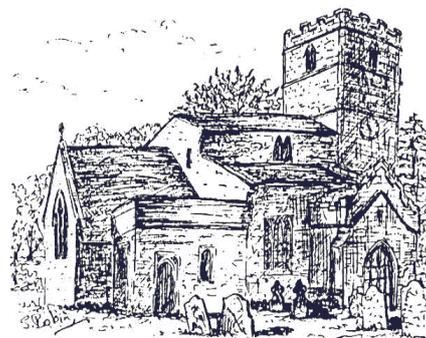
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Forty Days?

I'm writing this on Shrove Tuesday, or Pancake Day, or Mardi Gras, or Carnevale, or whatever – the day of food before Ash Wednesday (no alternative names there) and the start of the forty days of Lent. All religions have their season of self-denial – we're all familiar with the Muslim Ramadan month – and for Christians down the ages, Lent did the job in the run-up to Easter. It still does of course: plenty of people take the opportunity to 'give up something', generally booze or chocs, starting tomorrow.

But times change, and indeed coronaviruses emerge. Self-denial has become not so much a religious or personal thing as a state-ordered abstinence. It also goes on for a good deal longer than forty days – we're heading for 365, give or take. In addition, those thinking of giving up the bottle may well have spent the 31 days of January doing so, and here we are still in February. So how do we feel about another round of 'giving something up' in the midst of lockdown?

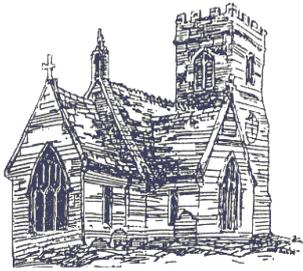
Well, for a start let's not get too pious about it. Our ancestors were right to remind themselves of the value of self-discipline. Even that least self-denying of monarchs, Henry VIII, kept the forty days of Lent as a time of (relative) abstinence. It is good for us to take a break from normal expectations and do things differently. How does that fit with the huge disruption to our normal lives we're all experiencing thanks to Covid-19? Isn't that self-denying enough for anyone?

Use it differently, then. How about 'taking something up' instead? Email, telephone, Facebook and the rest give us all the opportunity to keep in touch more regularly, or to be alongside friends and neighbours on their own or feeling desolate. Small gifts of time, for instance, do more good in the world than we can imagine. What 'gifts' could you make during the next forty days?

Good giving and loving in Lent.

Simon Tong.

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• Once again an electronic edition of the Chase Benefice Parish Magazine.
| Hopefully restrictions will be lifted soon and a printed copy can be made. We
• look forward to Spring, better weather and close contact with friends and
| relations.
• Keep Safe and Healthy. The Editor
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VILLAGE NEWS

CHETTLE

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The CHETTLE MARMALADE COMPETITION is well under way. Entries to the shop by 28th February please clearly marking the ingredients. You will be given a number to put on the jar and your details will be recorded in a book in the shop so that it remains anonymous for the judging. Lisa Osman will be our judge in two categories: Best marmalade and Best Looking Jar (an opportunity to be creative).

The jars can be collected from the village after the competition is done.

CHETTLE SHOP continues in its magnificent way to keep us all provided with food and household necessities and new staff are doing a great job.

We are currently looking for a new shop manager to work in tandem with Emma. Do apply at the shop.

THE CASTLEMAN has been doing whatever it can to keep spirits up and the garden has had a serious haircut. Do sign up to the Castleman newsletter if you have not already done so as it is full of optimism and will be opening as soon as the rules allow. Our new chef Patrick and his family have relocated from Hong Kong to be with us and we welcome him, Narti, Sammy and Milly to Chettle.

WELCOME to Will and Eleanor to the village on a temporary basis as they look for a home to buy and Jordana who we hope is more long term.

Sadly we say **goodbye** to Amy and Phil who are moving with Henry to Sixpenny Handley. Amy has lived her whole life in Chettle (bar six months) and so it will be sad parting for us.



FARNHAM

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Church Services (Covid regulations permitting)

Farnham Church will host a Family Service on Sunday 7th March. Mothering Sunday is on 14th March and the service will be hosted by Tollard Royal church. Chettle will host a service of Matins on 28th March. All at 10.30am.

The Church Door

Unfortunately one of the stones to the left of the church door has split, so that the top hinge-pin of the door came away. This is probably on account of rain and frost getting into the fragile stone. The door itself is in a sorry state anyway and is due to be renovated once the situation allows the PCC to progress this. The stone mason is due to carry out various repairs to the exterior of the church once temperatures allow the use of lime mortar. Obviously, attention to the door and its surround will be a priority.

Meanwhile, the church is still open each day, so please carry on with the Covid precautions when visiting. The internal door will be kept closed, and the metal gate to the porch, sporting a not-so-fancy blue tarpaulin coat, will be trying to keep the worst of the weather out.

Community Communications in Farnham.

During this pandemic we set up a *WhatsApp* community network to help people with things such as prescription collection and food deliveries. This has proved to be quite a useful and fun means of communicating for these purposes, even some 'offers and wants', and for simply keeping in touch. Anyone who has a mobile phone with *WhatsApp* downloaded, can join the *Farnham Support* group and keep in touch. To join us please tell us your mobile phone number. This can be by text to 07836 209730; by e-mail to: ppsforbes@gmail.com or just drop a note with your number to me at The Old Rectory.
Peter Forbes

Farnham Allotment Association

With freezing temperatures, allotment attention moved from our site to a Zoom AGM held on 27th January. Ed Sadd, Bronwen Jones and Julia Safe were all re-elected as chairman, secretary/treasurer and members' representative respectively. Helen Tustin was elected to the committee. We look forward to once again being actively involved in village events and to welcoming you to join us.

It was decided that once again we will hold a "Spud in a Bag" competition. 'Spuds' will be available from the Winklebury Table from the middle of

March. The competition is open to everyone in the village for a small entry fee of £3 per 'Spud'. Judging will take place in August, either at the Allotments if Covid allows, otherwise we will carry out the judging from the Winklebury driveway as we did last year. We look forward to not only more entries than ever before, but also some spectacular harvests come judgement day. No experience is required and a little TLC could see you produce a winner. Another Soup-a-Day is anticipated for Sunday 7th November to raise money for Julia's House. This will be hosted by Ed and Gail on the Winklebury driveway. Further information and requests for help will be forthcoming nearer the time, but pencil both events in your diaries now!

Looking forward, we will soon be seeing warmer weather and better conditions for site preparation and getting some seeds sown. The evenings are drawing out and more daylight means more time on the plot. After this last cold spell, I'm so looking forward to seeing daffodils and tulips and feeling some warmth in the sun. Love the snowdrops around the village: such a promise for the season ahead.

Ed Sadd

50 Club winners

January: 1st – Christine Maguire; 2nd – David Hope Robertson; 3rd – Viv Thomas



Tollard Royal Church (circa 14th century)
St. Peter ad vincula

TOLLARD ROYAL
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On Sunday 31st January, the bell was rung in the Church 100 times at 12 noon to mark the deaths of 100,000 people, with each ring marking 1000 Covid deaths, as a mark of respect and a symbol of shared grief.

Mothering Sunday 14th March at 10.30 it is hoped to have a service of celebration for this special day. An announcement will be made nearer the time.

Notes for your diary - Easter Sunday 4th April there will be a service of Holy Communion at Farnham. **Sunday 11th April** there will be a family service for Tollard Royal at 10.30am with a short service of Holy Communion immediately afterwards.

52 club winners

1st Prize Philip Kebby 2nd Prize Marcelle Mitchell



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Village Website www.gussagesaintmichael.co.uk checkout the website to see what's going on in your village

St Michael PCC 100 Club

The 100 Club Winners for January 2021 were:

First: Els Riley

Second: Vic Hatton

Third: Hilary Pond

Wine Tasting Many thanks to all those who joined the virtual Wine Tasting evening in January. We had a very good introduction to tasting from Victoria Reynolds (nee' Hatton) and sampled both white and red wines as the evening became increasingly convivial. The event raised nearly £700.

Zoom Services Sunday Morning Worship Zoom services have continued to go out from St Michael, embracing all areas of the Chase Benefice while our churches are closed. These services have been well supported with an average congregation of around 35 people weekly. For further information contact simon@sandrtong.co.uk.



GUSSAGE ALL SAINTS
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Due to a clerical error by the editor, the pre Christmas Gussage All Saints news was missed from the January edition and is included here.

December in Gussage All Saints brought forth new and innovative ideas to beat the lock down gloom. Jane Benson headed up a Christmas Tree project encouraging all who were able to put a decorated tree in their front garden. On Sunday afternoons families were encouraged to go on a Christmas tree hunt. This proved very popular with youngsters and grown up children as well. Throughout the weeks the lights of the trees gave a wonderful feeling of community effort as we gradually made our way through to Christmas Eve when a Christmas Crib was placed in at the base of the tree in the churchyard and we were encouraged to place a light in our windows to represent The Light of the World , born for us 2000 years ago.

Sunday 20th December was a magical day to remember. Santa and his Elves visited the village transported on this occasion not with reindeer and sleigh but on a beautiful Christmas trap driven by a mysterious coachman complete with cloak and top hat and pulled by a very smart and beautiful horse wearing sleigh bells around her neck who was patience itself as Santa slowly made his way from Southfields to Bowerswaine and then through the village greeting all the children and collecting food donations for the Blandford Foodbank. The food collection resulted in a completely crammed van being driven to the food bank on the following morning. Grateful thanks to CK and CP and all who organised and donated.

Christmas Day. Once again spirits were lifted . A family Service led by Canon Simon Tong was held in Church within the rules of social distancing. It was warmly welcomed by those attending both in church and the ever popular zoom connection for those at home. A silent quiz on the reading was cleverly devised by Simon for those in church who were able to interact and feel very much connected . Simon's address brought us together in the hope and the light of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ. Chris King sang two very appropriate carols which were very much appreciated.

Pat Cooper worked her magic on the decorations in the porch and the Christmas Crib was set.

Gussage All Saints Church is here for everyone. Join us on Zoom every Sunday in lockdown . Details on page 13.

Welcome to Terry and Elaine and their dog Bailey who have come to live at 2 Sweetapple Bungalows. We hope they will be very happy here in the village.

Gussage All Saints Church. We cannot yet make any plans for services in church. When the situation changes and we can hold services we will let everyone know. In the meantime the very popular zoom services led by Cannon Simon Tong at Gussage Saint Michael continue every Sunday at 10.30. As always if you wish to join in please let Simon have your email address for the link.

We would like to thank Canon Simon Tong for his very faithful organising of this service which has taken place every Sunday since last April. It has proved to be very popular and has attracted folk from across the benefice. It brings us together and helps to make everyone feel less alone and much needed. The up lifting talks accompanying the readings have been given by a variety of both clergy and lay ministers. Our Sunday hymn Simon has carefully chosen from a number of cathedral and other choirs which have been a pleasure to hear and to join in with.

The church can be opened for individual private prayer. Please contact Church Warden Chris Payne to arrange.

Calling All Ladies!

A group of us in Gussage All Saints thought it would be lovely to have a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 24th February at 11.00. When we say Coffee Morning, we mean you would have to make your own coffee, bring your own cake (unless you picked up some from the Drovers who are baking especially for us that day) and sit in front of a computer screen – but apart from that it will be an ordinary catch-up-with-each-other-time!

The link to join is below.

Please bring a wooden spoon with you – don't worry, it'll all become clear on Wednesday!

Jane Benson is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Coffee Morning

Time: Feb 24, 2021 11:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81262426207?>

pwd=c0pRY1VkUjZXVEUzWFVLUU94NCsxQT09

Meeting ID: 812 6242 6207

Passcode: 432067

Obituary. Pamela Hatch of Green Meads 31/10/31 – 29/01/21 aged 89 years.

Pam bought Green Meads in the 70's. This must make her one of the longest residents in the village. It was her dream come true to own a thatched country cottage. Pam's husband Bill and her son Guy who both sadly predeceased her were involved in the setting up of a true country home.

Pam was a graduate from Bristol University with a degree in English language and Literature following which she took up a career in teaching. She was a popular teacher at secondary schools in Bournemouth for many years teaching English and Drama.

Pam was always supportive of village activities and quietly always 'happy to meet you'.

She loved being involved in the Summer Fete and whilst she was able was always a supporter of village hall plays and always attended the Crib Service on Christmas Eve with faithful life long friend Cynthia who travelled from Bristol each Christmas.

Pam was my proof reader for the seven years I was magazine editor. Her skills kept me out of trouble on many an occasion. I hope I'm not making any grammatical howlers in writing this!

Pam always saw beauty in the world around her in plants and flowers and birds and animals and landscape and the wonderful Gussage sunsets from her cottage windows. In her last few years dementia came to call but despite this Pam was able laugh and sing and appreciate colours and form and enjoy daughter Mary's exceptional care to her at home and then all the care from the staff at Streets Meadow care home.

Pam's funeral was on 12th February but because of the restrictions at this time a celebration of her life will be held in the summer time when family and friends will be able to gather to share their stories and remember.

P.D

Ding Dong News from the Tower

Good Day to you all, it is sometime since we have spoken about our wonderful Church Bells and the clock.

The clock at Gussage All Saints was installed in the tower and connected to the medieval bells in 1902, so in 2022 it will be 120 years old.

Installed by Smiths of Derby the clock has been serviced and maintained by them ever since it has just had its yearly overhaul.

The clock needs winding on Wednesday and Sundays to ensure it keeps exceptional time and its quarter striking is most unusual in a parish of our size and is normally only to be found in larger conurbations.(clock winding volunteers are always welcome)

Sadly time has taken its toll (excuse the pun) on the beautiful blue clock face and it is showing signs of age and we do now need to give this much loved member of our community a facelift.

We will of course need to treat this wonderful dial with sympathy but the plan is to have the blue base paint completely replaced and new stainless steel hands to be fitted then finally the piece de resistance is the digits and hands of the clock will be finished in 24 carat gold leaf, so that it will look as good as the day it was installed.

We will keep you posted on progress but it is hoped to celebrate 122 years of the clock with a party!

We will be looking to finance the project with grants and charitable giving and would welcome any suggestions on how you feel we could raise funds towards this project, which I am sure will lift spirits once we come out of the dark days of the pandemic.



CHURCH SERVICES MARCH 2021

N. B. Covid regulations may mean changes to the service schedule

7th MARCH	Third Sunday of Lent	
Readings:	1 Corinthians 1:18-25;	John 2:13-22; Psalm 19
10.30am	Farnham	Family Service
10.30am	Tarrant Hinton	Family Communion
	Tarrant Keyneston	Family Communion
	Chettle	See Farnham
	Tollard Royal	See Farnham
	Tarrant Gunville	See Tarrant Hinton
	Tarrant Monkton	See Tarrant Keyneston
	Tarrant Rushton	See Tarrant Keyneston
	Gussage All Saints	No service*
	Gussage St Michael	No service*

14th MARCH	Mothering Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Lent	2nd Sunday
Readings:	2 Corinthians 1:3-7; Luke 2:33-35 or John 19:25b-27;	Psalm 34:11-20
10.30am	Tollard Royal	Mothering Sunday Service
10.30am	Tarrant Rushton	Mothering Sunday Service
10.30am	Gussage All Saints	Worship for All
	Chettle	See Tollard Royal
	Farnham	See Tollard Royal
	Gussage St Michael	See Gussage All Saints
	Tarrant Keyneston	See Tarrant Rushton
	Tarrant Monkton	See Tarrant Rushton
	Tarrant Hinton	No service *
	Tarrant Gunville	No service*

21st MARCH	Fifth Sunday of Lent – Passiontide begins	3rd Sunday
Readings:	Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33;	Psalm 51:1-13
10.30am	Tarrant Gunville	Family Communion
10.30am	Gussage All Saints	Worship for All
	Tarrant Hinton	See Tarrant Gunville
	Gussage St Michael	See Gussage All Saints
	Chettle	No service*
	Farnham	No service*
	Tollard Royal	No service*
	Tarrant Monkton	No service*
	Tarrant Rushton	No service*
	Tarrant Keyneston	No service*

CHURCH SERVICES MARCH 2021

We will try to keep the website updated www.chasebeneficedorset.org.uk

28th MARCH	Palm Sunday	CLOCKS GO FORWARD	4 th Sunday
Readings:	Philippians 2:5-11;	Mark 11: 1-11	Ps 118:1-2,19-end
10.30am	Chettle	Matins	
10.30am	Tarrant Monkton	Family Service	
	Tarrant Rushton	See Tarrant Monkton	
	Tarrant Keyneston	See Tarrant Monkton	
	Tarrant Hinton	No service*	
	Tarrant Gunville	No service*	
	Tollard Royal	No service*	
	Farnham	No service*	
	Chettle	No service*	
	Gussage St Michael	No service*	
	Gussage All Saints	No service*	

***No service at your parish church?** Of course, anyone can worship wherever they choose and some churches can accommodate more people than others. However, as the Covid-19 pandemic is still with us, to keep everyone safe, we are still trying to limit numbers in each church by putting churches into groups. This may mean that your group of churches is not holding a service on a particular Sunday, indicated on the list by the words “No service*”, but there are still a number of ways to access worship.

1. Simon Tong is leading a short **act of worship on Zoom** on Sundays. The time of broadcast may vary. If you wish to join the service, please email Simon so that he can email you the link and service time each week. simon@sandrtong.co.uk
2. You can join the national online services, streamed at 9am each Sunday.
<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>
3. You can listen to a Sunday service on Radio 4 at 8.10am
4. *Songs of Praise* is broadcast on BBC television on a Sunday, usually at 1.15pm but the time can change, so check the TV schedule.
5. The Church of England Phone Church may suit you. *Daily Hope* offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services at the end of a telephone line – and the call is free! The line is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044**.

CHURCH WARDENS

ALL SAINTS

Gussage All Saints	Chris Payne	Southfields	01258 840255
Tarrant Keyneston	Mr Grahame Webb	The Leys	01258 451177
Tarrent Monkton	Mrs Vicky Gumm	East Farm	01258 830240

SAINT LAURENCE

Farnham	Mrs Gill Baverstock.	Sheepfold Cottage	01725 516311
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Chettle	Mr David Mordaunt	Saint Mary's Farmhouse	01258 830791
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Tarrant Rushton	Mr Nick Harding	Preston Farm	01258 458318
	Mrs Caroline Tory,	The Orchard,	01258 452452

SAINT MICHAEL

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