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Coleshill Hub: Tel: 01675 462 517

HS2 Complaints: Tel: 08081 434 434

British Gas: Tel: 0800 111 999

National Grid (Electricity problem): Tel: 105

Seven Trent Water (Report water leak): Tel: 0800 783 4444

Potholes (Warwickshire): Tel: 01926 412 515

MARCH 2024

THE BRIDGE



LENT

14th February—28th March

**LINKING CHURCHES AND PEOPLE
IN WATER ORTON**

MARCH 2024

Worship at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Water Orton

9.00a.m. Holy Communion every Sunday
11.00a.m. All Age Worship every Sunday
10.00a.m. Holy Communion every Wednesday

Evening Service of Compline via Zoom, every Wednesday evening 9.00p.m.

Zoom ID: 508 367 3910

Sunday March 10th Mothering Sunday

Sunday March 10th Quest - Family 3.30p.m. at The Link

Sunday March 17th Passion Sunday

Sunday March 24th Palm Sunday

Thursday March 28th Maundy Thursday

Friday March 29th Good Friday including the Walk of Witness to the White City

Sunday March 31st Easter Sunday

We will continue to Zoom most of our services for the foreseeable future, certainly Sunday 9.00a.m. and 11.00a.m.; Tuesday Morning Prayer, Common Worship 10.00a.m.; Wednesday - Said Communion at 10.00a.m.; Thursday - Contemporary Prayer Meeting, on Zoom only, 9.00a.m. - 10.00a.m. Zoom meeting ID: 508 367 3910

Worship at Water Orton Methodist Church

Sunday worship is at 10.30a.m each week and is led by Rev. Nick Jones, Mrs Ermine Mitchell our Lay Preacher, Mrs Gill Day, Mr Roger Boulton and visiting Ministers and Lay Preachers. We welcome and value all those who bring us the word of God and inspiration to relate this practically to the lives we live. We are a small church, outward looking and embedded in the community.

Friday 1st March 10.30a.m. World Day of Prayer Service at the Methodist Church.

Friday 8th March 10.30a.m. Lent Study Course part 3 led by Ermine Mitchell at the White City Community Centre.

Friday 15th March 10.30a.m. Lent Study Course part 4 led by Tony Roberts.

Friday 22nd March 10.30a.m. Lent Study Course part 5 led by Roger Boulton.

Thursday 28th March 6.30p.m. Maundy Thursday service at the Parish Church.

7.30p.m. Passover Meal and Service at the LINK – to be confirmed.

Friday 29th 10.00a.m. United Good Friday Service at the Parish Church followed by the Walk of Witness to the White City Community Centre for short service and refreshments.

Saturday 30th March 6.30p.m. Meditation at the Methodist Church with Deacon Josie Flute.

Sunday 31st Easter Morning Services at both churches, 7.00a.m. 9.00a.m. and 11.00 a.m. at the Parish Church and 9.30a.m. at the Methodist Church.

And two more Water Orton Churches Together Projects.

Sunday 12th – 18th May, Christian Aid Week and Saturday June 15th, visit the 'Water Orton Churches' stand at Water Orton Carnival

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WHAT'S ON AT THE LINK

MONDAY

10.00a.m. - 11.30a.m.

12.45p.m. - 1.30p.m.

1.45p.m. - 2.30p.m.

3.00p.m. - 4.15p.m.

5.15p.m. - 6.00p.m.

6.15p.m. - 7.00p.m.

KIDDOODLES - Parent & Toddler Group

JO JINGLES - mixed age class. Contact Lucy 07976 819851

CHAIR YOGA Contact Emma 07861 747448

QI GONG with Denise Contact 07454 708646

BODY CONDITIONING

BODY CONDITIONING with Kathryn - 07786 669688

TUESDAY

9.30a.m. - 12noon

10.00a.m. - 12noon

6.00p.m. - 7.00p.m.

ART CLASS Watercolours with tutor, Carl 07852 531188

ART CLASS - All ages and abilities welcome.

YOGA with Emma Contact 07861 747448

WEDNESDAY

10.00a.m. - 11.30a.m.

5.30p.m. and 7.30p.m.

KIDDOODLES - Parent & Toddler Group

SLIMMING WORLD Contact Jayne Reece 07453 348184

THURSDAY

9.30a.m. - 11.30a.m.

5.00p.m. - 6.00p.m.

6.15p.m. - 7.00p.m.

7.15p.m. - 8.00p.m.

WOMBATS - Parent & Toddler Group Contact Kayla
email: kayla@easycool.co.uk Tel: 07766 477 187

KARATE class age 5+ Contact Jason 07515 360586

BOUNCE AND BURN Contact Emma 07861 747448

YOGA with Emma Contact 07861 747448

FRIDAY

12noon - 1.30p.m.

MEET AND EAT - Lunch and chat for the retired

SATURDAY

9.30a.m. - 12 noon

SHINING STAR STAGE SCHOOL

Shining Tots ages 4 -7 Shining Stars ages 7+

email info@shiningstarstageschool.co.uk

Children's Parties £45 per hour

Please contact for availability on 0121 748 6360

For more information contact The Link on 0121 748 6360

Email: bookingsatthelink@gmail.com

Updated February 2024

AGE UK COVENTRY & WARWICKSHIRE

As a Befriender you could provide company for a lonely older person in Coventry or Warwickshire, and your local area.

From as little as 15 minutes of your time a week could make a massive difference to an older person's life. If you are empathetic and good at talking then becoming a volunteer for our Befriending Service may be the role for you.

As people get older, some may find they spend more time on their own. Some can no longer leave their home or have the confidence to do so. This can sometimes make them feel lonely, isolated or they miss friends and family.

For more information or if you are interested in becoming a Befriending volunteer, please contact us; **email: befriending@ageukcovwarks.org.uk**
Tel; 01926 458113 or find us on the Internet at www.ageuk.org.uk/coventryandwarwickshire

Thank you.

Tracey Seal, (South Warwickshire University NHS Foundation Trust))

FUND RAISING QUIZ EVENING

FOR WATER ORTON SCOUT GROUP

NETHER WHITACRE VILLAGE HALL
Station Rd Whitacre Heath B46 2EH

22ND MARCH 2024 7.30pm (doors open 7pm)
TEAM 4- 6 PERSONS TICKETS £10.00

FISH & CHIPS SUPPER. B.Y.O. DRINKS & GLASSES

Book in with Liz 07811 147728

Evening sponsored by Water Orton Ladies Club



MESSAGE FROM PAUL, VICAR OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL'S

CHURCH, WATER ORTON

Welcome to the March Edition of the Bridge magazine,

This year Easter falls early on Sunday 29th March. Apparently, the earliest possible date is 22nd March, and the latest possible date is the 25th April, meaning that there are 35 dates on which it may fall. Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the Paschal full moon, which is the first full moon on or after the 21st March.

The date on which Easter took place is contested, perhaps not surprisingly given that it happened 2,000 years ago. Two popular choices are the 9th April 30AD or the 5th April 33AD. Having never studied it myself I tend to go with the 5th April 33AD, if only because that seems to be the most popular choice.

Christians are always living in belief of the resurrection, it is the cornerstone of our faith, for without it our faith is hopeless. The most important question anyone can ever ask is, Do I believe that Jesus rose again? As you would imagine, I am convinced that Jesus rose again.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus is recorded as saying, *'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.'*

Please do consider joining us at either the Methodist church or the Parish Church this Easter. We will be celebrating that Jesus is alive and that through believing in him we too have life, now, tomorrow, and forever.

God bless you all.

Paul



WATER ORTON WOMEN (W.O.W)

We had a good turnout for our first meeting of the year and we were deeply moved by the presentation by John Wilson from the Buddy Bag Foundation who gave us lots of interesting information. In addition to our £50 donation, a further £110 was raised on the night by the wonderful generous ladies of WOW

The meeting in February was a talk about the Coleshill Hub.

Our meeting dates for March and April are as follows: March 21st - Water Orton Travel and April 18th - Relax with Alison.

We hold our meetings at Water Orton Cricket Club, starting at 7.30p.m. With good company and lively meetings, come and join us. All are welcome.

Just over the Border...and a Gingko Tree

We are really only two fields away from the Birmingham conurbation and many of us have friends and family living there. A few weeks ago I got an invitation to a Tree Planting Ceremony in the Peace Garden in the city centre. A Gingko tree, they live for over a thousand years, was waiting to be planted to remember an event in 1998 when 70,000 people from around the UK and the world converged on Birmingham draped in red and white paper chains to call to the G8 leaders meeting in the Council House to "Drop the Debt" the crippling debt struggling third world countries were facing. Some of us walked the canal into Birmingham to join the chain and we will never forget.....

"The atmosphere was electric.. this was people power at its best and was without a doubt a key moment in the global jubilee debt campaign that eventually secured debt relief to the tune of **130 billion dollars** for lower income countries." *Words spoken by Leader of Birmingham City Council.*

When you next visit Birmingham try to find time to visit the Gingko tree at the back of the Peace Garden, which is at the back of the Repertory Theatre. It's got a handsome plaque and it reminds us of the power of compassion and the importance of speaking of, of taking part, because together we can be a real force for good and make change happen.

Gill Day

EVENTS FROM THE PARISH CHURCH CALENDAR

Open Café in the Robert Lloyd Room - open every Tuesday 9.00a.m. - 11.30a.m.

Food Bank - Open for collection and distribution, Tuesday and Saturday mornings 10.00a.m. - 11.00a.m.

Memory Café -Robert Lloyd Room Meetings will be held on 1st Friday in the Month 2.00p.m. - 4.00p.m. For further information please contact either The Hub - Coleshill, on 01675 462517, or message Peter Hyde on 07443 614254.

AA Meeting - Robert Lloyd Room Every Monday at 7.30p.m.

MESSAGE FROM STEVE STUART, ONE OF OUR COUNCILLORS

Dear Fellow Villagers,

As ever I am interested in knowing any issues or ideas that you have for our village. On top of being able to email me at stevestuart@northwarks.gov.uk or calling on 07999777345 or via my website at www.waterortonsteve.co.uk, I am holding surgeries.

These are held on Tuesday mornings at the Robert Lloyd Room at the Parish Church between 10a.m. & 11a.m. Also I am hosting sessions at the Library on alternate Saturdays (2nd & 16th in March) between 10.30a.m. & 11.30a.m. It would be lovely to see and hear from you.

This year there are going to be an increasing number of opportunities to engage with village organisations and have your say on matters concerning issues that effect you. I encourage you to get involved wherever you can.

Thank you for all your support

Steve Stuart

Independent Councillor for Water Orton. North Warwickshire Borough Council.