

# Newsletter

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## Know your neighbour but keep your distance

We are all delighted to see so many offers of help for the people of Milcombe. Please see the Milcombe Community FaceBook page, there's lots of chatter and useful information. There have also been direct offers of help for those who may need shopping, but please only except help from people you know, already criminals have been calling with the offer of running errands for money up-front.



Know your neighbour by seeing them every day, give them a wave have a chat but keep your distance. If you are unsure of anyone you may not know verywell then ask someone else to look-in.

### IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

THURSDAY, APRIL 30th –  
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING IN CHURCH AT 7.30pm.

TUESDAY, MAY 5th –  
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 8.00pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13th –  
VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT 7.00pm

DUE TO THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THESE DATES MAY CHANGE.



Smiling is infectious

You can catch it like the flu

When someone smiled at me today

I started smiling too

I walked around the corner

And someone saw me grin

When he smiled I realised

I had passed it on to him

I thought about the smile

And then realised its worth

A single smile like mine

Could travel round the earth

So if you feel a smile begin

Don't leave it undetected

Start an epidemic

And get the world infected.

**SMILE by Spike Milligan**

### NEW BUS TIMES

FROM MONDAY

*But may change*

488 & 489

**FROM Milcombe**

06.26 07.58 10.06 12.06 14.06 16.06 18.16

**FROM BANBURY**

06.50 08.40 10.40 12.40 14.40 16.45 19.05

*Thank you Ivor HOUSe*



### MILCOMBE VILLAGE HALL

VILLAGE HALL CONTACTS ARE:

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Committee members Rev. Dale Gingrich representing St. Laurence's Church, Marlene Cowell representing Milcombe Parish Council, Sacha Cowley, Sally Byrd, Raychel Pomroy and Suzette Watson.

The Annual General Meeting is due to take place on Wednesday, May 13th, at 7.00pm. This is open to all village residents. There is a possibility that the date may be changed and Coffee Mornings put on hold for a while. Check the Milcombe Community page.





## CHURCH NOTES

**SERVICES IN ST. LAURENCE'S CHURCH**

**SUNDAY SERVICES ALL AT 11.15am**

# PLEASE NOTE THAT, DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS, ALL CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS HAVE NOW BEEN SUSPENDED.

Unfortunately this means that the children's Easter garden on April 4th and Easter Monday Coffee Morning on April 13th have had to be cancelled as we have been instructed not to serve refreshments in the Church. There will not be the usual display of Easter lilies in Church either.

We are still considering the position with regard to the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on April 30th.

It is still possible to update the Electoral Roll, so if you wish your name to be added, please pick up a form from the Church and post it through Susan Richardson's letterbox in Church Lane.

**THE CHURCH WILL REMAIN OPEN DURING THE DAY FOR QUIET PRAYER AND REFLECTION.**

**WE URGE EVERYBODY TO TAKE CARE AND PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR YOUR ELDERLY NEIGHBOURS, THOSE WHO LIVE ALONE AND ANYBODY WHO YOU THINK MAY BE VULNERABLE.**

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE IMPORTANT.**

**WE SEND CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF KEN WYATT AND MAGGIE SIMS** recently laid to rest in our Churchyard.

**PLEASE SAVE YOUR USED CLEAN CANS** which are recycled for Church funds and should be placed in the bin at the side of the Church porch.

**USED STAMPS AND PRINTER CARTRIDGES** can be placed in the boxes by the table just inside the Church door. Tony and Joan Stickings take these to the Redwing Horse Sanctuary near Stratford for recycling.

**DOG BAGS** are available in Church at the back of the organ.

The Church is open daily from approximately 10.00am-4.00pm thanks to the volunteers who open it and lock it on a monthly rota. You are very welcome to come in and just sit for a moment of quiet prayer and reflection. There is a prayer book just inside the main door for you to write in your own personal prayers.

Rev. Dale Gingrich can be contacted on 01295 720252 or email [office@bloxhambenefice.co.uk](mailto:office@bloxhambenefice.co.uk)

St. Laurence's Churchwardens are Susan Richardson 721667 [sujerich@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sujerich@yahoo.co.uk) and Marlene Cowell 720750 [marlenecowell196@gmail.com](mailto:marlenecowell196@gmail.com)



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## BUMPS AND BABIES

We are a drop-in café for mums, carers and babies with baby toys, group singing and homemade cakes! Come and relax, meet new people, make friends and have a chat.

**CANCELLED**  
TILL FURTHER NOTICE

For further information email Bloxham Benefice Office  
office@bloxhambenefice.co.uk or call 01295 720252



## MILCOMBE SENIORS CLUB

MEETS ON THE 1st and 3rd MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH

IN THE VILLAGE HALL FROM 2.00-4.00pm

Tea, sandwich and a raffle. All for just

£2. Please

Come along and enjoy

**NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME**

Contact Tony Stickings 720666 for more information

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All in the Parish on FRIDAY MORNINGS from 9.00am-11.00am.

### THE CHERRY TREE CENTRE

THE CHERRY TREE CENTRE – PLAY AND LEARN AT THE CHERRY TREE CENTRE, Bloxham Primary School, on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9.30-11.00am (term time only). Drop-in sessions for parents/carers and their children 0-5 years with an additional session for parents/carers and their babies aged up to 1 year. Children can experience creative and learning activities and there is support and advice on a range of topics for parents and carers.

The Cherry Tree Centre is supported by Oxfordshire County Council, Bloxham Primary School and the Parish Councils of Bloxham, Adderbury and Milcombe. For more information email jtyr7754@bloxham-pri.oxon.sch.uk or telephone 01295 720224.

### ST. MARY'S

#### THURSDAY CLUB

ST. MARY'S THURSDAY CLUB is open to members every Thursday from 10.00am-2.30pm for isolated and elderly people living in Bloxham and surrounding villages.

A two-course home-cooked meal is provided with refreshments throughout the day for just £10 including transport if required.

The club offers companionship and social stimulation and there are currently vacancies for new members.

If you would like to come along or know anybody who may be interested, please contact LYNN JOHNSON on 01295 720792 or LIZ FARMER 01295 721812.

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### CHEQUER TREE FARM PLANT NURSERY

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**EASTER GIFTS AND PLANTS AVAILABLE NOW**

**SUMMER BEDDING WILL BE IN SHORTLY.**

**THERE IS A WIDE SELECTION OF SHRUBS, ORNAMENTAL AND FRUIT TREES AVAILABLE ALL YEAR ROUND.**

**We cater for all your garden requirements and stock a wide range of pots at reasonable prices.**

**Please come and take a walk round and see what we have to offer.**

**We are open 7 days a week with ample parking and friendly staff on hand for advice.**

**Sign up for our Club card and get 10% off your purchases.**



**Dog Bags:** These are available from New Road Stores and at the back of the Church behind the organ. Please clear up after your dog - it is an offence not to.





Public Health  
England

## Self-isolation

Advice for patients with & without symptoms of infection, who are isolating themselves due to potential exposure to novel coronavirus (COVID-19). These actions will help to protect others inside & outside of your home from infection.

### Isolate yourself

**Stay in your home or accommodation**, do not go to work, school or other public areas



**Separate yourself** from others in your home or accommodation



**Do not have visitors** in your home or accommodation



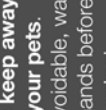
**Use separate facilities** if sharing, these should be cleaned before use by others



**Have food, medication & other supplies delivered to you**



**Try to keep away from your pets.** If unavoidable, wash your hands before & after contact



### Prevent the spread of infection



**Cover coughs & sneezes** with a tissue



Place the tissue in a **bin**



Wash your hands with **soap & water**



Use **separate household items** like towels, bedding, toothbrushes, cups & dishes



**Wear a mask** when you are around others, if you have been told to do so

### Wash hands with soap & water:



Before cooking & eating



After using the toilet

### Take care of your health & wellbeing

For those with symptoms of infection:



Get plenty of rest until you feel better



Drink enough fluids so that you pass urine regularly



Take paracetamol as advised, to reduce pain & fever

For everyone in self-isolation:



Keep in contact with friends & family by phone, video & online



Carry on hobbies & interests within your home if you are able to



Take regular exercise within your home if able

# SOMEONE IN THIS HOUSE HAS A WEAK IMMUNE SYSTEM

People with weak immune systems are more likely to catch coronavirus (COVID-19), and more likely to suffer life-threatening complications if they become ill with it.

Because of this we are self-isolating and/or practicing social distancing as a preventative measure.

# STOP

IF YOU FEEL AT ALL UNWELL OR WE DON'T ANSWER THE DOOR, PLEASE LEAVE DELIVERIES

Seek help if you develop symptoms or existing symptoms get worse (eg difficulty breathing) by calling NHS 111

Your healthcare provider will advise you on whether to remain in self-isolation following a negative test result

**In an emergency**, call 999 & inform the call handler about your potential exposure to COVID-19