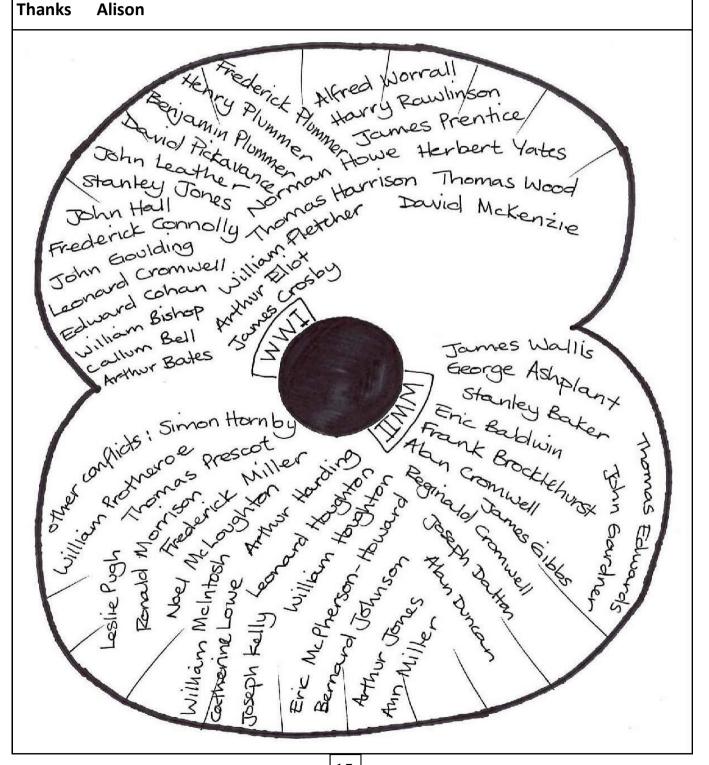
Poppy to colour for Remembrance

Tracy Woodsford has done a Poppy for Remembrance Sunday with all the names from the war memorial and space for people to enter any family names.

Could you share it with all your groups for children (or adults) to colour and put in their windows in time for Remembrance Sunday 8 November?

It would be great to 'flood' Halewood with poppy pictures like we did with Rainbows earlier in the year. I'm going to send this out to schools as well so some children may get it more than once and I'll also send it out via my distribution lists. Halewood Town Council has had it as well to share with community groups

Thanks Alison



VIRTUAL St Marys CARD WORKSHOP with ZOOM

The annual Card Workshop could not be held in St Marys Church owing to Covid-19. So, Linda West and Gill Dover ran a Virtual version! (Beats rearranging the church furniture!). Thirty two people paid up to take part. Linda created the Card kits, which included instruction sheets, and distributed them by car. Gill collected the money for St



Marys Church. On top of the 320 collected, a few more were sold and including donations £387 was raised. For those needing help, Linda ran a ZOOM session on Oct 10th but in the event none needed any help! Here are some of the completed cards which the ZOOMers displayed!

Please note Rudolph's RED NOSE on Marie's card!

THE EDITOR WRITES: LEAFSNAP APP

As I walk around the streets or through woods, I notice many plants — from the humble weed to the giant tree! And |I realise how few I can name... Well, now i have LEAFSNAP on my tablet (it could be a smartphone). Download from the STORE. Then I tap the LEAFSNAP app, which offers TAKE PHOTO or GALLERY, Select a LEAF or FLOWER and BINGO up comes a list of possible names! There are some adverts — just CLOSE them or X them! ENJOY!

Volunteers Needed.

Male or female volunteers are welcome to join the 'Coffee Shop' rota at St Nicholas' Centre on Thursday mornings 10am - 12 noon

(set up 9.30am). If in-

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CORONAVIRUS and the VIRTUAL CHURCH

The advent of coronavirus has forced all Churches (and most other buildings) to be closed because people have to practise 'Social Distancing' ie to keep 2 metres distance between them and other people. Many people, particularly OAPs, are urged to 'Stay at Home' for upto 12 weeks. Hence, Rev Martyn Woodsford has invoked Technology to continue services from home, using the ZOOM app on laptops, tablets and smartphones. Zoom allows Martyn to create a 'Waiting Room' on his screen and to view up to 100 homes simultaneously. The congregation can see Martyn on their screens. Though initially there were some hiccups when some were unable to logon -- our first attempt failed and the second had vision but no sound! However, Martyn announced at Easter that he had 69 homes on screen! Nicola Hutton and family kindly provided the music for the hymns.

Martyn presented Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Sunday Services. Using Emails, Martyn (and Alison) communicate the service materials and also some extra materials such as worksheets, colouring sheets etc and also the Church Magazine (as a PDF).

In parallel, Rev Andrew Radford (based at St Hildas) has put a YOUTUBE service system in place for St Hildas parishoners -- information via email.

Government Pilot Scheme Helps Protect 396 Listed Places of Worship

Published 3 October 2020

A £1.8 million scheme funded by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and run by Historic England, has helped 396 listed places of worship including financial support to 136 listed places of worship during its two-year period. The Taylor Review Pilot ran from September 2018 to March 2020. The aim of the pilot was to test a recommended model from the 2017 Taylor Review: Sustainability of



English Churches and Cathedrals, for how listed places of worship could become more sustainable through regular maintenance and repair and wider community involvement. Church of St Mary, Nettlestead, Suffolk is on the Heritage at Risk register. The church team was supported in the development of a five year maintenance plan for the building, a key element of the Taylor Review Pilot. Advice on grant funding has strengthened the quality and focus of applications for funding to enable large-scale conservation work. © Tom Kupper/Historic England | Grade I listed

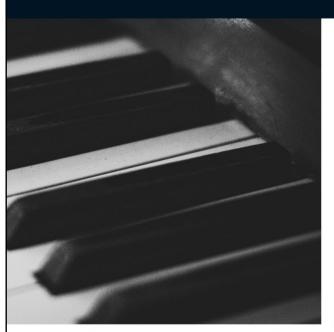
The pilot offered free support and advice for listed places of worship of all faiths and denominations. Work focused on Greater Manchester and Suffolk, to provide urban and rural contexts for the review's recommendations. The pilot has supported 49% of all listed places of worship in Suffolk and 41% of all listed places of worship in Greater Manchester.

See HISTORICENGLAND.ORG.UK for more. Also gives info on Parks and Cemeteries.

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PHOENIX PROJECT(Ex COTTON Project)

We are now FULL UP!! We do not have any room left! So please do NOT send any more Clothes! Thanks to all DONORS!

LOCKDOWN PHOTOS WANTED!

As you know over the last few months we've had a variety of Lockdown themes, linked to Halewood CultureFest, for our Friday slide shows

These have included:

Lockdown Open Gardens

Lockdown Recipes

Lockdown Arts and Crafts



Our next them will be Lockdown visits and we'd like you to send in photos of any interesting local places (gardens, parks, woods, seashores, pathways other attractions etc etc) you have visited during Lockdown and which you'd recommend to others as restrictions on travelling very far afield continue.

You can email these to me or to Ken Allen on allen556@btinternet.com
Thanks everyone Alison Shacklady

Duke of Edinburgh Award 4th Oct

Ruben Dunning and Ethan Clayton are currently doing their Duke of Edinburgh's award volunteering by working on our churchyard and church grounds Here are some photos of them at work. They are really making

a difference after only a couple of sessions. Ethan



now stained and I believe they are going to tackle a bench next time.

Stephanie

Clayton





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LOCKDOWN PICTURES week 2/3/4 Alison

Below are the links to week2/3 Lockdown visits photographs. Thanks again to Ken Allen for all his hard work on these. As an extra bonus this week there is also an attachment sent by David Cox of his and Madeleine's Lockdown wanderings. It's great to see how many lovely places we've got within a short travelling distance. Enjoy!

https://youtu.be/yZwu87OKtAQ

Sadly the lovely places shown in Diane's photographs are 'out of bounds' for the moment but something to look forward to when we are allowed out to play again.

The other photo shows some of our church members being photobombed at Crosby beach and as they said 'He wasn't even in their Bubble!' Enjoy and thanks again to Ken Allen https://youtu.be/XhnMz6iq5Ww

Sit back and enjoy a relaxing slide show of some beautiful spots to visit many local and a few a bit further afield for when we are allowed out to play again. Thanks Ken!



Please keep sending your photos in and we'll carry on with these for another few weeks if we have enough pictures before we move onto our plans for our 'Christmas greetings' slide shows.

https://youtu.be/oybC16vHwS4

Alison

A VIRTUAL CHOIR using MAKATON Sign Language!

In these strange times when singing is difficult I have noticed that many choirs are beginning to incorporate sign language into their singing. So I had an idea to start up our church choir rehearsals a little bit earlier for Christmas. The idea would be to have our rehearsals via zoom and to learn some simple sign language(Makaton) together to go with some of our songs. Many churches use this as part of worship and I think it may be another string to our bows!

A wonderful woman Becky George has recorded many hymns and songs already on Youtube so we will be using them to help us.

We won't be unmuting ourselves so don't worry about singing on zoom we will just have a go together so maybe by Christmas we might have a song we could record with signing to share in whatever type of service we might have by then.

Click on the link below to give you an idea about what I mean.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=610HuftkfjU

We will learn a different song each week so there is no obligation to come every week and the same zoom link will work for each rehearsal.

All are welcome even if you have never been a part of singing groups in church before. Get in touch if you want more information.

Nicola Hutton is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Church Choir

Time: Oct 1, 2020 07:30 PM London

Every week on Thu, until Nov 5, 2020, 6

occurrence(s)

Oct 1, 2020 07:30 PM

Oct 8, 2020 07:30 PM

Oct 15, 2020 07:30 PM

Oct 22, 2020 07:30 PM

Oct 29, 2020 07:30 PM

Nov 5, 2020 07:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83399864532?

NB. You may have missed most of Nicola Hutton's ZOOM meetings but you can still access Becky George's Makaton Sign Language through YouTube as above.



Halewood Parish Regular Activities			
DAY	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Time</u>
SUNDAY	St Nicholas' Centre	Junior Church	11.00-12.00
	WI Hall Bailey's Lane	Drama Group	19.00-21.00
MONDAY	St Nicholas' Centre	Rainbows	18.00-19.00
		Bible Studio Group (Alternate weeks)	13.30-15.00
-15.30	St Nicholas Centre	Painting Club	13.00
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	Scout Hut	Beavers	18.00-19.30
WED	St Nicholas' Centre	3 rd H'wood Brownies	
		Drama Group	19.15-19.00
	St Nicholas' Church	Bell Ring Practice. Jam Club	20.00-21.00 15.30-17.00
	St Mary's St Nicholas' Church	Knit & Sew	10am-12
	Scout Hut	Cubs	18.00-20.00
THURS	St Nicholas' Centre	Coffee Shop	10.00-12.00
		Mothers' Union	13.30-15.30
		(1 st of the month) Vestry Hour	19.00-19.45

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Sergeant Thomas Mottershead VC DCM: REMEMBRANCE

born 17 January 1892 Widnes, Lancashire, England Died 12 January 1917 (aged 24) Bailleul, France

buried Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension Thomas Mottershead VC, DCM (17 January 1892 – 12 January 1917) was an English recipient of the Victoria Cross, the highest and most prestigious award for gallantry in the face of the enemy that can be awarded to British and Commonwealth forces.

On 7 January 1917 near Ploegsteert Wood, Belgium, Sergeant Mottershead was on patrol in FE-2d (serial number A39) with observer Lt. W E Gower when he was engaged in combat by two Albatros D.III of Jasta 8. Lt Gower managed to hit one

and put it out of the action, the second Albatros however, flown by German 'ace' Leutnant Walter Göttsch (20 victories), hit Mottershead's aircraft, with the petrol tank pierced and the machine was set on fire. Enveloped in flames which his observer was unable to subdue with a handheld fire extinguisher, the Sergeant was badly burned but nevertheless managed to take his aircraft back to the Allied lines and made a successful forced landing. The undercarriage collapsed on touching the ground however, throwing the observer clear



but pinning Mottershead in his cockpit. He was subsequently rescued but died of his



burns five days later. Mottershead received the only V.C. ever awarded to a non-commissioned RFC officer during the First World War. The medal was presented to Mottershead's widow Lilian by King George V in a ceremony in Hyde Park, London on 2 June 1917.

On Wednesday, 11 April 1917 the Mayor of Widnes held a concert in the Premier Picture House for the "Memorial Fund to the late Sergeant T. Mottershead V.C, D.C.M"

The flyer for that concert included a 'TRIBUTE TO "A VERY GALLANT SOLDIER"', by Amanda Bebbington, also published in the "Weekly News" on 16 February 1917. On 1 April 2018 a statue commemorating Mottershead was unveiled in Victoria Park, Widnes Taken from Wikipedia

Have Yourself a Merry Eco Christmas

Here are some interesting facts I have discovered while wasting my time (sorry, researching) on the internet.

UK households produce 30% more waste at Christmas than any other time of the year.

1 billion Christmas cards are thrown away (don't, we can at least re-use them as tags next year!)

74 million mince pies go uneaten. Can you believe that? It's more than 1 pie per person. Better to buy less and have to share the last one! Or don't bake as many...

6 million Christmas trees are discarded. I am assuming these are the 'live' trees. At least take them to the places that will shred and spread them.

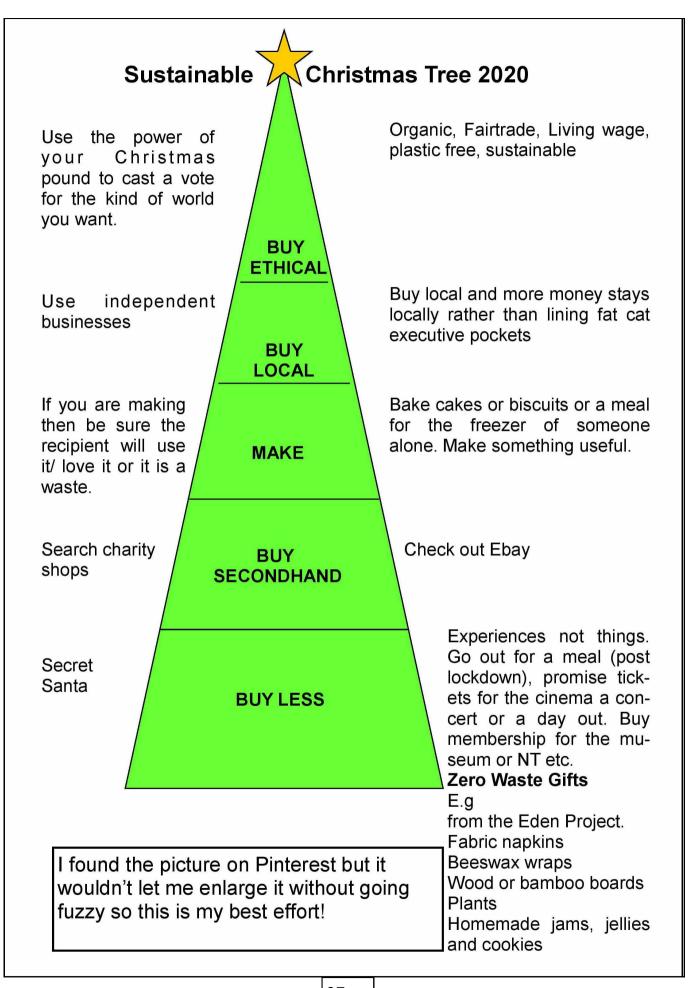
The equivalent of 2 million turkeys end up as food waste. Buy smaller and you won't be eating turkey sandwiches, turkey pie, turkey stir-fry, turkey rissoles, turkey curry until you can't face it until December 2021. That's just turkey...think what else we overbuy to have a good time!

300000 tonnes of cardboard and 250000 tonnes of plastic are discarded every Christmas...at least card could be recycled.

Create less waste and save more money!

Some gift ideas are (and you will see some of these under the tree)

- give your time: 'help' vouchers (gardening, decorating, cleaning)
- Upcycle: refresh small furnishings, repurpose old toys
- Buy Second Hand: EBay, Charity Shops, Antique Shops
- Make: Knit, sew, paint, bake, photobooks and make your own wrapping from decorated brown paper, or fabric
- Buy ethical (see the tree)



Covid-19 in-home antibody testing research study

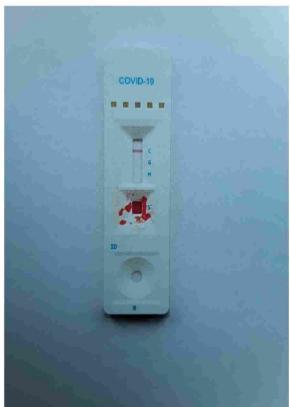
A few weeks ago I received a letter asking me to take part in a study which is trying to identify the incidence of covid-19 antibodies in the general public. The study is being run by the DHSC, NHS, Imperial College London and Ipsos Mori. I was chosen at random and had to log on to the website to provide some information and to agree to participate. Yesterday the test kit arrived.

It contained two lancets (in case I made a mess with the first or didn't get enough blood), an alcohol swap, cotton wool and a plaster for after, a little bottle of buffer solution and the test itself. This is a little plastic box with a place for the blood, the buffer solution and a display to show the results...I believe pregnancy tests are very similar!

I washed and dried my hands as instructed, wiped with alcohol, twisted the top off the lancet and used it to draw blood. I squeezed the drop into the well and added buffer solution then waited 10 mins for the result.

The possible outcomes are there are antibodies present and the blue line on the test kit turns red, which is what I got.

Or the line stays blue if you mess it up (huge sigh of relief that it worked).



There are two types of antibody possible. IgM are short term antibodies and IgG are longer term antibodies. As I appear to have neither of these antibodies it is likely I have not been exposed to Covid-19... but they do keep saying it isn't 100% reliable at the individual level.

I then had to go online to complete another questionnaire and give the test results.

It was all very interesting!

Linda