



Nature Box - Sex and Sensibility



Having a long life is not a great achievement in the bird world if you haven't reproduced. So as many of our garden birds will not see a second spring, finding a suitable partner right now is key.

The quality of singing, appearance, claiming and guarding a territory are all noted strategies for maximising success. Some birds as we know - robins and blackbirds for example - go for several broods; others like the tit family have one large brood. So with the survival rate for many newly fledged broods often being less than 50%, nature, as we see, frequently has a clever plan.

Ah, but having found a mate how to ensure fidelity? Mmm.

Dunnocks, known locally as hedge bettys, are pretty promiscuous - that is both sexes. Males will follow around the chosen female(s) really closely to ensure exclusive rights; although females are very prone to wander too. It is estimated that at least 40% of blue tit nests have at least one egg fertilised by another male. Swallows are similarly a tad wayward. So the urge for males to pass on their genes is powerful; and females to identify the finest male genes around and try to ensure that they produce the best offspring.

Male wrens have another strategy: very often partnering two females simultaneously, but failing to provide any support whatsoever after building the nests! Although not all bird species are so unsupportive. Right now we can see 'courtship feeding', where the bond is reinforced by the male bringing his wing fluttering partner food so that the female is well prepared for that challenging process of producing and laying eggs.

PUBLIC NOTICES MARCH 2021

MONDAY BINS KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS.

The next dates for all bins are **Monday 8th & Monday 22nd March 2021**
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https://publica.force.com/sfsites/c/resource/CDC_Calendars/Mon_2.pdf

Please note that the situation on these can change at any time if say the weather is bad. Just leave your bins out for later collection.

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Thames Water - Water Supply – 0800 980 8800	

Police – Telephone 101 www.gloucestershire.police.uk

Emergency 999.

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PASTORAL LETTER

March 2021

As I continue to reflect on, and pray about, the pandemic, I have also been thinking about how I can engage meaningfully, in these strangest of times, with the season of Lent.

Lent is a wonderful and God-given time in the Church's year. It offers us the opportunity to *pause, make time*, and then to *take stock of our lives*, in the light of the salvation that is offered to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. At this time of year, I often revisit the Old Testament Book of Ecclesiastes. This year, I once again found myself drawn to these familiar verses,

**'There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance...'
Ecclesiastes, chapter 3, verses 1-4 (NIV)**

I paused over the words that there is, 'a time to be born and a time to die' and 'a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and time to dance.' In doing this, it wasn't in any way my intention to be morbid, but rather to acknowledge that, in this time of pandemic, those words have for me and, no doubts, for many of us, an added depth and poignancy.

First, those words reminded me that, no matter what is going on around us, whether it be good or bad, whether our lives feel light and bright or heavy and dark, and, ultimately, whether we are in

life or in death, God holds each one of us *in the very hollow of his hands*. In St Paul's words, we are reminded that nothing, absolutely nothing, 'will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.' (Romans, chapter 8, verse 39, NIV)

Finally, these words reminded me that 'weeping' and 'mourning' are part of life and, indeed, part of the human condition. But, I also know and believe that, through the death-defeating death and all-powerful Resurrection of Jesus Christ, these things *will not have the last word* and will last only for a season, not for eternity.

There will come again, a time to laugh and a time to dance. I long to share that time with you all.

With love,
Scott

Rev Scott Watts
Team Vicar

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Advanced Request

Will you be dividing your Snowdrops after flowering and whilst they are 'in the green' next year? I would like some to plant down Church Street and Blind Lane. If you could spare a few, please contact Sandra Spensley 858637.

Well, it looks as tho' we have the Corona Virus on the run – or is it?! We were in Norfolk last year (February) watching the birds over the marshes – and the skies which are enormous. That was just at the time when the Virus was starting. We weren't really aware of it, but after that weekend it was LOCK DOWN!

I'd like to remind those of you who were Brownies/Girl Guides/Cubs/Scouts etc that 22nd February (now next week) is Thinking Day. The day when the whole Scout/Guide movement (which was enormous in my youth) remembered those who had founded such a really good young people's activity. I was in the movement most of my young life. It seems there aren't the opportunities for young people that there were, which is very sad and perhaps why there are a lot of 'children' (up to 18) finding 'nothing to do!' Judy Munt ran the Brownies in Willersey – for years! She was a good soul. I started with the movement in Oxfordshire. Brownies and Guides in Witney and then up to Oxford for the Cadets and Guide Leaders.

In Oxford the meeting place was half way up St Mary the Virgin's spire on the High Street! (Insp Lewis Country) Exciting or what! What experiences we've all had! And aren't we fortunate to have had them!

We are still based at Church but not able to meet properly; and we assume that's the same with all the Non Conformist Churches. We are looking forward to getting together again.

In the meantime we must enjoy the spring; the witch hazel in our garden has been flowering since Christmas Day. It's just getting to look a little tired, but sure enough the flowering willow is following on and just coming into bloom. I'm trying to get plants that 'follow on' so there's colour most of the year. Any ideas would be gratefully received!

Thank you for helping me to think positively! Look forward to (March Winds?) April Showers and, of course, the May Flowers!

What about Midsummer Night's Dream?

Penny (Ingles) 853306

There's something new in the air, and it's not just Spring.....

VILLAGE HALL COMMUNITY GARDEN

Following a suggestion from Ann Embury to have the Old Phone Box (Book Exchange) placed at the Village Hall, things have escalated. As they do! We have come up with a plan to include it in a Community Garden. It's hoped to transform the area at the back of the car park into a lovely Community Garden, with benches, trees and plants to attract Wild Life, and of course humans! It should be a happy place to sit and chat, somewhere just to sit

quietly and watch the Birds, Bees  and any other visitors.

This will be done voluntarily but we will need help.

The biggest part of this will be digging out an area, moving the soil and putting down hardcore. This will need a digger for this purpose. The cost of materials will be met.

We have some help promised from a landscaper in the village to lay the hard standing area and pathway but he will need some help. If anyone has any woodwork skills we would like to put a Tree Seat, perhaps with planting in the middle around the existing tree.

Plants and Trees - if you have any Shrubs you no longer want we would be glad to have them. If you feel you could perhaps sponsor a small tree/shrub that would be great.

Please contact

Ann Embury, Jackie Jordan, or The Village Hall Committee, who will be pleased for any offers of help. Many thanks.



“ A Garden to walk in and immensity to dream in- what more could he ask? A few flowers at his feet and above him the stars”
Victor Hugo - Les Misérables.

Willow Green Houses

Newlands have now submitted a planning application to extend the Willow Green site in Collin Lane down to The Quinary with the addition of up to 40 new houses. The Parish Council have successfully opposed a similar previous application and it was also rejected at appeal.

Newlands have redesigned the application and are making another attempt.

<http://www.willersey.org/housing50collinlane.htm>

Newlands have created a link where their proposal, as copied above on the Willersey website, can also be viewed.

https://issuu.com/newlandhomes/docs/moore_land_willersey_sustainability_statement_web

You can also write to: Cotswold District Council,
Planning Dept, Trinity Road, Cirencester GLZ 1PX and cite
Planning Application Ref No:- 20/04553/OUT in your letter.



PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE CLOSURE

We are sorry for any inconvenience but the office is now closed and its phone number is disconnected until the village hall refurbishment is completed and the virus has died away.

Parish Council services however are continuing and if you need to contact the Clerk, please email: Kevin O'Donoghue at willerseyparishcouncil@btconnect.com

General Knowledge Quiz

1. What is the Capital of New York State?
2. What is the difference between “licence” and “license” (grammatically)?
3. Which Shakespeare play is set in Illyria?
4. What is the common name for a slow dance in triple time?
5. Who was the Roman goddess of “dawn”?
6. What is *Aanas comosus* ?
7. Who directed “Apocalypse Now”?
8. Who was the original St Nicholas (Father Christmas)?
9. Which organisation has the largest membership in the UK?
10. Which large animals, hunted to extinction, have been re-introduced to the UK within the last 15 years?
11. Who set up the Wireless Telegraph Trading Signal Company in London’s Mark Lane in July 1897?
12. What did Rosa Parkes spark in 1955?
13. Who invented the Qwerty keyboard in Milwaukee in the 1860’s?
14. What was unusual about Dr. Greg Olsen’s visit to the International Space Station in Oct. 2005?
15. Who is Elaine Bookbinder better known as?
16. Which church holds the largest congregation in the world?
17. Which nation drinks the most tea per head?
18. What is the collective noun for a group of crows?
19. What was the unexpected side effect of Swiss scientist Albert Hoffman’s 1943 cure for migraine?
20. Which famous politician was born on 12th Feb. 1809 in Hodgenville, Kentucky?
21. What was the first rugby football goal crossbar made from in 1865?
22. Who first used the equals sign (=) and when?
23. What game did American Alfred Butts invent?

24. What was Einstein’s famous formula?
25. How many verses are there in the British National Anthem?

See page 17 for answers

General Knowledge Quiz on page 4 Answers

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| 1. Albany | 2. Licence=Noun & License=Verb |
| 3. Twelfth Night | 4. A Waltz |
| 5. Aurora | 6. The pineapple |
| 7. Francis Ford Coppola | |
| 8. Bishop Nicolai of Myrna (Original St.Nicholas) | |
| 9. The Automobile Association (AA) 15 million members! | |
| 10. European Beavers | 11. Guglielmo Marconi |
| 12. Sparked the US Civil rights movement. | |
| 13. Christopher Sholes | 14. Paid is own £11m fare |
| 15. Elkie Brooks | |
| 16. Our Lady of Peace, Ivory Coast (holds 200K) | |
| 17. Turkey | 18. A Murder of Crows |
| 19. LSD affecting the brain | 20. Abraham Lincoln |
| 21. Tape (or will accept String) | |
| 22. Welsh mathematician Robert Recorde in 1557 | |
| 23. Scrabble | 24. E=mc ² |
| | 25. Six |
- Mike R

Willersey featured in Susan Calman’s Tour of the Cotswolds on Friday 29th January at 8pm on Channel 5

She refuelled her campervan at the garage and sat at the village pond eating her sandwiches. It's available on Catch Up TV in case you missed it.

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**Children's
Corner
Crossword
Solution**

P	L	A	N	E	T	R	U	G	G	E	D	
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A	T	T	I	T	U	D	E	B	E	D		
S	E	R	R	S	L	E						
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C	E	N	S	U	S	A	R	I	S	E	N	

Children's Christmas Carols –plenty of time to get these right

Deck the Halls with Buddy Holly
 We three kings of porridge and tar
 On the first day of Christmas my tulip gave to me
 Later on we'll perspire, as we dream by the fire.
 He's making a list, chicken and rice.
 Noel, Noel, Barney's the king of Israel.
 With the jelly toast proclaim
 Olive, the other reindeer
 Frosty the Snowman is a ferret elf, I say
 Sleep in heavenly peas.
 In the meadow we can build a snowman, then pretend that he is
 sparse and brown
 O come, froggy faithful

Willersey Covid-19 Community Support Group

If you are housebound, in isolation and require assistance during this difficult time, please call our numbers below, where your call will be directed to a local volunteer in the Parish.

**Anthony Lishman on 07595 348506 or
 Robert McNeil-Wilson on 07979 590826**
 leaving a message, if necessary, including

your name, address and phone number
 and we will respond rapidly.

For medical assistance still call 111 or for emergencies 999.
 Please also contact us, confidentially, if you have concerns about any neighbours who may require assistance. Phone as above, or email: willerseycovid19@gmail.com **16**

March



Dazzling yellow daffodils
 Wave their trumpet like petals
 As they bow and bend in the gentle breezes.
 Moving with carefree rhythm
 the flowers appear to dance
 to a mysterious tune
 Which seemingly only the daffodils can
 hear.

These wondrous flowers
 which help to decorate gardens, fields and
 parkland during early Springtime.

Then suddenly as if from nowhere
 agile hares and newly downed rabbits appear.
 In the meadow the rabbits peer out
 from between coltsfoot and dandelion.
 The jubilant herbivores revelling
 In the warmer rays of the sun.

On yonder hillside the rabbits play merrily ...
 ... oh, the sheer joy of being alive.

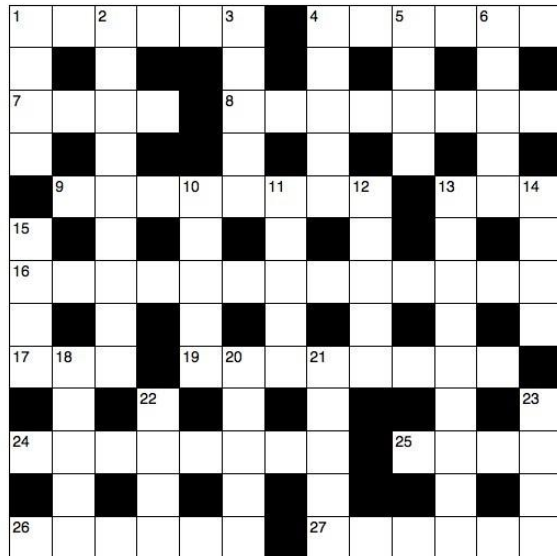
When, later on, the rabbits weary of frenetic activity
 they quickly disappear down their burrows ...
 ... their characteristic pom-pom tails
 are the last bodily features to be seen.

Ruth Dawson

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Children's Corner



Crossword Clues

Across

- 1 The earth is one (6)
- 4 'On a hill far away stood an old — cross' (6)
- 7 'I am the — vine and my Father is the gardener' (John 15:1) (4)
- 8 The Caesar who was Roman Emperor at the time of Jesus' birth (Luke 2:1) (8)
- 9 'Your — should be the same as that of Christ Jesus' (Philippians 2:5) (8)
- 13 Jesus said that no one would put a lighted lamp under this(Luke 8:16) (3)
- 16 Involvement (1 Corinthians 10:16) (13)
- 17 Armed conflict (2 Chronicles 15:19) (3)
- 19 Where the Gaderene pigs were feeding (Mark 5:11) (8)
- 24 What jeering youths called Elisha on the road to Bethel

(2 Kings 2:23) (8)

- 25 The Venerable — , eighth-century Jarrow ecclesiastical scholar (4)
- 26 8 Across issued a decree that this should take place (Luke 2:1) (6)
- 27 Come into prominence (Deuteronomy 13:13) (6)

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“Welcome to Willersey” Booklet

The “Welcome to Willersey” booklet has been updated and reprinted. If you know of anyone or you are new to the village and have not received a copy please get in touch.

Email willerseynews@gmail.com or telephone 858628 or 858601. This free booklet contains local area information and contact details of organisations in the Village.

THE APRIL 2021 CHURCH & VILLAGE NEWS

Copy for the next news must be received by Wednesday **17th March** unless otherwise notified. Please send in any items of interest or notice of forthcoming events.

Newsletter creation will start early in the morning of the next day, the 18th. Phone Alan 858601 or Bill 858628, or email them to willerseynews@gmail.com, Thank you.

The Church and Village News is now published on the Internet no later than one week after the paper edition is delivered. You can find it at.

www.willersey.org/churchandvillagenews.htm

Comments on the Newsletter are always welcomed. Please email them to willerseynews@gmail.com

For later updates to any Church and Village News do look on our

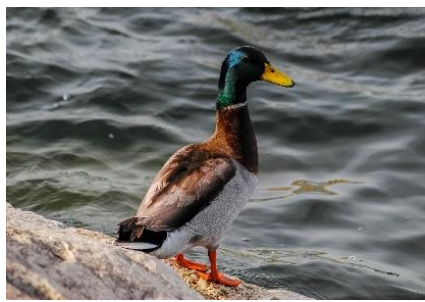
Willersey Cotswolds Facebook page or on
www.willersey.org

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Willersey - Newspapers

The shop closed on Saturday October 10th 2020 and with it the local availability of daily newspapers. As a result, a new process has been set up whereby **Shopwright** of Broadway will deliver pre-ordered newspapers to the **New Inn** for customers to collect (by the Skittle Alley entrance). Shopwright will also administer any subscription (tokens) arrangements that you have set up with a newspaper. To participate you have to contact Shopwright on **01386 853478** and establish your order and payment arrangement. Your newspaper will be available at the New Inn from 8 a.m. (later on Sundays) and throughout the day.

A Message from the Pond



There are over 20 of us now and Liz Ward has been doing a great job tending to our needs and we thought it a good idea to spread the message further regarding our feeding habits.

Bread is not good for us, certainly it has none of the nutrients we need and by the way it isn't good for the water either. It makes the water smell, encourages algae which can kill fish.

So, let's give that a big miss. What we do like is cut seedless grapes, cooked rice, birdseed, peas, corn, oats and chopped lettuce.

We are doing our bit to make Willersey a quacking place to live and obviously Susan Calman thought it was as well. See you soon no doubt. *From the Duck Master*

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Down

- 1 Where some of the seed scattered by the sower fell (Matthew 13:4) (4)
- 2 Sexually immoral person whom God will judge (Hebrews 13:4) (9)
- 3 Gospel leaflet (5)
- 4 Physical state of the boy brought to Jesus for healing (Mark 9:18)
- 5 Tugs (anag.) (4)
- 6 To put forth (5)
- 10 Nationality associated with St Patrick (5)
- 11 Leader of the descendants of Kohath (1 Chronicles 15:5) (5)
- 12 'After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping — heel' (Genesis 25:26) (5)
- 13 At Dothan the Lord struck the Arameans with — at Elisha's request (2 Kings 6:18) (9)
- 14 'Peter, before the cock crows today, you will — three times that you know me' (Luke 22:34) (4)
- 15 Spit out (Psalm 59:7) (4)
- 18 'When I — , I am still with you' (Psalm 139:18) (5)
- 20 Concepts (Acts 17:20) (5)
- 21 Thyatira's dealer in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (5)
- 22 Does (anag.) (4)
- 23 The second set of seven cows in Pharaoh's dream were this (Genesis 41:19) (4)

Solution on page 16

Ken S

“Before we invented civilization our ancestors lived mainly in the open out under the sky. Before we devised artificial lights, atmospheric pollution and modern forms of nocturnal

entertainment we watched the stars. There were practical calendar reasons of course but there was more to it than that. Even today the most jaded city dweller can be unexpectedly moved upon encountering a clear night sky studded with thousands of twinkling stars. When it happens to me after all these years it still takes my breath away.”
 — Carl Sagan, Pale Blue Dot: A Vision of the Human Future in Space

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MUCH ADO

Life for the WI is somewhat static at the moment, much like everywhere else, but with the arrival of the vaccine there is hope and renewed energy that we will soon be back to our normal busy selves.

Whilst our meetings have been on hold we have kept all our members updated with our monthly Newsletter, it is no substitute for getting together but does keep us all in touch. This month we highlighted Gill O'Ds exercise by zoom on Tuesdays and Thursdays - we need peak fitness when we return! Mildred and Anne continue to knit the little jumpers that are sent abroad, and we have a new member joining us - all positive happenings. Soon it will be followed by coffee mornings, bazaars, outings and fund raising.

It is a strange time when the highlight of our week is getting a vaccination. Imagine how good it will be when we have multiple choices each day, when we can call someone and ask them to meet for lunch, to go shopping,

to have a drink and then to laugh and be able to say 'No sorry I'm busy that day' Dreams but soon!

In a recent magazine article someone wrote "optimism is a muscle that, like any other, will grow stronger if you exercise it"

LET'S EXERCISE IT

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The virus doesn't move. We move it. We stop moving. The virus stops moving. The virus dies. It's that simple.

Other movements with approximate speeds:-

Walk to Willersey pond	3 to 4 miles an hour
Cycle to Broadway	12 to 15 miles an hour
Drive to Evesham	30 to 40 miles an hour
Train to London	50 miles an hour
Flight to New York	600 miles an hour
Rotation Earth at 52N	640 miles an hour
New Horizons spacecraft	43,000 miles an hour
Rotation Earth around sun	66,660 miles an hour
NASA Helios 2 space probe	157,078 miles an hour
Rotation of Sun around Milky Way	448,000 miles an hour
Speed Milky Way through Universe	1,300,000 miles an hour

Notes: You don't exceed the speed limit when driving. A fast plane flying West can arrive at a local time before it started.

When everything around you moves speed is not obvious. (Ever felt slow S waves after an earthquake?)

You only feel variations in speed.

It takes 230 million years for one rotation of the Milky Way in the Universe . This was the start of the age of the dinosaurs.

Copyright characters. We are having trouble with an unruly copyright character. In our February edition it migrated from the last line of page 20 and appeared in multiple places on page 5. We will be taking a tough line with it and hopefully there will be no repeat of this disgraceful behaviour!

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Recent Village Sightings



'It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light; and winter in the shade'. Charles Dickens

Green and great spotted woodpeckers (Ray, Sandra); lapwing (Robert); barn owl (Lena, Richard & Glennys); redpoll (Mike); video capturing a sparrowhawk feasting upon a live pigeon (Toby & Atalanti); a melodious song thrush heralding the arrival of our dawn chorus (Richard); Linnets (Sadie); and Blackcaps across the village (Clive, Sandy, Pete B, Mike, Pete K, Ann) - with more of these snappy dressers from mainland Europe here for the winter.

Listen out this month for those chiff chaffs that call their name - one of our earliest returning African migrants now replacing the returning redwing and fieldfare. And hedgehogs too, coming out of hibernation this month if the weather is favourable. We need to continue to help these vanishing national treasures by allowing them into our gardens. Access under fences or a CD case sized hole

at ground level in solid fencing would help as they roam seeking food and a mate.

If you'd like to contribute to Nature Box or report interesting local sightings please speak to or email Bob Topp at bob.topp@btinternet.com

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Virus- The unseen enemy

Will there be light at the end of the tunnel,
as yet it's too dark to see,
what might be there at the other end,
will the world be as it used to be?

All life has changed as we knew before,
now we only open our own front door.
The world beyond is a very strange place,
as we hope for survival in the fight for life's race

We line up at safe distance, the lame and the steady
and move along the queue with arms at the ready.
There are so many deaths to add to the gloom
but the vaccine is here, not a day too soon.

So we look to a future with both hope and fear
and tell ourselves there will be another year,
when life can go on in the normal way
and once more, we'll watch our grandchildren play.

Valerie Townsend

Don't throw away your old garden plastic or terracotta plant pots. Telephone Clive on 853324 or 07884478871 and I will collect them for re-use. Thank you.

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Saint Peter's Church Services in March

Sunday	7	10am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	14	11am	Family Service: Mothering Sunday
Sunday	21	10am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	28	10am	Morning Prayer

Please note that our Family Service is moved from the usual Week 3 in the month to Week 2, to coincide with Mothering Sunday.

Mid-week Holy Communion or Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer) Services, every Wednesday at 11:00 am in Saint Peter's Church.

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death He might free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.

A Letter from a Friend

A gentleman from Wolverhampton, by the name of Eric, sent a letter to Saint Peter's to express gratitude and admiration to our Parish and to compliment parishioners. His letter included the following paragraphs. *"Last Thursday morning, 29 October 2020, on my travels rediscovering the Cotswolds, basing myself at Chipping Campden, when I eventually arrived at Saint Peter's Parish Church, Willersey. Naturally, I stopped halfway along the ridge to admire the wonderful scenery across the Vale of Evesham. Then afterwards, not only did the pristine state of the village impress me, which of course is to be highly commended and a tribute to the villagers but the fact that your church was open and welcoming so permitting me to enter and sit down in the pew opposite the*

entrance door to cogitate and offer up a prayer, gave me the much-appreciated and greatest of pleasure.

I happen to be an 89 year old widower (d.o.b. 28/07/1931) living alone in an apartment since my late wife died on 20 November 1990. Thanks be to God, I am still reasonably mobile and able to drive, but the confines of present strict 'lockdown', being sick of my own company, decided I needed to get away. Hence the reason for my revival of interest in areas such as the Cotswolds, amongst the treasures of my mind! However, I felt that I MUST bring to your attention that for me it was an absolute delight and pleasure to have the opportunity to enter your church as a Christian and pray."

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Eric signed off the letter.

"With my love and kindest regards and very best wishes for your future goodwill. May God's blessings be upon you ALL."

Saint Peter's Church is open, every day. Please go in to pray, be in the presence of God or just enjoy the peace and tranquillity of our beautiful church which has been there for our parishioners for centuries, especially in the most challenging times.

Thank you to our team on the unlocking & locking roster: Gillian, Jennie, Elizabeth, Tom and Liz.



Worship via Skype or Zoom with Revd Scott and/or Kevin. The latest details will be on www.grumball.com

Please see further details on the web

<http://www.willersey.org/stpeter.htm> with a link and service sheet from <http://grumball.com>

St Peter's Church Cleaning

Week ending

March 6th & 13th

March 20th & 27th

Sally and Pat Heming

Gillian Beale

Brass Cleaning

Week endingMarch 6th & 13th

Ann Embury and Gillian Beale

March 20th & 27th

Linda Frost

Although we do not have services at the moment the Church is still open for private prayer and anyone visitng, so it is important to keep St Peter's looking clean and well looked after. A comment from a visiting couple said " This Church is loved and cared for." The key to the vestry for cleaning materials can be obtained from "The Bell" or Gillian Beale 01386 852958. Thank you everyone for sparing your time.