



Flowers at Elm Cottage Photo: Rosemarie

## Church & COVID-19 update

In light of the Government guidance around non-essential contact, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued advice that public worship is suspended until further notice. Sadly this means as a safety precaution, we cannot hold any of our 'normal' services in church for the present, which is likely to include cancelling all of the Easter services too.

In a rapidly changing situation, we will do our best to keep everyone informed - please keep an eye on church noticeboards!

Rev'd Rosie is available by phone 0116 2599517 and email [rosiehomer1@gmail.com](mailto:rosiehomer1@gmail.com).

If you would like to join in praying from home, various online prayer resources are available - search for:

- [#LiveLent: Care for God's Creation](#) - the Church of England's Lent campaign for 2020. With weekly themes shaped around the first Genesis account of creation, it explores the urgent need for humans to value and protect the abundance God has created. This daily audio content is available via the app and daily emails. Sign up for free.
- [The BBC's Daily Service and Sunday Worship](#) - radio programmes will be using some of the themes from #LiveLent as part of their broadcasts.
- [Prayer for the day](#) - each day the Church of England publishes audio and text of the Prayer for the Day.
- [Smart speakers](#) - daily prayer and #LiveLent audio content can be accessed via our smart speaker apps.
- [Live streaming services from a range of churches](#) - All Hallows by the Tower, Buckingham Parish Church, St Nicholas Church, Canvey Island, St James' Church, Clitheroe and St Mary's Kenton.

## April – Easter 2020

Easter bunnies, chicks, lambs, flowers, chocolate eggs, bright colours, and childlike excitement... you may be surprised to hear me, as a vicar, say yes all those things do help us celebrate a Christian Easter too. It would be like Christmas without presents or pudding.

It's a festival, a feast, a joyful celebration. These outwardly indulgent and un-Christian things are still signs of new life, hope, simple joy and exuberance, which is the heart of celebrating Easter morning. Easter is THE most important festival in the Church calendar (yes, even bigger than Christmas!) so we absolutely should be making the most of it and going all-out.

When Jesus was born, at the time only a handful of people realised what was special... but the mysterious happenings of that first Easter morning went viral, global. The Jesus-following movement grew. People realised something had changed and that Jesus was not just another religious healer or teacher who had been silenced by the government.

We don't know exactly what went on that first Easter morning, or how, but Jesus who had died on the cross was no longer where he had been laid. The empty tomb and the mysterious stranger in the garden who Mary met, the risen Jesus, point us to the hope and promise of a new life that is there for everyone - that nothing, not even death, can separate us from God, the source of all being and all love.

If that's not worth celebrating, I don't know what is!

I wish you all a very joyful and blessed Easter.

**Rev'd Rosie**

<https://www.facebook.com/keyhamchurch/>



"Churches Together in Britain and Ireland suggest a way we can all share hope and unite in prayer, by lighting a candle in the window (or putting up a poster or fairy lights) at 7pm each Sunday evening.

<https://ctbi.org.uk/prayers-of-hope/>

A candle poster has also been produced for those who would like to place a permanent symbol in their front windows of Christ's light shining in the darkness.

As we move towards Easter, we remember the darkness of Good Friday, then the hope of the dawn of the resurrection on Easter Morning.

John's Gospel beautifully describes Jesus and the life and hope he brings: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."

**Rosie**

## Chairman's Monthly Update: April

Dear All,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

A huge thank you to our KN editors John and Margaret, for creating the regular KN Coronavirus special editions, the content and speed with which information is shared with us I hope you agree is very useful and a great format for us to communicate through.

I also want to express a huge thank you to those who have reached out via KN with offers of help, sharing of information and entertainment ideas as well. If you need support, please reach out to individuals, KN or myself.

Both the LCC and HDC have coronavirus focussed web links to access general information, help, and support:

LCC:

<https://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/coronavirus-information.html>

HDC:

[https://www.harborough.gov.uk/info/20021/council\\_information/322/information\\_for\\_residents](https://www.harborough.gov.uk/info/20021/council_information/322/information_for_residents)

### **New Council Tax Options:**

New options are available to pay Council Tax (considering the coronavirus) over 12 months if you currently pay over 10 months. Email [counciltax@harborough.gov.uk](mailto:counciltax@harborough.gov.uk) stating 10 monthly instalments and your Council Tax reference number in the subject of the email if you wish to change to this plan.

Whether you pay in 10 or 12 monthly instalments, it is possible to change the timing schedule to run from June, providing a break for April and May. If you would like to use this option email [counciltax@harborough.gov.uk](mailto:counciltax@harborough.gov.uk) stating REPROFILE followed by your Council Tax reference number in the email subject.

Working age Council Tax payers who receive Council Tax support will soon be entitled to a reduction in council tax via the hardship fund, this will be processed automatically. By signing up to e-billing at [www.harborough.gov.uk/paperfree](http://www.harborough.gov.uk/paperfree) an amended council tax demand notice can be obtained.

More information is available at [www.harborough.gov.uk/counciltax](http://www.harborough.gov.uk/counciltax) any questions can be emailed to [hdc.council.tax@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk](mailto:hdc.council.tax@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk)

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## Scraptoft Housing Development:

Following the information I shared last month, I haven't received any concerns/thoughts regarding the Scraptoft housing development. I shall continue to focus on the impact on our road network, if you have any other concerns/feedback you wish to be expressed please let me know.

Application documents for the development can be accessed via the planning section of Harborough District Council's website: <https://www.harborough.gov.uk/planning> reference: 19/00700/OUT.

## Parish AGM:

Due to the coronavirus, the Parish AGM is postponed until further notice. More information will follow once known as to the alternative solutions that can be followed.

## Planning Applications:

### *Erection of a garden store and summer house*

The Cottage Main Street Keyham Leicestershire LE7 9JQ  
Ref. No: 20/00387/FUL | Validated: Fri 13 Mar 2020 | Status: Pending Consideration

### *Erection of a garden store and summer house*

The Cottage Main Street Keyham Leicestershire LE7 9JQ  
Ref. No: 20/00388/LBC | Validated: Fri 13 Mar 2020 | Status: Pending Decision

### *Diversion of Public Bridleway D31 (part)*

Notice of making a public bridleway (part) diversion order at the kennels on Snows Lane | Status: Pending Consideration

### *Installation of a horse walker, erection of a multipurpose barn, installation of an all-weather riding arena and erection of 2 wooden isolation stables*

Keyham Stud Farm Ingarsby Road Keyham Leicestershire  
Ref. No: 20/00050/FUL | Validated: Mon 27 Jan 2020 | Status: Approved

Take care,

**Anna**

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## Things to do Without Going Out

### Paint Furniture

I've been keeping busy painting furniture ready for when my shop can re-open (see BEFORE & AFTER below).

If you'd like to have a go at painting something let me know.

I have all my paint stock here at The Cottage and can drop some off on your doorstep for you (gloves, of course).

It's therapeutic and a great way to keep busy 😊

**Samantha**

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## Climb a Mountain

Taken from a letter to the Times on 28<sup>th</sup> March:-

### *Staircase to Everest*

Sir, Our house has 24 steps from the entrance hall to the top bedroom. Each step has a rise of 7 and a half inches. My wife (who is 74) and I (83) climb this 'North Face' 20 times each morning before breakfast and repeat the exercise sometime during the afternoon.

On March 18<sup>th</sup> we topped out on Ben Nevis. We expect to reach the summit of The Matterhorn on April 4<sup>th</sup>. If the present conditions continue we should celebrate the conquest of Everest sometime on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Get your Newsfix Online

Why risk going to the Newsagent for your daily paper when there is so much online?

Mrs. Ed scans Sky News (good for the front pages / headlines of the daily papers), BBC News, The Mail and The Evening Standard (slightly London biased obviously but good for LIVE updates) online for free.

As a result of the Coronavirus, Mr. Ed has finally succumbed to the digital version of the Times for less than 90p per day. It's easy to set up on your iPad (or similar). Have your credit card ready, Google "Times Digital Subscription" and follow the instructions.

It's greener too.

## OpenLearn

There are about 1000 FREE courses available through the Open University.

OpenLearn free courses are available immediately; no start and end dates, work at your own pace. Wide range of subjects.

## Read KN Coronavirus Editions

All back copies of our Coronavirus Editions are posted on the Village Website under News. That's on the Home Page... <https://www.keyhamparish.org.uk/>

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## St John Ambulance – First Aid Refresher

Back in 2017, and following the purchase of a defibrillator for the village (located outside village hall, code is C159X), a number of villagers attended a basic first aid / CPR skills course which included reference to said equipment. This was run by St John Ambulance. It does all seem a long time ago.

St John Ambulance keep in contact with me and yesterday I received an email from them offering free access to their e-learning first aid refresher course.

I am currently going through the process of registering myself and will update with how I get on with that; I had thought that this invite might only extend to those people previously attending one of their courses but that information doesn't seem mandatory so could be open to all. As stated, will report back my findings.

Mrs Ed

## National Short Story / Poetry Competition

I subscribe to Writing East Midlands (will I ever write my mother's story?)

Anyway their latest e-newsletter details a national competition (run in partnership with the Society for Authors) for new writing in short fiction (2000 words) and poetry (60 lines).

Deadline for entries is Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Full details on their website [www.writingeastmidlands.co.uk](http://www.writingeastmidlands.co.uk)

Scroll down on their home page to locate **Aurora National Short Story and Poetry Prize 2020.**

Mrs Ed

## Mr. Bridge's Bernard Magee - Live Broadcasts

**Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at 11.00am**

We understand that the easiest way to keep up to date with Bernard's [Bridge] broadcasts, is to subscribe to his YouTube channel. This is completely free and means you will not miss out, it also allows you to comment and interact.

## Duck and Goose Eggs for Sale

I have fresh duck and goose eggs for sale if anyone is interested.

**Half dozen duck eggs are £3.00**

**A goose egg is £1.50 each**



If anyone requires them, please telephone me on 07904092413. I can deliver if anyone is struggling. If people are interested please phone prior to collection just in case I'm in the middle of feeding or pottering about down the bottom end.

**Maria, Dandelion Farm, Ingarsby Road**

## Only Joking

Whilst we are all working hard to keep the dreaded virus out of our homes, a number of jokes have managed to creep under the radar and into the village.

*#1 There are 5 passengers on a doomed aircraft soon to crash. Trump, Boris, The Pope, Angela Merkel and a 10 year old kid.*

*There are parachutes on board; but only four.*

*Trump immediately claims that he is the smartest guy in the world and the world needs him so he grabs one and jumps out.*

*Boris says that the UK needs him (he doesn't say why) and bails out too before he has chance to change his mind. The Pope is next to grab one and jump as the Catholics of the world need him he claims.*

*Angela takes a considered view and says to the child. I've had my life, you are young and must have the final parachute.*

*The kid says, don't worry Mrs Merkel there are two left after all. The world's smartest guy grabbed my school bag! 😊*

Thanks to **Christine** for bringing that one into the village.

*#2 Oddly tells us that the other day he met an old friend leaving the hospital. Once profoundly deaf, he tells Oddly that he has just been cured using a pig's ear. How did it go, asks Oddly. I can hear almost perfectly now, says the friend, apart from a little crackling.*

## The Surgery

Eclectic reception  
flesh or electric  
has seats for patience  
with anything septic  
where some need the brochures  
on topics so grave  
to learn of the illness  
their neighbours enslave  
while those just released  
leave in brisk motion  
clutching a paper  
for some cryptic lotion  
so go to your doctor  
with every good heart  
for what you pick up  
before you depart.

## Peep of the Day

Shriven by a single song  
dawn arises cleansed  
as a special peace  
before the world alights.

## Life's a Bitch

The warm brown hairy smell  
and ever ready tail  
snuggles up to me  
in a charge of love  
waiting for my lead  
while a paw enquires  
if we could share a walk  
through the woods of life.

## Oddly



## E.T.

I've visited your world  
coming several times  
to teach you how to live  
but you persist as ever  
in hostile attitudes  
so to my regret  
I can no longer call.

## Pillar Man

Near the hilltop view  
stands a single figure  
a column all alone  
no longer in society  
with those already fallen  
having lost the canopy  
of that group support  
he now stands apart  
open to the weather  
but still bearing text  
as wisdom in graffiti  
which the young can visit  
to learn a little history  
from such a derelict.

## Oddly

**Oddly** tells Mrs. Ed that current Covid-19 arrangements present him with no problems; he has a "liking for a monastic lifestyle". Mrs. Oddly was unavailable for comment.



"Nice Sandals, Oddly"

## Village People

**Welcome to the new families at Blackthorn Farm. Jamie Shelton tells KN.....**

..... "there are quite a few of us  
Myself and my wife Samantha Shelton, our children Olivia (16) Oakley (12).  
Lynette and John Harrison with their daughter Daryl (11) and son Chace (8).  
And Jennifer Nobes.  
Samantha & Lynette are sisters and Jennifer their mother. We all moved  
from 3 properties on Wicklow Drive to Blackthorn Farm at the end of Feb.  
Once we are back to a bit of normality we look forward to meeting a few  
more fellow villagers."



**Keyham's No. 1 Beekeeper tells KN.....**

"DEFRA have told us that whilst the "do not leave home" order is in force  
we are encouraged to look after our bees. I shall, therefore, be leaving  
Keyham in my protective clothing about once a week. Bees are desperately  
needed for pollination." **Edna**



## **Keyham News Deadline:**

The deadline for  
KN May edition is  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April  
Articles and photographs to  
The Lodge or

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