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Cushing's Column

A few weeks ago Ele, Josh and I had a lovely week down in Cornwall. It was just before the reports of Cornwall being at *maximum capacity*, so we were able to potter around the idyllic Cornish fishing villages without too much hustle and bustle.

One incredibly stunning village was Gorran Haven where we attended a little church service, all donning masks of course! Seeing as so many tourists visit this village the church had printed lots of leaflets titled "*Gorran Heaven*," where with a bit of wordplay they gently suggested that the heavenly feelings these quaint fishing villages ooze, believe it or not, falls so far short of the real thing! Do you ever think about how amazing heaven must be?

Anyway, at this little service the pastor Geoff Fox shared some words of a song he'd just written, all about the Bible, which I think are brilliant, and which I share with you now:

*Word of God, alive and active,
Sharper than a two-edged sword.
Probing, piercing, penetrating,
Mighty weapon of the Lord.
Overcoming
Each opposing force and foe.*

*Fugitives of truth and conscience
Cannot God's own Word evade.
Joint and marrow, soul and spirit
Are divided by its blade.
Power discerning
Thoughts and motives of the heart.*

*Light and understanding flashes
When the simple heart is stirred.
Mind and intellect, long dormant,
Are awakened by the Word.
Shafts of sunlight
Dark into the waking heart.*

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Years ago, the Miles Coverdale translation of the Bible was chained in every parish pulpit, and tradition tells us that when it was publicly read, when the reader would stop reading, listeners would cry out, “keep reading keep reading...” I fear that today we have lost something of the wonder, the above lyrics attach to the Bible. Why not have a read?

Rev Greg

Church Services

All normal Services are cancelled for the time being, and the Churches closed, but every Sunday our services are now available online at www.alflox.org. We are also experimenting with having outdoor services in the churchyards, at 10.00 am alternating between Alfold and Loxwood.

GC

Combined Services for 2020

Looking ahead the next date for our combined service is:

- 29th November Christingle Advent Sunday - North Hall 10.00 am

United in Christ Services at 6.30 pm

- 25th October in Emmanuel Chapel

GC

PS The above dates are all provisional depending on the Covid-19 situation.

APCM

The postponed APCM will now take place after the 10.00 am service at St John's Church, Loxwood on **Sunday 27th September 2020**

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Pilgrim Groups

We are enjoying online Pilgrim groups now through 'Zoom'. For more details please contact the Parish Office: alflox.parish.off@btinternet.com.

The two groups run at 8.00 pm on a Tuesday and 10.00 am on a Wednesday.

GC

Fearless

Since Covid struck and lockdown started in early April, Fearless hasn't missed a beat. The group were excited about meeting on Zoom every Monday night! At the start, it was a little chaotic as we were all getting used to a new way of sharing and having fun together. However, we quickly established a good structure!

We started the call with a check-in time and everyone had a turn to share how they were doing. Games were next on the agenda and 'Find the Object' became our firm favourite! This game had the teens dashing around their houses, finding specific objects and trying to be the first to get back to the camera with them. Last but not least was our spiritual aspect and we chatted about Jesus and often listened to a worship song. Before we knew it, the 40 minute Zoom allowance was up and we were waving sadly goodbye to each other.

I am very excited to announce that Fearless will be meeting in person again from the 14th September! Youth groups of up to 15 are now allowed to meet in church buildings, in a socially distanced way and to accommodate this, we'll kick off the term with six film nights. The evening will be started with a socially distanced ice-breaker and then we'll launch into the film and have a quick think, afterwards, about whether Jesus would have enjoyed it. Please bring your own popcorn and snacks! We can't wait to see you!

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Points Off Pat

Time.

“Oh gosh! Whatever is the time?”

How often in the day, do we, panicking, shout that out? Several times in my case! Unless we are catching a train or boiling an egg, how much does it really matter?

Jesus always had time for what He wanted to do and He still has. When we come to him in prayer, He will always be there.

Pat Davidson

Loxwood Luncheon Club

We hope you are all keeping well and safe in these challenging times. Unfortunately for the foreseeable future, we cannot see how we can restart the Lunch Club. Hopefully North Hall will be in a position to reopen following very strict Covid 19 guidelines in the near future, however, due to the nature of the number of people attending and their slightly senior age group, we do not think we could even consider starting up yet.

We will review the situation on a regular basis as we do realise that Lunch Club is an important part of the village social life. As soon as we think it will be safe to run our lunches again we will be in contact with everyone. Best Wishes to all of you and hope to see you all soon.

Gina Moore

Alfold Evening WI

It's the middle of August as I write this, the leaves are already falling, the geese have flown from the lake and the swallows are gathering which all adds up to our summer being almost over.

We have enjoyed a couple of Zoom meetings and will continue into September until we are able to meet face to face again.

Contact:- Linda Brecke 07786 360129 email:- alfoldeveningwi@yahoo.com

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Alfold Luncheon Club

Due to the current situation, there will not be any Alfold Lunch Club until further notice, but we will let you know as soon as we plan to restart.

Stay safe all.

AE

Alfold Parish Council

I am pleased to confirm that the repairs and maintenance work to Alfold's recreation field playpark have now been completed. Within the Under 8's area, the roundabout and mini-train and double springer have had a complete overhaul and are now in a safe and playable condition.

Additionally, within the older children's play area, the poles on the trim trail have been straightened and links removed from the chains to ensure that the 'floor (really) is lava'. The see-saw remains in situ for the time being, but the Clerk and Alfold Councillors are looking at renewing equipment in the future, and I am keeping a 'live' photographic record of equipment to ensure we are looking after the playpark and maintaining it as the valuable village asset it is.

Alfold Parish Council

Alfold Sports Council Social Club

REFURBISHMENT UPDATE:

The refurbishment works at Alfold Sports Council Social Club are nearing completion!

The Club has undergone a major renovation and is now in the final stages. So far:

- The bar has had a complete facelift! New colour scheme, shelving under the bar replaced, new equipment and plumbing - and will be undergoing a refit of new dispensing equipment shortly.
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Memberships were due to be renewed in April, but this was put on hold due to the Covid-19 Lockdown. Membership renewals will now take place once ASCSC reopens and new members are always welcome! Please email alfoldssc@mail.com if you would like a membership form to be sent to you.

ASCSC looks forward to welcoming you all back when it is able to reopen!
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Thank you!

Rebecca Pearl



St Nicholas Alfold & St John the Baptist, Loxwood

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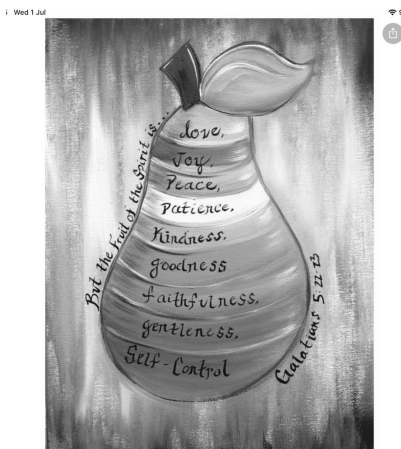
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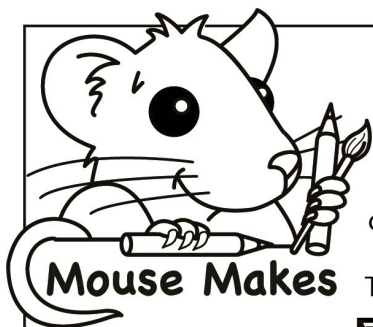
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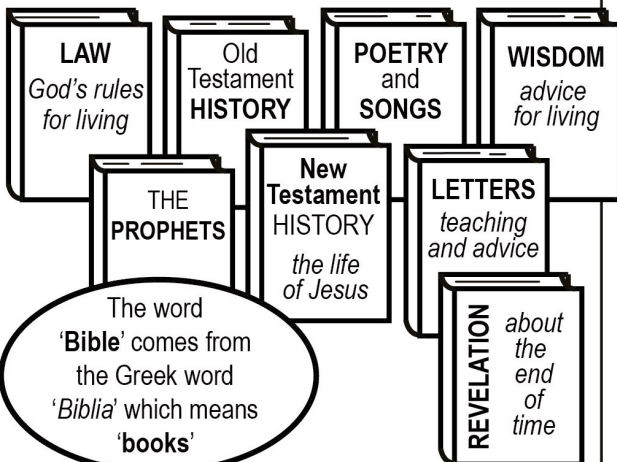
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The word '**Bible**' comes from the Greek word '*Biblia*' which means '**books**'

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James 1:23



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Hebrews 5:12-6:1



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Psalms 19:10



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Psalms 119:105



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Isaiah 55:10-12



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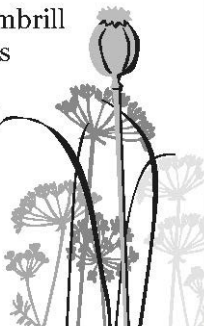
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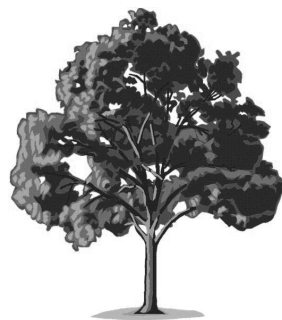
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How to Survive a Weekend Away with the Young People

The Rev Dr Gary Bowness his tongue-in-cheek letters from ‘

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St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

I think your idea for both our Confirmation groups getting together for a weekend away – socially distanced, of course - was excellent and our meeting last week drew most of the plans together. We didn’t take any minutes, so let me record the decisions I believe we made.

Since all of us have to sleep far apart at the centre, I am prepared to spend the nights at a local hotel. By chance, I have found that there is a four star one only a few miles away, so I have booked myself in.

As the dining area in the youth centre may be cramped, I am also willing to have dinner each evening at the hotel, thereby creating more space for the rest of you. An additional sadness is that, since breakfast at the hotel is not served until 8am, I will not be able to join you either for your pre-breakfast dip in the nearby stream. It would be grossly unfair to expect you to pack lunch for me, so I will arrange for the hotel to provide me with a picnic hamper for one which I can have while you all enjoy your cheese and pickle sandwiches.

I think it will be an excellent learning experience if you prepare all the teaching sessions yourself, but be assured that I will always be on hand to give the advice of experience. That large armchair near the fire in the common room seems to be the best place for me to sit, so I can keep an eye on proceedings, while I take on the responsibilities for stoking the fire. This reminds me; do make sure that the young people are encouraged to saw enough logs each morning for me to fulfil my obligations.

Naturally, my arthritis will prevent me being able to accompany you on your afternoon hikes, but I will cheerfully park my car wherever you leave the minibuss, to provide a second vehicle in case of emergencies. I do not mind in the least waiting all those long hours until you get back; I have already found an attractive tea shop in the village.

I am fully aware that not sleeping or dining at the centre, not being responsible for preparing the teaching, nor being involved on the walks will mean that my

contributions will be ever so slightly limited, but these are sacrifices I gladly make in order to give you further experience in your ministerial career.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

Eustace

Church Flower and Cleaning Rota

September 2020

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8th September

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12th September

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Magazine Copy Dates

Please note the copy dates for the next two issues of Parish News.

Month of Issue	<i>Preferred copy date</i>	<i>Final date for copy</i>
October	7th September	14th September
November	5th October	12th October

It would greatly help the editors if copy could reach the Parish Office as close to the preferred date as possible. It is very much regretted that copy delivered after the final date will not be included.

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