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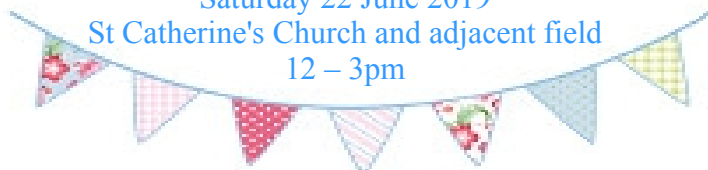
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Summer Fete

Saturday 22 June 2019

St Catherine's Church and adjacent field

12 – 3pm



Initial plans have commenced and it is hoped that many of you will be willing and able to volunteer to help or simply turn up on the day to support.

All proceeds will go to St Catherine's Church and Sue Ryder (Leckhampton Court).

Various ideas have been floated and should you be able to assist with any of the following, we would be delighted – we cannot do it without you:

- crockery smashing
- book stall, ice-cream sales, plant stall, additional help on the bric-a-brac and raffle
- providing various games or just manning
- helping with the Hot Dogs or general refreshments/cakes
- car parking, entrance gate duties
- arena announcer, arena co-ordinator
- in charge of bins, litter clearance etc
- lending gazebos, electric fence posts
- help with setting up on 21/22 June, clearing away afterwards

The list is endless - everyone has a skill to offer - we will require them all!

We have already had volunteers to organise the raffle and tombola. As in 2016, we will ask villagers to help sell a couple of raffle ticket books and be delighted to receive any donations for the bric-a-brac, tombola, book stall etc to be dropped off at the church in early June.

The next Fete meeting is on **Wednesday 17 April, 7.30pm** in the church – please come along. If you are unable to attend but wish to help please contact Hazel C (h_cotton@hotmail.com) 01452 857180.

A full update will follow in the May Newsletter.



Flip It! Janine and Rev. Suzanne demonstrating the art of not dropping pancakes on the floor on 9 March.

Pancakes were not the only attraction as Carol's delicious cake stall proved to be very popular as always.

A coffee, a pancake and a chat with friends – a great way to spend a Saturday morning. **Phil C**

Norton, Leigh & District Horticultural Show
Annual General Meeting
Monday 8th April 2019
Norton Village Hall
7.30pm
Everybody welcome

Coffee Morning
6 April 2019
10am - noon
St Catherine's Church



**Hot Cross Buns and
Toasted Teacakes**



Springtime at the Village Pond, captured by Sue W - worth a walk... daffodils, primroses, violets and grape hyacinths!

CONGRATULATIONS from all of us!



On Thursday 7th March 2019 Lilian and John Western celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary with a small gathering of friends and family, including their bridesmaid, at The Tewkesbury Park Golf Club. They reflected back to the happy day in 1959 when, with church bells ringing, they married at St Catherine's Church, The Leigh with the service officiated upon by the Reverend Canon Evans Prosser. Sincere thanks to those who sent cards and good wishes.

Lilian & John W

Quiz Night & Ploughman's Supper



Saturday 6 April
Down Hatherley Village Hall
£6 each (up to 6 members per team)
Door open 7pm for 7.30pm start

Join us for a fun general knowledge quiz and light supper. Soft drinks provided but feel free to bring your own alcohol.

Prizes for best and worst teams.

Tickets from: elstevenson@hotmail.co.uk or annmb1990@btinternet.com



**CREATIVE
CHRISTMAS**
Sunday 24 November 2019
Daniels Orchard

Norton, Leigh & District Horticultural Show

Annual Plant SALE

Annuals * Bedding * Herbs * Hardy Perennials
Vegetable Plants * Perennials

Friday 3 May 2019
Norton Village Hall
7pm - 8pm

Saturday 8 June 2019
Coombe Hill Farm Shop
10am - 1pm

Everyone Welcome, Free Admission
All proceeds to help stage the Horticultural Show
on Saturday 10 August 2019
Over 90% of plants are less than £2.00

Mobile Library

Coombe Hill
3.10pm – 4.10pm

Friday 26 April
Friday 24 May
Friday 21 June
Friday 19 July



Parish Council Meeting dates:

Wed 10 April (Prov Planning)
Wed 8 June (Annual Meeting)

St Catherine's Church,
The Leigh 7.30pm

Norton and The Leigh
Local History Group
Monday 29 April

The Battle of Tewkesbury
1471
By Richard Goddard



Norton Village Hall
Hall open from 7.00pm
Talk starts 7.30pm
Entrance £2
All Welcome

Sue Phelps 07754 668898

NORTON WI

Thursday 18 April
7.30pm
Norton Village Hall



NATIONAL STAR CENTRE
Speaker: Mary Peterson

For further info contact:
Margaret Edwards
01452 73121800

St Catherine's Church Services:

7 April – Lent 5 Evening Prayer, 6pm
14 April – Palm Sunday All Worship Together at Sandhurst, 10am
18 April – Maundy Thursday Down Hatherley, 7pm
19 April – Good Friday Walk of Witness from Norton Green, 1pm
(followed by an hour at the Cross at Norton Church, 2pm)
21 April – Easter Day Holy Communion, 8.30am
28 April – Easter 2 Benefice Communion at Boddington, 10am
28 April – Evening Prayer, 6pm



Banna Trá We would like to thank everyone for their patience and support during our build - sorry about the mess!!

We had our planning granted in October 2017, first cut ground on the 5th May 2018 and on 17th March 2019 (St Patrick's Day) we moved in! Our house is called Banna Trá, which is Irish for Banna Beach, which is our favourite place in Ireland. Look out for the name stone which is an actual rock from the beach currently being brought back from Banna for us!!

We are planning a house warming in May to tie in with Rosie's 2nd birthday but if you're passing in the meantime please do call in for a cuppa, our door is always open!
Catherine, Leigh, Grainne & Rosie G



THANK YOU

As the church AGM approaches it is time to thank many people, the unseen army of volunteers, who keep the church open, clean, decorated with flowers and a peaceful place to be.

To the parishioners on the cleaning and flower rotas, thank you all for carrying on with what you do each month, it is much needed and appreciated. Any problems with your dates it would be helpful if you could swap with someone else, otherwise please contact Sue R, Hazel C or Josie W (numbers in kitchen).

A new rota will be displayed after the April AGM and phone numbers will then be omitted.

Sue R and Hazel C



Norton Nippers

It was great to host a mother & toddler outdoors meeting, at Daniels Orchard, to see the lambs. Always welcome!

Weekly meetings: Tuesdays (term time) at Norton Village Hall between 10 – 11.30am. £1.50 per family



YOGA on Mondays at 6.30pm in Church. There are places available. It would be a real shame for us to lose the class due to lack of numbers. Contact Karen (07711 632256) or just come along.
Karen M

I came across this in the Seven Towers Benefice Magazine and thought newsletter readers may be interested to learn how much St Catherine's Church PCC's commitment is to the Parish Share which necessitates constant fundraising:

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Parish Share – our responsibility within the Benefice

One of the items discussed at our Annual Parish Church Meeting each year is the Church Accounts and often the largest single item on those accounts is the amount paid towards "Parish Share".

What is the Parish Share?

The concept of Parish Share is that all parts will contribute to a common fund, whatever their financial resources.

Parish Share primarily covers the cost of clergy – their stipends, national insurance and pension, housing and training (both initial and on-going). It also covers a number of central support services such as safe-guarding expertise, legal advice, advice on care and improvement of buildings etc, as well as support and training for groups such as bereavement teams, worship leaders, children and youth work and so on.

It is not used towards the cost of running and maintaining the cathedral or its staff.

How is Parish Share for our Benefice calculated?

Calculations start at Diocesan level. Total income required to cover Diocesan costs is considered in two parts:

- the first part is based on clergy provision – we have a full time Rector (Revd Suzanne) and part time Self-supporting Minister or SSM (Revd Philippa). The total clergy provision for each Deanery is calculated.
- to calculate the second part the Diocese uses annual returns from each parish to determine 'usual Sunday attendance' and derives from this the 'potential to give', again arriving at an amount for each Deanery.

The Diocese provides these figures to the Deanery – in our case Severn Vale – with a suggested allocation by Benefice.

How is Parish Share for each Parish calculated?

It has been agreed by the Benefice Council (2 representatives from each parish plus clergy and treasurer), that we believe it is imperative and our Christian duty to pay our Parish Share in full each year.

In 2019 the total Parish Share for our 6 parishes is £65,000.

Each year the treasurer (or Church warden) from each parish meet to agree how our total share will be allocated, recognising that some of our parishes are able to pay more than others. A few years ago, a model similar to the diocesan one was agreed:

- a fixed amount, set at £7,000, would be paid by each parish, reflecting that each parish has equal call on clergy resources – for pastoral care, services, support etc
- an additional amount, based on 'ability to pay' would be sought from some if not all the parishes.

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I have reduced the article to fit the space available – full text in Parish Magazine. Jo R