

Newsletter No 20
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The Kirkby Overblow COVID Newsletter

Dear Village Resident

Here is our short interim newsletter. First of all, a huge thank you to Simon and June for the stunning overhaul of the bus shelter. Thanks also to Kim for adding her artistic touch. It really does look very special.



Our Covie Caterpillar is growing by the day so thank you to everyone who has added their stone.

Can I also remind you that all our previous newsletters are available on our website <https://kirkbyoverblow.org/>.

News from the Shoulder of Mutton



Kate and the team are very busy preparing for the reopening of the pub and garden on the 4th July. Kate will be sending a separate email out in the next few days with more details about reopening day and services the pub will be offering moving forward.

Cakes last Wednesday 24th June

Thank you to everyone who baked, bought and delivered the fantastic cakes this week. A great success again so thank you all.





Supporting our wider community

Support for the hot meal takeaway initiative at St Peter's Church, Harrogate.

Please can we remind you that we are supporting St Peter's Church who have provided a hot breakfast and an evening meal to the vulnerable and those most in need throughout the last 13 weeks. In addition, packs of biscuits and toiletries are handed out.

If you would like to donate, please leave your donations in the crate in the church porch tomorrow. Thank you.

We are asking for donations of the following items and these will be taken to St Peter's:

- Fresh vegetables (any variety) not tinned
- Packets of sweet biscuits
- Handwash
- Deodorants

A huge thank you in advance for your support.

A History of the Village

Geof has put together the eighth part of our village history series and this will be available on our website.

Please go to our website at <https://kirkbyoverblow.org/> and click on the 'village history' tab at the top of the page.



Time Capsule-Final reminder!

All photos and your paragraph need to be with Lucy [REDACTED] this weekend. Thanks everyone. Please keep your comments to a paragraph only:

- Who you are
- Where you live
- What you will remember about this time/what you think about the experience





A message from our vicar Craig Marshall

Dear Friends,

If you were in a quiz team and one of the questions asked was, 'What was the first miracle ever performed by Jesus as recorded in the gospels?', I'm sure you would be quick to write as your answer, 'Turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana'. You would indeed be right. Whilst I'm sure the wine served at weddings these days hasn't been subject to such a miracle, during the past four months no wine has flowed at all at weddings as marriages and the accompanying receptions have had to be postponed.

Everyone in some way or another has either suffered or been inconvenienced during lockdown but I do feel so sorry for the couples for whom the excitement and anticipation of one of the most significant days of their lives has had to be postponed and rearranged. This experience has certainly affected many couples who were to be married in our benefice this year. Thankfully, we are soon to be able to conduct marriage services once again, albeit with a reduced number of guests.

There are many delights which come with being a parish priest and certainly one of these is being able to be alongside members of the community during weddings, funerals and baptisms. The joining of two people in marriage is a wonderful privilege and a happy time. When our loved ones die, of course we take the opportunity to commend them to God and remember what they meant to us and the funeral service helps us at these difficult times. The service of baptism gives us all the opportunity to welcome children and indeed adults into the family of the Christian faith. These are times of celebration and joy. Later on, those who have been baptised have the opportunity to confirm their faith at a service of 'confirmation'.

I have taken the opportunity to talk about these occasional services this week in order to extend an invitation to anyone who might be considering marriage or baptism in the church. If you would like an informal chat about what is involved, please do not hesitate to contact me. You don't have to commit to anything but I am only too aware myself that finding out how to go about these things might seem daunting at first, even though the desire is there. Please don't ever feel put off, I am only too pleased to help and actually, the processes involved in preparing for marriage or baptism are very easy and straightforward.

In the meantime, my good wishes and prayers go out to all those who have arranged to be married this year

Warmest regards to you all. Craig

