



NEWSLETTER SPRING 2020

Dear Friends,

We had hoped that by now, we would have some positive news to share with you.... of course, that wasn't to be. There is much positive action going on in Leybourne – including helplines re-instated and a **WhatsApp** group set up for people to chat on, share ideas and play a quiz.... [Church Quick Quiz page: Updated with a new quiz every two days](https://www.leybournechurch.org.uk/quick-quizzes)

As the Church is closed - along with all Churches in the UK - Fr Matthew is putting them on the Church website with video links to the sermon, prayers etc. As we go through Holy Week, further services will be added, so do use the link to join in. Last week's Palm Sunday service included a "collage" of singing with Emma Buchan on the piano, and local friends joining in (see it on Emma Buchan's Facebook page) – Gareth Malone eat your heart out! On Tuesday, Aspen Morsley put a lovely, unaccompanied rendition of "Here I am to Worship" on her FB page.

Our thoughts and prayers are, of course, with everyone suffering from the virus and their families, those working or volunteering on the front line in one of the many key worker roles, and most-recently for the Prime Minister and other members of the government who have become infected.

Events: Obviously for the foreseeable future we have had to put all our planned events on hold, the first being Clive's talk on Culloden, scheduled for 24th April. We will keep you informed, via the church website and email, as soon as we get started again. It may mean a change in the programmed events but am sure no-one will worry about that? Our friends David and Ann Fillery were hoping to host a VE day celebration in their garden on the 8th May for FLC members and families, and we hope a post-Covid-19 celebration might take its place later in the year instead. There is sure to be a big celebration service in the Church too.

We are pleased to say that, fortunately, our quiz evening at the Castle Lake pub in January was held before social distancing had been invented, and we raised around £800 for Church improvements. Thanks to all who participated, organised, and presented the quiz, and to the pub for their delicious snacks and generous prizes. The winning team was *Kings Hill Rotary Club*. Congratulations to Robert Miller and his team!



So, please “watch this space” for a revised programme, as soon as we can get back on track....

Subs: We hope you still feel able to continue your membership and those of you who set up standing orders for subs in March each year will have paid. As you can appreciate, the help we give towards improvements will be needed even more this year. Last year, we raised £12,200 - an exceptional result!

If you need to pay by cheque, they should be made payable to “Leybourne PCC Fundraising” and sent to *J Tootal, 5 Evergreen Close, Leybourne, ME195PY*. Alternatively, bank transfers can be made via Lloyds Bank, sort code 30-90-89; account no 3522 5068. £12 pp via Standing order/ £15 pp annual cheque/bank transfer. Our thanks in advance for that.

Do have a look at the links provided below for more information of what's going on in the Parish and what help is available should you need it ...

With best wishes and hoping you stay well....

from us all on the FLC Fundraising Committee.

For further information about the Friends, please contact Lynne on bjselman@btinternet.com or Janet/Patrick on battleofbritain@btinternet.com

Useful Links:

Church website and resources:

<https://www.leybournechurch.org.uk/>

Church Prayer and Service resources: Updated on Saturday and through Holy Week as material is made available

<https://www.leybournechurch.org.uk/church-service-and-prayer-resources-during-covid-19-crisis>

Church WhatsApp Group: Email Phil (philo@btinternet.com) with Name and mobile number. User must have WhatsApp installed on device. Email needed as it is an opt-in with self-removal.

Helpline:



Leybourne Linkline

Volunteers

Would you be able to volunteer for occasional shopping
or to pick up a prescription for someone who is self-isolating?

If so, please email: leybournelinkline@gmail.com

You will go on the volunteers list and may be contacted in case of need.

Email addresses will be kept in the strictest confidence.

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Help

Are you self-isolating? Would you like some help?

We can help with shopping, errands etc.....

Please phone or text **07565 586219**,

and someone will get back to you.