

# Bodenham Newsletter



## June 2020

### Coming out of Lockdown Edition

#### Village Groups and Clubs

All meetings and events remain cancelled.

After nine long weeks it looks like we might be heading out of lockdown. Some restrictions are relaxed from the 1<sup>st</sup> June, with more to follow as long as the virus continues to be brought under control.

Some children will return to school this Monday and businesses will gradually begin to open.

But there is no doubt that things will not be back to 'normal' for a long time.

Changes in the rules are happening day by day so be sure to go to the right places for your information.

The horse's mouths, so to speak:

[www.herefordshire.gov.uk](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk)

For more information, including about getting tested, and if you qualify, visit:

[www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

For the latest NHS information on coronavirus visit:

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19)

#### Also: WISH

Is a free online wellbeing information and signposting service, providing details for over 950 different services and groups across the county plus Covid-19 information. It currently offers a comprehensive list of over 100 local suppliers, which are providing community food boxes, groceries and hot meals during the coronavirus lockdown, alongside a great range of local and national online exercises and activities. Visit [www.wisherefordshire.org](http://www.wisherefordshire.org) or follow WISH on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter by searching @WishHereford.

### Bodenham Lake

The car park at the Lakes remains closed which is causing parking chaos in some parts of the village. Please be considerate and mindful of safety, parking within feet of a sharp bend is not a good idea. Blocking access and even parking on private driveways is plain thoughtless.

In any circumstances - and particularly in view of the long spell of dry weather - fires and barbecues are not allowed on the Lake Nature Reserve.

#### Dogs

Wherever you exercise your dogs clean up their mess and put the bag in the bins provided, or take it home with you. Hiding it in a bush or hanging it in a tree is not being a good owner!

Keep your dog under control at all times and keep them away from livestock and wildlife.

If a dog is caught worrying farm animals the landowner has the right to shoot it and the owner can be prosecuted.

#### Beware Scammers!

They are everywhere and they're nasty. By phone, landline or mobile, email or in person they try to trick and steal.

HMRC will **not** text you to tell you of a refund, they certainly will not need you to give them your bank details. Ignore or delete.

TV licencing will **not** email you to rearrange a direct debit.

If you receive a suspicious email forward it to: [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

Banks will **not** phone you asking for your details or PIN number. Always contact your bank using the number on your statement.

Stay Safe, Stay Cyber Aware!

# St Michael's Church

## Remote Worship

Paper worship resources are available from Rev Paul Roberts – please phone him on 01568 797863 if you would be interested in receiving some.

Bodenham Chapel will be open from 10am – 4pm for prayer, and it is hoped to shortly reopen St Michael's Church, following flood recovery work. NB Please keep a safe distance apart from other people who might be visiting. Please do not use our churches if you feel unwell (pastoral support via the telephone can be offered instead). Please wash your hands before and after your visit.

I have created a Youtube channel. It will contain recordings of worship and prayer from around our churches. Please do subscribe! I shall also email around links to newly uploaded videos.

[www.youtube.com/channel/UCK7rth7d-imUT5yjr87vZ5A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCK7rth7d-imUT5yjr87vZ5A)

If you are on Facebook, a number of churches and organisations are Live Streaming Worship. This means you can watch live, or visit their facebook page later and watch the worship.

- Hereford diocese plan to stream a broadcast every Sunday from a different church each week.
- Maund Churches – I will do my best to livestream worship from one of our churches at 9.30am every Sunday.  
[www.facebook.com/Maund-Group-of-Churches-Herefordshire-721470118219064/](https://www.facebook.com/Maund-Group-of-Churches-Herefordshire-721470118219064/)

The BBC is also doing a fantastic job at stepping up broadcasting of all types to deal with this situation, including religious broadcasting. Please do check out the schedule.

We face unprecedented time, but our hope is in the strength of the Lord. Together, we can overcome. May God bless you all.

## Sunday Worship in the Maund Group

### 9am Sunday service (usually communion)

published on Youtube :

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCK7rth7d-imUT5yjr87vZ5A?>

or search "Paul Roberts Maund"

### 10am Sunday telephone service begins

Sunday Telephone Worship (10am)

- dial: 0203 481 5237 (or 0203 481 5240, 0208 080 6591, 208 080 6592)

- you will then be asked for the Meeting ID this is: 817 3988 8068 #

- ignore the instruction about your "participant ID" by pressing #

- finally the password which is: 1945 #

### 1100 "Coffee after worship" – catch up online

or by phone for social time after worship via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89298347329?pwd=QlJiaXB2anJGTytlQW40WV5sTUVwQT09>

Or

- dial: 0203 481 5237

- Meeting ID this is: 892 9834 7329 #

- Password which is: 711679 #

## Other worship

Worship is uploaded onto Youtube for festivals and other occasions, keep an eye on, or subscribe to our channel.

Sunday worship is also available from Hereford Diocese.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLTSgnOA5pKtIURxxXBLTiw>

These services come from around the Diocese; on 14th June will be from our Churches

## A message from Hugh Diamond:

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to write to him following the loss of Sue.

He has been bowled over by the kindness of friends and neighbours.

He is, in his own words, "unable to pick up a pen" anymore, so would like to say thank you here.

Rector: Revd Paul Roberts 01568 797863 / [rector@maundchurches.org.uk](mailto:rector@maundchurches.org.uk)

Churchwardens: Mrs Vivien Moffitt 01568 797379 / Mr Tom James-Moore 01568 797330

## Parish Council News

### Parish Council meetings.

It is still not possible to set a date for the resumption of Parish Council meetings. Essential Parish Council business is conducted remotely. When meetings resume, there is likely to be a backlog of business, such that at this point it is not possible to say when or whether the annual meetings, which should have taken place at the May meeting, will take place. Updates will be given, when available, via the Newsletter and, more immediately, via the website, Facebook page and mailing list. See below for details of these.

### Planning applications -

Planning applications will be considered remotely by the Parish Council. No planning applications have been received since those reported in the March Newsletter, nor have any decisions on previously submitted planning applications been received.

### The annual audit of the Parish Council.....

..... has been completed and approved by the internal auditor. A notice will be posted on noticeboards in due course announcing the period for public inspection of the Parish Council's audit figures. This period is likely to be for a month from early July. An update will be given in the next Newsletter.

### Bodenham Lake.....

.... car park remains closed to limit numbers. However, it is not physically possible to close the Lake as there are public rights-of-way on site. The concrete bridge behind Bodenham church.... between the churchyard and the metal bridge across the river has been closed for some time and remains closed. It is unsafe and will be replaced by Balfour Beatty, possibly later this summer. However, the tape preventing access has been untied on several occasions. If you find that the tape has been untied, could you replace it, while not taking any risks, given that the bridge is unsafe.

**Parish Council Facebook page.** The Parish Council now has a Facebook page to complement the website. Click 'bodenham parish council' and press 'LIKE'. The website address is [www.bodenhamparish.org.uk](http://www.bodenhamparish.org.uk).

**Keep up to date with local issues** - sign up for the mailing list

An increasing number of residents are joining the mailing list, through which the Parish Council sends important updates to local residents by email with information about such things as roadworks, weather warnings and local events - and, currently, coronavirus updates from Herefordshire Council and elsewhere. If you would like to join the list, email Chris Smith at [bodenhampcclerk@gmail.com](mailto:bodenhampcclerk@gmail.com). You won't be deluged with email, your personal details will not be passed on to anyone else and you can unsubscribe at any time.

The parish website.....

..... is continually updated. Find the latest coronavirus news there. The Home page now shows a list of future events in chronological order, as well as the latest notices, addresses to go to, Parish Council minutes, and much more. Find out there about Bodenham past, present and future, local news and crime prevention alerts.

[www.bodenhamparish.org.uk](http://www.bodenhamparish.org.uk) is the website address. You can also find the Bodenham Newsletter there.

## Bodenham Chapel

### Sunday Services

No meetings are planned to be held at Chapel in June but the services will continue at 10.30am using Zoom. You are welcome to join with us and you can access the services through the internet or by telephone. For the phone number and access codes contact Dave on 01568-797531 (email: [d.hill952@btinternet.com](mailto:d.hill952@btinternet.com)) or Rebecca on 01568-797823 (email: [tburnill@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tburnill@yahoo.co.uk)). Any up to date information will be posted on the Chapel noticeboard.

Café@chapel

In June we will continue to hold a virtual café by zoom from 10.30am. If you would like to join in contact Dave on 01568-797531 (email: [d.hill952@btinternet.com](mailto:d.hill952@btinternet.com))

The image is a vertical NHS public health poster. At the top, it features the HM Government logo and the NHS logo. Below this, the text is arranged in horizontal bands: 'AT THE SUPERMARKET' in white on a red background, 'ON THE PAVEMENT' in yellow on a teal background, 'IN ANY OPEN PUBLIC SPACE' in blue on a yellow background, and 'KEEP 2M APART' in white on a teal background. At the bottom, a yellow banner with black text reads 'STAY ALERT > CONTROL THE VIRUS > SAVE LIVES'.

## Businesses and Advertisers

### Saffrons Cross Opening times are now:

0800 to 1500 (Monday to Saturday)

Tel: 01568 797337

They are also offering a delivery service for the self-isolating and elderly. Order and pay over the phone.

### Post Office Opening Times

0900 to 1300 (Monday to Friday)

0900 to 1230 (Saturday)

Only one person allowed in the Post Office at a time.

### Refuse Collections

Are being made as usual. If you've forgotten what week it is visit [herefordshirecouncil.gov.uk](http://herefordshirecouncil.gov.uk)

### Englands Gate Inn

Are offering a take away service on Friday and Saturday evenings. Follow their Facebook page for details.

Tel: 01568 797286

This is about small and local businesses but I think it will apply to lots of things in the weeks and months to come:

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As businesses start to reopen, please understand they may have just survived one of the hardest professional and personal challenges they've ever faced.

While they're excited to open, the owners and employees are still stressed. They're not through the woods yet.

Please don't go to these business and complain about changes that were forced upon them due to lost revenue, lost employees, new policies and protocols. They don't have the same business they had two months ago.

They're doing everything they can to adapt to the situation. But everything is different for them.

Be kind. Be compassionate. Have patience.

They're still trying to recover from battle number one and their next battle, of rebuilding, has just begun.

Support local.

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## Marches Family Network

Providing high quality, inclusive short breaks for children and young people with disabilities and their families across Herefordshire and South Shropshire.

Marches Family Network provides activities, services and short breaks for children and young people, aged 0-25 years, with a wide range of disabilities. All of the sessions we run are group sessions so the young people are able to socialise with their peers and develop friendships. We also welcome siblings, where places are available. Our youth team are trained to meet the varied and complex needs of the children and young people who attend our sessions.

Young people are welcome to attend sessions with their PA's - contact Becky on 01568 614908 for more information.

Due to the current crisis we are unable to deliver any of our group services at this time but we are offering online and telephone support to keep families connected. Once the restrictions are lifted our services are going to be more critical than ever, with many families struggling to support their children during this difficult time. For families in lockdown, the constant vigilance and often back-breaking physical assistance required to constantly care for their child is exhausting.

We urgently need your help to survive, as a charity, and be ready to deliver services again once the current crisis is over. As Marches Family Network is celebrating its 25th anniversary as an independent charity this year, we have decided to run a special fundraising challenge. Any contribution, big or small, would really make a difference to the children, young people and their families.

Donate: [www.marchesfamilynetwork.co.uk/appeal/marchesbig25challenge](http://www.marchesfamilynetwork.co.uk/appeal/marchesbig25challenge)

Website: [www.marchesfamilynetwork.co.uk](http://www.marchesfamilynetwork.co.uk)

### From the Editor

Once again thanks to Bodenham Watch and Gareth from Brockington Studio for printing and distributing copies of the newsletter last month.

Hopefully in the coming weeks things will improve and the Resource Centre in Leominster will be able to resume work and the newsletter will be back to full strength.

Please, as lockdown eases, choose local and buy local when you can, and continue to support those who worked to get us all through these strange times.

Stay safe, Be alert, Stay 2 metres apart!

Susan.

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