

Dixton and Wyesham News

Easter 2020

Dear All, Please enjoy Easter. It is the most important of the Christian Festivals as we celebrate Christ's resurrection: he was given New Life and this life offers so much to all of us.

On Sunday I will celebrate Holy Communion in my home at 9.30 (using the BCP service,) by myself but in the knowledge that I am not alone as millions of Christians all over the world celebrate the release from the tomb; risen so that we may have eternal life. Jill will likewise feel the same as she celebrates at 11.00.

I expect you, like me, have settled into this strange routine which has tuned normality upside down. Please continue to keep yourselves safe and for those of us who are over 70, please continue to submit to the wishes of our families and stay at home.

If staying at home causes problems then there is help in the outside world. The following comes from the Monmouth CC website and I know that there are volunteers in Monmouth and Wyesham to provide assistance.

"The council has created an inter-disciplinary Community Support Team to support the local response to the pandemic which has already received over 125 calls for support with 97 calls from those wishing to volunteer and help their local community. Area development teams are working directly with volunteer-led community action groups offering support, guidance and help with coordination.

The council is actively looking to increase the number of volunteers engaging safely in their community during the COVID-19 pandemic and is offering them an opportunity to obtain a DBS check, complete safeguarding training and receive a guide to volunteering. The team is also able to connect self-isolating residents with volunteer action groups to help them with matters like essential shopping or telephone befriending."

Residents needing support or wishing to volunteer should contact:
partnerships@monmouthshire.gov.uk or call **01633 644696**.

I keep a check on the Wyesham Facebook page and am impressed by the level of community support and activity particularly centred around McColls. There has been a call for people to knit or crochet hearts to be given to the families of those who pass away as a result of the virus. I don't have details but if anyone is interested let me know and I will do my best to find out. There are also calls for donations of items like shampoo, shower gel etc to give to medical staff as they come off shift and need to shower prior to going home.

Dixton Update. We have received a quote with reference to the repair of the windows in the church damaged by the flood and we have been in touch with the diocese and loss adjustor to see if we can get on with this work. Many thanks to Richard Waller who rescued the pew runners after the flood and says they are now all dry and ready to be used again.