

Together



Parish news for the united benefice of Cranford, Grafton
Underwood, Twywell and Slipton

October - November 2021

Letter ...



Dear friends,

Many will have breathed a sigh of relief as the Covid 19 restrictions were eased to allow some sense of normality to return to our lives. In the last few weeks some of us have been able to see relatives and friends for the first time in about a year and a half. We have been able to hug and laugh and share experiences.

Church services all over the country are returning to a semblance of what we were accustomed to. It's been good to be able to sing again, although masked singing and steam-up for wearers of glasses is quite a challenge.

We have had to get used to several new terms during this Covid time, and a common one is 'social distancing'. It's a strange term really if you try to analyse it, but maybe it is used to just mean 'keep your distance' or 'don't get too near'. Which brings me to the thought that Jesus, who is the sinless Son of God, had the greatest reason to keep His distance from sinful mankind. Yet He did just the opposite: "He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all" as we sing in the Christmas Carol. And not only did He "come down" so that He could show us Himself in person, during His earthly ministry He got face to face with those He came to save. He touched and healed the lepers who, by the way, were commanded by the law to be socially distanced from others – yet Jesus touched them. He took the little children in His arms and blessed them, and He had meals in many different settings which, in that culture, meant getting very physically close to people.

No, Jesus wasn't a social distancer. He came into our humanness, but before His earthly ministry ended on the cross, He had covered a lot of ground up and down the length and breadth of Israel, Judah, and Samaria, teaching, healing, feeding and loving people to death. "Hallelujah! What a Saviour!"

As I close this letter, I can't help but think of the people of Afghanistan. That nation is now under the control of a regime whose track record on human rights is, to put it mildly, not good. The Christian community there asks for prayer as they are already being targeted. Please pray for all the people of Afghanistan.

We have so much to be thankful for in this country.

Keep safe and well, and may God bless you all.

Vernon Forbes

Cranford PCC



STOP THE PRESS!

NEW EDITOR REQUIRED

The *Together* team are looking for a willing and able volunteer to join them as Editor of this magazine.

If you would like to get involved with a much valued and longstanding community project, then this could be the opportunity you've been waiting for!

Interested to find out more
about what it involves?

Contact Liz at emcoleman@hotmail.co.uk
or call 01536 330637 for a chat

SAMARITANS PURSE SHOEBOXES

I know some of you are already busy making things for shoeboxes; some have already brought me things and thank you for that. For those who aren't familiar with these, they are gifts sent to children all over the world who might never have had a present.

You can do a box yourself by getting a leaflet from me with the details on or join in our communal packing by giving items to put in the boxes or cash towards postage. Each box costs £5 to send.

We always need soap, flannels, combs/brushes, toothbrushes (and wash bags to put them in ,if anyone is good with a sewing machine), notepads, cuddly toys, cars, balls, dolls and games. Items should be good as new and suitable for ages 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14 years.

Please remember we have to fit everything into a shoebox with a hat and mitts so not too large. Empty shoeboxes are also welcome, if you can cover it with Christmas paper that's even better.

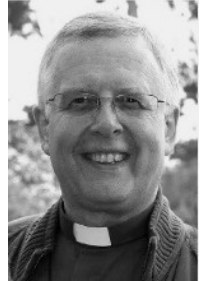
There is more information on samaritans-purse.org.uk or you can phone me on 330646. We don't send them until November but time soon goes when you are sorting it all out! *Jenny*



Diocesan News

Fresh Starts, Farewells, Back to Normal?

October looks like an interesting month for our diocese. Sarah Brown to be installed as Dean of Hereford, Alison Myers as Warden of Launde Abbey, the first face-to-face meeting of rural deans and senior staff for two years, confirmation services starting up again, Gordon Steele's farewell service – and much else.



So are we back to normal? I don't think we'll ever go back to life as it was before covid, nor should we. Whatever you think of the lockdowns, the mask-wearing, the school closures, the self-isolation and the "pinging", the arguments over preparedness and then over vaccination; whether you think the whole exercise was a massive over-reaction, or that this summer was far too early to lift most restrictions; the pandemic has had a massive and permanent effect on our national life, and we cannot ignore that.

We haven't seen the last of mask-wearing. Our link diocese of Seoul in South Korea demonstrates that. The far east saw a severe outbreak of SARS twenty years ago, and mask-wearing became the rule for a couple of years. When I last visited, 15 years after masks ceased to be compulsory, significant numbers of people were still wearing them in crowded places. In some cases that was because of pollution, but the reality is that mask-wearing in public has become a fairly common occurrence in the east. On the other hand, in the west, the covid pandemic seems to have exaggerated culture gaps and reduced politeness and tolerance. People can get so very heated over the pro- and anti-vaxxing argument, even more so than over Brexit not so long ago.

We haven't seen the last of zoom and other online meetings. At the very least, I find myself doing one-to-one zoom chats rather than phone calls, and rather than driving an hour each way for a one-hour meeting. On the other hand, I now have to go to London for House of Lords debates, and can no longer participate via zoom (which I did for the emergency Afghanistan debate in mid-August).

As church, we are returning carefully, conscious of the possibility of a fourth wave this autumn and winter. We are going back, but to a new normal.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Donald". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

+Donald
Bishop of Peterborough

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Cranford News

Cranford Church

With no immediate prospect of a new rector, the PCC have kept weekly Sunday worship going in St John's Church; most services are led by members of the PCC and the monthly Holy Communion is conducted by ordained priests, most recently Catharine Furlong and Doug Spenceley. We are most grateful for all the hard work that goes into preparing for these services. In August we were treated to a most interesting talk during a service led by Bridget Jones in which Helen and Richard Harris described the work of the Anglican Church in China and particularly in Hong King where they live. Helen, as many will know, is the daughter of Jeanne Payne and grew up in Cranford.

In September last year Fraser Smith and Ellie King were married by Graham Bell in our church and it was a delight to welcome their daughter, Eden, into the Church to be baptised by Graham at the end of August. They brought a large party of family and friends to the service and it was good to see the church so full again.

Covid has wreaked havoc in many people's plans, not least wedding plans. I am pleased to say that the banns for Kimberley Wilson and Daniel Thompson were read in early September and the much-postponed wedding will finally go ahead on Saturday 23rd October.

Another happy event – as yet unscheduled – will be the presentation of a bronze award to the church by the *Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire Wildlife Trust* in recognition of our work, led by Sandra Naylor, to encourage nature to flourish in the churchyard. Many congratulations to Sandra and Mark and our grateful thanks to the mowers and strimmers, Jeremy Craxford, Andy Forbes and Brian Keech, who have kept the grounds looking so good. We hope soon to be working with the School to establish a bug-hotel and to plant more wild flowers.

Many will know that Brian Keech has been striding in aid of the *Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust* since the turn of the century and this year he 'nabbed' 15 churches including our own; there volunteers were on hand to welcome 20 other riders and striders with a smile and refreshments. Many, many thanks to them for giving up their time and to Brian for organising the reception. In 2020 Brian raised £402 for the Trust and has had pledges so

far exceeding that sum; if you would like to sponsor him, please ring 330232 or add your name to the list on the church font.

Looking forward to December, our Carol Service will be on the evening of Sunday 19th and on Christmas Eve 'Midnight Mass' will start at 11.30pm. Our Christmas Day service will be at the normal time of 10 am.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to Liz Coleman, who is stepping down after twelve years as editor of this magazine. Thanks to her tireless work, *Together* continues as an invaluable source of information for the Benefice. It is hoped that a willing volunteer can take over in the new year; please see Page 1 for more details. *John Ross, Churchwarden (01536 330572)*

Cranford WI

The Village Hall Committee kindly agreed that the WI could cultivate the small triangular piece of ground near the door. We have now completed this task and there is now a lovely little Memorial Garden in that triangular plot.

On 9th September we held our very special meeting. Ann Rodwell, the WI County Chairman, unveiled the plaque which reads:

Here "In England's green and pleasant land"
Cranford WI remembers
We remember friends who have gone before,
celebrate with those we meet today
and look forward to those we have yet to meet.
June 2021

It was a lovely warm September evening and many members had gathered for this short ceremony.

We were expecting a speaker, Clair, who is a Fire Fighter, complete with fire engine but sadly she, plus the fire engine, were called out to a fire so she was unable to attend. This did not deter our members who caught up with old friends and enjoyed cake and coffee.

We also remembered Jill Bosworth, who was a very loyal WI member and planted a plaque by the tree which had been planted in her memory a few years ago.

Our trip to Elton Hall was very successful. Guides took us around the house and gardens and at 3pm we went to the Mulberry Café at Bosworth's garden centre. We very nearly missed our tea as one of the gardeners had locked and bolted the gate used to get out. Some very agile members climbed over the fence whilst the rest of us wondered what on earth we were going to do. Help came just in time as one of the guides, who was about to leave in her car, came with the key.

Jenny Potter



The Village Hall

By the time you read this we will have completed the Cream Teas, deferred from June, and well attended so far!

We are involved with the Cransley Hospice 10k Run again, also the Harvest Supper will have been enjoyed.

At present we are slowly regaining our old clients, making new contacts and new activities. No firm dates yet for further activities, but we will always advertise these on the website and local notice boards. *George Potter*

Please contact me with any forthcoming events to be included in the December/January 2022 edition before 8th November. The Dial House, Rectory Hill Cranford NN14 4AH or email jandg.potter@btconnect.com or phone 01536 330696.

Best wishes

Jenny Potter



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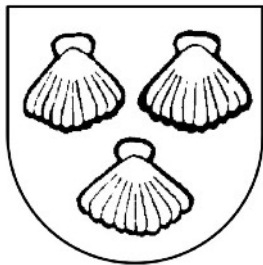
Twywell

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Parish Representative



Grafton Underwood News

Our Cream Teas through August were a great success, and I would like to start by saying a huge thank you to all those who helped (some of you every week). I would also like to thank David and Mary for organising the Northamptonshire Male Voice choir and the Harpenden Busker. Both weeks were very popular, and kept everyone “extra busy”!! We had a brilliant team of helpers each week and it gave a lot of village people the opportunity to get to know their neighbours, etc. as we have a lot of new folk who have moved into the village both before and during Covid. It was quite a social event for the “staff” as well as the customers!! So a great social success, which raised the amazing sum of £2,288.75 for church funds. Well done and thank you.

I would also like to thank those who sat in church for the Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride. We only had 7 cyclists but seem to have many visitors coming to see our windows, taking advantage of the building being open so I guessed that we pleased quite a few people and our time wasn't wasted.

Our service schedule is gradually getting into its old pattern and you will see that we now have MP, FW and Communion once a month. However, mainly because of lack of children, the first Sunday will vary according to the season. But please be assured that children are welcome at all services in Grafton, and colouring and books, etc. are always to hand. We are now back to refreshments after services.

We will be having a Family “Half Hour” service for the collection of shoe boxes and we hope that those families who do a shoebox will try to bring it to the service. If you cannot attend, then boxes can always be dropped off at my house (or Sandra Day's if you are in Cranford). See the separate notice for more information.

We will be celebrating Harvest on Sunday 3rd October, followed by Harvest Lunch in the village hall. If you would like to join us, please let me know as it helps to have numbers, and if you are able to help with food, please phone 01536 330646.

We have just had our first face-to-face PCC meeting since before Covid and are starting to plan concerts for next year. The next PCC meeting will be on Wednesday 10th November at 7.30pm. Venue to be confirmed.

After 12 years as Editor of the together Magazine Liz Coleman feels that it is time to retire. She has done an excellent job over the years and we are very grateful for all the time and effort that she has put in. She is very happy to help anyone who feels that they could take over this job and get it “set up”. If there is anyone in Grafton who feels they might be able to do this or would like to know more, please let either Liz or, if you prefer, let me know and I will introduce you. Thank you to Mark Hillary and his team of electricians for all their work on upgrading the village hall and adding a few extra lights whilst it has been closed. The hall is now taking bookings again, please see advert for details.
Best wishes

Jenny

Tree Warden

The other day we went down to Devon to visit family. As they live a few hundred yards from the river Otter I was keen to go “walkies” by the river side as I have read that beavers have been reintroduced to that river. I have also written to the Forestry Society magazine on the subject to which another correspondent disagreed. As a forester I have always regarded “Cricket Bat” willows as one of my favourite trees. A valuable fast-growing hardwood that likes to grow near running water (note the willows by the stream at the crossroads). The beaver dams filter the flowing water and help with flood prevention.

Sadly over several days one saw no beavers or otters and on a halfmile walk along the river bank no damage to trees growing on the riverside. But my youngest granddaughter said that one dam had been started but it disappeared! And she muttered something about farmers.

One notes that the hazardous dead horse chestnut is still standing by the church paddock.

R. D.



Together is distributed to every household in the four parishes. If you would like to contribute to the costs, a donation of £5.00 per annum would be much appreciated. Please send your donations to the Church Treasurer in your village:

Cranford – Jo Fry
Grafton Underwood – Rob Donnelly
Twywell – Cathy Steele
Slipton – Liz Heath
Many Thanks



Twywell News

Shortening days, with the sun not nearly so high in the sky now, along with increasingly cool nights, bring back into service our wood burners and heating systems; the soil, loamy and rich, far more widely visible through the post-harvest cultivations in the fields. Increasingly favoured are the comforts of the fireside sofa and rich food recipes. These are all familiar signs of the approaching autumn. For many, with luck, the store room and freezer will be burgeoning with the produce of a successful year in the vegetable and fruit gardens and so our thoughts, instinctively, turn to the main event of the season, the Harvest Festival, which traditionally gives thanks for the year's bounty provided. This is the feast which closes a season that began with the Lammas Festival at the beginning of August. Our own Harvest Festival will be held at 11.00am on 24th October. This is amongst the most popular of all the Church festivals and will follow a modified Morning Prayer format, led by John Stapleton. All are welcome. Anyone interested in adding to the church decoration of flowers or harvest produce please contact a member of the PCC (details are posted in the church porch) or email us on st.nicholas.twywell@gmail.com.

Our Harvest Lunch, with its fine seasonal fayre and which is also held in the church, will follow the Harvest Festival service and is a lovely social event in its own right.

The Remembrance Service this year will be held on Sunday 14th November at 9.15am, led by Revd. Graham Bell. The opportunity to reflect on the sacrifices of others, selflessly made on our behalf so that we may enjoy our freedom and liberty, is welcomed annually. We will remember them.

Other notable dates for October and November, nationally recognised, are; 13th October – St. Edward the Confessor Day. Edward was born just over the county border at Islip, Oxon, Nicknamed 'Confessor' because of his piety, his generosity to the poor and character which endeared him to his people. One of the last Anglo-Saxon Kings, he is best known for having founded Westminster Abbey where he now lies, and also for being the patron saint of England (until Edward III supplanted him with St. George).

21st October – Trafalgar Day. On this day in 1805, the Royal Navy fleet of 24 vessels ended Napoleon's plans for invasion of Britain by decimating the combined strength of the French and Spanish Navies, capturing or sinking 19 of the 33 enemy vessels, including the largest warship afloat at that time, the 140 gun

Santisima Trinidad. The British fleet Admiral, Lord Nelson, was fatally wounded close to the end of the battle whilst pacing the quarterdeck, by a sniper on board the French vessel *Redoubtable* which sank in the gale soon after the end of the battle.

31st October – Hallowe'en (abr. All Hallows' Evening). The tradition we now recognise has its origins in the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. (See 'Other News' below for this year's Twywell hallowe'en event).

1st November – All Saints Day. For over 400 years Christians have, on this day, prayed to ask the saints in heaven for help for whatever troubles they may have. The origin is, again, Celtic and was once known as the Festival of the Dead.

2nd November – All Souls Day. This commemoration of the faithful departed and prayers for those in purgatory deliberately follows All Saints Day, and is a timely reminder for us all to lead good Christian lives.

5th November – Bonfire Night. Seventeenth Century parliamentary terrorism was averted on this day 416 years ago. Some would say it still occurs in the chamber above regularly.

29th November – Day of Intercession and thanksgiving for the missionary work of the Church. With our personal connection to Rev. Horace Waller, Dr. David Livingstone and Gen. Charles Gordon, who all were at the forefront of major Church missionary expeditions overseas in the mid-late 19th Century, this festival has great significance within our village history.

'Comings & Goings'

We say a fond farewell to Tomas and Sam, along with their children Halle, Ted and Albie, who have left Twywell to be closer to family.

We warmly welcome Stav, Georgina and Kaitlyn Broadhurst into the community. We hope their stay with us will be long and thoroughly enjoyable. Straight into the village social scene, they arrived just in time to be able to attend the 'Twywell Get Together' event (see below).

'Other news'

Finally, after two years of absence, we have held a fund-raising event for St. Nicholas Church!

On Saturday 4th September, almost 100 villagers and friends enjoyed the 'Twywell Get Together', a fantastic day of two parts; firstly cream teas in the afternoon and, later, an evening of acoustic folk music from the excellent *Five String Thing Ceilidh Band*, with a delicious M.A. Coales donated pulled pork buffet supper and a licensed bar. From within the delightful venue of the Manor House gardens (by kind invitation of Anne Louise and Patrick) the event was transformed by fairy lights, fire pits, flowers and a tented arena. The evening could not have been a more perfect way for the village community to once again enjoy their collective company. The generosity and support the PCC received through manpower, donations, contributions of every kind and ticket purchases were incredibly humbling. We were also privileged to use the event to showcase the marquees and entertainment equipment which was acquired by the Twywell

Community Events committee through the National Lottery Communities Fund. Far too numerous to list individually, we thank you all for your commitment to this event and are very pleased to say that £1449 was raised for our severely depleted Church funds. It was a truly magical event, surely to be repeated in the future.



Recently, the bottom well and lower green bench planter, so carefully tended by Mick Mayes all summer have been joined by a planter on the island at the upper green. Also, a redundant wheelbarrow has been pressed back into service as a planter and positioned at the lower village sign! How lovely to see such cheery enterprise dotted around the parish!

Additionally, 500 daffodil bulbs have recently been planted on the island too, so next spring will bring a further display to admire. Thank you to all who are responsible for and tend these floral innovations.

We thank the Twywell Community Events committee for distributing Bosworth's Garden Centre Gift Vouchers to each household, in lieu of the planned village party that the committee had intended to provide prior to the Covid pandemic and which could not be re-arranged before the expiry of the use by date. The voucher issue ensured the grant was not lost back to the National Lottery.

Our next Church fundraiser will be the Twywell Safari Supper, on Saturday 20th November. This fun-filled rambling meal is eagerly awaited and is a pre-booked event. For further details please contact Margaret Ansell on 01832 733144.

We are pleased to confirm that the Twywell Book Club will once again take place on the first Thursday of every month, at the *Old Friar*, from 7.00pm, starting on 7th October. This is an opportunity to discuss your latest read, swap books, seek recommendations or be introduced to a new author or genre. Lively chat and debate has been known to be punctuated with the occasional mention of a book. Avid and very casual readers are most welcome.

The Twywell Pumpkin Carving Competition will be again be held in the comfort of *The Old Friar* on Saturday 30th at 5.00pm. Children and Adult entries welcomed. Last year saw a wide variety of themes so let your imagination run riot and get carving!

The Twywell Dining Club enters its traditional autumn/winter season at *The Old Friar*. We thank Ben & Becca and their team for starting the dining club season earlier than usual so that we could enjoy a social gathering upon our release from lockdown - booking is essential.

For further information on all upcoming events, please see '*More Dates for your Diary*' elsewhere in this magazine, and the parish notice boards.

The postponed Twywell Parish Council (TPC) Annual Parish Meeting was finally held on Wednesday 8th September at *MacQueen House*, after North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) enabled three local councillors (Wendy Brackenbury, David Brackenbury, and Geoff Shacklock to join the TPC on 26th May. We welcome them to the community infrastructure and look forward to working with them over the coming term of office and also express thanks for the assistance which Ben Smith and his team at NNC Democratic Services have provided to enable this important tier of governance to be active again. Peter Moynehan is the fourth member. At the Annual Parish Meeting Wendy was appointed chairperson. Several members of the community have expressed an interest in being co-opted to the TPC and members who were elected in the aforementioned May local council elections could also have an option of taking their seat. The next meeting is scheduled to take place during November, although no date has been confirmed at the time of writing. Meetings will be bi-monthly thereafter. Please see the parish notice boards and website www.twywellparishcouncil.co.uk for further information as it becomes available. *And finally 'A Pause for Thought'*

'The time to repair the roof is when the sun is shining' (*JF Kennedy*)

Twywell PCC

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Slipton News

As you are reading this the previous school term and summer holidays will seem a lifetime away. However, I would like to congratulate all the pupils in the village and those with grandchildren who have recently taken GCSE and A level exams, which they have done under extremely unusual COVID-19 restrictions. A number of young adults are embarking on a new exciting adventure at university, in the workplace and off to sixth form colleges. We wish them all the best of luck for their future plans.

On 17th July, we celebrated the wedding of Amey Brassington and Alex Vaughan, the day was wonderful, full of the joys of summer. The bride, groom and family would like to thank Wynne for all her help with the wedding arrangements and the beautiful flower arrangements, they would also like to thank Jo & Gilly for the stunning pew-ends. The churchyard was in pristine condition, thanks to our wonderful volunteers. We wish Mr and Mrs Vaughan a very happy future together.

Sadly, Bob Jamieson passed away on 8th September, we would like to extend our sympathy to Bob's family, Marian and Tina. Our thoughts are with you at this sad time.

The annual Ride and Stride event was held on 11th September, we had 17 visitors at St John the Baptist Church, who were welcomed by several villagers throughout the day. Thank you to those who gave up their time for this event. The surrounding village fields have been a hive of activity with the farmers racing to get the harvest in, dodging the showers. Hopefully all has gone well and there will a good harvest.

Dates for your diary, we are holding a Harvest celebration during the month of October. We have a few new residents in the village and are hoping this will be the first of many village events, post COVID restrictions, so that we can all finally meet. The details of the event will be distributed in the village shortly. The last Sunday evening service will be 26th September, we will then have morning services on the first and third Sunday of the month.

Angela Fenton





More Dates for Your Diary

OCTOBER 2021

- 7th (Thu) **Twywell Book Club**, 7.00pm at *The Old Friar*, Lower Street. Come and share your views of your latest read, get next book ideas, swap books, or just come to listen and be inspired. (Monthly, on the first Thursday).
- 9th (Sat) **Peterborough Diocese**, Music in Lyddington presents Adam Walker (flute) and Sean Shibe (guitar). Lyddington St Andrew LE15 9LR. Visit www.musicinlyddington.co.uk for more information.
- 13th (Wed) **Twywell, Dining Club**, 7.30pm at *The Old Friar*. Please telephone Becca on 01832 732625 for further information and to book your places. (Monthly, on the second Wednesday.)
- 17th (Sun) **Boughton House**, Gardens and Parkland open from 1pm-5pm. In aid of the National Garden Scheme. For more information visit www.boughtonhouse.co.uk
- 30th (Sat) **Twywell Pumpkin Carving Competition**, 5.00pm at *The Old Friar*, Lower Street. For further details, please contact Becca on 01832 732625.
- 30th (Sat) **Peterborough Diocese**, Peterborough Gilbert and Sullivan Players Concert. All Saints', Park Road PE1 2UL. For more information call 01733 708495.

NOVEMBER 2021

- 4th (Thu) **Twywell Book Club**, 7.00pm at *The Old Friar*, Lower Street. Come and share your views of your latest read, get next book ideas, swap books, or just come to listen and be inspired. (Monthly, on the first Thursday).
- 10th (Wed) **Twywell Dining Club**, 7:00pm at *The Old Friar*. Please telephone Becca on 01832 732625 for further information and to book your places. (Monthly, on the second Wednesday.)
- 10th (Wed) **Grafton Underwood PCC**, meeting at 7.30pm. Venue to be confirmed.

early DECEMBER 2021

- 3rd-5th (Fri-Sun) **Peterborough Diocese**, All Saints' Christmas Tree and Wreath Festival. Frid-Sat, 11am-5pm; Sun, noon-4pm. All Saints', Park Road, Peterborough PE1 2UL.

For other events and services happening throughout the united benefice please see the individual village news pages and the following church service schedule page.

Services in October 2021

Sunday 3rd October	10.00am	Cranford St John's , Holy Communion (trad.)
	11.00am	Grafton Underwood , Harvest Family Service (followed by lunch)
Sunday 10th October	9.15am	Twywell , HC CW (trad.)
	10.00am	Cranford St John's , Morning Service
	11.00am	Grafton Underwood , Morning Prayer
Sunday 17th October	10.00am	Cranford St John's , Morning Service
	11.00am	Grafton Underwood , Family Worship
Sunday 24th October	10.00am	Cranford St John's , Morning Service (child-friendly)
	11.00am	Grafton Underwood , Communion
	11.00am	Twywell , Harvest Festival with Morning Prayer (followed by the Harvest Lunch)
Sunday 31st October	10.00am	Cranford St John's , Morning Service
	11.00am	Grafton Underwood , Led Prayers

Services in November and early December 2021

Sunday 7th November	10.00am	Cranford St John's , Holy Communion (trad.)
	11.00am	Grafton Underwood , Family Shoebox Service
Sunday 14th November <i>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</i>	9.15am	Twywell , HC CW (trad.) Service of Remembrance
	10.45am	Cranford St John's , Remembrance Service
	11.00am	Grafton Underwood , Morning Prayer
Sunday 21st November	10.00am	Cranford St John's , Morning Service with Cranford School (TBC)
	11.00am	Grafton Underwood , Family Worship
Sunday 28th November	9.15am	Twywell , MP CW
	10.00am	Cranford St John's , Morning Service
	11.00am	Grafton Underwood , Communion
Sunday 5th December	11.00am	Grafton Underwood , Led Advent Prayers
Sunday 12th December	9.15am	Twywell , HC CW (trad.)

RECIPE

Hedgerow Jelly

Ingredients

750g / 1lb 10oz crab apples or sharp cooking apples

750g / 1lb 10oz mixed hedgerow fruits (e.g. blackberries, sloes, bullaces, damsons, rose hips, haws, elderberries), leaves and stalks removed

600g-700g / 1lb 5oz-1lb 9oz granulated sugar



Method

Rinse the crab apples in cold water, removing any stalks or leafy bits – there's no need to peel or core the apples, just chop them roughly. Place the crab apples and berries in a large saucepan with approximately 1 litre/1 $\frac{3}{4}$ pints water or just enough to cover the fruit. Bring to the boil, then simmer until all of the fruit is soft and pulpy, crushing it every so often with a potato masher or spoon to help break down the fibres. Remove from the heat.

Strain the cooked fruit through a jelly bag or muslin-lined sieve set over a large bowl – press lightly on the surface to push the juice, leaving the fruit fibres in the muslin. Leave to drip through for several hours or overnight. To speed things up, place a small saucer on the surface of the fruit with a weight on top.

Measure the juice (it will be approximately 1 litre/1 $\frac{3}{4}$ pints). For every litre of juice, weigh out 650g/1lb 7oz granulated sugar. Pour the juice into a clean saucepan and bring to a simmer. Add the sugar, a third at a time, and stir until dissolved. Increase the heat and bring to a rapid boil for 9–10 minutes or until the setting point is reached. Remove from the heat.

Leave to rest for a few minutes, then tip into a jug. If a skin has formed, carefully remove with a slotted spoon or jam skimmer. Fill the sterilised jars to the brim and seal immediately with the lids. Store in a cool, dark place for up to 1 year. Keep in the fridge once opened and use within 3–4 months.

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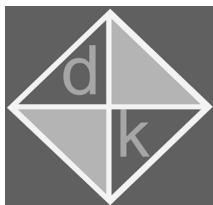
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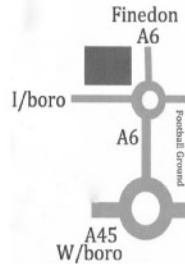
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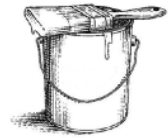
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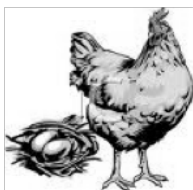
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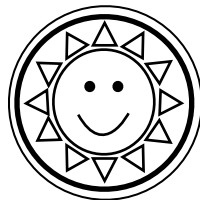
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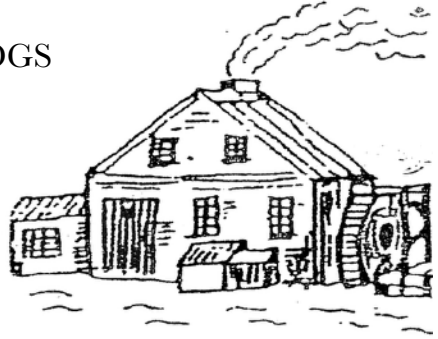
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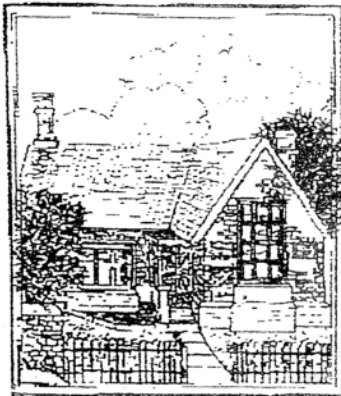
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