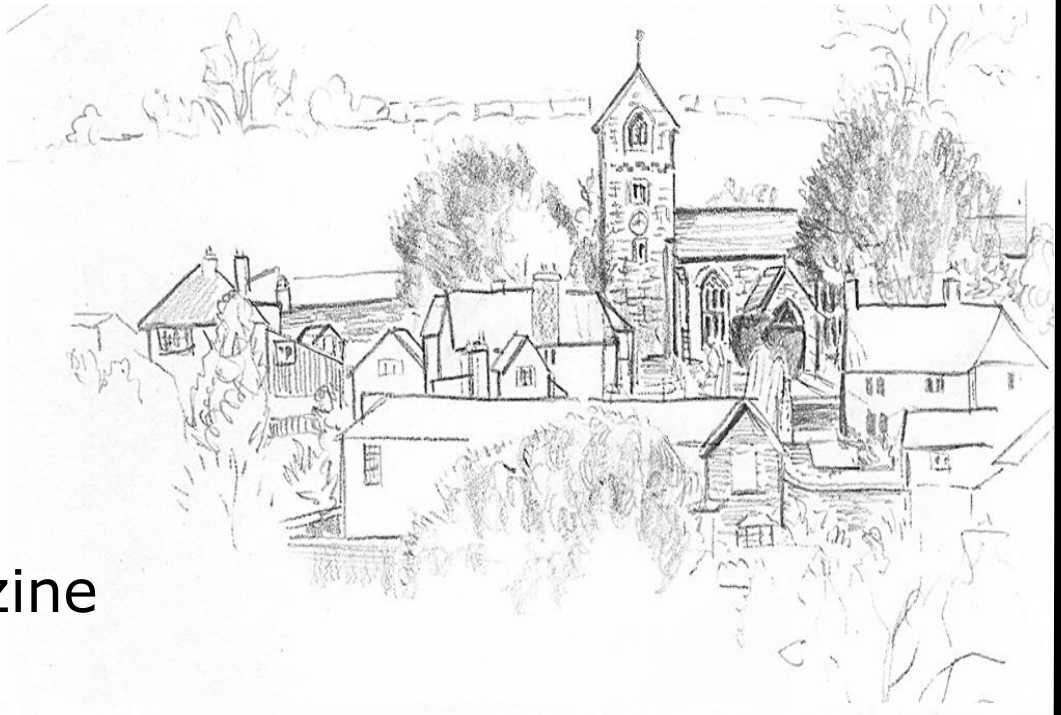


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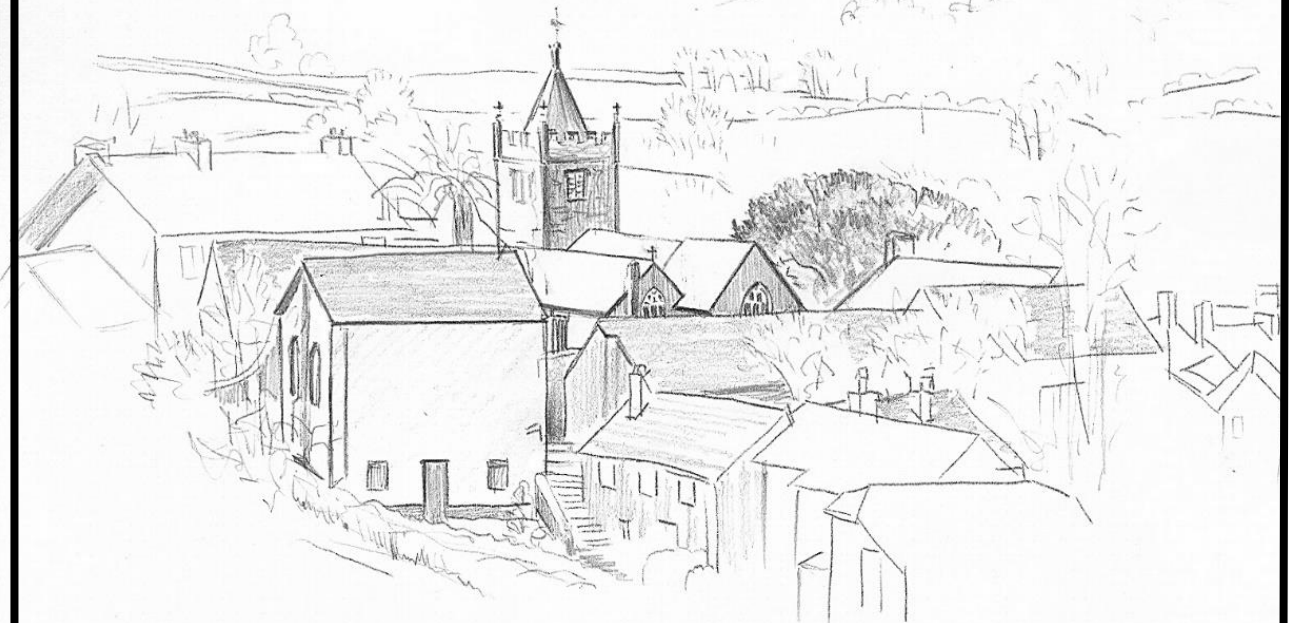
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**Dear Friends,**

## **August**

The month of July has rather blown in and out. All the lovely weather replaced by indifferent days and some rain. Well, it's good for the garden. There was what beekeepers call a honey flow of honey on – a period when there are lots of flowers and the lime trees were in blossom. The bees go crazy trying to collect it all and the frames in the hives fill with honey almost as you watch.

Big Boy the cockerel and I have had issues. He is now all grown up and a magnificent spectacle, as he well knows. He takes excellent care of his girls but his hormone levels are a trial, slightly to them and very much to me. It is no joke being attacked by a cockerel. All the online advice on the chicken forums (yes there are such things), after the coq au vin, say pick him up and carry him about. I don't want to go near him. However, after an incident when he went for me with wings and spurs, I looked at my knee to discover a large patch of spreading blood, where I had been stabbed.

The next morning as I let them out, I dived for him and grabbed his tail feathers. He ran away. I let go. The next day, in jacket and thick leather gloves, I grabbed him in the coop. The screams were pitiful (his, not mine). The girls huddled together in terror. I tucked him firmly under my arm and carried him over to the food and put him down. On the way, he and I made a discovery. He found I was not so frightening as I looked. I discovered he was a chicken. He was at least as worried about me as I was of him. The following day, I lunged for him again and carried him out. The screams were less. The day after, he dodged and jumped out. But the point was made. The attacks stopped.

Well mostly.

Well, at least I don't let him get away with it any more.

Arthur and Merlin are enjoying the remains of lockdown and are aggrieved if I have to go out. The garden is doing well and I am off to attend to my tomato plants.

Well, you can see the "thought" a mile off – sometimes we have to take hold of unpleasant things to discover they are not nearly as bad as we thought. As Fred Rogers says in *A beautiful day in the neighbourhood*, the film starring Tom Hanks which I thoroughly recommend, everything can and should be talked about. And if it can be talked about, it can be managed. He was a man who had no anger. He was also a Presbyterian minister. We live in an angry world. Fred Rogers prayed for all the people he met by name. I am trying to do the same.

***Rev. Caroline Ralph***

## Time for a rest

I'm tired! I don't know about you? And yet I am getting up later and going to bed earlier than I was accustomed to before the pandemic struck. I'm travelling less, indeed I still have an almost full tank of petrol and have had to call out the AA three times because the battery has died! I'm at home principally, but my working day has got fuller and more demanding as time has gone on.

So, I'm planning a holiday! A retreat and some study leave. Having been ordained 24 years I have yet to have a period of sabbatical and I'm looking forward to it! It is not going to take the form I would have planned. There will not be the opportunity of a trip overseas or a residential conference to attend, but there will be plenty of time for family, rest, reading and reflection.

What about you? I know some of you might be feeling that our children have had one big holiday at home since lockdown but I can assure you that they, their parents and their teachers have all been working hard to ensure that learning can continue even though the normal patterns have been disturbed. Whether we have been working from home, furloughed or feeling alone in isolation, each of us will I expect have experienced something of the sense of weariness that heightened anxiety, change of routine and uncertain expectation brings.

So I want to encourage you to take some time off. There's a fabulous little children's story called, Jesus' Day Off, which you might like read as an example of the need for even the Creator to re-create. The example of Sabbath rest which our Creator God offers us in the opening chapters of the Bible, speak to us of the need for taking time to put down the tools of work and take space to reflect and rest.

We have spent the past few months in lockdown in order to keep ourselves physically healthy. Let's make sure that in these next few months we attend as much to our spiritual and emotional health, by discovering sabbath rest!

With every blessing

*Bishop Ruth*

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## Timberscombe C of E First School News

*Nurturing our unique acorns, for the infinite possibilities of the mighty oaks they shall become.*

*Inspired by John 10:10, Gideon 6:11 and Corinthians 13:4*



Dear Parents and Carers, I cannot quite believe we have reached the end of this academic year! When we look back on this very challenging, difficult and emotional time it is easy to focus on the sadness, the regret and the missed opportunities. However, as I write to you today and I look at the photos in this newsletter I am filled with pride, joy and an overwhelming sense of content. That as a community we have made the absolute best of this situation. We haven't got it perfect, but my goodness we have tried. You have all tried so hard at home, we too have tried here. We have much to be proud of as a school community, each unique and wonderful pupil and family. We collected over 150 rainbows over the Easter weekend to make a collage and slides for the maternity ward at Musgrove, which was then celebrated at County level. We created a virtual choir and an original song to say thank you to Key Workers (special thanks to Mr M for his help with that). We made a new school from across the Moorland Federation to make sure the Key Workers could continue with their critical front line work. We opened to year R and 1 in their own classes with their own teachers. We extended this to offer every child a chance to reconnect with our school, their teacher and classroom, before the holidays. We ran a food bank, a delivery service, including a medication delivery service, organized a phone call system for those feeling lonely and isolated, we even supported safeguarding locally with safe and well checks in the community. We found new partnerships to make this happen, the rangers, Kilve staff, Minehead Eye and the Food Bank. Finally, we gave our year 4 pupils the send off they so deserved, we brought Pinkery to them. Pinkery came to school! We had three days of pupils here on our Dunster site, two Dunster groups and one Timberscombe group, from early in the morning until late at night. They took part in axe throwing, archery, team building games, wildlife walks, bat watch, forestry skills, toasted marshmallows round a campfire and learnt how to put up and take down tents. The highlight for most of them, was of course, the grass sledging, and after three days of pushing kids down hill on sledges my senior team and I are very ready for a rest! This additional work at the end of this year was both a privilege and pleasure., I have laughed so much with our wonderful children and staff in this last week as we shared pure moments of joy. I could not be prouder of everyone and our school. We hope September brings a little more normality, but regardless of the challenges ahead, what I have learnt from this time is that my team and I will always find a way to make the best of a situation for our children. This really is a very precious group of staff and pupils. The effort to transform our site for our Early Years provision has been humbling, the staff truly love our school. Please relax, enjoy the break and we will be back in touch nearer to September. Until then stay safe, well and happy. Mrs Naomi Philp

### An Extract From "Thought For the Week"

Ed Gregory

Director of Education; Diocese of Bath and Wells

During the current pandemic, there has been immense national and local support for the NHS and its front line workers. The emergence of the Thursday 'Clap for Carers' was a significant experience in the lockdown. Thanksgiving binds communities together, turning 'I' into 'we'. The contribution of carers and key workers who have given of themselves sacrificially needs to be honoured. Sharing stories of people and events during the crisis is likely to form the kernel of any community celebration. Unsung heroes need to be applauded.

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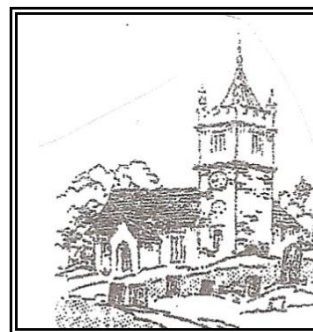
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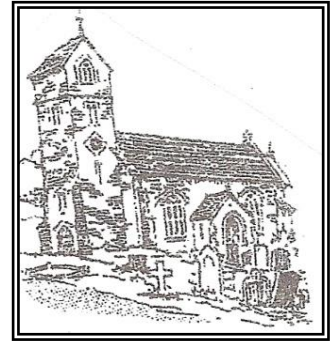
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If you feel you or someone you know could benefit from Timberscombe Good Neighbours, especially during these difficult times of self-isolating, please contact Joy Booth (co-ordinator) Tel. No 07391870332.

# Wootton Courtenay Notes

August



## Wootton Courtenay Diary Dates

The cleaning rota for the Village Hall has been suspended for the time being as the hall is not currently in use.

The cleaning rota for All Saints' Church has been suspended until further notice, but will resume once the church reopens.

## WOOTTON COURTENAY VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

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*Lectionary	<i>Romans 9: 1-5</i>	<i>Romans 10: 5-15</i>	<i>Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32</i>	<i>Romans 12: 1-8</i>	<i>Romans 12: 9-end</i>
Readings:	<i>Matthew 14: 13-21</i>	<i>Matthew 14: 22-33</i>	<i>Matthew 15: 21-28</i>	<i>Matthew 16: 13-20</i>	<i>Matthew 16: 21-end</i>
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