



2 May 2021

To keep everyone Covid Safe Covid rules continue to apply. These are listed at the end of this Pyramid Post as a reminder.

Visits to any of the church buildings except for services, should only be made in very exceptional circumstances, and your details should be entered on the track and trace record on the noticeboard in the vestry.

Please send contributions for future Pyramid Posts by mid-day on the Wednesday before the following Sunday.

Please continue to send me items that you would like to share – prayers, readings, “thoughts”, news, photos, humorous or serious.

Philip Sandiford, Editor

FUTURE SERVICES IN THE CHURCH:

Today, 2nd May, 10.30am

Mrs. Val Imms

Sun 9th MAY, 10.30am

Rev. Chris Morley

Sun 16th MAY, 10.30am

Mrs. Lucy Brown

Sun 23rd MAY, 10.30am

Rev. Rosemary Richter, inc. Holy Communion

Sun 30th MAY, 10.30am

Ms. Nellie Showers

FOODBANK UPDATE:

The latest news from Foodbank HQ

Thank you once again for the support from church members for the Food Bank.

During the week 8th April we made in the region of 79 deliveries, feeding just over 200 people in the 4 days. We have also now handed out over 250 refurbished laptops and tablet devices.

With the vaccination programme well underway, and the easing of lockdown restrictions we will shortly begin planning the reopening of our centres.

Our current wish list is below, (we have most other items in stock).

- Tinned meat (like those in the picture)
- Tinned tuna
- Custard – tinned or instant
- Toothbrushes
- Biscuits
- Sponge puddings
- Powdered Milk (semi or full fat only, thank you)
- Shampoo

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I can be contacted on 01737 356201 or 07753 236115, if you would like me to collect items. There are also Food Bank bins in most of the major supermarkets if you just want to pop an item or two in. Or if you would prefer to donate money then please see below. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Janice Barber

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Get involved in the community spirit to support the Epsom & Ewell Foodbank to help local families in need.

YOU CAN HELP BY TEXTING **70450** TO DONATE:

Text **FOODBANKGIFT 2** to donate **£2**
Text **FOODBANKGIFT 3** to donate **£3**
Text **FOODBANKGIFT 5** to donate **£5**
Text **FOODBANKGIFT 10** to donate **£10**
Text **FOODBANKGIFT 15** to donate **£15**
Text **FOODBANKGIFT 20** to donate **£20**

Registered Charity: 1002721

More information about the epsom & ewell foodbank can be found at www.epsomewell.foodbank.org.uk

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REMINISCENCES FROM EVELYN BUTLER:

Thanks to Evelyn Butler for sharing some reminiscences with us:

Our first home in Banstead was a maisonette in Shrubland Court, Garratts Lane. This was a friendly happy place to be. On the corner of Shrubland Road and Diceland Road was a general store and in Diceland Road was a butcher and in Ferndale Road was a greengrocer and on the corner of Shrubland Road and Ferndale Road there was a sweet shop. What more could one want, I soon got to know quite a few people. This was before the Brighton Road became a dual carriageway and the Methodist Church was easily accessible for the children who lived on the east side of the road to attend Sunday School and it was very well attended.

The sweet shop became a meeting place for youngsters who liked to chat with Geoff the owner. The shop was never deserted. Geoff was a kind man who took over the shop from his mother and both he and his mother belonged to The Good Companions a group who put on concerts in The Institute and entertainments in old folks' homes. I think Geoff's mother started this group, I'm not sure about that, but they were well known in Banstead. So many children would go into the sweet shop after school and Geoff would talk to them and, if he had to go out the back, he would put one of the older ones in charge for a few minutes. My brother David was one of the boys who chatted with Geoff. David spent a lot of time with me and would take Elizabeth up to Geoff's for a bar of chocolate. I think it likely that Brian Wright also knew Geoff and maybe bought some chocolate there.

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Geoff Pushman, to give him his full name, was one of those unsung heroes of the '50s and '60s. He always had time for everyone from the youngest child to the oldest granny. After his death his many friends got together and arranged for a bench in his name to be put in All Saints Churchyard. So, if you walk through there, on the south side of the church you will find the bench with Geoff's name on it, Banstead's Friend. A good place to sit and reflect on past times.

Evelyn Butler

THE BEAVERS ARE BACK – LATEST NEWS FROM LEADER LIZ BATTEN

Rare sighting of wildlife in Banstead

Not seen for over a year in Banstead, we're pleased to report sightings of Beavers' legs returning to the area. In fact, rather a lot of them! Our first non-zoom meeting since March 2020 was attended by 23 Beavers; 13 of whom had only ever been on zoom with us. But how lovely finally to see the whole of them, rather than just their top halves.



We were lucky to be supported by 2 guest leaders, along with our usual trusty team, so there were plenty of us to welcome the children and organise their activities.

We are continuing with our 35 challenges for the Beavers' 35th birthday badge. This week, the Beavers were flipping bottles; building Jenga towers; making natural pictures; hoola hooping; making puzzles and doing keep yuppies....amongst other things.

Some of them have been completing challenges at home and have sent in some lovely photos. Some of my favourites are the silent Beaver; the Beaver dressed in 35 extra bits of clothing (lots and lots of extra pants and socks!) and the one who fitted 35 items into a mug. Between them they have also hoovered for 35 minutes; washed up 35 items and planted 35 seeds. And one of our talented mums painted a lovely stone to celebrate our birthday

I must admit I was slightly anxious about having so many new children descend on us all at once; but they were all great and settled in really quickly. As for one of our old hands, his mum asked him what he was most looking forward to when he returned to Beavers. Not the badges; nor the activities we carefully plan, resource and risk assess.....no, he loves Beavers because he always gets a biscuit at the end. Ah; don't you just love children. It's so good to be back!

Tigger (Beaver Scout Leader)



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If you have any symptoms of Covid-19, please do not come to church

Bring a mask: face coverings became mandatory in communal indoor spaces on 8 August.

There are some circumstances where people are not expected to wear face coverings.

Please be respectful, noting that some people are less well able to wear face coverings, and that the reasons for this may not be visible to others.

The church will be well-ventilated with doors and windows open, so please come prepared if you feel the cold.

Please remember to allow more time to get into the service as entrance will be staggered to allow for social distancing.

When you arrive

Please enter by the front door, but be prepared to wait before entering, keeping two metres away from the person in front of you.

On entering the building, please sanitise your hands: sanitiser pumps will be available if you haven't brought your own sanitiser.

Bring your own water if you feel you might need it.

There will be a steward available near the door ready to offer (socially-distanced) help and advice.

Your presence will be recorded for Track and Trace purposes. If you do not consent to this, please make this known as you enter. The information will be destroyed after three weeks.

Chairs will be arranged singly and in groups. If you have come alone, please sit on a single seat, leaving the groups of chairs for people from the same household/bubble.

Please make your way to a seat straightaway. **Do not change seats.**

What to expect

The vestry toilet will be open for emergencies only. If you need to use it please clean it before and after use. Put used wipes in the bin provided. If you have to wait please do so social distancing

You are invited to drop your offering into the marked box near the door, either as you enter or as you leave (the offering will not be presented during the service).

The service will be shorter than usual (30 – 45 minutes).

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Congregational singing is not allowed, music may be provided by an organist, pianist or CD

Speak quietly when making any responses.

After the service

Refreshments will not be served

Please leave when directed to by a Steward and observe social distancing. Do not remain in the church to chat.

Please take away with you any copies of Service Sheets and the Pyramid Post that you have handled

Once outside the church observe Government guidelines for meeting people.

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