

Longfield-Links



15th November 2020

Hi everyone, welcome to the latest edition of the Longfield-Links our weekly newsletter to keep you informed of the work of St. Mary Magdalene Church here in Longfield and its mission outreach within our community, we do hope that you are all finding it an interesting read.

Building Work Update For St. Mary Magdalene Church, Longfield.



As St. Mary Magdalene Church has been close now for quite a few months we thought we would give you a glimpse of the building work in progress and when we might be looking to open our building again for worship.

You can see from the picture opposite that some of the plastering has now been finished on the walls but has still to be painted.

The outside of the church has also been disrupted with new gully's being installed with soakaways as well. You can see work has progressed undertaken to make prevented from time into the future.



The picture below shows the extent of the work with the plastering back wall but more to left side external wall.



The work has inevitably overrun, due to delays caused by the lockdown restrictions, but we hope now that with all the plastering complete that the painting will be finished by the end of November. There is no exact date scheduled for when the building will be suitable for opening and worship. However, the PCC do hope that Covid strictions permitting, that maybe, we can be back inside our new refurbished church building as soon as possible.



Monday Bible Study

You are most warmly invited to join the Monday evening Bible Study on Zoom at 7.30pm. It will be meeting weekly through November. Please contact Paul Thomas at paulnthomas@outlook.com for the Zoom link and a copy of the weekly notes. I look forward to 'seeing' you! Anne Philpott.

Anne Philpott: philptanne@gmail.com



Thursday Bible Study Group, Study @130

Alan and Rev. Helen Reeves are running a Bible study group on Thursdays at 1.30pm via Zoom. The sessions are not intense so just rock up and link in. It is a really relaxed and fun filled group so please do Contact Alan or Helen for more details.

Dear All,

St. Mary Magdalene has not been able to hold its monthly coffee mornings for the past six months and the future is uncertain. We also will be unable to hold our usual Big Advent Coffee Morning and Raffle. Would you be able to support our church by donating an 'Advent Gift' to help replace these events?

I am sure Bogi would love to hear from you.

Many thanks,
Susan

What Can I Do?

Humankind is easily ensnared in the culture of ownership, the desire to have possessions can consume a person's waking hours. In the midst of this, the Christian is called to stop: completely, properly, for a period of time. Not just to pause, before carrying on consuming, but to take a deep dive into God's peace. *(Sharing God's Planet)*

Think Environment-Think Green!

The earth is the Lords and everything in it. Psalm 24

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Please keep yourself informed about what is happening to our world and how you could help care for it in our own local environment.

Talk to members of the RNWK Green Matters group about your ideas to make a difference in our environment. (St. Mary Magdalene representatives - Alan Strachan or Pat Dixon)

Celebrate and pray about what is happening locally and in the world regarding our environment.

Please remember that this is.....

'Your World - God's Creation – Our Responsibility'

Join Little Longfield's Baby and Toddler group on zoom this term!

Bring a cuppa and your little ones, for a chance to say hi, listen to a story, sing some songs and share a craft together!

[For zoom details please message via our email address on longfieldtoddlers@gmail.com](mailto:longfieldtoddlers@gmail.com)

<p><u>10th November at 10am</u> – Bring along some leaves that you've collected when out on walks, a few paints and brushes and lets see what autumn colours we can see on our prints on paper. We'll sing some Autumn songs and listen to the story 'Windy day.'</p>	<p><u>1st December at 10am</u> – As we start our countdown to Christmas lets create our own Christmas tree decoration with a paper plate and any sparkly bits you can find! We will sing some Christmas songs and hear the story of</p>
<p><u>17th November at 10am</u> – Its story themed week – 'Dear Zoo'. Maybe you have a cuddly animal that can sit with you for the story? We will do some nursery rhymes today as its also 'Nursery Rhyme week' and decorate some animal shapes and pop them on lolly pop sticks.</p>	<p><u>8th December at 10am</u> – Lets get noisy and festive! Bring an empty clear bottle with something that will make it rattle like pasta/rice etc and add any sparkles you may have, and lets sing some Christmas songs together, and share the story of the nativity.</p>
<p><u>24th November at 10am</u> – Lets wrap up for a wintry session! Lets create a craft snowman – with a couple of white circles, pencils and any craft bits to decorate them, and sing some wintry songs. We'll enjoy the story of 'Snow Queen.'</p>	<p>Whilst we can't hold face to face groups – we hope this may bring Little Longfield's into your homes, and give a chance for families to still be connected with each other, until we can meet in person again.</p>