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## RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

It feels strange sitting down to write this letter in time to meet the magazine printing deadlines with Easter four weeks away. Strange because just at the moment so much seems to change in a day let alone in a month. Just where will we be as individuals, as a local community, as a country and as a world in a month's time? There is so much uncertainty around at the moment.

But I cannot help but think of how, as I look ahead to Easter, the first disciples and followers of Jesus felt on that first Easter Day. Mark's Gospel ends with an account of the women visiting the tomb and discovering it empty, with the final words of the Gospel being:

*Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.*

In fact, in all four Gospels 'fear', or 'being afraid', is mentioned at some point during the accounts of the first Easter. And what did those followers do with their fear? For one of them, Peter, his response was "I'm going fishing" (John 21:3). A strange response one might think – what was Peter thinking and feeling when he said those words? His life had been turned upside down – not just by what had happened in the last few days, but in the three years he had been with Jesus. He'd seen Jesus briefly on the evening of the first Easter but now he was no longer to be seen and night was coming. Peter was facing not just a real night but what St John of the Cross was later to call the Dark Night of the Soul, a time when faith seems dim and God seems far away. He was afraid, he was confused, and he wasn't sure what to believe any more. And what did Peter do when he felt fear, confusion and doubt? He went fishing. He did what he knew he could do. That was a good choice - both for him and for us when we feel such things. He didn't try to do what he couldn't do, nor did he give up and do nothing. He simply got on with what he knew he could do.

When Peter went fishing, on a superficial level he was simply carrying on with his routine before he'd met Jesus. And when things hit us that throw us into fear, confusion or doubt, carrying on the routine of life, even at times when we

don't feel like it, is important. But it was more than that for Peter. It wasn't just what he did, it was who he was. He was a fisherman; his father would have been a fisherman. At a deeper level he was doing something that reminded him of who he was. And in difficult times we need to do those things, be they to do with family, friends, hobbies or pastimes, that remind us of who we really are.

When the darkness lifted, his fishing had sustained Peter through the night. Although it was not much good in terms of catching fish, it had brought him through the dark night of his soul. He didn't find God, but God found him – while out fishing the risen Jesus called to him from the shore. Jesus came to where he was. To put it another way (using a quote from a book called *Rule for a New Brother* by Henri Nouwen):

*To seek God means first of all to let yourself be found by Him.  
He is your God not because he is yours but because you are his.  
The question is not: How am I to find God?  
But: How am I to let myself be found by God?  
The question is not: How am I to know God?  
But: How am I to let myself be known by God?  
The question is not: How am I to love God?  
But: How am I to let myself be loved by God?*

With love and prayers as we journey through uncertain times together and look forward to celebrating the timeless truths of Easter

With love and prayers

Nicholas

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## THIS ISSUE OF THE PARISH NEWS

This is the beginning of the new Parish News year, when the lovely team that delivers your magazine to you, also collects your £4 (excellent value!) subscription for the year. This time, however, the team will not call for money – this can all be done later in the year when, hopefully, normality returns.

It has been strange putting a magazine together in which group after group has reported the suspension of their meetings for the time being. However, I hope you enjoy having something to read in your enforced time at home and all in a slightly new look. And while you have time on your hands, think of some reflections that you could send in for future issues!

*Judith Calver*



## Yesterday

Today the sun is shining –  
about time too.

I remember yesterday  
I got soaked through and through.  
My shoes were letting in water,  
My broly blew away,  
I hope my mac has finally dried  
and hopefully put it away

## Colours of spring

Colour is all around us,  
It's there for you to see.  
Look out of the kitchen window  
or from the balcony.  
Spring brings daffodils and snowdrops,  
Bright yellow and some white,  
under trees and on the banks –  
My goodness, what a sight!  
Then there's the crocus and hyacinths,  
they can knock you flat:  
the colour and the perfume,  
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**June Dunn**

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Due to present current restrictions in force due to Coronavirus your council has closed Centenary Hall until further notice. The Parish Clerk is working from home but can still be contacted if necessary on 01342 841880

Having been given notice that the Learn Through Play preschool at Centenary Hall is closing in July this year the Parish Council are pleased to tell you about a new venture that will commence in September this year having given some thought to what might be of future benefit to our community. We consider that there is a need for Ofsted registered affordable childcare provision in a day care setting. We will be accepting children from 9 months to 5 years, will have both an under 2 and over 2 room and will be open from 8am to 6pm for 50 weeks of the year. If you would like more details and to register please contact the Parish Clerk, Jeannie by phone, over email or in person at the Council office.

With great reluctance our proposed VE day celebrations on 8 May are suspended. It is hoped to be able to hold a similar event at some point of time later in the year when hopefully we are free of current restrictions in place due to Coronavirus.

Just a brief mention regarding the application for 88 affordable homes in the green belt field at the corner of Dowlands Lane and Plough Road that Tandridge Planning department let slip through the net. The Parish Council is strongly against this proposal and has made representations to the government inspector asking him to take into consideration, amongst many other things, the fact that there are already 51 affordable homes under construction in the village.

Yet another appeal for volunteers! The parish Council are endeavouring to set up a 'Repair Café' where you can bring items for repair rather than discard them. So we are looking for carpenters, electricians, horologists, needle workers, cycle repairers and others that may come to mind. Those interested should inform the Parish Clerk.

The Parish Annual Meeting is due to be held at 7:30pm on Monday 20 April and is currently unlikely to go ahead. However, notification of any amended date will be posted on the Council website and on local media.

**Ian Wates  
Chairman,  
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## PLOUGH ROAD ALLOTMENT GROUP

We would like to thank everyone who supported our 'cakes in the cafe' and plant sale in March. We had our busiest morning so far and raised £197 for St Catherine's Hospice.

Our next sale was due to take place on 20 April but this is now cancelled due to the present advice on social distancing and closure of the Centenary Hall, as has our stall at what would have been the village VE Day celebrations on the 8 May.

Sorry we have needed to cancel, please let any of your friends who support us know. Wishing you all well and hope to be back as soon as we can

*Linda Lodge*

## SMALLFIELD CLUB

Thank you to everyone who supported our live band the Radars; it was a great evening and hopefully we will be booking them to return next year.

With regret the Club is now closed temporarily. Updates will be posted on the village Facebook page as well as on the Club's Facebook page.

*The Committee*

## WEDNESDAY CLUB

The March meeting was a bit different from our usual talks. The Tap Dancers danced for an hour – they were good entertainment. Due to the virus we are not having our April meeting. The May meeting will be decided at a later date.

*Ivy Hollingshead*

## BURSTOW AND SMALLFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The March meeting of the WI was the first in the new venue of the Centenary Hall – with a few adjustments subsequent meetings should run more smoothly.

Unfortunately due to the Coronavirus, the scheduled speaker was unable to give her talk, so Alison Brown reprised her talk about her experiences in the Ambulance Service. As she originally gave this talk about six years ago there were many members who had joined since and those who had heard it before were treated to many new tales of jobs both tragic and humorous.

The Centenary Hall is now closed so our 100th Birthday Party will be deferred to later in the year when, hopefully, the Coronavirus has abated. WI meetings will all be suspended until further notice.

*Alison Brown*

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INSPIRING WOMEN

## THE STILL POINT OF THE TURNING WORLD

**Nicholas has sometimes referred to the 40 days he spent in the Sinai Desert six years ago. Here he shares some of the memories and images that still remain with him**

One of the things that struck me about my time in the desert was spending so much time outside which is quite a contrast to our life at the moment when outside time for all of us is restricted because of the Coronavirus. Every meal was taken sitting on the ground round a fire, usually just eating with our fingers. I slept on the ground just in sleeping bags looking up at the stars. And as I watched the sun, the moon and the stars apparently moving through the sky, I actually felt what I had always known, that they were not the ones moving but that the world was. I was reminded of a line from TS Eliot's Four Quartets: 'At the still point of the turning world'.

Although the desert is a very silent place, it was actually the stillness that made its impression on me and became a part of me. The desert is just so still. Nothing moves. It just is. And I found myself getting more and more still. Some of you have had stillness imposed upon you, having been told not to move from your homes for 12 weeks – twice the length of time that I was in the desert. At one point I remember working out that I had been there for 16 days and it felt like I had been there for ever but I wasn't even half way through. I remember thinking: 'Can I actually do this?' Up to then we had been moving from one camping place to another every two or three days but it was then that I stayed in the same place for two weeks. Not because I had planned to but because that is how it evolved. I think that as I became inwardly more still, I became more physically still.

My two Bedouin guides would light a fire every morning and make breakfast, baking bread in the fire. Then I would walk out across the valley and spend the morning just sitting. I found that actually sitting looking at a sand dune helped me more to be still than going up a mountain to look at a more distant view, which I had done more of in the first couple of weeks of my trip. I would walk back for lunch – I learnt to tell the time by the sun – and in the afternoon, my guides slept and I rested: I had learnt not to rush around in the heat of the day. I had got a touch of heatstroke early on – the desert has its own way of teaching you how to be still! As the heat of the midday sun eased I would set out again and sit in a canyon I had found and which I had made into a kind of chapel, and in which I placed the icon I had taken with me. I would come out to watch the sun set and then return for our evening meal around the fire.

When I set out on my sabbatical, with my plan to spend 40 days and 40 nights in the Sinai desert, I had thought that this would be a Lenten journey following in the footsteps of Jesus and in many ways it was. However, I had begun and was to end my trip at St Catherine's Monastery at the foot of Mount Sinai – the mountain



in the Book of Exodus on which Moses spends 40 days and nights after his 40 years in the desert and I gradually came to feel that I was in the footsteps of Moses. At the end of my 40 days I was attending a service as I did each day at the monastery and I noticed a group of Russian pilgrims assembling in a side aisle. I joined in at the back – not even sure what was going on. Then as we moved forward and started to take off our shoes I

realised we were going into the Burning Bush Chapel, the most sacred spot of the monastery and the traditional site of the burning bush. I knelt before a small candle that marked the sacred spot. It was a very special moment for me.

Six years on I'm aware that a bit of the desert stillness is still in me (and still in me is a good way of putting it!). I often lose touch with it in the hustle and bustle of life and then something reminds me of it and I reconnect with the stillness inside. I'm actually finding that the



Coronavirus restrictions are helping me to do that at the moment. I know my time of stillness was voluntary and now to a greater or lesser extent it is enforced but I hope that in a little way it will teach all of us the importance of being still. Stillness enables us to see things we hadn't noticed before or to see familiar things in a new way.



You never know, you might just see your own burning bush in your back garden or out of one of your windows – and if you look at the centre pages of this magazine you'll see a few of them that were spotted around Smallfield recently! You might not be able to go to the desert to find stillness but the stillness of the desert can still come to you.

## News from the 1st Burstow Scouts...

Over the last couple of months the Scout Group has been busy.

On Monday 10 February the Beavers and Cubs hid their Kindness Stones round the village. They had decorated the Stones in their meetings, to share a little joy and kindness in the village. If you found one of the Stones, or do find one, please keep it if you would like to, give it away to someone else or re-hide it for somebody else to find. The Stones are just a little way of letting you know that people care.



During Half Term, the Cubs and Scouts went to London for the day. They went on a sightseeing bus tour around central London before going on a guided tour of the Houses of Parliament and do Sightseeing in London. The Cubs and Scouts had a great day out. They learnt a lot about the history of the Palace of Westminster and how the Houses of Commons and Lords operate. We renewed the Young Leaders promises for Nathan, Calvin and James outside the Houses of Parliament in front of Winston Churchill's statue.

At the beginning of March we went to London to take part in the Monopoly Run Live with over 4,000 other Scouts and Guides. We entered 3 teams, who raced round the City trying to visit and buy as many Monopoly Board Locations as possible. The Burstow Boys team came first in their game and were placed 49th overall out of 728 teams, with the Burstow Girls team came 490th and the Young Leaders 671st. Everybody had a tiring but great day out. We are very proud of them all.



Scouting is currently suspended following the Scout Association decision on 16 March following the Government Guidelines. As such all our planned events, for the near future, have been postponed or cancelled until further notice. We are, as Burstow Leaders and across the wider Scouting Community, looking at ways to ensure our members can continue to enjoy Scouting in new ways. This involves using technology and offering support to complete badges and activities at home.

If you want more details, including joining or volunteering with the Scout Group, Social Events, or booking our hall for your own event, please email [gsl@burstowscouts.org](mailto:gsl@burstowscouts.org) or call 01342 718862.



# Smallfield in the Spring

If you are having to remain at home at the moment, here are some pictures to remind you how lovely Smallfield is at this time of year



Signs of Spring were seen in (clockwise from left): The Cravens; Chapel Road; Broadbridge Lane; Weatherhill Road; Chapel Road



## News from the 1st Burstow Brownies

Burstow Brownies have again been very busy, we had a tent theatre, where we read and acted out two stories. 'A Squash and a Squeeze' by Julia Donaldson and 'The Long Red Legged Scissor Man' by Dr Heinrich Hoffmann... slightly scary, but girls loved it. We also had a pancake session, helped by Charlotte – Hannah and Laura's mum. The following week our two Duke of Edinburgh girls, Holly and Lily, took control of the meeting and arranged for a visit from Guide Dogs for the Blind. One of the girls who was nervous of dogs, even managed to stroke the guide dog... well done! You know who you are!



As I write this we have been told by the government and girlguiding that we need to stop meeting, to stop the spreading of the coronavirus to the vulnerable in our communities. We will follow this and hope to resume normal service at some stage. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents

for their help and support through the term. I also want to thank our regular helper Carolan, aka Eagle Owl, Lily, aka Little Owl, and Holly, who we will name soon as we are back! And a huge thanks to Mel, Snowy Owl. All the best  
*Jen, Elf Owl*



**Above and right:** We had a craft session supported by Vicky – Skylar's mum – and made some lovely special cards, for Mothers day. We also took time to look at what makes a good or bad team player. **Below and below right:** For Thinking Day (22 February) we went to Tilgate Park with a couple of other Brownie groups and some Rainbows. We had an animal encounter and a wonderful morning



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## AVIATION GROUP

In view of the fact that many of the Aviation Group Members are in the vulnerable age group, as are some of our guest speakers, we had already decided for everyone's sake to cancel our meetings for the foreseeable future until the coronavirus crisis is over. All members have been informed by email or by post.

We will notify everyone when Centenary Hall is open again and we feel it is safe to recommence meetings and the posters will then as usual be displayed on the Notice Board by the Parade of Shops, in the Post Office and in the Centenary Hall.

Looking ahead to when hopefully the crisis is over, our programme will be:

- **7 July** – 'The Dreamer – Sailplanes to Heavy Metal', Noel Baker. Fulfilling his dream to become an airline pilot.
- **August** – No meeting
- **1 September** – 'Air Operations in Network Rail', Sean Leahy. Helicopters used to check rail safety.
- **6 October** – 'Charles Rolls and the 1910 Aviation Meeting', Stephen Robson, pioneer aviator and joint founder of Rolls Royce.

Visitors are very welcome, admission is £3 for the evening which includes refreshments, newsletter and two tickets for the transport books raffle. Membership for the remainder of 2020 will depend upon when we recommence. The phone number for further information is 01342 842594.

*John Thorpe*

## BURSTOW **MOTHERS' UNION** Christian care for families

Our meeting in February had to be cancelled at the last minute due to illness and the inclement weather, and we should have all gathered for a service in the church hall on 6 March to celebrate the World Day Of Prayer but sadly the service had to be cancelled, also at the last minute!

Due to the corona virus we have now cancelled all our meetings until the autumn. I will keep you informed as to when we can and do, start again.

I hope you all keep well.

*Mollie Case- Green*

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We are working with the Surrey Environment Partnership (SEP) to advise residents on how they can help ensure the smooth running of the district's recycling and rubbish collection service, during the coronavirus pandemic. In the coming weeks, the service is likely to be impacted by staff shortages due to sickness. As there are more people at home, there is an increase in the amount of waste being collected in the district. Some waste collection services may take longer to be collected and there may be delays or the service temporarily suspended.

To minimise delays, please follow these guidelines:

- Put your bins out early and leave them out until they've been emptied.
- Be considerate when parking your car on your collection day, because this will help to ensure the collection vehicles can easily access your road.
- Put the right items in the right bins. Use the Surrey Recycles search tool to find out what goes in which bin.
- Reduce the amount of waste you produce. Consider using an alternative reusable item. Read these tips on how to reduce the amount of waste you produce.
- Compact your recycling into bins as much as possible to maximise space and only put bins out when they're full.
- If you decide to have a spring clean while you're at home, don't put everything in the bin straight away. Wait until normal service resumes.

### How to deal with your waste if you're self-isolating

The government has advised that anyone who is self-isolating with symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), including those with a diagnosis of the virus, should treat their household waste as follows:

- Personal waste e.g. used tissues, and disposable cleaning cloths can be stored securely within disposable rubbish bags. These bags should be placed into another bag, tied securely and kept separate from other waste within your own room. This should be put aside for at least 72 hours before being put in your usual external household waste bin.
- Other household waste can be disposed of as normal.

The advice also says that when cleaning you should use your usual household products like detergents and bleach as these will be very effective at getting rid of the virus on surfaces. Clean frequently touched surfaces regularly and keep washing your hands.

We would strongly encourage residents not to dispose of their waste by lighting bonfires as they can create smoke, cause air pollution and prevent people from being in their gardens

## Forget Me Nots

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### SMALLFIELD EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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#### Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

We care deeply for you, your family, your health and wellbeing and the health of the church community. In the light of this advice surrounding the coronavirus (COVID-19), Smallfield Evangelical Church is standing with the wider community, and with immediate effect, has taken the decision to postpone all meetings until further notice.

#### Church Contacts:

Deacon

Rosemary Foster

Tel: 01342 843630

Elder

Leslie Totten

Tel: 01342 844795

Church Secretary

Jean Totten

Tel: 01342 844795

## SMALLFIELD COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

In the year ended December 2019 your Speedwatch team reported to Surrey Police:

**2,960 offenders**

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Should you wish to join the team please contact the Parish Clerk, Jeannie Ryan (01342 841880, [burstowparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:burstowparishcouncil@gmail.com))

Visit: [http://www.burstowparishcouncil.org.uk/community\\_speed\\_watch.asp](http://www.burstowparishcouncil.org.uk/community_speed_watch.asp)

## SOME LOCAL SERVICES

**Smallfield Surgery**, Wheelers Lane 01342 843822  
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**Smallfield Pharmacy**, 2 Redehall Road 01342 844424  
Email: [info@smallfieldpharmacy.co.uk](mailto:info@smallfieldpharmacy.co.uk)  
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**Burstow Primary School**, Wheelers Lane 01342 842010

### Burstow Parish Council

- Parish Clerk: Jeannie Ryan (Centenary Hall, Wheelers Lane)  
Email: [burstowparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:burstowparishcouncil@gmail.com) or ring 01342 841880  
Office core hours: 9.30am-2.00pm weekdays during school term  
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**Tandridge District Council** 0183 722000

### Tandridge District Councillors

- Kevin Bourne (07963 833154; email: [Cllr.kevin.bourne@tandridge.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.kevin.bourne@tandridge.gov.uk))
- Harry Fitzgerald (01342 832475;  
email: [cllr.harry.fitzgerald@tandridge.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.harry.fitzgerald@tandridge.gov.uk))
- Colin White (email: [Cllr.Colin.White@tandridge.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.Colin.White@tandridge.gov.uk))

### Surrey County Councillor

- Lesley Steeds (07973 872 614; email: [lesley.steeds@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:lesley.steeds@surreycc.gov.uk))

### Police contacts:

- In an emergency – dial 999
  - If not an emergency – dial 101 for Surrey Police
- Crime Stoppers (independent anonymous phone line): 0800 555111

### Tandridge Safer Neighbourhood Team

email: [tandridge@surrey.pnn.police.uk](mailto:tandridge@surrey.pnn.police.uk)

### Neighbourhood Specialist Officer

- PC Kevin Stimson (tel: 101 or mobile 07720 061363;  
email: [kevin.stimson@surrey.pnn.police.uk](mailto:kevin.stimson@surrey.pnn.police.uk))

### Neighbourhood Police Smallfield, Burstow, Horne and Outwood

- PCSO Conrad Cheeseman (tel: 101;  
email: [Cheeseman12437@surrey.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Cheeseman12437@surrey.pnn.police.uk))
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# The Windmill United Benefice

St Bartholomew, Burstow, St Mary the Virgin, Horne  
and St John the Baptist, Outwood

This is the page on which we usually list the church services and events for the month – except this month, of course, there aren't any, which feels particularly strange in the period leading up to Easter.

If you would like to hear a weekly church service and you have internet access, go to [www.windmillchurches.co.uk](http://www.windmillchurches.co.uk) and you will see the current service listed at the top of the page and you just need to click on the name to access it. If you don't have internet access but would like to be part of the weekly services, ring Nicholas on 01342 842224 and he will arrange to get a service to you by other means, whether printed out on paper, or possibly on a CD.

Do also get in touch if you need help of any sort – or just fancy a chat. You may be well supported at the moment, which is lovely, but should this change for any reason, there are a number of people in the churches or GP Practice Health Champions who are willing to help. Do ask by ringing 01342 842224 and we can put you in touch with the right people to help.

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