

# ENSTONE ENSIGN

Number 429 October 2020

Newsletter for Enstone Parish

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## THE CHASE BENEFICE - OCTOBER

### Worship in the Chase Benefice from October 2020

All the Church buildings of the Benefice are open for personal prayer and reflection on Sundays between 10 am - 4 pm. From October, we hope to be able to start public worship again as follows:

Sunday 4 October	10 am BCP Communion Service at Enstone
Sunday 11 October	10 am CW Communion Service at Chadlington
Sunday 18 October	10 am CW Communion Service at Enstone
Sunday 25 October	10 am BCP Communion Service at Chadlington
Sunday 1 November	10 am BCP Communion Service at Enstone
Sunday 8 November	Remembrance Sunday - <i>service details to be confirmed</i>
Sunday 15 November	10 am CW Communion Service at Enstone
Sunday 22 November	10 am BCP Communion Service at Chadlington
Sunday 29 November	10 am CW Communion Service at Chadlington

For those unable to come to services, there will be a recorded weekly service of reflection and prayer on our website: [www.thechasebenefice.org.uk](http://www.thechasebenefice.org.uk) or you can listen by phone on 01608 998955.

From the Registers:-

### Deaths:-

Stan Gardner	9 <sup>th</sup> September	Enstone
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### ST. TERESA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, FISHERS LANE, CHARLBURY

There will be no mass in Enstone in October. The Parish Priest is Fr Tony Joyce, at Holy Trinity Rectory, London Rd, Chipping Norton OX7 5AX.

[holytrinityrchippy@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinityrchippy@gmail.com) 01608 642703

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**All items for the November Ensign in by 31<sup>st</sup> October (or sooner, if you have it ready) please, to Hillside (blue door opposite Artyard Cafe) or ring 677231 for shorter items. You can also email me at**

**[info@andreabates.co.uk](mailto:info@andreabates.co.uk)**

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RECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends

Since the beginning of September, it has been a real joy to be able to start meeting for worship again in Enstone and Chadlington churches. Although we have to wear masks and to sit distant from each other, it has been wonderful to be back in our beautiful church buildings and worshipping together. We are still getting used to this ‘new’ normal but so far, so good. But with the tightening of restrictions at the end of September, we are still unsure what services we will be able to offer for Remembrance and Christmas - look out for details on posters around the village or on our website at [www.thechasebenefice.org.uk](http://www.thechasebenefice.org.uk).

We know that not everyone will be able to worship in the church buildings. Some people may feel particularly vulnerable to Covid-19 and therefore not want to take the risk. Others cannot come to church perhaps because of mobility issues or illness, or because of work or family commitments. So we will continue to offer a weekly service online and via telephone - you can find our online services on our Benefice website.

September also saw the ordination to the priesthood of our curate, Ilona Cheyne. This was a wonderful occasion at Dorchester Abbey and was followed on 27 September with a joyful service in Chadlington Church, when Ilona celebrated Holy Communion for the first time. We give thanks for Ilona’s ministry amongst us and pray for her as she settles into this new role.

And, as always, Ilona and I are here to offer pastoral support to anyone who needs it. Call us on 01608 676572 or 07305 355809 - we will be delighted to hear from you.

With every blessing, Mark Abrey

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS – SEPTEMBER 2020

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS:-

#### Decisions Received:-

- **Westbury Farm, Little Tew, Church Enstone – 20/02000/FUL –**  
Erection of agricultural building –Enstone Parish Council has no objection to the erection of the agricultural building on the terms that should pig rearing cease, the building would need to come down.
- **Methodist Chapel, Chapel Lane, Enstone – 20/02070/FUL –**  
Conversion of Methodist Chapel to create two residential dwellings – Enstone Parish Council objects to this planning application.

## **20 MPH SIGNS AROUND ENSTONE ....**

The Highways Department at Oxfordshire County Council were going to carry out a feasibility study with regards to installing 20 mph signs around the parish. This project is now currently on hold as the County Council is no longer able to fund this project.

## **WE NEED YOUR VIEWS ..... SURVEY & QUESTIONNAIRE**

Thank you to those residents who responded with their views regarding posts along the verge along the A44 and posts at The Green in Church Enstone. It is extremely important that we hear your views. All the comments received were not in favour of this work being undertaken and funded by the Parish Council. In view of all the comments received for and against this work being undertaken, the Parish Council is putting together a survey/questionnaire and this will be circulated next month – there will be either an electronic monkey survey to complete, or comments can be received by letter, email etc. The questions will relate to grass cutting for the 2021/2022 season, speed limits, bollards, traffic calming measures etc. Due to current restrictions, we are unable to hold an open meeting (which was cancelled in March).

## **NEW PARISH WEBSITE ..... NOW UP AND RUNNING .....**

**[www.enstoneparish.org](http://www.enstoneparish.org)**

The new website is now “live”. Enstone Parish Council thanks Mrs Rachel Hunt for all her work involved with this. Please take a look – it is also combined with news regarding the Parish Hall and local organisations.

## **JOINING THE PARISH COUNCIL’S VIRTUAL MEETINGS:-**

Although the Parish Council is now holding meetings “virtually”, residents can participate in these. The ID number and password to join the meeting will be displayed on the agenda, which will be placed on the noticeboards and website. A link on the website also details planning applications.

*Dates of next meetings:-*

- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 7.15 pm
- Finance Meeting – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 7.15 pm
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 7.15 pm

Mrs Beth Sinclair, Enstone Parish Clerk, Briery Cottage, 9 Alexandra Square, Chipping Norton, OX7 5HL. Tel: 01608 641051: Email:-

**[enstoneparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:enstoneparishclerk@gmail.com)**

Website address for the Parish = [enstoneparish.org](http://enstoneparish.org)

Facebook Page = Enstone Parish

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## **ENSTONE WI**

Last month we held a Zoom meeting. Liz Woolley spoke about Child labour in nineteenth-century Oxfordshire. She told us about children as young as six working in agriculture, domestic service, lace making and many other small scale occupations. Our October meeting is usually our Harvest celebration but this has been cancelled and we look forward to getting together via Zoom in November.

### **ENSTONE PRE-SCHOOL NEWS**

This term at Pre-School we have waved goodbye to our wonderful leavers who have all started their journey at Primary school and we have also welcomed lots of new starters who have just started their journey with us alongside those who have joined us again for another year. We have had a slightly different approach to the way we do things at Pre-school following the government guidelines but this doesn't take away the fun had when the children are with us and all the children and their families have adapted excellently to the new routines. We have continued doing a Makaton sign each week which the children all enjoy and have also started some yoga activities during the session, Superhero Yoga was very popular with the children and they all got involved with attempting their best superhero yoga poses. We have had lots of outdoor play and the children have been enjoying watching the changes happening in our garden such as the vegetables we have been growing, the conkers falling from the trees and the leaves changing colour. Congratulations to staff member Georgia who recently passed her level 3 qualification and is now our Pre-school room leader. If you have a child who might like to join us aged 2+ then please do email us at [Enstonepreschool@gmail.com](mailto:Enstonepreschool@gmail.com) or telephone 01608677192 to speak to a member of staff.

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### **TREASURER REQUIRED FOR ENSTONE PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION.**

I have been treasurer of the Enstone Playing Field Association since 2008, when my daughter was 9 years old and used the playing field regularly. She is now 21 and hasn't been near the field in years. As I am planning to go abroad in the next few months I feel the time has come to pass the role on to someone

more invested in the good work the Playing Field Association does in protecting and maintaining this facility for the young people of the village. The position of treasurer is not an arduous one; I have always considered myself innumerate and have not struggled with it! It really only involves keeping records of the quarterly income for the rent of the school hall by Oxfordshire County Council and the occasional payments for services or expenses incurred by the committee members. If there was someone with children who make use of this valuable amenity that would be interested in taking on the role, I would be most grateful to hear from you. Please feel free to contact me at [tjhnz@hotmail](mailto:tjhnz@hotmail) for any further information. Many thanks,  
Tim Henry

## HELP

We are looking for someone to replace Maureen Parker, who for years has done the sterling job of distributing the Ensigns around the village to the 17-odd volunteers who then deliver them in their own area. This entails being available once a month, usually around the first week of each month, and driving the Ensigns, counted out in their separate envelopes, around the village and outlying hamlets. This takes about two or three hours. Whoever feels they could take this on could then go around with Maureen at the beginning of November in order to become familiar with the route and see where all the volunteers live. Please contact the Editor on 677231 or email [info@andreabates.co.uk](mailto:info@andreabates.co.uk) or ring Maureen on 677220.

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### ENSTONE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

ORDER YOUR SEEDS AT FANTASTIC DISCOUNTS!

Mr Fothergills offers **up to 60% discount on seeds**, depending on the quantity ordered by the society. Unfortunately, no discounts are offered this year on other items such as potatoes, shallots, garlic or onion sets. These can be ordered directly online and if you sign up to Fothergill's online mailing list, they offer some money-saving discounts.

The seed catalogues have arrived and are being dispatched to members who have previously ordered seeds. For any members who have not ordered before, extra catalogues are available from Debbie Payne between 5-7pm Wednesdays to Fridays at 2, Keens Close, Chapel Lane, Enstone. (01608 678782) Non-

members can also order seeds but a membership fee will be added to the bill. **Membership also entitles you to a 10% discount at local garden centres.**

Seeds are usually distributed at our AGM in January but if Covid restrictions still apply, they will be distributed by other means.

If you wish to order seeds please complete the order as instructed on the order form, adding up the total and return to Debbie by **Friday November 6th at the latest.**

### SUMMER FLOWERING BULBS

If anyone wishes to order summer-flowering bulbs, Debbie Payne also has Peter Nyssen catalogues. As with the seeds, the bigger the order, the bigger the discount.

Any completed orders need to be returned to Debbie at the above address by **Friday November 6th at the latest**

### TWO JOLLY COOKS FOOD MARKET

Two Jolly Cooks presents the third Food Market in Enstone. To be held in the garden and car park of the Artyard Cafe on Sunday 18th October. It will be open from 10 - 1.30pm, with parking on The Drive/Bicester Road. Donations in aid of Oxfordshire Mind, a Mental Health charity. Stalls will include Two Jolly Cooks/ Its A Chocolate Thing/ The Curiosities Company/ Tess' Brilliant Cakes / Team Tea / Chilli's 2U /Swedish Sandwich Cakes / Moore & Lyon / North Aston Organics and a lot more.. Hope to see you there. Please be responsible in social distancing.

Do you have a product you wish to sell? Any enquiries to Debbie Payne  
07810420711

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### ENSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Hello from Enstone Primary School! We have been a bit quiet for the last couple of months, but with the summer break over, we were delighted to welcome back almost all of our pupils on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. School suddenly seemed incredibly busy, after months of reduced numbers, and there was a wonderful buzz as everyone reconnected with friends and settled into new classes and new routines. We were delighted to welcome our new

Reception pupils and their families to join our school community – and what a fabulous start to school life these children have made already!

So, what's ahead for us all this term? Well, it will look a little different from a normal autumn term, as there are some activities which are still “off the agenda”; however, we are determined to keep as much going as we possibly can so that our pupils can enjoy a rich and varied curriculum, with lots of opportunities to develop their skills and interests. Class topics include “Toys”, “Roman Britain” and “Tudor Britain” – all fabulous umbrella topics that lend themselves to lots of creative, cross-curricular work. Although we can't hold traditional assemblies, our twice weekly virtual assemblies are a big hit and (so far) the technology is working well! We are grateful for our wonderful outdoor spaces, which mean that whilst the weather holds in our favour, we can spend lots of time outside enjoying our garden, pond, playground and field. There are going to be some challenges ahead, there is no doubt about that, but we are so glad to be back together as Enstone Primary School community and we are looking forward to a really positive, productive and fun autumn term.

Sarah Mann, Headteacher

### **ENSTONE PARISH HALL ACTIVITIES - Covid-19 Restrictions 14 September 2020**

The Government Guidance for Community Facilities confirms activities hosting more than 6 people **can** take place at community halls, within a hall's own capacity limits, providing those attending in groups are in groups of up to 6, socially distanced from other groups (no mingling).

If there are older or clinically vulnerable people attending then everyone is recommended to attend individually (or in a support bubble of 2), so that normal social distancing requirements apply to all and confusion is avoided. The emphasis is on the need to safely conduct activities for the wellbeing of individuals, especially those who have been isolated from the company of friends and family over the last six months as long as the current guidelines are adhered to.

Those attending the hall must use the NHS Covid-19 App to check in.

The full guidelines can be accessed at [www.enstoneparish.org/parish-hall-activities](http://www.enstoneparish.org/parish-hall-activities)

All activities at the Parish Hall are permitted under the guidelines. For more information see activity organisers and events calendar at [www.enstoneparish.org](http://www.enstoneparish.org)

**Mondays - Ladies Badminton. Yoga Focus.**

**Tuesdays - Pilates. Fencing Classes.**

**Wednesdays - Junior Karate. Dancepeeps.**

**Thursdays - Yoga Focus. Senior Gents Badminton.**

**Fridays - Baby College. Fitness Class. Dancepeeps.**

**Saturdays - Jado Kuin Do. Cotswold Stage School.**

The new Enstone Parish community website is live and has loads of local information. Have a look now at [www.enstoneparish.org](http://www.enstoneparish.org)

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### NATURE NOTES

I have seen butterflies with symmetrical eye patterns.

I've seen a hedgehog every night, sometimes two, it comes scuttling into my garden!

I've seen hairy green caterpillars.

Noticing eggshells on the ground, I have realised that baby birds have hatched.

I've also seen lots of ladybirds ... good food for the baby birds!

I spotted a grass snake on my patio, I called my Mum to see it!

A wonderful flock of young and adult goldfinches visit my recycled rock pool, you just have to stand and watch! There was a bright green elephant hawk moth caterpillar perfectly camouflaged for the colours of the grass but easily observed as it crawled across a brown tray. Did you know that hedgehogs can swim? ...luckily I was watching the pond to see a hedgehog have a good swim and then it seemed to get water up its nose so I carefully rescued it with a 'spade lift'. As I walked over the River Glyme bridge by the planks I saw some metallic blue dragonfly type creatures fluttering, something that I had never seen before and later identified as Beautiful Demoiselles, a type of damselfly with butterfly like wings. My final reward of the summer was to stand and marvel at a Comma butterfly.

All these creatures we have seen because we took time to Look, Notice and be Curious! Nature surrounds us all, we just have to enjoy and reap the benefits to our well-being.

**ENSTONE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB  
FACILITIES FOR HIRE GROUND AND CLUB**



**ENSTONE SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB**

**New members welcome**

**Barclays Premier League Live on Sky ,plus other sports too.**

**TELEPHONE NUMBER: 01608 677823**

**We have a new track and trace code so please download NHS COVID\_19 APP**

**Must be seated, masks to be worn when not, sign in and hand sanitise.**

**Open Friday 7-10pm, Saturday 2-7pm, Sunday 12-3pm**

**No events planned.**

**No club meetings until further notice as is the same with bingo and whist.**

**Membership is due for 2020/21 -**

**Adults £10, OAP and 13-17yrs £5, 12 and under free**

**Thank you all for your support and be safe.**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

October      18 Food Market 10 to 1.30 Artyard Café  
                  29 Parish Council Meeting 7.15pm via Zoom  
                  31 FINAL DATE FOR COPY