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Hello everyone – long-time no magazine!

I do hope you are all keeping well, I have missed pulling the magazine together and hearing from you all. I hope that some of you managed to see the experimental newsletters I produced earlier in lockdown, but if not I am having another go. I know that Angela and Janet will do their best to ensure that it is posted on the website, please bear with us as we try to overcome teething problems.

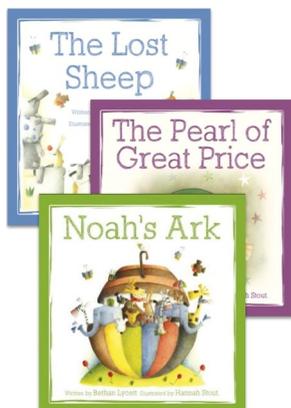
The past year has been difficult in so many ways with families, across the world, being devastated by the bereavements caused by Covid19. Special moments have come and gone without the usual family gatherings and I, for one, will be so pleased to be able to see all of my family in person again, but thank goodness for the online meeting platforms that have helped us keep in touch.

Many of you will have received your vaccine by now and hopefully the roll out will continue to go at pace and we can start to look forward to a new normal. I hope that you have found support from friends and members of the community when you have needed it and if anyone wants to share the story of their lockdown and how they have managed please do let me know by email at [editorialcln@gmail.com](mailto:editorialcln@gmail.com)

Keep safe and well

Tina

## Book reviews



### **The Rhyming Series 3 Pack By Bethan Lycett and Hannah Stout, 10Publishing, £7.99**

Your young child will enjoy these three delightful children's books, focusing on Noah's Ark, The Lost Sheep and the Pearl of Great Price.

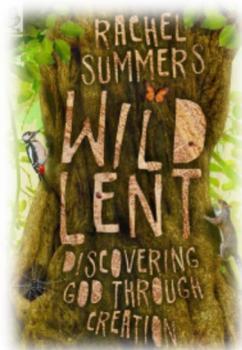
Just a sample from Noah's Ark:  
From every direction, God sent them along;  
All of the animals in such a great throng.  
But why did God do it, and were they in twos?  
And how long did they spend on their world cruise?

### **Wild Lent – discovering God through creation By Rachel Summers, Kevin Mayhew, £7.99**

*Wild Lent* could change how you experience Lent this year. Instead of a nice cosy room, coffee, biscuits and lots of discussion about the meaning of Lent, you'll be wrapping up warm and heading off into the wilds!

You could get up close and personal with creation and make a shadow clock, have a sunrise breakfast walk, go on a giant egg hunt, hug a tree, walk barefoot... and share God's creation with others. The book gives you lots of ideas for things to make and do, whatever the weather.

Rachel Summers is a Forest School Practitioner and runs Curious Wilds, which provides forest school sessions.



## **Update from the Sole Street WI**

From the beginning of the first lockdown Sole Street WI members rallied round one another on-line and have a communication network to check regularly on members by phone, Our President Yvonne organises monthly meetings and committee meetings via Zoom. Secretary Pam set up a monthly on-line Newsletter to publish details of members' activities, lockdown tips, photography competitions, WI federation news etc. We started out making plans for when normal life resumed and these were adapted to restrictions at the time:

Garden hubs for strawberry teas, card craft & jewellery making in well ventilated conservatories, weekly walks and coffee in Jeskyns, Flag decoration of St Mary's Church Room for VE Day, Poppy decoration & Commemoration Poster for the Fallen on Armistice Day  
September picnic in Camer Park, Christmas carols in Camer Park, local Christmas card distribution & donations to Gravesend Food Bank.  
Individual members have organised : knitting garments for orphanages, a jigsaw bank, bunting, quilt & crazy cushion making,

Sole Street WI Work in progress includes:

Valentine Day collection for Gravesend Food Bank

Our own WI Calendar - illustrating the above activities during Lockdown

Pop-Up WI Produce, Plants & Cake Stall

New Tai Chi in the Park (with advent of warmer weather)

Molly

## **THE TIMES WE LIVE IN.....Stress and depression for home-schooling parents**

Parents are under enormous pressure just now, as they seek to juggle the demands of work, home-schooling, and of meeting their children's emotional needs.

A recent Oxford University study has found that parents of primary school-aged children between 5 and 10 years old are suffering high levels of stress because they are concerned about their children's behaviour, and their emotional and social development.

On the other hand, parents of secondary school children, aged 11 or older, report more symptoms of depression. More than four in ten of such parents report deep concern about their children's education and future career opportunities.

## **A update from Cobham & Luddesdowne W.I.**

Our last meeting was in February 2020 when Peter gave us another very enjoyable talk on the Royal Family. Then the 1<sup>st</sup> lockdown began.

The Art and two book groups closed as we could not be socially distanced. Book group members have shared with each other, views and books they have read.

The Craft group are able to meet via Zoom as their ladies are really clued up with the technology.

Sue made felt kits for the members to make a Christmas Tree decoration. Sue also purchased, on-line, kits for the members to enjoy during the summer and autumn months.

Using a combination of email/Facebook and You Tube tutorial video's the group made, amongst other things, rice bags. A four sided draw string bag to their own design.

Craft members also accessed W.I. talks including baking, crafting and yoga and found them fun and interesting. via the W.I. link offered to members.

Several ladies in the W.I. and the village, got together and made crotched blankets, a response to a Facebook plea which I spotted on Facebook from D.V. Hospital to help the Dementia patients recognise their own beds.

Plus the ladies also made fiddle muffs and fiddle cushions for the patients.

Patients were able to take their items home when able to leave.

We enjoyed our Centenary dinner celebrating 100 years in 2019.

Members were asked for their views on what should be put on a Centenary banner.

These were gathered in, and a design, encompassing what our Institute has achieved over the 100 was created.

A small group of members undertook this task, but it too has been a victim of the pandemic, so work has slowed down. When completed, this will be a wonderful banner to add to our collection.

In December 2020, June sourced a variety of items, which included a crotched egg cosy. June filled W.I. 'friendship bags' which were then distributed to all the members.

This unexpected gift from the committee was much appreciated by members, and a number sent thank you cards.

Like all the clubs and groups in the Parish and beyond, our members are looking forward to when we can meet and interact once again with each other. Margaret (President)

## **SMILE LINES—go on have a chuckle!**

### **Little old lady seeks handsome young man**

An advert appeared in a student newspaper of a university: “Sweet little old lady wishes to correspond with good-looking university student – especially a six-footer with brown eyes, answering to initials J.A.D.” It was signed: “his mother.”

### **Dressed up**

An evangelical vicar was asked to celebrate Holy Communion for his Anglo-Catholic neighbour who was ill. Unfamiliar with some of the vestments, he did the best he could. Breakfasting at the vicarage afterwards he said to the vicar’s wife that he hoped he had got all the vestments on properly. “Oh yes,” she said, “you were quite all right – except that my husband does not usually wear the book-markers!”

### **Observations on modern life :**

Common sense is not a gift. It’s a punishment because you have to deal with everyone who doesn’t have it.

Save the earth. It’s the only planet with chocolate.

Don’t be irreplaceable. If you can’t be replaced, you can’t be promoted.

A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

If you think the problem is bad now, just wait until we have solved it. (Arthur Kasse)

Two choir members recently got married. They met by chants.

And finally ....

Give me a sense of humour, Lord,  
Give me the grace to see a joke,  
To get some humour out of life,  
And pass it on to other folk.

## The Goldfinch

A flash of yellow, gold, and red  
Dancing in our flower bed  
Flocked together, bringing charm  
Their joyful song restoring calm.

Through centuries since times of old  
We've always loved their plumage  
bold;  
As they gathered round to feed  
Seeking grubs, and thistle seed.

So, go ahead, and plant some thistles  
You will see, among the bristles.  
Golden birds who dance and dart  
Bringing joy to warm your heart.

*By Nigel Beeton*

## Written in March

The cock is crowing,  
The stream is flowing,  
The small birds twitter,  
The lake doth glitter,  
The green field sleeps in the  
sun...

There's joy in the mountains,  
There's life in the fountains,  
Small clouds are sailing,  
Blue sky prevailing,  
The rain is over and gone.

*From a poem by William Wordsworth*

## In praise of Mothers for Mother's day

Life doesn't come with a manual. It comes with a mother. - Anon

Life began with waking up and loving my mother's face. - George Eliot

Mothers are like buttons. They hold everything together. - Anon

A mother understands what a child does not say. - Jewish Proverb

All I am I owe to my mother. - George Washington

I can imagine no heroism greater than motherhood. - Lance Conran

A mother is the one who fills your heart in the  
first place. - Amy Tan

A mother's hug lasts long after she lets go.

- Anon

Sooner or later, we all quote our mothers.

- Bern Williams



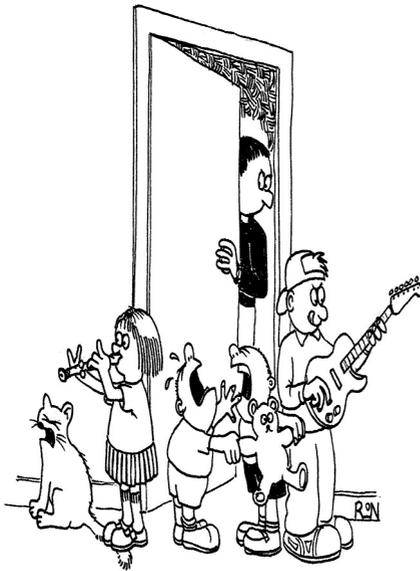
## Poppy Appeal 2020



The final total for this area's Poppy appeal last November 2019 came to £7,942.52. -

This year will not be finalised from HQ until mid-21. But so far so good, we had 24 of our normal 96 collection boxes out, in places that were in no danger of being closed, including a couple of schools. There were no house to house collections, and boxes were counted and banked at the poppy depot at Aylesford.

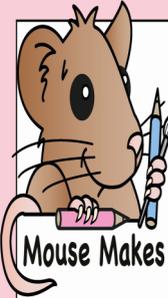
Unless money has been paid straight to Poppy HQ the total of monies banked for this area so far this year is £3941.94. Considering that only one quarter of my normal boxes went out and the usual Remembrance services didn't go ahead, getting in practically half our normal amount is in my opinion pretty amazing... Thank you to everyone for being so generous and helpful. Sandra



*Kevin took himself off to his study to pray for peace*



*Ryan was delighted with the cloak, but not so sure about the face mask*



### Mouse Makes

Who is my mother?

Look up the Bible verses then find the mother's names in the word search

**CAIN** and **ABEL**  
Genesis 4:1-2

**JOSEPH**  
Genesis 30:22-24

**ISHMAEL**  
Genesis 16:15

**TIMOTHY**  
2 Timothy 1:5

**RUBEN**  
Genesis 29:32

**GAD**  
Genesis 35:26

**SAMUEL**  
1 Samuel 1:20

**OBED**  
Matthew 1:5

**ISAAC**  
Genesis 27:3

Jesus was **loved** by his mother Mary, she looked after him, **worried** about him and **prayed** for him. She **cuddled** Jesus when he was born, **cried** when he died and **rejoiced** when he rose from the dead.

**SOLOMON**  
1 Chronicles 3:5

**JOHN**  
Luke 1:57-60

**ESAU** and **JACOB**  
Genesis 25:24-26

**JESUS**  
Acts 1:14



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There are two other words in the word search, can you find them?



I am so happy to catch up with you after so long! I noticed the lap top was out again so I am taking the opportunity to let you know what I have been up to – well not a lot actually! I go for my walk every morning and I have noticed that there are some four legged newcomers to the parish, it is nice to know that they have been helping their new families get through the lockdown and can look forward to many adventures together when able to get out and about a bit more.

Now I understand that some of the more mature human beans have to have an injection, but please tell them that Harvey says that it doesn't hurt at all; they just pull up the scruff behind your ears and it is over in seconds ---uh? Arm? Oh well I hope the jabs go well.

Love and licks Harvey





### Word search clues

Life is full of ups and downs: after blessings, hard times often follow. They are not meant to destroy us but to help us grow spiritually by deepening our faith and dependence on God. The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil – to give Him the opportunity to stand fast against the enemy. The devil’s temptations were based on half-truths, which Jesus rejected by standing firm on the whole truth of Scripture. The truth sets us free!

Holy	Devil	Fasted	Hungry
If	Bread	Tempted	Wilderness
Alone	Kingdom	World	Authority
Glory	Worship	Me	Serve
Jerusalem	Pinnacle	Temple	Stone
Foot	Angels	Bear	Strike
Test	temptation	Spirit	Jordan