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The Camels



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For the latest information on services and events at all our local churches,
details of how to book weddings and baptisms, and advice on funerals.

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LOST CAT

Missing from Wales area since 15th February.
Young adult male. Tabby with white bib front. Quite
nervous.

If seen, please call: 850122
Thank you.

EDITORIAL

Dear Friends

The year is moving swiftly on and we are approaching Spring once more. It has been wonderful to see the snowdrops and daffodils coming out in the garden and the arrival of some warmer weather. It definitely feels like a sign of new beginnings and the stirring of God's creation once more. There is no doubt that it has been a difficult winter and also a most unusual one yet the signs of Spring give us hope. And by the time you read this (I'm writing in mid-February) Boris will have set out his roadmap for the reopening of the country.

I cannot believe that I have now been in post for eight months. It has certainly been the strangest beginning to a new ministry and I am aware that I still have not had the opportunity to meet many of you. But as we look forwards to the future and to the country opening up, there will be increasing opportunities for us to mix together once again. I am very much looking forward to getting to know you better when it is possible and safe to do so.

The theme of waiting is one we are observing at the moment as we journey through the Church's Season of Lent. It is a time to stop, reflect and think about the way in which we live our lives. It is also the time when we traditionally give something up or perhaps take something on. I wonder, however, whether this year it offers a different opportunity. A chance to reflect on what is important and to rethink our priorities especially as we begin to return to the new normal – whatever that may look like. I have found that I am reflecting more and more on what is important to me – things such as time with loved ones, living in the moment, and appreciating the small everyday moments such as the flowers in the garden or the warm sun on my face when I am out walking. I hope that I do not lose that awareness when we return to the hustle and bustle of life again. I wonder if this time has encouraged you to think about what you value and how you can incorporate that understanding into your daily life. Much to ponder upon indeed.

In the meantime, I wish you every blessing for March along with the joys of Spring and the new beginnings which are on the horizon.

Reverend Katharine

ST BARNABAS CHURCH NEWS

WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING . . .

With the lockdown continuing, **weekly church services** have been conducted via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 10.00 am. If you would like to join a service and do not already receive the link, please contact Paul or Morwenna who will be pleased to forward the details to your email address. Similarly, there will be a series of weekly Lent meetings via Zoom which can be accessed by a special link which the Church Wardens would be pleased to forward to you if you wish to participate.

LOOKING AHEAD . . .

Like everyone else, we patiently wait for the day when our beautiful church can reopen.

In the meantime, **Easter Services** are actively being considered in the hope that some may be able to be held outside if we cannot use the church itself. Please check with the St Barnabas website www.stbarnabasqueencamel.org.uk where details will be given as soon as they are available. We hope to make contact with all the children from Camel Club as well as those from Bumps, Tots and Toddlers in the run up to Easter.

In the meantime, **the retractable screen in the Nave** has been replaced and we look forward to being able to use it once more.

AND FINALLY . . .

The crocuses in the churchyard are starting to come into bloom and should be a beautiful sight within the next few weeks. Together with the swathes of daffodils, please do enjoy them the next time you are passing. They are a welcome reminder that Spring is around the corner . . .





150th Anniversary 2021

The club will celebrate its 150th Anniversary in 2021.

We are looking for Vice-Presidents, see below for more information. Please make contact with us before 31st March if you wish to be included in our 150th Anniversary Commemorative handbook (will go to print from April 1st).

A cricket festival week is being planned from Sunday May 30th to Sunday June 6th. We have confirmed fixtures versus Marylebone Cricket Club XI (The MCC) on Sunday 6th June and versus the Somerset CC over 50's on Sunday 30th May.

We have now over 40 senior and 18 junior fixtures for the coming season, see our website for more details.

We are now looking for new players to join. Please contact us via our email below or if you know some of our local team members please let them know you are interested.

Youth Cricket should start again in April, we will be looking for players for our U10s and U12s teams. We will also run our U8s section with beginner's cricket.

Vice-Presidents

The continuation and future success of the Queen Camel Cricket Club depends upon the contributions of many individuals and also the goodwill and active support of both the local community and others who love cricket and village cricket in particular. Individuals can support the Club by becoming Vice Presidents. Maintaining, and hopefully increasing, the number of the Club's Vice Presidents year on year is an important indicator of the continuing goodwill and support of the local and cricketing communities. Becoming a Vice President in itself makes a valuable contribution to the Club. Although a modest annual financial contribution is important, other forms of contribution such as attending and supporting the Club during matches, providing professional and other advice, undertaking particular tasks necessary to the running of the Club and simply supporting the Club within the local and cricketing communities are equally important. The obligations placed upon Vice Presidents are minimal but the opportunities for some Vice Presidents to become more involved are unlimited.

If you would like to make a donation and become a Vice President, please contact via our email below.

Do you want to be involved? Ways support your Cricket team

QCCC are always looking for new members of the community to join the club, see below for details on how you can be part of a fantastic village cricket team. Do you shop online? Do it through [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and raise a free donation for Queen Camel Cricket Club every time you shop!

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Visit our website for Club Contact Details

<http://queencamel.play-cricket.com/>

Club Email: queencamelcc@hotmail.com

200 Club

QUEEN CAMEL MEMORIAL HALL 200 Club

February 2021 Prizes (drawn by a Mudford friend!)

First Prize:- £30 Noel Hill – No 54
Second Prize:- £25 Elliott LLOYD – No. 96
Third Prize:- £20 Jane Dickie– No. 25
Fourth Prize:- £15 Anonymous – No. 99
Fifth Prize:- £10 Helen Burchell– No. 83

If you would like to join in the fun for the rest of the club year until October then the cost is just £10. Contact Liz Jardine 019350850074 for a form.



CAMELS' EYE

Epidemics, plagues and pandemics belong to history books and faraway places so the coming of Covid-19 has been a bit of a shock. We can kid ourselves we're in control, but though the scientific, technological and medical advances of the last two hundred years can mitigate the effects of natural forces like pandemics, earthquakes, tsunamis and climate change they cannot stop them. As King Cnut showed his sycophantic servants a thousand years ago, time and tide wait for no man.

After the Black Death came ashore in Weymouth in 1348 it tore through Somerset, killing off half the people in Yeovil; the mortality rate across England and the other affected parts of Europe and Asia is estimated at c.30%. The plague revisited Somerset frequently over the following centuries and there were four major epidemics, but without blood tests, antibiotics or vaccines the only defences were comparatively primitive but well-trying protection and containment measures. Five hundred years ago our ancestors used PPE, strict personal hygiene, social distancing, enforced quarantine at home or in isolation centres, and local and international travel bans to keep infections at bay, and if lockdown was good enough for them...

P.P-C.

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Relaxation Classes 9.30-11 Fridays
Meditation Class for peace & wellbeing (free)
(Wed 10th 9.30-10.30am & Fri 26th March 2-3pm)
Bones for Life Classes 1 to 1 appointments
Life, Death & Bereavement 27th & 28th March

Please contact us if there is any way you would like support.

Individual appointments for Energy Therapy for people and animals, Progressive Counselling/Coaching and Meditation.

We'd love to hear from you ~ give us a call
Christy, Daniel Francis and Fiananda

WEST CAMEL INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCH

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Meeting at All Saints Church

Minister: Ray Ursell (07770 238588)

Local contacts: Geoff and Elizabeth Chapman (01935 850838)

Email: wc-imc@mail.com

SERVICES IN MARCH

After a 10-week break, we plan to resume meeting in church on March 14th. The usual covid-19 rules will be observed, including wearing face coverings and social distancing. Please note the change of time on 28th March.

March	7th	6pm	<u>“Zoom” service</u>
“	14th.	<u>4pm</u>	Mr David Herring of Bridgwater
“	21st.	<u>4pm</u>	Mr Ray Ursell (H.C.)
“	28th.	6pm	Mr Stephen Gillham of West Moors.

PALM SUNDAY

(H.C. = Holy Communion)

A verse to ponder as we approach Holy Week:

Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

(Hebrews 12:1-3)

WEST CAMEL CHURCHES TOGETHER

Due to the current uncertainty about coronavirus rules, we are unable to plan any Holy Week/Easter activities at present. If the situation changes, details will be posted on notice boards and social media.

www.facebook.com/westcamelchurches

GREAT NEWS !

The Annual Village Meeting, which had to be cancelled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, is going ahead in 2021.

A chance for all the Queen Camel villagers to get together for a glass of wine and a few nibbles to find out how everybody has fared during lockdown and to hear from the Parish Council all the official Queen Camel news.

Our Chairman will be inviting you to attend at The Memorial Hall.

At 6.00 p.m. the doors will open for complimentary drinks and nibbles COVID-19 restrictions permitting

And at 7.00 p.m. the meeting will start with the Formal Business followed by a Presentation by our Chairman

So please make a note in your diary that the AVM will be held on **Friday 28th of May 2021.**

We look forward to welcoming newcomers and to seeing regular attendees as well.



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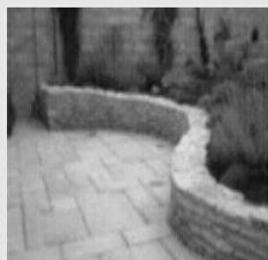
Phone at any time either of these numbers.

Marion 01963 220741

Betty 01963 441037

*As part of our prayer ministry in Cam Vale there are prayer request boxes in
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offered up in our worship each week. The prayers are offered silently and not
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WEATHER RECORDS FROM MEAD FARM, DOWNHEAD

JANUARY 2021

Maximum temperature: 13.3 C (55 F) on the 28th

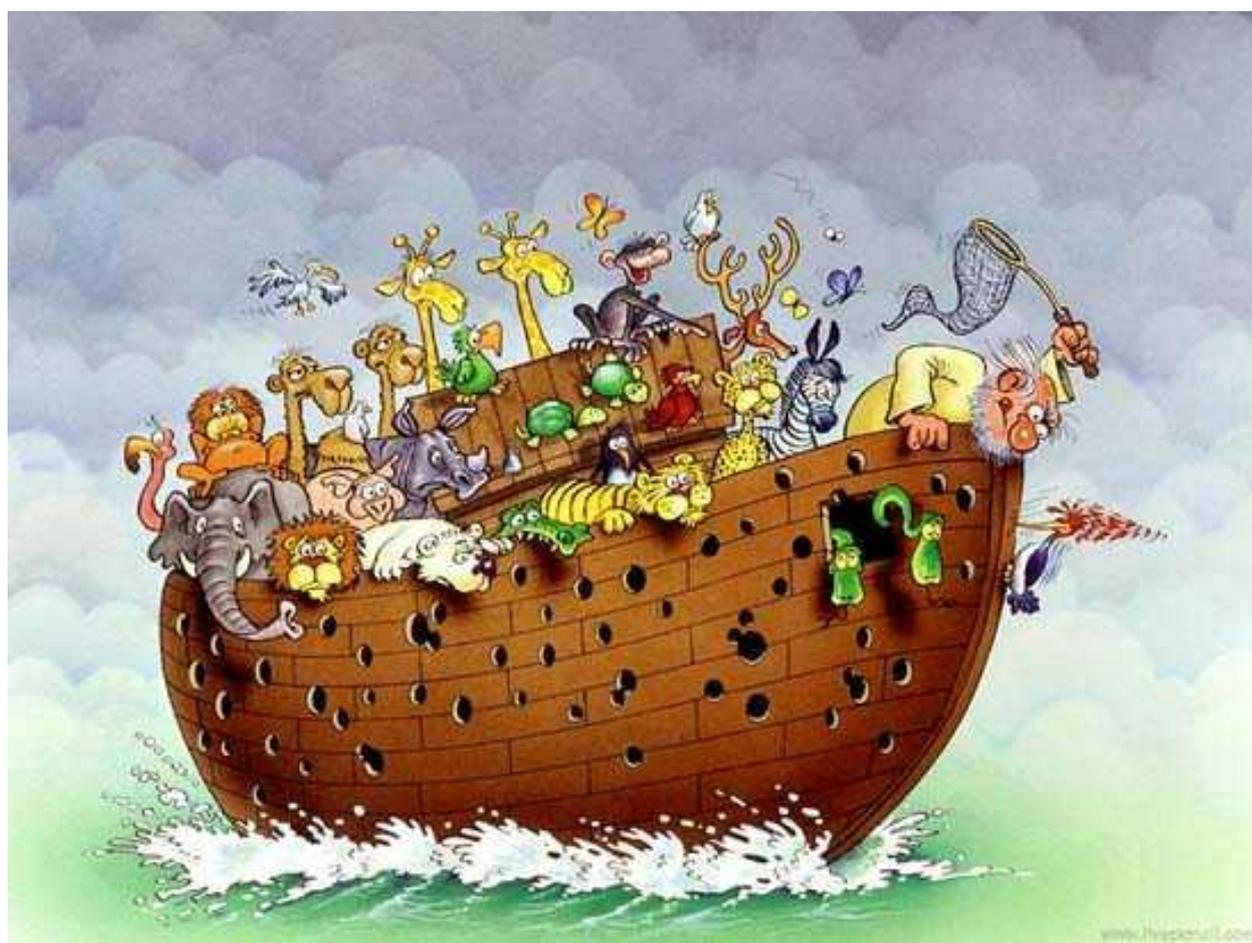
Minimum temperature: -4.6 C (24 F) on the 1st

Grass level minimum: -7.2 C (19 F) on the 1st

Total rainfall: 88.3 mm (3.48 ins.)

No. of air frosts: 13

No. of ground frosts: 19



The woodpecker will have to go!

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