

# **WOODNEWTON NEWS**

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# News and Reports

## Woodnewton Parish Council

### Parish Council Report – June 2020

The Parish Council met on 1st June

The Council met again this month via internet conferencing which enables business to carry on during the current lockdown.

#### **Cemetery**

The old wooden compost bin and general tidying up of the overgrown vegetation around the gateway will be added to the jobs list for the next Clean-Up day (which will hopefully take place in the autumn, restrictions permitting).

#### **Speed Detection Sign**

It was decided to leave the sign in place at the corner of Orchard Lane and Nassington Road as traffic has been reduced during the lockdown and it would remain effective at that site as traffic increases again as restrictions are eased. Council were looking at another suitable location in Main Street for the next placement.

#### **Playground Equipment**

The playground remains out of use as per Government guidance.

#### **Allotments**


The Parish Council has paid for the repair to the communal mower used by allotment holders.

#### **Annual Parish Meeting**

Due to be held by Monday 1st June. It was **NOTED** this year's meeting had not been held due to the prohibition of social gatherings under Government guidelines as a result of Covid-19. Legislation dictates this meeting to be held in person not remotely. Council are following guidance provided by NCALC for holding all meetings and as Annual Meetings were not covered in the original Covid-19 legislation, advice from Whitehall is still being sought.

**The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 13th July at 8.00pm**

**Andrew Hansford - Parish Council Chairman**



# St Mary's Church

## Woodnewton Church News

It hardly seems possible that so many weeks, well months, have passed since we were last able to be in our church buildings. The Church itself, of course, did not, and never will, close; God is always at work, his people pray and worship at home or in the garden or out on a walk, take care of friend and neighbour, do what they can in these strange times to keep in touch with others.

In this Benefice, there has been a weekly Zoom service, an extended Sunday Link including reflections and ideas for worship by email or post, phone calls from and to church people, care and thought showed by so many. If anybody would like to receive the mailings please get in touch (01780782271). One of the blessings of this time, I think is how those who have not been able to come to church for some time due to ill-health or age have been included in new ways receiving services to follow and even being able to join in online or by phone. There are things we are learning that we will seek to continue, one way or another.

However, there is no doubt that being able to pray and worship in our wonderful church buildings is important to many, and thankfully we are gradually being able to open up once again to offer a prayerful, sacred space where we can listen to God in prayer, offer our thanksgivings and intercessions and also find fellowship together.

During June, we have been opening some of our Benefice churches for private prayer at certain times during the week. Not all the churches are open yet, but there is information on the door of each church with the weekly opening rota for the Benefice. There are usually stewards in the church to welcome people and to help them with the stringent hygiene measures that are required at the moment. As with so many things at the moment, there is a balance between being available and being careful about ensuring people's health. We are also able to hold small funeral services in church now and by the time you read this in July, we may be able to welcome small wedding and baptism parties

as well. One of the greatest joys for many will be when we are able to worship together in church again and particularly to share Communion together. That is still a work in progress, but look forward to hearing more about that at the beginning of July.

As with so many areas of life, returning to church, whether for private prayer or for worship together, will look and feel rather different from what we have been used to. I know many of us have been thinking of the children who have returned to school to an environment that is the same, yet very different. Shopping and routine tasks out and about feel different and there are many new regulations to follow – social distancing, sanitising..... That will be true for our return to our church buildings as well. We will be a special, familiar place, but things will look and feel new, and perhaps strange. However, the one thing that never changes and never falters is God's love and care for us. His love never comes to end. He meets us where-ever we are, and perhaps we have learned new ways of encountering him through these months away from our church buildings. As we return to these hallowed places of prayer, may we bring with us what is old and what is new and continue to grow in his love.

We may well bring with us into church, and indeed carry now, so many griefs and concerns, these deeply personal that break our hearts, or the pain we share with those who suffer through loss, deprivation, sickness and isolation, or persecution and injustice. So much is going on, sometimes we hardly now where to turn. But we can turn to God – he knows and he understands. May we know his presence and his path through this wilderness. As the poem says “put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.”

With every blessing,

Rev. Jane

## WOODNEWTON PARISH COUNCIL

### CHILDRENS PLAYGROUND

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<https://www.facebook.com/WoodnewtonVillageHall/>.

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