

# Tiger@Ten Times

## Keeping Connections!

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While we cannot meet in person we will keep connected through your team contacts and this newsletter. If you have access to the internet keep checking the Tiger@Ten page on the All Saints Church website [www.allsaintslindfield.org](http://www.allsaintslindfield.org)

**This issue:** *It's all about birthdays! Our craft spot shows you how to celebrate with the NHS. And we also remember it's Wimbledon fortnight . . .*

**Tiger@Ten birthdays:** A very Happy Birthday to Keith Ward (2<sup>nd</sup>); Edwina Hill (6<sup>th</sup>) and Jane King (11<sup>th</sup>). And belated birthday wishes to Elizabeth Collins whose birthday was on 18<sup>th</sup> June and to Lyn Hoyles who had her birthday on 22<sup>nd</sup> June!



## Birthday meet-up for Faith!

A group of members who live in the Limes got together recently for a socially distanced cuppa and cake to celebrate Faith Dingeman's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. The group also met to mark Sonia Procter's birthday. And now it has become something of a Tuesday morning ritual – while we wait patiently for the time when we can all meet up again!



### Did you know?

**London's famous Tower Bridge** was officially opened 126 years ago today on 30 June 1894. It is actually an iron bridge but clad in stone to complement the Tower of London. Designed by Horace Jones it was the most advanced engineering project of its time. Both sections of the bridge weigh more than 1,000 tons but can be raised in less than two minutes. It's a bascule bridge which means a see-saw mechanism. It is now raised on average about five times a week but at its peak about 64 times. It has been used as the backdrop for many films including Sherlock Holmes starring Robert Downey Jr and Jude Law.

### Thought for the Day: You CANNOT be serious! *By Nigel Britton*

From 1887 until 2019, only world wars have stopped it. But the Coronavirus has caused the cancellation of an event which should have started yesterday.

I wonder what you think when you hear the word "Wimbledon"? Rain, and Cliff Richard singing "Congratulations"? Pimms? Strawberries?

Or perhaps it's John McEnroe's particularly memorable challenge to one hapless umpire: "You cannot be serious. You CANNOT be serious man! That ball was ON THE LINE!"

For a ball to be "in" – and you need to bear with me as it's a bit technical – part of the ball must strike part of the court, which includes the whole area occupied by white lines which define the outer margins of the court, on its first bounce. So if the ball was "ON THE LINE!" it would be "in".

The accuracy of the officials' calls is so important that an extraordinarily powerful electronic back-up system, Hawkeye, was introduced in 2007 and now covers the main courts at Wimbledon.

But even Hawkeye is not infallible. Some of you may have seen a football match on television recently where Aston Villa's goalkeeper was seen on video holding the ball inside the goal after a Sheffield United free kick, and yet Hawkeye's seven cameras – yes it's spread to football – failed to declare "Goal"! And I am serious!

It seems odd that we regard striving for perfection in umpiring a tennis match or refereeing a football match to be essential,

but struggle to believe the Creator of the world is "being serious" when He calls on the men and women he has created to "*be holy, because I am holy*" (1 Peter chapter 1, verse 16, and Leviticus chapter 11, verse 44). But He does. And God leaves Hawkeye in the dust. See what Proverbs chapter 15, verse 3, teaches us: "*The eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good.*"

And His eyes are infallible. He's the umpire who cannot be challenged. So, is this in the Bible to frighten us? Like Big Brother in the terrifying novel "1984"?

Well, we have good news, because the Bible tells us that whilst God is, indeed, holy, He is also merciful, abounding in steadfast love. He is faithful to forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness if we come to Him, saying sorry for our sinfulness, and the many sins we commit.

All this is possible because of Jesus' death on the cross which paid the price for all our sin. We can be forgiven and made completely clean when we trust in Jesus and turn to God. Then God's eyes are on us as His precious and beloved children forever.

And if you're tempted to think "You CANNOT be serious!" then we would love to show you why we know it's true. Thank you, Lord, for your steadfast love and mercy.

### No Wimbledon 2020 but here are a few interesting facts from last year:

53,000 balls were used during the fortnight. Fans consumed 276,291 glasses of Pimm's, 191,930 punnets of strawberries and 18,061 servings of fish and chips

Although the players are staying away from Wimbledon this year, the BBC is currently showing 50 hours of memorable matches – so if you are fan, switch on your TV!

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