

Tiger@Ten Times

Keeping Connections!

Tuesday 14 July 2020

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

This issue: *It's all about flowers . . . bright, bold, beautiful and very BIG . . . and cake! Today we would have been enjoying our Tiger@Ten Summer Special. But while we can't meet all together we can still enjoy a cuppa and a piece of cake. Katharine and Angela and their team have been baking away to bring you a special treat today. And don't make crumbs on the napkins – keep them to make Jane's beautiful flowers in our craft section!*



Tiger@Ten birthdays: A very Happy Birthday to Barbara Hopkinson (15th).

Nurse Pat celebrating the NHS at 50

In 1998 Pat Hicks helped to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the NHS with an exhibition in Pembrokeshire.

She recalls how much fun it was and she is pictured below with local celebrity Rosie Swales who trekked miles over deserts to raise funds for local charities.

We know many of you worked in the NHS and we would love to see all of your photos! Send them to Diane at diane.flint@gmail



Spectacular sunflowers!



From what you have been telling us your sunflowers range from the small and beautiful to the truly gigantic. Val's glorious giant (left) is now more than seven feet high and still growing. While Barbara Hopkinson's flower (above right) is more petite but what a stunner! And Diane has sad news to share about her sunflower, planted in her daughter's garden – it has been eaten by a deer!



Service in church: Sunday 19 July

As we take our first steps out of lockdown, All Saints Church will be offering an opportunity to watch our online service together in the church building. At 10.00am on **Sunday 19 July** you will be able to come to the church to watch the service that many have been watching at home in recent weeks. As the capacity of our building remains limited, this is primarily for those who cannot access services on the internet, and for those who would usually be watching alone. if you would like to come you will need to phone the church office in advance on 01444 482405 – to help us prepare the building and to follow government guidance.

Thought for the Day: PEACE by Stuart Silk

Where do you find yours . . . ? A quiet cuppa in the sunshine? Pottering in the garden? Putting in the last piece of a jigsaw? These are some things that might bring us a sense of peace. But over recent months there has been much to cause us worry, upset and sadness – can we know peace amid this turmoil?

The story is told of a king who offered a prize to the artist who would paint the best picture of 'peace'. Many artists tried, but there were only two he really liked. One picture was of a calm lake, surrounded by snow-capped mountains and a cloudless blue sky. The other picture also had mountains, but these were rugged and bare, with a dark sky above. Down the side of one mountain tumbled a foaming waterfall, behind which was a tiny bush growing in a crack in the rock. In the bush a bird had built her nest, where she sat in the midst of the rush of angry water.

The king chose the second picture. He said: "Peace does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble, or hard work. Peace means to be in the midst of all those things and still be calm in your heart. That is the real meaning of peace."

In Jesus' day, there were political tensions, medical mysteries and religious upheaval, to name but a few things that made first century life anything but peaceful. But the night before Jesus died he said to his followers: "I am leaving you with a gift – peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid."
(John 14:27).

It is a cliché, but true: No Jesus; no peace. But to know Jesus is to know perfect Peace.

Learning and growing during Covid-19

In mid-May the Tiger@Ten team met online to reflect on what we were learning during this strange season of lockdown. Isolation was tough for many and the days seemed long. But there were significant positive things that we noticed including:

Less rush, and no alarm clocks; meeting neighbours when clapping for the NHS and essential workers; having longer conversations with people – through regular phone calls, via zoom . . . or through the kitchen window! People seeming more friendly and thoughtful; more time to read and pray; having time to reflect as we're not so busy; more time for quiet and appreciating God's blessings over many years; appreciating nature with fresh eyes; learning different things about each other even after years together! And not least good weather!

As we begin the slow road to a new normal, what has your experience been?

We thought it would be interesting to put in writing our different experiences and share them to mark what we've all been through.

So, please tell us in about 200 words what have been the main things you have noticed during lockdown. We would like to include your contributions in our last newsletter, planned for Tuesday 25 August. Send written thoughts or even art creations to Diane Flint by Friday 14 August. You can email Diane at diane.flint@gmail.com or post via your contact. Carrie

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