Ufton News

October 2020

What's on in October

Fri	2	Blue and Green Bin Collection
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Fri 9 Grey Bin Collection

Fri 16 Blue and Green Bin Collection

Fri 23 Grey Bin Collection

Fri 30 Blue and Green Bin Collection

Audrey Taylor, Broad Close, Ufton

Since September's Ufton News was delivered, Audrey Taylor has passed away. Many of us will miss seeing Audrey either waiting at the Bus Stop or walking up or down Ufton Fields, stopping occasionally to catch her breath. Audrey was always cheerful and always said hello and refused the frequent offers of lifts from most people it seems. We send out condolences to Audrey's family.

Fly-tipping Ufton Fields by the nature reserve

This article has been taken from Southam Police Facebook page and was published on 25th September 2020.

"A bit of an update re Flytippers... Earlier in the month we began an investigation into household waste that had been dumped at Ufton Fields and Bascote Heath... 2x offenders have now been located and have admitted both offences. We asked people for recommendations of local wildlife charities should these offenders want to make a donation having seen the error of their ways. These flytippers will be dealt with out of court and will be making a £1000 donation to Warwickshire Wildlife trust who are responsible for the upkeep of a number of reserves in our area including Ufton Fields - PC Simms"



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Deadline for submissions for October's newsletter is **Sunday 25th October 2020**

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ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH, UFTON



Church reopening Sunday 27th **September -** At the time of writing we have not yet held our first service since lockdown and will do so shortly. We are looking forward to seeing you there. We also wanted to say massive thanks to those who have helped prepare the church for reopening through cleaning, decorating and COVID-secure preparations.

Next service – Sunday 25th **October at \underline{11:00}** - All being well, and assuming that regulations regarding services do not change our next service will be held on 26th October, again at the later time of 11:00. We are hoping that Rev. Andy is in post at this point, but are still awaiting his start date.

As a reminder, given the current situation church may look and feel a bit different to normal, due to the requirements to ensure we are as COVID-2019 secure as possible. We will ask the following of people attending the services. Please

- wear face coverings indoors including during the service, unless exempt for medical purposes.
- use the hand sanitizer provided
- follow any social distancing markers and one way systems put in place.
- observe social distancing requirements and keep a 2 metre distance from non-household members. This will mean that households are asked to sit two metres apart and remain in a set area during service. This will include children.

The structure of the service will be a bit different to during normal times. Under current guidelines we are not permitted for congregations to sing together. However, music will be part of the service to listen to. Communion for those who wish to take it will run differently (bread only). We will not be taking an offertory during the service but those who wish to give (and this is very much appreciated due to the financial situation of the church) will be able to do so via a retiring collection. We are also unable to have refreshments after the service.

Communicating church news and changes - This newsletter is our main means of communication for service information and as we are aware guidelines can change very quickly. If you are not on our church email list and are planning to attend the service please email uftonchurch@gmail.com to get added so we can update you on any news nearer to the time. If the wider situation changes and you want to call to check the service is going ahead nearer the time please do so via the details below.

Green fingered? Time on your hands? - If this applies to you, please do consider coming and giving us a hand to keep the church yard tidy, particularly the path to the church. It is very green at the moment and we would really value and welcome the help! Please do just turn up if you feel so inclined!

Book swap in church porch - It appears that the book swap in the church porch has been a great success, and will remain in the church porch for the time being. However, this has been spilling from the shelf into the porch in general including bric a brac. Whilst we understand this will have been in good faith, we ask respectfully that if the book shelf is full please do not leave additional books, and also please do not leave general bric a brac. Unfortunately we are very constrained from a volunteer perspective and do not have the resource to address any overspill.

Confirmation of new status for Ufton Church - We have today received official confirmation from Coventry Diocese that we are now part of a plurality with Harbury and Ladbroke. This is a pleasing outcome reflecting many months of work with Coventry Diocese and Harbury and Ladbroke.

The PCC have an email address: <u>uftonchurch@gmail.com</u>. Churchwardens Andy & Adelle 711967