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Hello again. Hopefully most of you will be receiving this newsletter by hand at our May 1st service. For those who were not able to join us, this is to keep you up-to-date.

Services: these are on SATURDAYs and in the Schoolroom.

May 1 st	10.30am	Rev B Scrivens
May 15 th	10.30am	Rev M Neal
May 29 th	10.30am	Rev B Scrivens
June 12 th	10.30am	Rev B Scrivens – GIFT DAY
June 26 th	10.30am	Rev M Neal

We are reminded by Ben that **masks must be worn**, seating will be set apart, come in warm clothing and there will be no singing. Outside and inside the schoolroom, 2m distance should be maintained when speaking to others.

Roll on the happy day when restrictions are lifted and we can return to easily being in each other's company.

Dates for your Diary

June 12th	Gift Day
July 24th	Strawberry Tea
Sept 18th	Harvest

There is an invitation to a Ladies Event at Kexborough on **Monday 5th July, 12-2pm**. Ian McMillan, the Barnsley born poet and journalist, will be the speaker. Transport is available if needed – please ring Carol Cotton on 07816 308505

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I am sure there will be great rejoicing when “lockdown” comes to an end and restrictions are lifted. I hope there will be special services and maybe more dates for celebrations and coffee mornings back on the agenda.

The Ladies' Group will have much to catch up on I'm sure. We have been most fortunate that at Buckley we have survived it all.

A special “Thank You” to Ann who has kept in touch with us all, week by week either by telephone or online. It has been a mammoth undertaking that is very much appreciated by all. I know there are others who have shared the news and regularly contacted people. I, for one, have been helped and uplifted during this pandemic but, oh to be able to speak face-to-face will be lovely.

**Latest news about Oliver**

Oliver was taken to hospital on September 4<sup>th</sup> 2020 after being diagnosed with a brain tumour. Now, after months of radiotherapy and chemotherapy, we are at the end of April 2021. He has been allowed home for this week bringing tablets, tubes, syringes, liquid food, machines, wheelchair – boxes and cases full of what he needs to ensure he continues his treatment. He has been able to enjoy the recent warm sunshine and was just strong enough to help plant a tree in the garden (well he held it while his daddy dug the hole!).



He is now in hospital for the last chemo treatment, which is expected to be quite gruelling again. With luck, and many prayers, it is hoped he will leave hospital in time to celebrate his 7<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will take him time to build up strength and for his digestive system to become active again.

The family have been amazed at the many kind gestures, gifts, donations, fundraising events and offers of support they have received not just from those close to them but by, almost, strangers. They have been kept in the prayers of people in churches, mosques and as far away as New Zealand.

Please add your prayers for this amazing little boy who is rarely without a wonderful smile.

*If you only carry one thing throughout your life, let it be HOPE.*

*Let it be hope that better things are always ahead.*

*Let it be hope that you can get through even the toughest of times.*

*Let it be hope that you are stronger than any challenges that come your way.*

*Let it be hope that you are exactly where you are meant to be right now,*

*And that you are on the path to where you are meant to be.*

*Because, during these times, HOPE will be the very thing that carries you through.*



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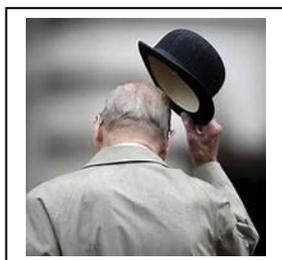
Looking back to Easter time, only a month ago, did you enjoy your Easter egg, your hot cross bun, the knitted Easter cross and the communion service and items that were delivered by members on behalf of the church? Lots of people to thank and I'm sure everyone was happy with the surprise. I was fortunate in getting lots of Easter cards too but, sadly, I didn't have any to send myself.

The thought of not seeing the cross covered in spring flowers for a second Easter Day, was not a happy thought. It always gives a lot of joy to passers-by – I'm sure they will have missed it too.

Have you had chance to see the lovely daffodils outside chapel? Very soon the roses will be blooming and, hopefully, they will give a good display too.

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It's never too early to think about Shoeboxes for children at Christmas. We have items left from last year's effort and in the next newsletter we hope to tell you what extra items are needed. People have continued to collect many items for the boxes, and we give thanks for their effort.



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It was wonderful to see the huge display of flowers outside the palaces left in memory of Prince Philip. It would have been nice for everyone if he had achieved his 100th birthday but he has left many memories for us to enjoy. The service, I thought, was very good and very fitting, particularly the singing by the quartet. Our thoughts are very much with the Queen at this time. She, and her family, are remembered in our prayers.

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So, here's looking forward to seeing you all. I think most of us have had our vaccinations now and are feeling good that we can soon meet up. It's sad that our church services are not every week. The Circuit Plan doesn't look very good with all the dashes reflecting no services (it's well known that I take a good look at it every quarter). It is so sad, and very debateable too.

Perhaps the next newsletter will tell us that some are going on holiday. If so, please don't forget we want to hear about it when you return. We look forward to a warm, sunny summer and, if nothing else, to being able to sit outside.

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Just a smile: I don't know if my grand-daughter had learned her colours yet so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what colour it was – she was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued asking.

At last, she headed for the door saying, "Grandma, I think you should try to work out some of the colours yourself!"

A fitting poem:

He has given us morning, brightness and sun,

Laughter to share and work to be done.

He has given us rainbows, flowers and song,

And the hands of dear ones to help us along.

He has given us prayer with its wonderful power,

To lighten our hearts in a troublesome hour.

He has given us blessings to brighten our way,

And always the gift of another new day.