

Suckley

St John the Baptist Church



Our Church continues to be alive and active, but due to COVID-19 our buildings must remain closed.

Our worship of God and our care for each other though continues. The clergy in the WWRT team, David Sherwin, Anne Potter, Jennifer Whittaker, Becky Elliott and Jen Denniston are working together as a team and so for the period of lockdown the normal weekly Leigh Group pew sheet has been adapted so that it can be distributed across all the WWRT parishes - it saves on time resources as well!

For those of you with computers, iPads or other such 'modern technology' the team will continue to find creative ways of offering worship through wwrtlivestream as well as keeping you informed:

- through the website www.wwrt.churchinsight.com
- the WWRT Facebook page www.facebook.com/Worcesterwestruralteam
- and the Suckley Facebook page www.facebook.com/suckleychurch

If you wish to contact the clergy please contact either: Rev David Sherwin (Team Rector): 01886 888664 davidwin56@aol.com

or Rev Anne Potter (Team Vicar) 01886 832355; revannepotter@gmail.com

If you have an administration query please contact Alison Khan on 07984 748059 or leighrectory@outlook.com or Liz Edwards on lizedwards69@aol.com

Suckley Good Neighbour Scheme says, "Keep alert" and "THANK YOU"!

01886 840480



We're here to help on 01886 840480 and suckleygns@gmail.com on Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm. It is thanks to the many new Volunteers that a lot of stay-home folk have their *Suckley PO* shopping brought to their door regularly at present.

Julian and Mark now have lots of fresh fruit and veg, as well as their usual stock. If you would like an order delivered or put by to collect, please phone the GNS on **01886 840480** between 10.00am and 1.00pm Monday to Friday for delivery after 5.00pm the next day. *Knightwick butchers'* meat orders deadline is 1.00pm on Tuesdays!!

Suckley Good Neighbour Scheme (GNS) is available to Suckley residents, and our volunteers will try to help if someone is in need of assistance. In these present challenging times, it could be that someone would appreciate a phone call, maybe for advice, or even just a friendly chat on the phone. Several volunteers have been trained by *South Worcestershire Citizens Advice*, and all our regular volunteers have been screened by the *Disclosure and Barring Service*. So please be alert to those living nearby, and if you feel it appropriate remind them that the **Good Neighbour Scheme is here to help on 01886 840480 and suckleygns@gmail.com**

Suckley Community Car Scheme

This voluntary service covers all residents of Suckley who need transport to local medical appointments, or to take or collect prescriptions to or from Knightwick Surgery. Drivers are:

Caroline Mitchell: 884070; Rosemary Harward: 832289; Jill Hammonds: 884221;

Please start phoning from the left and give as much time as possible.

Our drivers reserve the right to refuse any request that they think to be inappropriate.



The Sphere in Lockdown

Unfortunately your trusty Sphere team is not allowed into Alfrick Church where hard copies are usually produced in the vestry. In the meantime we are therefore producing electronic copies which are being put on various local websites. Congratulations if you are reading this because it means you have managed to track them down. A few of our advertiser have approached us and we are able to include a couple of adverts, however we are offering a payment holiday to all advertisers until the resumption of normal production. Over 820 copies of the magazine are normally produced each month (except January) and we are most grateful to our regular subscribers and advertisers for their continued support.

Unfortunately, most of the events and activities that regularly appear in **The Sphere** are presently cancelled owing to the current restrictions. We look forward very much to them being resumed, together with *The Sphere* production, as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, we wish you all well and do look out for internet copies:

www.suckley.org.uk

www.alfrickandlulsley.org/community

www.leighandbransford.org.uk

Pickers Wanted

Stocks Farm is recruiting for the 2020 apple harvest from the **end of August to the middle of October** and you could help. We harvest nearly 6.4 million of dessert apples, 540 tonnes of cider apples and enough hops to brew 46 million pints of beer from our 200 acre farm. We are in beautiful countryside with rolling hills and gorgeous views in the middle of the village of Suckley, Worcestershire. Everyone is very friendly and welcoming and if you like beer, there are a couple of local pubs, and a working brewery, here on the farm!

We work hard throughout the year to grow and supply the very best apples and hops in the industry, maintaining a strong partnership with our retailers and breweries is high on our agenda. We are members of the *Assured Food Standards* and compliance with audits is all part of our daily life. Do you have the same drive and wish to receive a good salary for your hard work? We are looking for **apple pickers** for the 2020 apple harvest.

If you are on a Gap year, are a university student or if you are just looking for some part-time work, and/or want to work hard to get cash in the bank, then this will suit you. Please contact Jo Williams on jo@stocksfarm.net, or call 01886 884202 to discuss the job in more detail.



Apple Picker Requirements:

- good communication skills
- works well as part of team
- ability to work long hours with a degree of flexibility to cope with changing weather conditions
- ability to follow policies and procedures
- an eye for detail for quality fruit
- good level of physical fitness

For more information and all details on pay, hours of work and everything else you need to know about working here please call **Jo Williams on 01886 884 202 or jo@stocksfarm.net**

Closing Date: 31 July 2020

Worcester Foodbank

Before we had to shut all the churches we were encouraging folk to leave food in special boxes in the church. This week David had the following plea from Roy Walford, a member of Martley Church, who is involved in the Foodbank:

Foodbank volunteers are working hard to feed an increasing number of families in crisis but donations have drastically reduced for obvious reasons.

Below is the virus food emergency list - when you are out shopping perhaps you could pop a couple of items in your basket and then when you have a bagful either put them on Roy's doorstep 20 St Peter's Drive, Martley, put them in the box by Becky's doorstep, Clifton Rectory, or the box by Anne's doorstep, Leigh Rectory. If you are in self-isolation and can't arrange for actual groceries to be purchased and delivered to any of the collection points why not go on line and make a financial donation?

List: *tinned potatoes; UHT 1 ltr fruit juice; 1 ltr UHT milk; cracker biscuits; tinned meat - ham, spam, corned beef, Fray Bentos meat pies etc; tinned fruit - single fruit such as oranges, grapefruit etc; Smash; cooking sauces for rice and pasta; sandwich paste; peanut butter; jam; sponge puddings; coffee (small jars); rice pudding; tinned custard; tinned spaghetti, e.g., Hoops, etc.*

Suckley Village Hall: CLOSED FOR THE DURATION

Suckley Parish Council

Unfortunately, and because of the Coronavirus lockdown, the Parish Council Meeting scheduled to be held on 11 May, and the Annual Parish Meeting on 18 May, both in the Village Hall, have had to be cancelled.

DIANA TAYLOR, Clerk to Suckley Parish Council: 9, Lambourne Avenue, Malvern WR14 1NL

Telephone: 01684 569430; email: dtaylor@suckleyclerk@gmail.com

Eclipse Home Care

Coronavirus Recruitment Campaign

In response to the CV19 crisis hospitals are now trying to free up beds to cope with the expected surge, including preparing for at-home care for elderly and vulnerable patients. *Eclipse Home Care* has a contract with WCC to provide domiciliary care to people 7 days after they have left hospital.

To cope with the increased demand for domiciliary care *Eclipse* are now undertaking an URGENT county wide recruitment campaign for care workers.

They have immediate vacancies for 80 carers in Worcester alone, and need to recruit 20 new carers a week over the next 12 weeks.

Brief Job Description

Daily tasks will involve a variety of jobs, such as preparing meals, assisting with personal care (washing and dressing) whilst providing essential company. You will have real responsibility, be out and about in the community helping a variety of clients, and every day will be different. All you need is a caring heart and a car.

Target Audience

Due to the nature of the job and additional demands the target market is:

- 25 – 60 years old e.g. Marvellous Mums and Empty Nesters
- Fit & Healthy
- Car Owner
- Have previous experience of care (paid or unpaid)
- Able to work shifts from morning – evening (preferred hours contract)
- May have lost job/reduced income due to the CV19 crises
- Would like to contribute to the local CV19 Response whilst getting paid

Key Messages

- New job or income top up during Coronavirus crisis – immediate start
- Flexible hours, good rates of pay, 'award winning' training
- Full protective personal equipment provided
- Support the NHS by getting the Worcestershire Hospitals emptied for the anticipated surge
- Help vulnerable people in your community to live independently
- Excellent operational support from a local professional team leader
- Work for a well-respected local company

Call to action – apply on line at www.eclipsehomecare.co.uk/apply/ or ring Shelley on 07890 250 839.

Community Choir

During the current world crisis, the Community Choir is being issued with bits of homework most weeks, by email - things which we can learn at home and perform when it's safe to get back together for rehearsals. The emails also pass on other bits of information from choir members about other online musical things.

Most Tuesday evenings we also have online video discussions instead of choir practices. It's still quite fun! If you'd like to join us, even if just for the lockdown period, please get in touch on 07771 600776 or via www.alfrickcommunitychoir.com and ask to be put on the list!

Keep safe and well.



Keith Bramich



Suckley Post Office

Another week passes
We have lost count of which one
But all that matters are
Our smiles for the sun.

The weather has played fair
Amidst all this pain
As Suckley villagers queue patiently
Blessed with no rain.

Our shop welcomes you all
Each day like before
But the thing is, you are all so happy
When you come through our door.

This virus is tedious
A pain we all suffer
And even now
The going could get rougher.

But Suckley Parish Council
and Suckley GNS
Have been a rock for the Post Office
To find a path through all this stress.

So when you clap next Thursday at 8
Give a clap for your Suckley
Your Parish Council
Your GNS.

Without them all
There would be no support
For the isolated, the vulnerable
Our help would fall short.

Suckley PO is so proud of this village
Our Council
Our GNS
Our volunteers.

So on Easter Sunday
Just raise a glass
Clink a big thank you
And a resounding "Cheers".

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Straplines

- Children have clearly started to develop when they stop asking where they came from and are not keen to tell you where they are going.
- Have you noticed that a turtle only makes progress when it sticks its neck out?
- Suburbia is a place where they often cut down beautiful trees and then name streets after them.
- Tears shed for self can be tears of weakness, but tears shed for others are a sign of strength. *(Billy Graham)*
- The fact that we are all different is the one thing we have in common.



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Are you self-isolating in Suckley?

Suckley Good Neighbour Scheme can **deliver** our groceries straight to your door.

Includes Knightwick Butchers meat, fresh milk, bread, fruit and veg.

Phone **01886 884 480** weekdays between 10:00 & 13:00

for delivery next day (Monday-Friday).