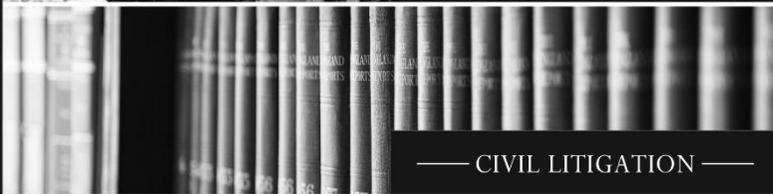


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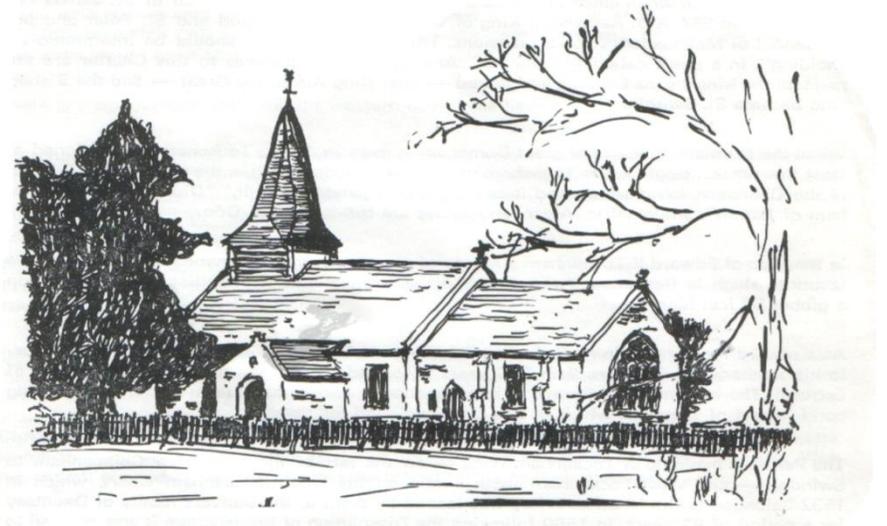
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## **MAY 2021 THE WINDS OF CHANGE – Revd. Karen Rizzello**

**Dear Reader,**

**The winds of change are blowing through this land. We are seeing lockdown slowly melting away and people emerging from their homes to come together again. I'm not sure how things will be in May as I am writing this letter just before the Duke of Edinburgh's funeral on April 18<sup>th</sup>. I hope and pray that our lockdown schedule is going forward and has not been slowed down due to Covid cases.**

**I run a weekly zoom 'cuppa and chat' session on Tuesday afternoons for everyone who wants some chat over a coffee/tea during lockdown. I see signs of hope in that zoom session. People are able to visit their relatives in care homes, see their grand children, go out and sit with a friend or relative and share a coffee. In fact signs are so hopeful that I am counting down to June when we can end our zoom meetings and meet in person. I don't think we will stop using zoom to connect but there will be more opportunities for face to face contact in the future.**

**May is an important month for me as a follower of Christ but also for the population in general. We have two bank holiday's in May. One on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and one on May 31<sup>st</sup>. We as a nation will enjoy this time off but the second half of May holds additional significance. There is the festival of Ascension Day on May 13<sup>th</sup> followed by the festival of Pentecost on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The first festival remembers the Ascension of Jesus into heaven after his resurrection on Easter Sunday followed by the second festival to mark the giving of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the followers of Jesus on the day of Pentecost. These festivals complete the cycle of Jesus' time on earth and our union with him through the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

**For all of you who have suffered a bereavement during this time, may this give you hope that your loved one rests with Jesus and all the saints.**

**As a nation we have a strong tradition of resilience in times of trouble and I think we can safely say that Covid has been and is a time of trouble. Whoever you are and whatever your tradition or none we are all called to love and take care of each other. As we come out of lockdown, remember that many will be feeling vulnerable and may have experienced extreme pain. Be kind to each other and enjoy your time out and together.**

***God Bless, Revd. Karen.***

## *News from St Giles' Church*

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	<b>Church Service</b>	<b>Other services etc</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> May 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>Bradenstoke</b> Communion - 10.30am <b>Clyffe Pypard</b> Communion - 10.30am	
9 <sup>th</sup> May 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Rogation	<b>Lyneham</b> Communion - 10.30am <b>Tockenham</b> Communion - 10.30am <b>Hilmarton</b> Communion - 10.30am	<b>Bradenstoke</b> Evening Worship - 6pm
13 <sup>th</sup> May Ascension Day	<b>Hilmarton</b> Communion - 7.30am <i>(Followed by breakfast if regulations permit)</i>	
16 <sup>th</sup> May 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	<b>Hilmarton</b> Communion - 10.30am <b>Lyneham</b> Communion - 10.30am	<b>Clyffe Pypard</b> Evening Worship - 6pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> May Pentecost	<b>Broad Town</b> Communion - 10.30am <b>Lyneham</b> Communion - 10.30am <b>Hilmarton</b> All-Age Service - 10.30am	
30 <sup>th</sup> May Trinity Sunday	<b>Tockenham</b> Communion – 10.30am	

## *News from St Giles' Church*

All the above services are of course subject to any government regulations and the health/availability of the clergy.

Thank you to all who have helped decorate the church with flowers for Easter; much appreciated.

Revd Karen is continuing her Zoom cuppa and chat but not every Tuesday afternoon; to find out more and to get the Zoom link please email her on [revkaren@rizzello.co.uk](mailto:revkaren@rizzello.co.uk)

The church is still being opened on Wednesdays for private prayer and to receive donations for the Swindon Food Collective.

To keep up[ to date with service times etc please sign up to the benefice mailing list by contacting Elaine Leighton on [beneficeofwoodhill@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:beneficeofwoodhill@yahoo.co.uk)

If you wish to contact the Rector Revd Rachma Abbott by phone or email if you wish to do so:  
[reverendrachma@gmail.com](mailto:reverendrachma@gmail.com) phone number 01793 731134.

Other things to remember this month:

We are keeping the church open for private prayer each Wednesday. It is now 10.30am to dusk, and please pop in any time between these hours for a time of quiet reflection and prayer. Everything you need for track and trace recording and for sanitisation is provided.

The box for the Food Collective is in church, so on a Wednesday please think about bringing a gift for this - toiletries, cleaning materials, packeted or tinned food all appreciated.

To catch up with news of what online services are being arranged each week, please sign up to the benefice mailing list by contacting Elaine Leighton our administrator, at [beneficeofwoodhill@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:beneficeofwoodhill@yahoo.co.uk) to have your name added to the circulation list for details, and to receive the link to that day's service.

Please remember that both our ministers, Rachma and Karen, and also some of the church members in the village, are praying for everyone. If you have any particular prayer requests please let Rachma know (see below for email and phone contact) or Mandy ([mandy.cook@talktalk.net](mailto:mandy.cook@talktalk.net)) or Ken and Pauline Arnold on 01793 854157.

If you wish to contact our Rector by phone or email please do so - [reverendrachma@gmail.com](mailto:reverendrachma@gmail.com) phone number 01793 731134.

## REFERENDUM FOR TOCKENHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

By now, you should have received your polling cards for this referendum. Your voting slips will be given to you when you go to vote on 6<sup>th</sup> May (or within the usual system for postal votes). There will be just one simple question on this voting slip –

**“Do you want Wiltshire Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Tockenham to help decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”**

As you are aware, the Steering Group carried out much consultation on this over several years – with meetings, drop-ins and even a Housing Survey delivered to every household in the parish. We feel that the resulting Plan truly reflects the views and wishes of the majority of Tockenham residents – whilst remaining within the constraints of current planning legislation and reflecting the Wiltshire Core Strategy, as required.

Therefore, we would request that you support this document and vote **“YES”** on 6<sup>th</sup> May.

The Referendum Version of the Plan can be found on the parish council website – [www.tockenhamparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.tockenhamparishcouncil.gov.uk) under News or under Neighbourhood Plan documents. Or you can request a hard copy by ringing Wiltshire Council on 0300 456 0100 and asking for the Spatial Planning Department.

## Message from Andrew Burke -

Dear All

With the continued COVID-19 uncertainties, it is with saddened hearts that the Tockenham Village Fair Committee has decided not to go ahead with the fair this year (provisional date was 19th June 2021)

Instead we will be holding a series of local events in support of our nominated charity [Brighter Futures \(GWH Trust\)](#).

A sponsored walk in July 2021 based on the format of the successful event in 2019. Depending on any restrictions imposed by the regulations around Covid-19.

A Quiz Night in June. Where participants pay £1 for the question paper and there is a money prize for the winner.

A Sunflower Growing Competition open to everyone and it will cover all areas of the village. There will be prizes for the best Sunflowers (children and adults). Seeds available from Julie Marshall at £1 a packet.

A Cream Teas 'Takeaway Service' in August on the Village Green

Defibrillator Awareness Training course in October/November 2021 with funding from the Village Fair.

Watch out here for more details

Andrew Burke - Chair and Treasurer of the Tockenham Village Fair Committee

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## **TOCKENHAM PARISH COUNCILLORS**

**As you are no doubt aware, elections for town and parish councils are being held throughout the country on 6th May.**

**Tockenham has an allocation of 5 councillors and, although two retired at the end of the current term, two other residents have been nominated ensuring that we have our full quota - with no need for an election.**

**I would like to pass on grateful thanks to the two departing councillors -**

**> Geoff Cowling, who has stood for many years and has provided me with great support over this time. He has overseen the care and maintenance of the play equipment, liaised with the Parish Steward over highway matters and diligently sought to control the flooding and potholes on our roads. Fortunately Geoff has agreed to work with us for a while to ensure continuity. My sincere thanks Geoff.**

**> Anita Lewis, who, although only a councillor for a short time, contributed enthusiasm and a refreshing, younger perspective to the job. We particularly have Anita to thanks for the "Slow Down" signs on our waste bins. Thanks Anita - and all best wishes for the future.**

**Our two new councillors are Julie Marshall and Kevin Woolnough - both of whom have always shown great community spirit and will be assets to the team. We wish them well in their new roles.**

**The three remaining councillors are - myself, Sarah Still and Tracy Madgwick.**

**The next parish council meeting, which includes the AGM, will be held by Zoom on Wednesday 12th May. If you would like to attend, please contact our clerk, Diane Zeitzen, at [clerk@tockenhamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@tockenhamparishcouncil.gov.uk)**

**Diana Kirby  
Chair of Tockenham Parish Council**