

## **Bosley Church and Community News - April 2020**

The Coronavirus is obviously of concern. The Church of England has advised against holding services in church for the time being. However the church will remain open for anyone who wishes to come in and sit for a while. The Methodist Chapel is also not holding services. For anyone who has decided to isolate themselves at home and have any concerns and are feeling very isolated we are here to help and can do shopping etc. Please phone 01260 226389 to let us know what we can do. There are volunteers who are happy to help. On a lighter note – a prize for the best limerick or short poem on coronavirus or covid19! Send it to [alisonmtottle@gmail.com](mailto:alisonmtottle@gmail.com) and it will be in next month's magazine.

### **UPDATE on our Church Community Building**

Through lots of hard work and perseverance we have received (or been pledged) several funding grants, which together with local donations and fund-raising over the past couple of years, means Bosley Parochial Church Council are now able to set a provisional date for starting work on the extension to our Parish church of St. Mary's. This new extension to the south-east corner will provide accessible toilets and kitchen facilities and will bring much-needed modern facilities to the building. It is envisaged that the local contractors will start in April.

This is the first phase of the re-generation of St. Mary's Church, to make the building accessible and usable for the whole community to use as a meeting space. The 1<sup>st</sup> phase involves demolition of the old boiler house/outside toilet and building of a new extension to house a kitchen, storage and two toilets with disabled access and baby-changing facilities. Importantly we shall also be installing a new efficient boiler to provide better heating for the building and a new oil storage tank.

Most of the building work will be external and not interfere with current planned activities and church services until the new door opening into the rear of the church is made. At this time the Railway Memorial on the back wall will be relocated to the opposite side of the church doors, near the vestry door.

The re-organisation of the internal elements of the church will then take place; the font repositioned and some of the Victorian pews sold-off – if you would like to make a donation to buy one of the pews and make it into benches for your home or garden, please get in touch with me.

The flexible space created by this reorganization will enable the community to utilise the building for many more activities and social events. If you have an idea for a new group/activity that would benefit from this community space, please get in touch.

As ever, the church remains open every day for locals and visitors and we'd like the community of Bosley to take advantage of the building for community events and activities.

Fund-raising will continue for both the general upkeep of the building and Phases 2 & 3 of the improvement program.

Our next planned event is a **Community Lunch on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**, to be held at Pye Ash Farm, on Leek Road, by kind permission of the Gilman family - details and tickets available soon.

**Bosley Crafts and Laugh** members are now meeting at the Harrington Arms instead of the school. 7pm – 9pm every Wednesday night and would welcome anyone who would like to join us. We are very happy to help anyone to learn a craft if we can, be it knitting, crochet, embroidery or sewing. Please contact Dorothy Gilman on 01260 223293 or just come along. If you would like to paint or draw, Dorothy will be happy to advise.

**Palm Sunday** It has been decided not to have a donkey for the procession this year as it is a lot of work to organize for a short walk to the church, so we shall still process, with a banner and singing starting at 9.45 from The Green.

The Bosley Lent Lunch at Dorothy and Joe's was very popular, good to see so many friends there, and it made £185 for Christian Aid.

Ron Jenkinson has been in hospital with pneumonia and should be back home by the time the magazine is out. We hope he continues to make good progress. Good wishes to Sheila Wagstaff as we hope her treatment goes well. Our condolences to Sam and all the Alston family on the death of Janet.

### **Youth Club**

6<sup>th</sup> April        No Youth Club – Easter break  
20<sup>th</sup> April        Make your own pizza  
27<sup>th</sup> April        Rounders Lakeside  
4<sup>th</sup> May            VE 75<sup>th</sup> Celebration night.

### **St. Mary's Church Services at 9.30am; - unless stated otherwise**

		<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Sidesman</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Flowers</b>
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	Joint service with Chapel		
		Revd. John Harries	Neil Wain	Jane Wain	
April 10 <sup>th</sup>	7.30	<b>Good Friday</b> – Service at Chapel			
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	<b>Easter Day</b>			
		Revd. Phil Williams	James Massey	Rosemary Massey	
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	Family Service	Own Arrange		
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	Holy Communion			
		Revd. Ivan Whinton	Dorothy Gilman	Jane Nixon	
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30	Holy Communion			

Revd. Jon Harries      Joy Collis      Tom Collis  
May 5<sup>th</sup>      9.30      Praise and Play for Toddlers and Carers with Steph Morris

**Chapel Services at 11.00**

**Preacher**

April 5<sup>th</sup>      10.00      Palm Sunday – Joint Service at St. Mary’s Church  
April 10<sup>th</sup>      7.30      Good Friday Service  
April 12<sup>th</sup>      Easter Day – Holy Communion – Revd. Tony Tagg  
April 19<sup>th</sup>      Alec Needham  
April 26<sup>th</sup>      Malcolm Coates  
May 3<sup>rd</sup>      Revd. Tony Tagg – Holy Communion

Bosley Chapel up date.

The Good Friday evening service at Bosley Chapel is on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Revd. Tony Tagg will leading the service, and guests, Trinity Choir, will be joining us. After the service all will be welcomed to Hot Cross buns and a cup of tea.

**WI News**

For our February meeting we had a visit from a very unique and talented speaker, Nikki Parmeter. Nikki came loaded with many large bags which looked fascinating as she was due to talk on “Experimental Textiles”. When she displayed some of her work, we discovered she had a very individual style of design which is completely self-taught. She obtained a Fine Arts Degree later in life and holds personal exhibitions. The room was overtaken by her large, tapestry type, all hand sewn, designs averaging 6 x 3 feet in size. The huge wall coverings were of a mosaic style mostly with an underwater theme. Shells, fishes, nymphs, sea monsters, flotilla etc plus many baubles and gems, mostly in sea green and blue mixes. She also excelled with animal designs especially a large elephant with magnificent tusks, and the most beautiful cockerel. There was so much more and definitely worth a visit to one of her exhibitions. The vote of thanks for a memorable talk was given by Isobel Worthington. For the W.I. meeting we had a quick resumee from our ladies who entered the quiz at Smallwood. Always a high standard occasion and Bosley came well into the top half of the scores. Well done.

The competition for “I made it” was won by Liz Tomlinson with Pat Heath second. Delicious refreshments were made and served by Dorothy Gilman and Susan Burgess. The future dates which are planned could well be in some doubt owing to the latest Coronavirus news updates. We all need to take great care and hope it doesn’t last too long. We meet on the last Thursday of each month at Bosley Methodist Chapel at 7.30pm. For any further and future information, please phone 01260-222933.

*Joan Dowse*



Photo shows Nikki Parmeter showing her work to Sue Davis(left) and Pat Heath (centre).

School News

### Forest School Day

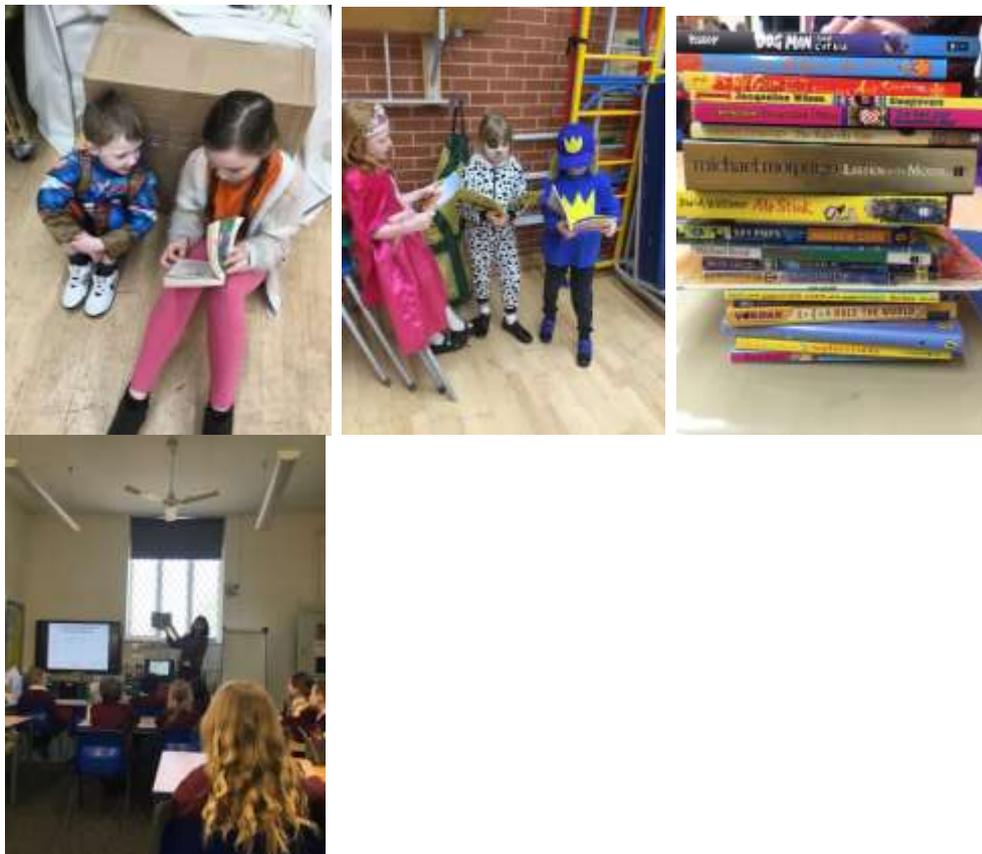
What fantastic day we had. First we drew maps of the forest area then built dens. After lunch we used the winning map to complete an orienteering activity before making animals homes. We were very muddy but had a great day! We can't wait to go back and complete boat races in the Summer!





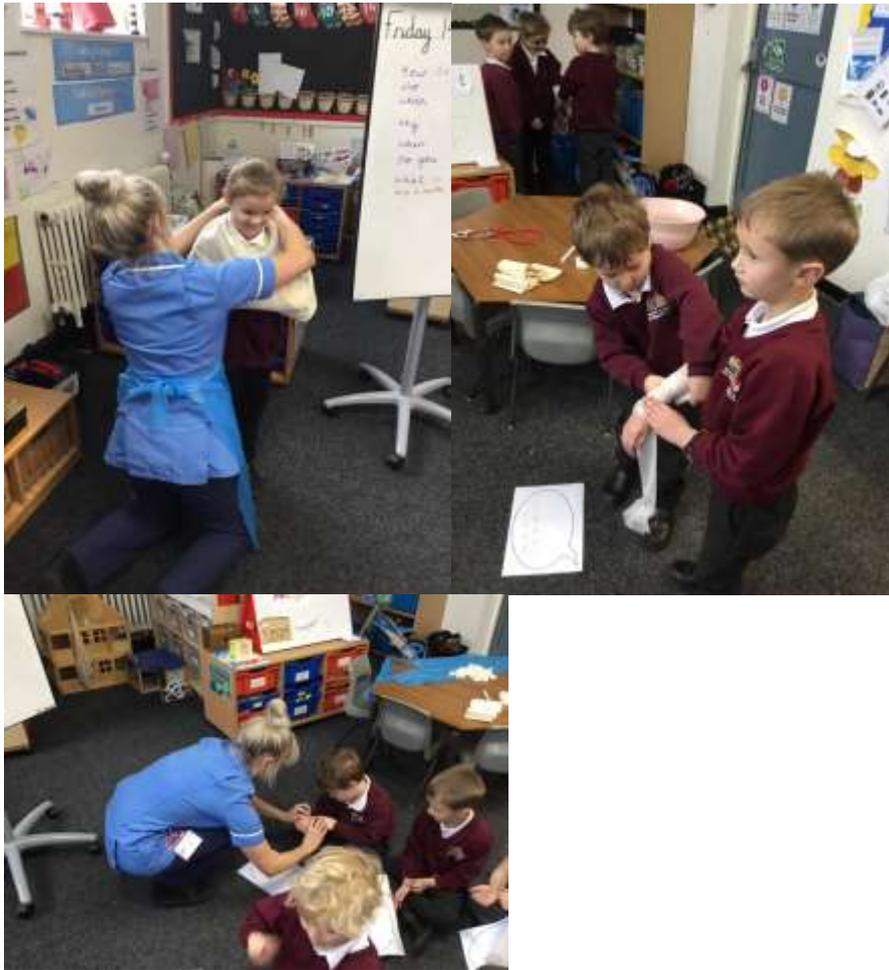
## World Book Week

We had such a wonderful week listening to librarians, sharing stories, dressing up, having our themed lunch, becoming a buddy reader and sharing reading experiences with parents and grandparents. Thank you to Miss Devlin for organising all of the activities and thank you for supporting us to make it such a success.





Class 1 have been learning about people who help us and were visited by a nurse.



## Class 2

Class 2 have made canopic jars in their art and design lessons as they continue to study the Ancient Egyptians. They even mummified tomatoes!



### Sport Relief

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March children came into school dressed in sport clothes. On the day, Year 6 children organised different activities for the school to take part in. Children focussed on mental resilience; it is just as important as physical power. The day ended in a celebration assembly and sharing of awards certificates.