

## Church Services

*Margaret Foster writes*

It was so good to have a Service last month and see people face to face, socially distanced of course, and join together in worship. Very odd not to be singing hymns but it is what it is!



You will see that we have two Services here in Bitteswell in September. The first, a **Communion Service**, will be carried out within strict guidelines. Masks have to be worn in church for all Services and the mask will only be removed briefly, then replaced, at the altar rail. Instructions will be clearly given during the Service. Please note the Church is now closed Tuesday and Saturday afternoons.

**Harvest Festival** will be on **Sunday 27th September** at 11am, a traditional part of church life and particularly appropriate in a rural farming community like ours. It will be strange not singing Harvest hymns but perhaps we can have them played during the Service. Gifts for the Foodbank, which we like to support, will be placed at the front of the church on entry and will stay there for at least 72 hours before being transferred to the collection point. See Foodbank list inside page. Do join us at the Services and above all continue to take care and keep well.

**Sunday 13th September 11am**  
**Holy Communion**

**Sunday 27th September**  
**11am Harvest Festival**

## October Newsletter

The deadline for September newsletter is Wednesday **23rd September** Contact Editor Sharee Jones email [Bitteswellnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:Bitteswellnewsletter@gmail.com) or phone 07834 689828

The Editor wishes to thank [Malcolm King](#) for the monthly photos he takes of village life for our front cover.

## Bitteswell and Bittesby Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **17th September**. Style of meeting to be confirmed. If you wish to bring any important issues or concerns to the attention of the council. Please contact the clerk before the meeting by email: [parishclerk@bitteswell.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@bitteswell.org.uk) For a agenda details past and present go to [www.bitteswell.org](http://www.bitteswell.org)

## Current Planning Applications

- 20/01231/FUL | Erection of a 2 story rear and front extension (revised scheme of 20/00708/FUL) | Laurels Ashby Lane Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4SQ
- 20/01182/TCA | Works to trees (fell) | Vine House The Green Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4SB
- 20/01165/TCA | Works to tree (fell) | Manor House Lutterworth Road Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4RX
- 20/01112/FUL | Demolition of existing garage and the erection of a new dwelling with creation of a new access | Sussex House Ashby Lane Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4SQ
- 20/01055/REM | Erection of 4 dwellings with associated garages and access road (reserved matters of 18/01280/OUT, including details of appearance, layout and scale) | West End Farm West End Bitteswell Leicestershire LE17 4SE

## Jim & Amy Charity Taxi Service

Funded by United Charities it has been an invaluable service especially during lockdown for village residents to help travel to medical appointments and other emergencies. Contact [Mrs S Carlton \(552077\)](#) and [Mrs M Osborne \(07858154233\)](#)

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## You can still enjoy a Cuppa and donate to Macmillan Cancer Support



*Anna Smith writes:*

We regret we are unable to host "The World's Biggest Coffee Morning" this year due to the restrictions of Covid 19. Like many other charities Macmillan rely on funds raised by loyal supporters, and when we look back Bitteswell has raised several thousands of pounds over the years.

As an alternative, when you have your morning cuppa on **Friday 25th September**, or indeed any day that week, think about the charity and if you wish to, send a personal donation using [www.macmillian.org.uk](http://www.macmillian.org.uk)

Thank you from Margaret, Joyce, Maggie, Mark and Anna

## Lutterworth and Villages Foodbank

The Foodbank urgently needs the following items: tinned Potatoes, Instant mashed potato, hot chocolate, rice pudding, shampoo, handwash, soap, hand sanitiser, cleaning products, fruit juice, angel delight, cheese crackers, meat/fish paste in small jars, long life puddings, toothpaste, and laundry detergent. There are green donation containers at Morrisons, Waitrose, Linden Drive Co-op, Age Concern and Lutterworth Churches. Prefer to donate money? Check our website [www.lutterworthvillages.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money](http://www.lutterworthvillages.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money)

If you need a food parcel either telephone 07821 802793, or send an email to [info@lutterworthvillages.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@lutterworthvillages.foodbank.org.uk) to find out about the procedure during Coronavirus.

## Welcome Back

*Faye Winterton writes:*

It was so lovely for the village to be back filled with the sound of children's voices, laughter and play last week as Mrs Cupit welcomed all of the children of St Mary's back into school as Headteacher.



The children were warmly greeted by Mrs Cupit and her staff with huge smiles which would have warned off any anxieties the children may have had. The school has been organised into class bubbles, with one way systems, staggered break times and allocated play areas to allow the children to safely return to school and it is amazing to see the children just seeing this as the new normal! St Mary's would also like to welcome those children and families that are joining the school for the first time this term. Mrs Owen is busy with reception introductions and we hope the children settle with ease into school life. The year 6 buddies are eager and keen to offer their support to the children to help them do this.

Miss Hollis, Mrs Barton-Harvey, Miss Coley and Mrs Cross have joined the teaching staff this term and the staff and families of St Mary's look forward to supporting them in their new roles.

## Village Hall prepares to reopen

*Joanne Holyland writes*

Our Village Hall is a quaint building, which was originally established as a reading room in 1907. It has been updated inside over the years, with the most recent update being the installation of new windows.



It might be small, but our Village Hall plays a key role in village life. It is a place where groups meet and activities for a variety of interests and age groups are held. Our current aim is to keep the Village Hall running, while adhering to government safety guidelines, in a way that ensures that users feel both welcome and safe. The Village Hall is having a professional deep clean this week, which will be ongoing. Hand sanitiser dispensers have been installed. Social distancing markers in place.

The Village Hall lends itself as a perfect place for small groups (up to 10 people) to meet. This might be to engage in activities, or groups or committee meetings. Guidelines limit the number of households that can meet up within our own homes, the Village Hall offers an alternative indoor place. The Village Hall could be used as an ideal occasional office space for those working from home needing a quiet space away from busy family life.

**If you are interested in booking the Village Hall**, please contact Tiffany Row our bookings secretary on 01455 699357. **Hire of the Village Hall is £5 per hour** (with a minimum hire of 2 hours). Please also get in touch if you would like to have a discussion or a look around the Village Hall before deciding if it might be an option for your needs.

We are also very keen to find new members to join our friendly committee. We are looking for help with generating ideas and keeping the Village Hall running. If you would like to find out more about this then please contact Joanne Holyland on 01455 559643