

Editorial

Dear Villagers,
Please look at page 11 for information about a consultation on the Harlington West Development proposals. Whether any notice will be taken is another matter, but if you don't take part.... Not in this issue, full details of the United Prayer Weekend to be held between the 23rd and 26th September. Watch out for posters closer to the time. The juxtaposition of those two is just a coincidence, perhaps. A new academic and (Methodist) church year will start this month. Hopefully we can get closer to a normal existence, although it doesn't look like COVID is disappearing any time soon. Hopefully we will keep the good things we have learned. Speaking of COVID, I am frequently asked about the Book Sale. We hope to have it in some form, but it will probably not be as big. There will definitely be news next month. Finally, would you like to help with Contact? There is a need for new distributors, and, as last time, I am only editor on a temporary basis! Clive.

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Letter from Rev. Nina Johnson, Methodist Minister

Dear Friends,

I find myself pondering yet again on the idea of journey and life journey; not because I have travelled anywhere during my weeks of annual leave this summer – other than driving to Colchester twice to pick up and then return my son James to his university accommodation – but because of an awareness of change for many, and also the ebb and flow of our lives.



Maybe some of you have been able to travel for holidays or to visit family and friends for perhaps the first time in many months.

The young people in our community, families or neighbourhood, will be starting/changing schools, colleges/universities later this month and maybe entering the work-place, with all the excitement and hope of possibilities be-

fore them and perhaps also some apprehension about the unknown and what will be asked of them.

And I'm thinking too, of those unexpected events that occur for us or others, that seem to interrupt the rhythm of our living and cause us difficulties or anxieties, or that seem to change the expected course that we thought our lives were taking. Sometimes these things exhaust us and take us into places that we would prefer not to have entered ...

And then there are those unexpected and unsought moments and opportunities that seem to come as gifts to us. Maybe they come as a result of the previous paragraph or following on from them which makes them all the sweeter, other times they seem completely unrelated and have no connection with any efforts on our part. But they offer a joy, hope and a promise of life and living, and we are filled with gratitude. These moments can be great life changing events or something that many might miss or fail to see: being immersed in a landscape that fills us with a sense of awe or wonder, watching nature unfold and grow in our gardens or green spaces, watching a bird soaring high, the animation on a young child's face as they watch bubbles being blown in the air ...



In all these moments we can be brought to a new or deeper understanding of life

Letter ctd. *plus* HVH 100 Club

and what is really essential to us as human beings; what really matters; often the wisdom that is discovered, is that relationships that are built on and expressions of compassion and love, both define us and are the gifts that we can share with others; a way of being in the world.

As a person of faith I put it into this way of thinking, that maybe by God's grace we discover something of God's wisdom and the love and faithfulness of God. I am reminded as I write, of the words of Julian of Norwich who lived during the 14th and 15th centuries during times of the plague, pestilence, blight, war, famine and flood, as well as religious persecution "God did not say, 'You shall not be tempest-tossed, you shall not be work-weary, you shall not be discomforted.' But he said, 'You shall not be overcome.' God wants us to heed these words so that we shall always be strong in trust, both in sorrow and in joy." (Revelations of Divine Love). And sometimes we may fear that we are very close to being overcome.

All these things; that inspire us and bring us joy, deep happiness and peace, that challenge us, and bring fear and worry, are all the things that weave into the ebb and flow of our lives ... and there are new things and truth to discover in them all – even the uncomfortable ones!

I have discovered for myself that through it all and in it all, God holds us and keeps us.

So as September unfolds, whether you are in the midst of a journey, near an ending of a journey or a at the start of a new journey in your life, I hope that you are able to embrace it, discover the gifts that are within it and live with hope and peace,

Nina

HVH 100 Club

The winner of the 100 club for the month of August is number 13 belonging to Greg Varney of Caerleon, Wales.

If you wish to be part of the 100 Club and have the chance to win £50, please contact me at: hvhtreasurer@btinternet.com.

The money raised each month helps to fund the upkeep of the Village Hall.

Dave Thew, Treasurer,

HVH Management Committee

Harlington Village Show *plus* HNH



35th HARLINGTON VILLAGE SHOW



I am writing this, early in August, hoping that we'll have another successful, and dry (!) Village Show Day, on Saturday 28th August. We hope lots of you enter the classes and enjoy being there – especially if it is your very first time. We would love to see you next year! The results of 'who won what' will be published in the October Contact magazine.

I would just like to thank everyone involved – our hard working and super Show Committee; the judges; the WI for lovely refreshments; all those who help set up and tidy up; and especially everyone who takes part. Thanks especially to all the Committee members, for your support, enthusiasm and ideas, which help make the Show a lovely village event.

Please have a look at our Facebook page for photos of the Show and some of our winners. Also keep sending us photos of anything you've grown or made as we'd really like to share them on Facebook.

For any Show information, contact Tricia. 01525 754241,
tricia.murphy5@ntlworld.com

HNH Good Neighbour Scheme

Harlington Neighbourhood Help Good Neighbour Scheme Update

We are still driving clients to appointments where other options are not available as our drivers get vaccinated and have regular Covid checks. We also help with shopping, dropping off and collecting prescriptions from local doctors and the pharmacies in Toddington, Barton and Flitwick, and do errands around the village including a bit of lawn mowing, paper bill paying, paperwork and help with IT.

We have purchased PPE for volunteers and clients and have car screens.

Help line **07849 835410**

September Quote

"The foliage has been losing its freshness through the month of August, and here and there a yellow leaf shows itself like the first grey hair amidst the locks of a beauty who has seen one season too many." - Oliver Wendell Holmes

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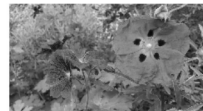
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Harlington in Bloom



By the time you read this, the village show on the bank holiday weekend will be over. We hope we were able to meet many of you at the Bloomers gazebo. We welcome more villagers of all ages to get involved in keeping the village plantings in order! It's fun and quite possible to get involved on a casual basis from time to time as suits you and your other commitments.

It was enjoyable as always judging from kerbside the various village categories in the summer Harlington in Bloom Awards. It is not necessary to enter this competition to be considered. All roads are allotted to a committee member to walk around to look at front gardens under the various categories and make nominations for two judges to look at and determine further. Many congratulations to all concerned.

Best display of baskets/containers

Winner 54 Park Leys

Runner -up 70 Brian Rd

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Best summer front garden

Winner 6 Tabor Close

Runner -up 9 Brian Rd

Highly commended 52 Brian Rd
62 Goswell End Rd

Best dry/low maintenance garden

Winner 65 Lincoln Road

Runner-up 3 Christian Close

Best Commercial Building

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Last call for return currently held trophies for all categories to a committee member or alert Tricia (details below) so that we have them back in good time for September Awards.

Dates for your Diary

24 September 2021 – Awards Evening Parish Hall 7.30pm

Vivienne Dunlop on behalf of HiB Committee <https://www.facebook.com/HarlingtonInBloom/> or Tricia Murphy Secretary 07711511729 tricia.murphy5@ntlworld.com

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Ely Cathedral Christmas Market:

***** TWO excursions:** Friday 19th November 2021 and Saturday 20th November 2021. A specially designed Christmas Village will be located in the grounds of the Cathedral creating an outdoor wonderland, with a mixture of stalls, food traders, entertainment and lots of twinkling lights. £26 per person, to include transport and admission charge to the event.

To book these excursions, contact: Mr Derek Wood, 07 563 170 067 or 07 715 161 621.

Or e-mail excursions@flittabus.co.uk

(Please verify with Mr Wood that a pickup and drop-off is possible for Harlington).

New Services

Now that life is returning more or less to normal, we are planning to add more services. To help us, please let us know your favoured **Starting Point** and **Desired Destinations**; maybe one of the following: **Biggleswade, Bletchley, Harpenden, Leighton Buzzard, Olney, St Neots**. Or maybe somewhere else; let us know.

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Further details will be available on the consultation website

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Harlington WI



Our first meeting back in the Village Hall was on Tuesday July 20th. We welcomed 18 members and we kept socially distanced to keep everyone safe. It was a lovely evening and Catherine Doherty gave a very interesting talk on the National Garden Scheme. Their charitable donations to McMillan and Marie Curie were especially dear to her heart.

The raffle was won by Ann Freeman and Sara Waldron won the sweet peas kindly donated by Catherine.

Carrying on the garden theme, we had a very nice sunny visit on 11th August to Luton Hoo Walled Garden. 8 members enjoyed a guided tour and the refreshments afterwards. It was a very enjoyable trip.

We propose to have another picnic on September 8th on Bury Orchard as the last one was so successful. This will be near the car park and from 11.00am – 1.00pm.

Please bring a seat and your picnic and join in the chat and companionship. Let's hope the weather is kind.



Our September meeting on Tuesday 21st is our 70th birthday party. We would love to invite former members to come along and join in the celebrations. Perhaps they could bring along a photo or memento that reminds them of their time at Harlington WI. They would be made very welcome. If you are a former member and would like to attend, please call Lin on the phone number below and let us know. We would love you to come. It should be a very special evening.



Our October meeting on Tuesday 19th features The Blood Biker. Ross who is a blood delivery rider will tell us all about the wonderful service he and his colleagues provide.

All the meetings are back in the Village Hall and start at 7.30 pm. Visitors who want to give the WI a try please arrive at 8.00pm.

Please look out for all the details and updates in Sara's newsletters as well as details of rambles and visits. There's a lot going on so don't miss out.

Take care and see you soon, Sally Tombe

For further information please call Lin Merrison on 01525 757161.

Continuing adventures of an ex-editor

Hurray! I have now booked my ferry passage for early October. I couldn't get an earlier crossing as there wasn't the right size kennel available for my dog, Ruby. We also have to sail from Plymouth (not Portsmouth) to Santander, due to kennel availability. The upside of sailing from Plymouth is that it is only a 1 night crossing, not 2 as it would have been from Portsmouth. I am now busy getting paperwork in order and making sure I have hard copies of everything as I don't trust being able to find documents on my phone.



The weather, much like the rest of the UK has been spectacularly disappointing, but I did spend a couple of sunny days in Cowes watching the sailing during Cowes Week. Although the regatta was still rather scaled back due to Covid, there were plenty of stalls, bars, and entertainment and a lovely festival atmosphere. Poor Ruby got quite shell-

shocked when we stood too near to the starting cannons but thankfully she has since recovered.

I am now an expert at 'wild' camping as the campsite I was booked into flooded and had to postpone or cancel bookings. I rather enjoyed parking up overnight with beautiful views across the Solent



and stunning sunsets at various locations round the island. Being so close to the sea I had no excuse not to partake in what I'd seen a lot of the locals doing - going for either an early morning, or evening dip in the sea. It is very invigorating and, talking to one participating healthcare professional, it turns out it is

Continuing Adventures *ctd. plus St. M's Fam. Team*

supposed to keep Alzheimer's at bay, so fingers crossed.

Some of you may be wondering why I've not been more adventurous and travelled on the mainland – several reasons – a) I have friends on the Island, b) the world and his wife are staycationing, and after doing a search for other available campsites and finding there was only availability for a few days in Wales, Cumbria or Scotland, I've decided to stay put. Also my Motorhome is 16 years old, so has its challenges. There is a brilliant MH garage on the island, and also a fantastic mobile boat/caravan technician who has helped with installing solar power and various other non-mechanical problems, so I thought it prudent to stay with this fantastic support team.

Lois x

Family & Children's Team at St. Mary's

At the time of writing this we have just finished our third Bedtime Story and Prayers session which we have been holding in Bury Orchard just the other side of the wall from the church. We have been meeting from 6pm-6:45pm and have enjoyed a couple of stories and some fun prayer activities including bubbles and smarties and of course a drink and a homemade biscuit. Thank you to all the families so far who have joined us.

Our last couple of dates are

Friday 27th August and Saturday 4th September 2021 – weather permitting of course.

If you haven't come to hear a story already please feel free to come along and let us do your bedtime story for you"

As mentioned before, on **October 3rd 2021** we will be starting a monthly **Family Breakfast** for all ages who may want to come and join us in the Parish Rooms at **9am** for breakfast, provided by us, followed by a story and then craft. We aim to be finished by 10:20/30 but you will always be welcome to stay for coffee as the Sunday morning congregation wander over to have a cuppa and see what we have been up to!

We hope you have had a lovely summer holidays, you may even have managed to get away, and if you did or you didn't we pray that it was a blessed time for you all and that you and your family managed some sort of normal after these very difficult months.

With love from everyone at St. Mary's.

Brain Tumour Research *plus* H H Trust



So Madame Fleur Legume has arrived with her new hat of fruit and veg and the more you buy the more styles of hat and designs I shall



endeavour to arrange; please feel free to take from her hat!

As I write there are courgettes, cucumbers, tomatoes, runner beans and cooking apples. There could be cauliflowers but I only grew 6 and 3 have been consumed, I must admit I have never tasted such a delicious cauliflower so I will try to grow more next year. I do have spinach but you would need to request this as it would not survive past a day and I could pick to order. The kohl Rabi is coming as well as celery and celeriac. There may be sweet corn if you can beat my grandson to this!

Thank you to those who support and to those who also supply, this season's total stands at £2383.25. Someone asked how much the total raised for Brain Tumour Research is but as I am writing this with a deadline of 35 minutes now, I will give that total in the October edition of Contact. You would think being on my summer holiday from school I would have time on my hands but life has been busy catching up on household jobs but more especially and more enjoyably, if that's a word, gardening and associated jobs; including washing pots, I have a garage and shed full now so for the time being I will not need any more plastic plant pots but should I start running out I will put out a plea, Thank you to those who have offered pots in the past. If you have any ceramic pots I will still be pleased to receive these as they are always popular; I have also been potting on, splitting plants and taking cuttings in preparation for the flower and veg show and next year's season, so please keep visiting and supporting. So thankyou one and all for your continued support buying plants, fruit and veg, coffee grounds, pots, seeds and eggs and also and especially to those who help me by supplying the same.

Please continue to visit 132 Goswell End Road and buy a plant or your dinner knowing you are making a difference to the lives of those people and families suffering from brain tumours.

Our thanks Jane, Alice and Emma

Harlington Heritage Trust

The Harlington Heritage Trust has yet to arrange a committee meeting to decide on our plans for 2022. For various reasons events will not be resuming until next year at which time we hope to proceed as normal. Enjoy what is left of summer and take care everyone.

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The theme will be harvest, based round 'The Parable of the Sower'.

Even though we will be live, we will put material on our website, <https://cliveandtina.co.uk> and you can download it from there.

Don't forget, while children need an adult, Messy Church, live or virtual, is not just for children.

Clive

Walking4Health



Walking for Health Harlington is now fully back on and takes place every second Friday.

It is great way to stay fit, enjoy the village, meet fellow residents and now to also stop off for coffee, cake and conversation at the cafe after!

The leaders aim to offer 2 walks each time - a short 40 minute walk around the village and a longer more strenuous walk within the village but over the fields. The starting point as always is from the village hall car park at 10.30am.

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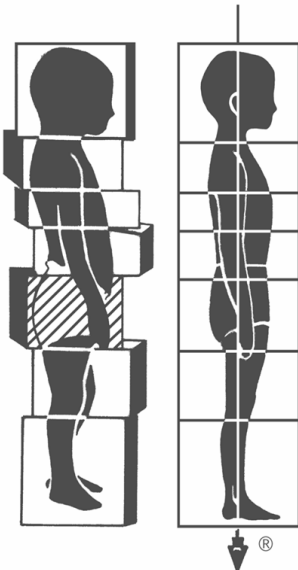
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26th - United Service with Methodists and St. Mary's

Wednesday 7pm Prayer meeting continues to meet on Zoom.

If you have any prayer requests or would like to talk to someone please contact us on the address below

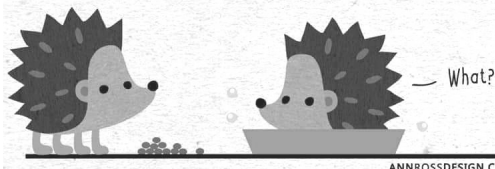
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HEDGEHOG HANDBOOK

PART **2**

FEEDING HOGS

GIVE THEM MEATY PET FOOD OR CAT BISCUITS
AND A SHALLOW BOWL OF FRESH WATER TO
DRINK FROM (AND PADDLE IN!)



Midnight is another planet! When the clock strikes twelve and if you are asleep, wake up, friend, and discover the beauties of this new planet: Discover the silence; discover the tranquillity; speak to the owls, speak to the moon; greet the hedgehogs and disappear in the midst of the mists!

— Mehmet Murat Ildan

Methodist Church

We are holding all services in the church, and our services continue to be available on Zoom and streamed to YouTube on the Harlington Methodist Church YouTube channel. For those in the Church, refreshments are available after the morning service.



September preachers are:

- 5th September 10am Come and See led by Tina and Clive;
6pm Welcome for Rev. Patrick Kandeh at High Town/Zoom
- 12th September 10am Rev. Ebute Obiabo
- 19th September 10am Michael Adams
6pm Communion Led by Rev. Nina Johnson
- 26th September 10am United Service to end the Prayer Weekend
6pm Circuit Service For EDI Launch at St John's /Zoom

Our circulated material is available on <https://www.southbedsmethodist.org.uk> or by email. If you want to join us on Zoom, the Zoom link is normally sent out the day before. Email me, clivedsalmon@aol.com, or phone 874481 to be added to either email list. Or you can watch us live on YouTube, or see the recording later, on the Harlington Methodist Church YouTube channel.

COFFEE MORNING 25th September 10 am to 12 Noon in aid of our charity. Live in the hall, but with a Zoom link for those who want to “drop-in”.

LADIES BRIGHT HOUR

We're very pleased to announce that we shall be starting our meetings on Thursday 2nd September. Covid restrictions in place in the chapel will apply, but I'm sure we'll be able to enjoy our meetings as much as usual. We'll start with a Members Own on 2nd and then speakers will be announced as soon as possible via the newsletter or email. We meet at 2.45 pm every Thursday.



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ROOM BOOKINGS

Contact Trevor Caveney if you are interested in booking any of our Halls, Rooms or the Church, subject to COVID rules. The Halls are suitable for meetings, groups, clubs and particularly good for children's parties. Reasonable prices Tel 01525 754527 or hmc.bookings@ntlworld.com

St. Mary's Church Services in September

YOU ARE WELCOME. Just come sit and be....

September has much to offer in the life of the church and you are most welcome to join with some or all of the events and services that are taking place

On Saturday 11th September is our **Annual Gift Day** and there will be various activities at the church which will be open most of the day.

There will be many visitors with the historic Churches Bike ride taking place and there will be refreshments for all.

Saturday 11th September will also mark the first day of an Art Exhibition in Church of drawings and collages by local artist, Stanley Greening. Stanley has also devised, **I Walk This Earth**, a 3.3 mile country walk from the church with poetic installations to discover on the way. (Full details can be found in this edition of Contact).

On 19th September we shall mark Battle of Britain Anniversary in church..

Thursday 23rd to Sunday 26th September is Prayer Weekend in the village, with Harlington Methodist Church hosting prayer sessions and activities. All Sunday services are at 9.30am except where stated.

5th 8am BCP Holy Communion

9.30am Holy Communion

12th 9.30am Holy Communion.

19th 9.30am Morning Service and marking Battle of Britain Anniversary

3.45pm Benefice Service to mark the formation of the new benefice

26th 9.30am Prayer Service

There is a weekly Church information newsletter issued by email. Let us know if you would like to receive this.

We also have a **Wednesday Morning Service** at 10am. All welcome.

A Quintet **Upper Room Service** takes place **each Sunday at 6pm**. Join people from across the Quintet in an hour when you do not need to stray from your home. There's music, scripture, reflection and prayer in a time where you can just sit and listen. Contact a minister for a zoom invitation to the Upper Room.

Please check the **Church Noticeboard** and websites for updates.

The church is also available for Private Prayer by arrangement. Please contact Linda or Nigel or a churchwarden for access and for more information.

Useful links: Website: www.harlingtonchurch.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/stmarysharlington/

A Church Near You: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7667>

If you would like a chat or prayer, or would like to discuss marriages, funerals or baptisms, do call us on 01525 714442 or email Nigel: nwashy2@gmail.com or Linda: revdtoddington@gmail.com

We are here for you.

Revd Linda and Revd Canon Nigel Washington, Ministers and Dr Robert Johns, Reader



St Mary's Churchwarden

St Mary's Church



Churchyard: the Lady's Bedstraw and Burnet's Saxifrage are still visible in the churchyard and we are getting lots of bird visitors to our bird bath. The hedgehog house doesn't look as though it's been used yet as a free B&B, but we really hope it will be sometime. We know that hedgehogs regularly visit the churchyard.

Art Exhibition: We are excited to have an exhibition of talented artist Stanley Greening's work in church from **Sat 11th - Sunday 19th Sept**. The exhibition is free, with refreshments served at the weekends – probably al fresco, weather permitting! The exhibition is called “being” and the church will be open from 2-4pm each day. More details from Stanley in this magazine.

Celebrations & children's activities: Whilst a quieter month in July with one wedding, we also celebrated 4 baptisms. These are such special services with little ones just beginning their journey in life. Now that the bedtime stories on Bury Orchard have finished, all are welcome to our new monthly children's breakfast club and activity group starting on **Sunday October 3rd**, at 9am in the Parish Hall. Contact me if you need more details or visit our website www.harlingtonchurch.org.

Gift Day: Saturday 11th Sept. You'll receive a letter through your door explaining what this is all about but do contact me if you have any queries. We will be at church from 10-4pm, refreshments available and you are welcome to come and look around, visit the exhibition perhaps, and enjoy the churchyard as well. It also coincides with the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust Bike 'n' Hike day, raising money for repairs to local historic churches. Two of us will be doing a sponsored walk to raise funds, hopefully completing 100 laps of the church. Monies raised are shared equally between the Trust and St Mary's. If you'd like to sponsor us, please get in touch or use the sponsorship form available at our local shop from Aug 28th (thank you Sanjeev and Sunita). By the way, my friend's dog Rover used to chase everyone on a bike.....so my friend had to take away his bike!

Social: our social events have been somewhat curtailed during Covid, but we hope to have another entertaining Quiz very soon, and possibly an open air picnic before the end of Summer. With the prospect of major repairs to the church, particularly one buttress and South Porch, we will be fundraising in earnest!

Best wishes, Tricia Churchwarden

tricia.murphy5@ntlworld.com

'being' exhibition *plus* 'i walk this earth'

'being'

an exhibition by Stanley Greening
St Marys Church Harlington LU5 6LE

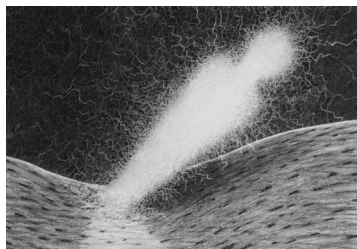
'being' is a solo exhibition of drawings and collages – also featuring 'I Walk This Earth', a local country walk with poetic installation en route. See: stanleygreening.com/stmarys



I am pleased to bring the exhibition, including new pieces, to my home village of Harlington. Exhibition dates: September 11th – 19th. Opening hours 2pm to 4pm or by appointment

'being' was first exhibited at The Wynd Gallery, Letchworth Garden City earlier this year where it received incredible feedback from visitors. *'...an overwhelming undercurrent of the powerful energy and captivating work...'* Carly, The Loss Project. Read the full review: www.thelossproject.com/post/being-an-exhibition-by-stanley-greening

I lost my son, Louis, in June 2020 in extremely tragic circumstances. My new emotionally charged work is an honest and powerful expression of my grief, exploring spirituality and transformation as a view to immortality. Images suggest a spiritual transformation with a radiating energy. The ethereal emerges as a sign of hope and optimism beyond our physicality. They are like visions, a spiritual awakening.



'i walk this earth'

My life and my reality has been impacted by an unimaginable loss and the world is now a very different place to be. It has lost meaning, distorted meaning and meaning has been replaced.

Now, 'I Walk This Earth' very differently indeed. Following the loss of my son, Louis, I eventually began to find some comfort and emotional healing on my countryside runs. Running and interacting with the ever changing environment, pausing and listening to the birds and feeling the breeze soaking up detail previ-

'i walk this earth' *ctd.*

ously unnoticed all began to stimulate and awaken my soul. Even the occasional tumble, my body helplessly thumping to the ground brought an enlightened sense of my 'being' as I connected with this earth. The paths I chose, although familiar, were/are never constant and each step of my replicated meanderings became a step into a new existence.

The walk

During the exhibition you are invited to enjoy a measured 3.3 mile countryside walk from the Church. This walk is an out and back walk with a fragmented poetic installation en route.

I invite you to experience each step, taking in random details along the route; the breeze, the sounds, the smells, the wildlife, the varying terrain... Half way, (your turning point), please, do take time to enjoy your view upon the hill. When you return, looking back along the path you took, reflect upon the different perspectives of life's journeys; the setting out and returning home.

The installation

Along your journey, marked on your maps, are nine suspended wooden signs with words burned into the surface. Each piece presents you with a fragment of a quote by the artist. Each piece is placed 600 metres apart in sequential order so the quote unfolds along your walk and completes at your journey's end. There will also be a map you can follow on your smart phones that includes photos along the way. These photos have been taken at specific points on the journey and are designed to make you experience the landscape more intimately.

It was important for me to connect the walk to the church and so focussed on the most prominent and influential figure we can all, in some way, identify. So why 600 metres? Because 600m is reportedly the length of the path Christ took to his crucifixion. Whilst a faith is not required for this walk one cannot dismiss the powerful symbolic reference most of us are familiar with. The knowing and accepting the short journey was his last and most arduous upon this earth is so incredibly poignant. And I hope, regardless of your belief, that 'I Walk This Earth' leaves you with a sense of 'being'.

So why 3.3miles? Not only is 3 a very significant number in mathematics but also references the holy trinity, and of course, 33 was the age Christ died.

stanleygreening.com/iwalkthisearth

Crafternoon Tea *plus* Wed. Coffee Mornings



I made two octopi of this design. The first went to a set of grandchildren – the pattern suggested that the octopus could be used as a learning tool – how to tie bows, and/or learn colours.

This, the second one, became a display piece for when I was touting for students for the course I taught. By the time I came to make the scarf, I was bored with stocking stitch (one row plain, one row purl) so I cabled the centre of the scarf – still plain and purl, but with a twist!

Crafternoon Tea meets fortnightly on Monday afternoons, between 2 and 4 pm. You do not have to be working at any particular craft, we welcome any and every craft, and all logics for crafting! If you want to try a new craft, we will endeavour to find you the materials and tools, and even someone to help, if that is what you need.

Our September meetings will be 13th and 27th. This will start our 6th year of meeting and you are welcome to join us, either in person at the Methodist Church, or virtually on Zoom, as we will be doing both. We are still tweaking our ability to be both present and on line, so we will continue to work at this. If you want to join us on Zoom, rather than in person, please contact me in advance, and I will send you the link.

Contact: Tina Salmon (christinasalmon60@gmail.com), 874481, website: <https://cliveandtina.co.uk>

Wednesday Coffee Mornings and Games

We plan to restart the coffee morning on Wednesday 8th September. We very much look forward to seeing you all again. If you have not been before and would like to join us for coffee/tea, a chat or a game of table tennis we would love to see you. We meet every Wednesday in the Parish Hall from 10am until 12oclock. The Games Group section have already begun playing table tennis again and you are very welcome to join us. We also have a small snooker table, and if anyone would like to come perhaps to play different indoor games eg chess, card games or Scrabble, please do come along any Wednesday morning to see us and have a chat.

Doreen Gatward and Valerie Bates.

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