

## **ROBOROUGH PARISH NEWS** **NOVEMBER 2020**

### **ROBOROUGH CHURCH**

On Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> after a short service of Holy Communion we had our APCM when Rev Gary Owen was in the chair he welcome all that were there which was encouraging to see, then on to business he gave a thank you to Caroline Petherick for her service as churchwarden which she had done for many years, so then our PCC was elected, Madeleine Challacombe,(Churchwarden) Jacque Ward,(Secretary/ Lay Reader) Verlie Hookway,( Treasurer) Vicky Wilmot and Michael Folland, We have had a difficult year but we the PCC appreciate all the help we get from all our church friends in keeping this church here in Roborough going in the way off maintenance work, cleaning, flower ladies and churchyard tidiness, not forgetting the opening and closing of the church. Thank you all. Madeleine.

### **ROBOROUGH CHURCH REMEMBRANCE WEEK**

The church opening times leading up to Remembrance Day are as follows:

Starting from Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup> at 11.00am and will remain open for private prayer and reflection until 2.00pm.

Similarly, the church will be open on Wednesday November 4<sup>th</sup> between 2.00 – 6.00pm for private prayer and reflection.

On Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday Service at 10.50am after the service the church will remain open until 2.00pm for private prayer and reflection.

On Remembrance Day November 11<sup>th</sup> the church will be open from 2.00 – 6.00pm for private prayer and reflection.

Please remember social distance at all time, there will be a donation box with all monies going to the Royal British Legion.

Please come and see all the lovely poppies that our community here in Roborough have put together, and to our service of Remembrance.

### **CHRISTMAS DECORATING**

As you all can understand this Christmas will be different, no Nine Carols and Lessons, no Activity for making Christingles but we are hoping to have a Making a Nativity outside in the churchyard on Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup>, which we hope many will come weather permitting, there will be a Christmas Eve service, so with great thought it has been decided that we would like all flower ladies to decorate their windows, and pedestal this year in green and red with one candle in the middle to show the light to all people. Please if this can be done by Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup>, if there is a problem contact Madeleine.01769560137. Thank you.

### **ROBOROUGH WOMAN'S CIRCLE**

Over and Above is a registered charity that supports the services at North Devon Healthcare NHS Trust by fundraising 'Over and Above' what the NHS is able to provide. In July, the Cancer and Wellbeing Fern Centre was officially opened. It is a place where patients, their families and carers can access information, therapies, counselling, financial

advice and hair loss support amongst many other services in a safe, welcoming environment. There are also three hotel standard bedrooms so relatives of patients staying at the hospital can stay near their loved ones.

Roborough Women's Circle has supported this particular charity in the past and have agreed to make a further donation this month to support the most recent 'Big Purple Week' appeal. Members appreciate that having such an amazing facility can make a real difference to those needing support during their cancer journey and recognise any support given by local communities is very much appreciated. Thank you to all members of the RWC.

### **CONDOLENCES**

We would like to send our condolences to the family of Mary Stevens who passed away in October. Mary had lived in the parish of Roborough all of her life. She enjoyed parish life to the full. Mary would be seen enjoying a coffee morning, luncheon, fete and in particular loved participating in bingo both arranging and playing. For many years she was the captain of the lady's skittles team, arranging, playing the games and celebrating a win. Mary will be missed in the village. Our thoughts are with the family.

### **ROBOROUGH COMMUNITY PROPERTY ASSOCIATION LTD**

One of the community owned houses in Sealey Court will be available to rent as from 1 January 2021. The house has 2 bedrooms, off road parking and a garden.

It is available for people with a local connection to Roborough. If you are interested in applying please contact the Secretary, Barry Whiting, for more information or an application form.

Contact details telephone 01805 603439, email [bazzersplace@gmail.com](mailto:bazzersplace@gmail.com)

Application closing date 20 November 2020.