

St Nicholas Bulletin

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Dear Friends

Last time I wrote, I apologised for the lack of information and long gap since the previous bulletin. Although another three months has passed since then, we are making progress and there is some good news ...we have just been sent the first suggested settlement offer from the Insurance Company. The figure does not meet our expectations, and we shall meet with the architect's team soon to try to negotiate a significantly better sum; the amount at present offered is well below the insured value and will not be enough to rebuild the church as we want. I have always expected that the Insurance Company will cover the cost of the rebuild; do please pray that the negotiations with them will be productive. Once we have an acceptable offer for the rebuild, we shall review the planned improvements in order to assess how much we need to raise ourselves to cover the additional facilities.

Despite the frustrations and apparent inactivity, you will however be pleased to know that the outline plan the architect has produced has been accepted by the Church Council, the Diocesan Advisory Committee and English Heritage, as well as the other amenity groups who have a stake in what we do. This means that we are all ready to move in terms of detailed plans, once we are given the go ahead by the Insurance Company, provided adequate funding is in place.

Once these plans have been produced, we will be able to have an open village meeting for people to come and see what is proposed, and then we have to get the approval from all these committees, planning authority and amenity groups again.

When all that has been done, and the detailed job produced by the QS, we can put the work out to tender ... and building can begin soon after. We are hoping that all this will be done by next summer, so that building can begin then – but as we are already getting behind our initial schedule, this is all guesswork.

In the meantime, we meet in the Community Hall at 10.00am every Sunday for worship, and continue to be very grateful for the support and patience of the community. In August, the services will change a little due to holiday pressures, and so I have taken the liberty of setting out the services below so you know where we shall be and when.

August :

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| 16 th | 10.00am | Family Worship |
| 23 rd | 10.30am | Joint Service at St Michael's Bishops Itchington |
| 30 th | 11.00am | Feldon Group Joint service followed by picnic/games
– Weston Village Hall (byo picnic etc) – all welcome |

And finally, something exciting for the diary ...

Messy Church is coming to Radford Semele!

Messy Church is a once a month session of creativity, celebration and eating together for the whole family – kids, mums, dads and even grandparents!

Messy Church is a new way of doing church, with lots of fun craft activities based around a specific theme. There is also a short worship time and a meal for everyone to share together. Don't worry if you haven't been to church before, you will find Messy Church very relaxed and informal, and will be given a warm welcome!

The first Radford Semele Messy Church will be held on **Saturday 26th September, 4-6pm at the Community Hall, Lewis Road**. Our first theme is Noah's Ark. Put the date in your diary and come along and join us!

For more information please email RSMessyChurch@googlemail.com or call Nikki (07879 478164), Flo (335657) or Liz (430685).

With my best wishes



Rev Martin Green

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