



St John's Ranmoor, Wednesday Lunch Club

It was very good to meet some of you last time we delivered a tea. We thought we would share some of your news with lunch club members and helpers. Thanks a lot to Jean and Trudie for keeping us all up-to-date and in touch with each other.

Weddings: can they? – can't they?



Janet Lees was delighted that the wedding of her granddaughter was able to go ahead, after some doubt. Here they are at the Town Hall. Another ceremony will take place in Santorini.

Jean Couldrey's son has had to postpone his wedding till September 2021 but Jean is now happy with that decision. Her husband, Graham, has been shielding so the garden has been a great joy, the decking now replaced!

Pam Sims has had one of her granddaughters and her four great-grandchildren to visit last week. Two girls aged 3 and 5, and 2 boys aged 7 and 8. They had a very lively and boisterous time, but she enjoyed having them there. They had a fun in her garden, climbing trees and enjoying being with their great grandmother.

Ian Dowling is doing a lot of walking. Though he has been diagnosed with arthritis in his knee, the pain killers have helped him keep moving.

Rosie Gregory is enjoying her garden in lockdown. Here are some wildflowers grown from seed from a packet she bought from her visit to Reichenau Monastery in Germany with a school friend.



Ken Harris is looking forward to a celebration of his 90th birthday on the 7th of September
Happy Birthday Ken!
We do hope your family are able to be with you and Sheila.



Finally, a huge thank you to our new curate, Matt Wood, and his wife Clare for organising our cream teas - hugely appreciated.

Thank you too to Hester Bailey for her wonderful cards.





Hi Everyone,

I hope you're all doing okay and keeping safe? I can't believe it's nearly 6 months since we last seen each other in person . . . I have been very busy all through lockdown and have still been working and keeping very active you will not be surprised to hear!

Church services have still been happening and I have been on email and at the end of the phone for parishioners. I have had a lot of involvement with our wedding couples and helping to move weddings to next year or help manage weddings with a restricted number. We had to close the Parish Centre at the start of lockdown but plan to reopen in September. We have had new carpets and full decoration so it'll look great when we all return.

On a personal note I have been homeschooling Heidi which on the whole has been a joyous experience but some days have been more challenging than others - for us both and I was helping support my mum as she was shielding.

Carl my husband works for Pizza Express, and, has been very busy all through lockdown. Sadly having to close some restaurants as a result of COVID-19 and he has also had to implement a restructure to the organisation.

I am very thankful to have a lovely family around me who have helped keep life going along nicely and most importantly we have all been healthy.

I hope that you are all enjoying the afternoon teas and it goes without saying I cannot wait to see you all soon and to have the lunch club back up and running when it is safe enough to return. We still don't know when that will be.

Stay in touch, and please remember we are at the end of the phone if you need anything.

Lots of love Claire xx

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My Mum (Trudie)
having a well
deserved cuddle
after lockdown with
Heidi.



Brian is very happy that his daughter Helen had brought a meal over to him a week ago and they were able to eat at the same table together for the first time for months.

I'm so delighted that the first afternoon tea went well and hope that you enjoy this one just as much. It has been a great joy to resume services in church and now to have members of the choir singing in church for the first time since lockdown. We look forward to the day when we can share lunch with each other again in the refurbished Parish Centre. Until then, wherever we are, we are still part of the St John's community and you are always in my prayers.
Matthew



Afternoon Tea for St John's Ranmoor Lunch Club

It's been such a shame that the Lunch Club has not been able to meet during Covid-19 restrictions, so the Pastoral Care Group and Matt our curate got together to organise delivery of an afternoon tea. A superb 'tea in a box' including sandwiches, delicious cakes and scones with jam and clotted cream was produced by Percy and Lily's caterers and delivered with a handmade card by a team of volunteer drivers. It was a superb team effort and the teas were much appreciated by those who received them. One happy recipient said:

'The tea was excellent and so carefully and thoughtfully packed with such delicious things.'
Huge thanks go to Percy and Lily's and all the team who helped with contacts, dispatch and delivery.
We will be delivering teas again on Wednesday 2nd September.

The Pastoral Care team carefully putting everything into cars for delivery!



Some of our happy lunch club receiving afternoon tea to their door.....