

## UPDATE / NEWS

Hi. Hope you are keeping your spirits up at a time when the Covid 19 situation is looking uncertain. There are, however, things that are within our own individual control.

### **Covid 19 - Good news and bad news**

Here is an [update dated 14 September](#) from Professor Tim Spector. I personally find his updates refreshing, even if he is looking a little haggard. There's no political (some politicians and media) or commercial (some politicians and media) bias.

### **So what are the rules in England on meeting up with people?**

There is some confusion about how many people can meet up and how many households. This appears to be because of different rules for England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

In England up to six people from any number of households can meet up both inside and outside. People should use social distancing – that is preferably two metres apart or at the very minimum one metre plus mask or other form of preventing aerosol spray of the virus. More information is [here](#).

### **Box Park – Covid 19 measures and what's on offer**

Now that the 50% off meal deal, with associated crowding and lack of social distancing measures in some places, is over – some more people may be considering eating out. Here's a [view of a recent visit](#) to Box Park.

### **Post**

Earlier in the summer we asked you for your experiences of how frequently you were receiving letters delivered by Royal Mail. It appears that we are now getting a regular delivery of letters.

One resident, however, has flagged up another issue which others in the road have experienced. With the exception of one Postie, our neighbour is finding that other members of Royal Mail staff are just leaving letters and packages in their porch without even as much knocking on the door. This leaves them vulnerable to theft. Our neighbour has tried speaking with the individual members of staff to request they at least ring on the door but without success.

We do realise that Royal Mail staff may well be under a lot of pressure to get as many letters and parcels delivered as possible.

If you are experiencing any such issues with Royal Mail delivery, please could you let us know? We have not heard of similar issues with other delivery firms. Thanks.

### **Catalytic Converter Theft**

For those who have cars, you may find the following information from the Metropolitan Police in Croydon useful.

*'This is to make you aware that your vehicle may be at risk or you may already have been a victim of a catalytic converter theft. Catalytic converters are attached to the exhaust pipes of cars to remove harmful and pollutant gases. They are stolen for precious metals, some of which are more valuable than gold. The vehicles targeted are Toyota Prius, Toyota Auris, Honda Jazz and Lexus RX makes and models. If you own one of these vehicles you are at risk. Costs of replacing catalytic converters can amount to £1,500.*

*There are various prevention methods which are effective:*

- *Install a metal plate or 'Catloc' over your catalytic converter to lock it in place*
- *Park in garages and well-lit areas covered by CCTV*
- *Invest in security and personal CCTV*
- *If you are a victim then call 101 or report online*

*What to look out for:*

- *Individuals carrying metal cutters and car jacks*
- *Anyone carrying metal from an exhaust pipe*
- *People ducking underneath cars*
- *If you see suspicious behaviour call 999 immediately*

*If you have any queries please call or email the details [below]. Operation Basswood has been initiated to target the rising theft of catalytic converters. Do not hesitate to contact us directly.*

*0208 649 0195    [Opbasswood@met.police.uk](mailto:Opbasswood@met.police.uk)*

### **St Mary Magdalene Church, Canning Road – collecting donations for Purley Foodbank, Nightwatch and Croydon Refugee Day Centre**

This is a message from Craig Aldridge, St Mary Magdalene Parish Administrator.

*Harvest Festival 10:30 am    Sunday 27th of September*

*Please bring donations of sealed, non-perishable food such as cereal, soup, pasta, rice, juice, tea, coffee, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables or tinned meat. As well as donations of toiletries & sanitary products for men, women and children. Do also feel free to include non-essential and luxury items such as chocolate, bath products and high quality branded food products.*

*The church will be open on Thursday 24th 10am-12pm for anyone to drop off a donation if unable to attend on the Sunday.*

*All donations will be given to Purley Foodbank, Nightwatch and Croydon Refugee Day Centre*

If you have any queries about this, please address them to Craig Aldridge, Parish Administrator, St Mary Magdalene with St Martin Church  
[stmmoffice@btinternet.com](mailto:stmmoffice@btinternet.com) 020 8656 3457

## **HINTS AND TIPS**

### **Why do different people have different ways of viewing Covid 19?**

Simply walking and taking notice of people around shows us the variety of attitudes and reactions to the current Covid 19 situation. So why do different people have different views?

This [short article](#) is somewhat learned but provides an interesting perspective.

For a more humorous view of Brits' reaction to a pandemic, click [here](#)

For social distancing for pets, click [here](#)

## **TO MAKE YOU SMILE**

2021 Planner – see attached jpeg

## **RELIABLE SOURCES OF ACCURATE INFORMATION**

### **Croydon Council services**

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/healthsocial/phealth/coronavirus-information/service-updates>

**National – furlough, self-employed, small businesses, benefits, housing**

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

**Job Help**

<https://jobhelp.campaign.gov.uk/>

[Seven key tips for finding a job](#)

**Health**

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

**Money**

<https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en>

<https://www.turn2us.org.uk/>

<https://www.fca.org.uk/>

**Citizens Advice**

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/health/coronavirus-what-it-means-for-you/>

**Shelter**

[https://england.shelter.org.uk/housing\\_advice/coronavirus](https://england.shelter.org.uk/housing_advice/coronavirus)