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*O come, let us sing
to the Lord;
let us make
a joyful noise
to the rock of our
salvation!*

Psalms 95: 1



May 2024

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Services in church this month

Sun 5th	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 12th	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 19th	10.00am	"Minsterley Praise" at the Methodist Chapel
Sun 26th	4.00pm	Tea-Time service in the Village Hall

other events this month (see page . .)

Thu 2nd	Hillcrest coffee morning (p23)
Thu 2nd	Knitter Natter (EVERY Thursday)
Tue 7th	Ichthus Bible study (p7)
Sat 11th	Minsterley Meadows meeting (p21)
Tue 14th	Oasis meeting (p13) Parish Council meeting (p11)
Wed 15th	Hope & Shelve APCM (p26)
Sat 18th	Minsterley Plant Sale (3)
Sun 19th	Pontesbury Open Gardens (p3)
Tues 21st	Ichthus Bible study (p7)
Tue 28th	Oasis meeting (p13)
Tue 28th	The Gathering, Marton (p4)
Sat 1st June	Hope & Shelve Fete (p7)

Weekly events in the church

Mondays	3.30pm	Youth Café (p7)
Tuesdays	10.00am	Foodbank (p15)
Wednesdays	10.00am	Coffee Hub (p26)
Thursdays	10.00am	Trinity Tots (p13)

HOT OFF THE PRESS:

St Luke's Snailbeach is holding a Pentecost service for the first time in some years - see page 27.

Trinity Tots is looking for team members. Can you help minister to children and their mum/carer? See page 13.

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Leading thought

The highlight of Easter for me was early on Sunday morning on Pontesford Hill.

Like the inappropriately named 'Doubting Thomas' my faith was weak. A service on a hillside in the dark and cold at 6.30 a.m. (the same day the clocks went back) seemed to me to be destined to attract a very small handful of people. In the event, there were 15-20 of us, creating a warm fellowship. I had also assiduously studied the weather forecast and convinced myself that despite billing this as a Sunrise Service that the cloud cover would frustrate any attempts to echo that first Easter morning, where the discovery of the empty tomb is reported by all four Gospel writers to have happened at day-break. However, by the time our simple sharing of bread and wine was over, a glorious sunrise was visible through the trees.

All this is important because for the most people, Easter finishes once the Bank Holiday Monday is concluded - or at the very most once the children have returned to school. This is to treat the resurrection as an historical event (in many people's view of course one that didn't actually happen). By historical event, I mean something that is now over and whose significance is confined to the past.

However by situating Easter at the beginning of Spring the Church (and God) mean us to understand that this explosion of new life is to be enjoyed as an ongoing blessing. The sunrise is the herald of the new day, not the day itself.

Just as the outset of Spring, which is characterised by new bulbs poking their heads through the ground and buds appearing on the trees, is followed by the wondrous colours of flowers in full bloom and the magnificent blossoms of our trees, so it is further on into Spring that we see lambs running around our fields in celebration of the new life they have been given. In the same way the Resurrection is just the beginning. St Paul sums it up in 2 Corinthians chapter 5 verse 17 when he writes: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ they are a new creation." Being "in Christ" means to accept that His death and resurrection were for you. Being a new creation doesn't mean (sadly) new knees or a better memory, but it does mean that there is always cause for rejoicing. God has pronounced his verdict. Neither death nor sin can overcome His Love.

If you don't believe me, look out the window at His glorious creation, now in full bloom.

Greg Smith

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In recent months I have attended a number of gatherings where priorities for the church have been discussed – for dioceses, deaneries, and for local parishes.

Such discussions reflect similar ‘strategic conversations’ across the Church of England, seen in debates at General Synod, and in pronouncements from our Archbishops.

These conversations are often preoccupied with addressing decline – in those attending church on Sundays, in finances, in children and young people with any contact with Christianity, and in numbers of clergy ministering in our parishes.

These are important concerns, yet they seem quite a contrast to the early chapters of the book of Acts. The first Christians “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers”. Their first priority was to be intentional about worship and prayer. Their second priority was to seize the opportunities which arose to proclaim the good news of the resurrection through their words and actions. The result, Acts tells us, is that people were daily being added to the numbers of believers.

Of course they lived in a vastly different world from our own. Much of the early dramatic growth of Christianity was probably caused by whole families and their slaves being baptised following the conversion of the head of the household, and also by the new faith’s appeal to those on the lowest rungs of society, attracted by common ownership and sharing of property with those who had the least.

Nevertheless, the approach to mission in our own days should surely also begin with a recommitment to worship, prayer, reading the Bible, and regular sharing of Holy Communion. It must start with a recommitment to the body of Christ to which we belong, and to its local

expression in the communities of our deanery. It will be as we grow in our own faith and relationship to Jesus, and in our connectedness to each other, that we will be strengthened to reach out to those who live in our parishes with the good news of God’s love in Jesus Christ.

This I think is what lies at the heart of our Diocesan values – the call to be prayerful, Christ-like and engaged. As we approach the halfway point of the Year of Faith, there are still plenty of opportunities both across the diocese, and in our local churches to spend time growing in our faith and trust in Jesus, living as witnesses to the resurrection, and sharing the good news with those around us.

Rev Fran



The Gathering
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Pentecost (19th May)

Before Christ sent the church into the world, He sent the Spirit into the Church. The same order must be observed today. – *John R W Stott*

There are churches so completely out of the hands of God that if the Holy Spirit withdrew from them, they wouldn’t find it out for many months. – *AW Tozer*

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World News

. . . .or “some of the items you are not likely to see this week on the TV news”

Burkina Faso – Fifteen Christians killed in Islamist attack on church

Christians in Burkina Faso need our prayers after at least fifteen worshippers were killed during an attack on a church on Sunday 26th February. Two others were injured when suspected Islamist militants opened fire during a service in Essakane village in Oudalan province, close to the border with Mali and Niger in the north-east of the country.

Church leaders announced in a statement that twelve people were killed instantly and three others died in hospital. “In this painful circumstance, we invite you to pray for those who died in faith, for the healing of the wounded, and for the consolidation of grieving hearts,” the statement added.

It is the latest slaughter attributed to Islamists waging a nine-year campaign of violence in Burkina Faso, much of it targeted against Christians and churches.

More than two million people have been driven from their homes and thousands have been killed during the insurgency, which began when Muslim extremists in neighbouring Mali and Niger began moving into the north of Burkina Faso in 2015. Jihadists now control more than 40% of the nation.

Myanmar – Pastor shot dead by gunmen

A Christian community in Kachin State, northern Myanmar is mourning the loss of its pastor who was killed by gunmen on 18th March. Three armed men entered 47-year-old Nammye Hkun Jaw Li's computer shop in Nam Ma Tee village, Mogaung township around 2pm.

“Three men came and said they wanted to print on vinyl and shot him dead. They shot him in his stomach twice, and when he did not die, they also shot him in the head,” a Nam Ma Tee resident said.

Nammye Hkun Jaw Li is survived by his wife and three children.

Myanmar – Military arrests pastor and youths in Kachin State

Also in Kachin State, a pastor and sixteen youths were arrested on 10th March when the Myanmar military (Tatmadaw) raided a shelter camp run by the Kachin Baptist Convention in Banmaw town. Those arrested were reportedly taken to a military base in Banmaw town, but at the time of writing their whereabouts is unknown.

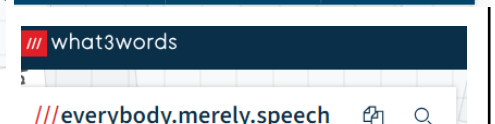
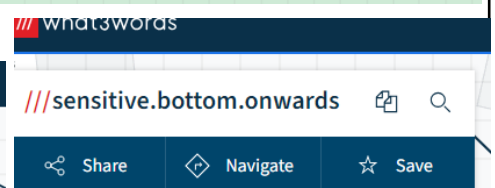
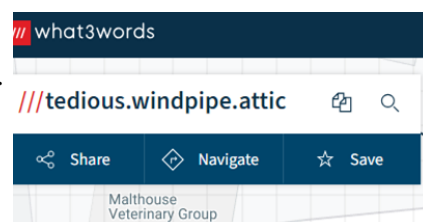
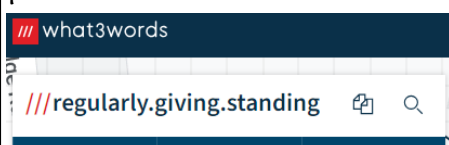
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Hooray for What-3-Words

You may have heard of this website that allows you to specify exactly where in the world you are to a 3 metre accuracy.

A brief exploration of our churchyard finds some locations with (slightly) relevant descriptions. Maybe especially if the organ is playing up. All these are genuine locations - I leave you to find some other ones which are not suitable for publication.

Editor.



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Cara is buying a sponge and has spoken nicely to Nan and Ra... so on Sunday 5th May she will be washing cars at 9 Little Minsterley. It's £5 per car so book early to guarantee your spot!

Call or email Sarah on 07971 984925 or sarahedwards90@hotmail.com to book.

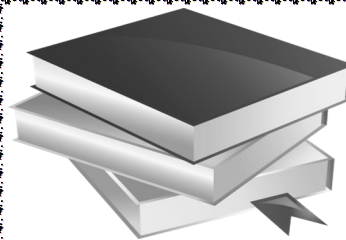
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Psalm 119:105 (The Message Bible)

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May 21st	Brookfield Waterwheel	John 3:1-17 Romans 8:12-17 Isaiah 6:1-8

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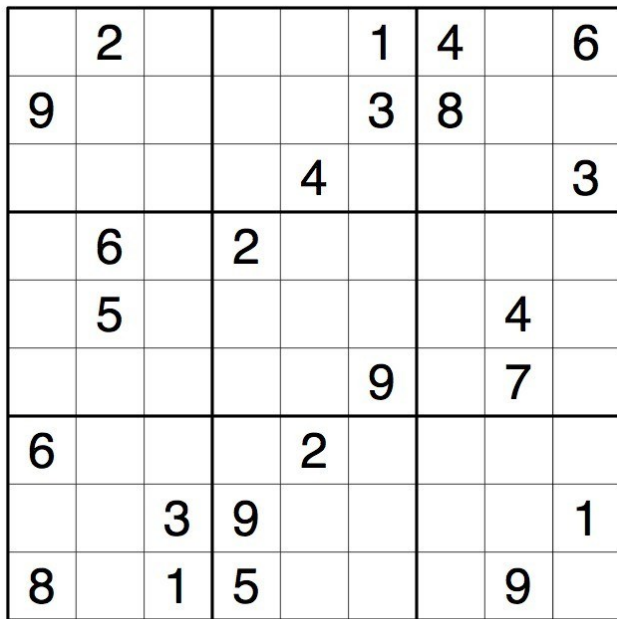
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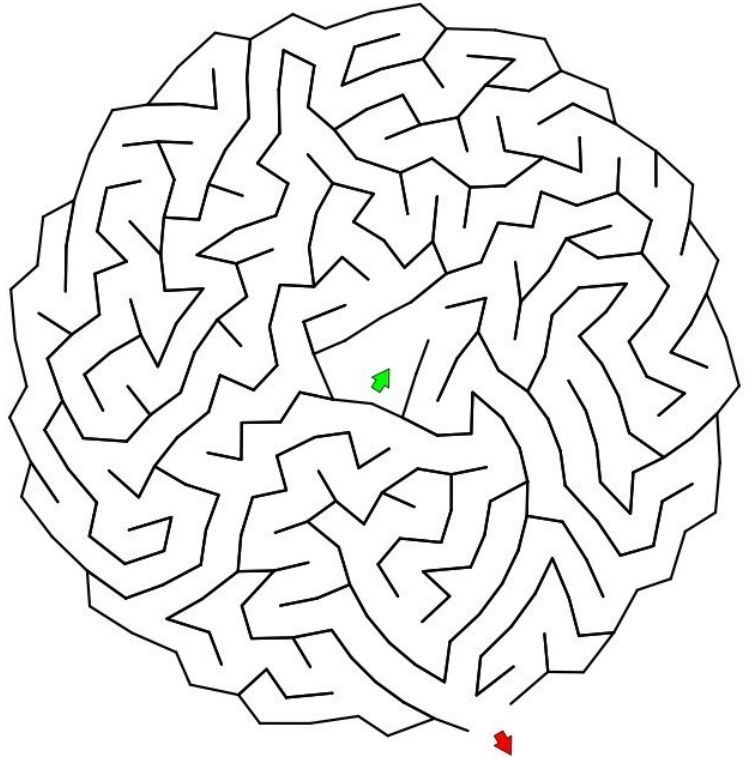
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The first Sunday in May is Rogation Sunday. This is when many parishes still 'beat the bounds'. Rogation means an asking of God - for blessing on the seed and land. The practice began with the Romans, who processed around the cornfields each Spring, singing and dancing, sacrificing animals, in order to get rid of evil.

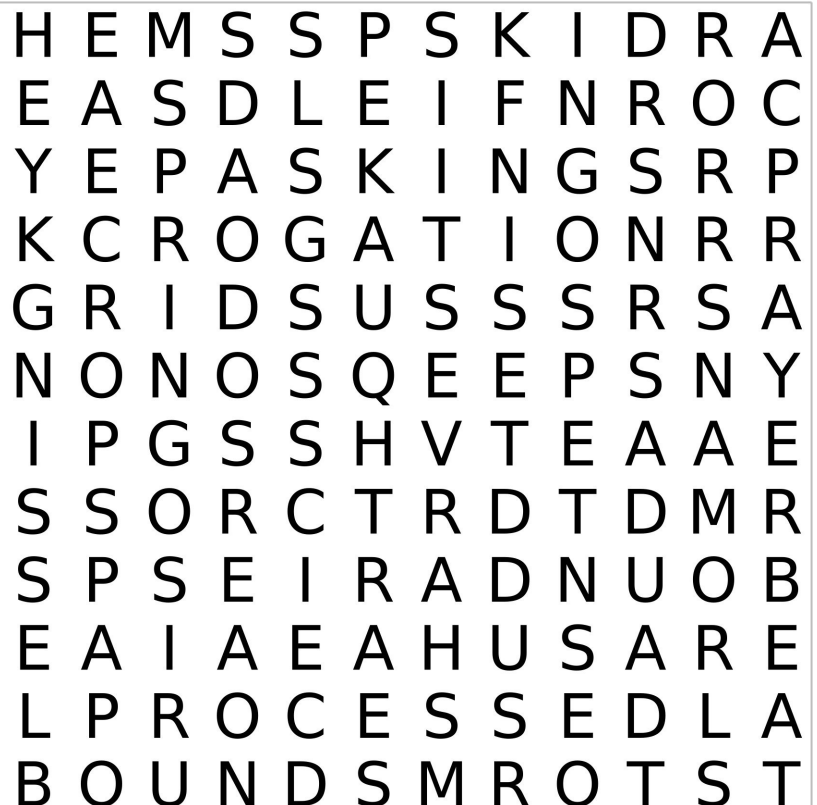
About 465 AD the Western world was suffering from earthquake and storm. Mamertius, Bishop of Vienne in Gaul, aware of the pagan custom, ordered that prayers should be said in the ruined or neglected fields. Thus 'beating the bounds' became a Christian ceremonial.

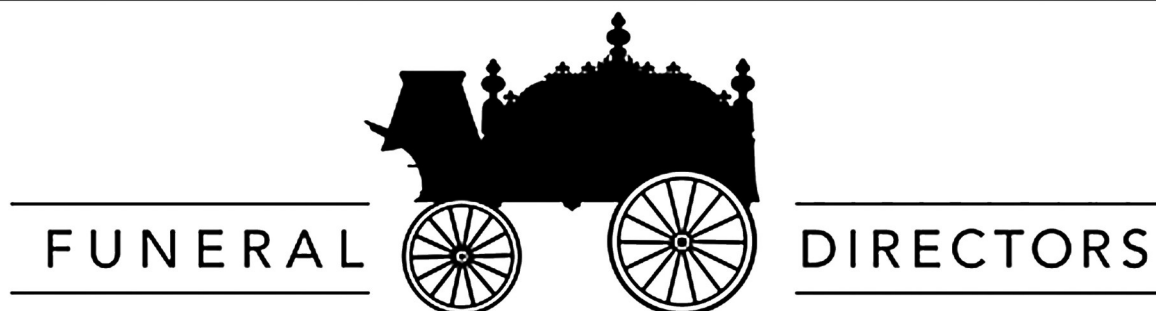
It arrived in England early in the eighth century. Each Spring, led by the priest, a little party from the parish would set out with a Cross to trace the boundaries of the parish. They'd implore God to keep their corn and roots and boughs in good health, and bring them to harvest. In the days when maps were scarce, 'beating the bounds' helped remind everyone just where the boundaries were. Do you know yours today?

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Minsterley Parish Council Annual report 2023/24

The Parish Council has had another busy twelve months representing and working through Parish matters, on behalf of all the parish residents.

Every monthly meeting we receive a report from our local Flood Action Group, regarding problems from the increasingly numerous storms. Our thanks to Doug Jones and Geoff Brown who continue to monitor and report issues.

The Parish Council continue to press for a 40 mph speed limit from The Waterwheel down to the 30 mph area near the School. Residents living in the south of the Parish have long requested such a limit. Back in January we managed to get Mr John Campion, the Police Commissioner, to a site meeting and get his support for a speed restriction in this area. Shropshire Council continue to say it is not on the current list of priority accident sites, and quote a figure of £25,000 - £30,000 to implement it. We will continue to request it.

Also, thanks go to our local Police Officer, Richard Walters, who always helps and supports the Parish with speeding, parking and other issues which are reported during the year.

The Parish continue to report the state of the road network, especially the potholes, lack of line markings and the condition of the road surfaces. Linking the footway between the village stores and Linden Fields continues through the planning stage with the Highway Authority.

As custodian trustee, the Parish Council was informed of the low number of committee members on the Parish Hall Committee, and the problems which might arise if no management trustees were in place. Hopefully progress has been made with new volunteers coming forward, who will continue to manage this special asset on behalf of the residents of the area.

The Minsterley Meadows Project which begun with a public meeting in January continues with the Middle Marches Community Land Trust, trying to purchase the site and protect its special features.

Joint arrangements with Pontesbury continue with the Solar Lights and the Verges Project on the cycle/pathway between the two villages.

Planning applications are discussed every

month and the Parish's comments are forwarded to the Planning Authority for their information.

The Parish continue to work jointly with Hanwood and Pontesbury regarding the A.N.P.R. Speed Camera Project. Representatives from the three parishes who form the Working Group, which oversees the project, have met regularly throughout the last twelve months, together with West Mercia Police.

Checks and reports are given every month regarding the condition of the defibrillator, bus shelters and the playground areas and equipment. Also the 80 Parish street lights are monitored for faults.

We continue to help with arrangements for Remembrance Sunday, held at the War Memorial in The Square.

The planting of the roundabout and spring bulbs continue to be arranged by the Parish, together with the management of the playing field and the grass cutting arrangements.

The Christmas trees and lights around the Parish Hall were also arranged last December.

The Parish records dating from 1894 to 2020 were inspected and lodged at Shropshire Archives.

I hope this account gives an insight into some of the many items the Parish Council covered during the last twelve months.

Finally, may I convey a few thanks to those who make it happen? To our Parish Clerk, Ian Hutchison and his personal assistant, Sabrina, who look after the administration and finance, many thanks. Also, thanks to Steve Pryce and Tony Bishton for all the work they carry out in the Parish. May I also mention on behalf of everyone, our grateful thanks to Liz Penrose, a resident who volunteers clearing rubbish from the verges and footways throughout the area. Finally, thanks to all the Members of the Parish Council who continue to try to improve and maintain our local area on behalf of everyone.

**Geoff Rogers
Chairman of Minsterley Parish Council**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 14th May, in Minsterley Parish Hall.

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After six years Barbara Norsworthy is standing down this summer as leader of Trinity Tots. She and Judith Matthews, who is also retiring, will be much missed, and although they will still be running the group until the summer holiday we want to place on record our deep gratitude to them for their caring kindness and faithful service.

In view of their departure, we are looking to recruit new team members ready for a September start. A job description and application form can be obtained from Emma at officepontstip@gmail.com. Please contact Greg on 07902 794653 for an informal conversation. Closing date for applications is 17th May. Anyone joining the team will need to undertake a DBS check.

Greg Smith

[Sarah Young will continue to be on the Tots' team, and you are welcome to ask her about what is involved by ringing 07999 551001].

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Draw 13	27 th March	No. 9	Sarah Edwards
Draw 14	3 rd April	No. 40	Lynn Evans
Draw 15	10 th April	No. 55	Jan Brain
Draw 16	17 th April	No. 40	Lynn Evans

Bible Readings in Holy Trinity Church this month

Here are the Bible passages we plan to read in our church services this month:

Date	OT Reading	Epistle	Gospel
5 th May	Acts 10:44-48	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
9 th May (Ascension Day)	Acts 1:1-11	Psalm 47	
12 th May	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
19 th May	Acts 2:1-21		



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TWELFTH NIGHT by William Shakespeare

Abbey Foregate Church Drama Group will perform *Twelfth Night* at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12th - Saturday 15th June. Ticket prices are Adults £12 and under 18s £6, to include programme and refreshments. This performance will take place in Shrewsbury United Reformed Church to which St. Nicholas' Hall is attached.

This modern production of *Twelfth Night* is set in the 1960s, a time period often considered to be counter cultural; a time of protest, an unpopular war in Vietnam, the space race to the moon and the assassination of significant political and spiritual leaders such as JFK and Martin Luther King. More familiar themes in the play are gender swapping, supported in this production by the songs of Ray Davies and *The Kinks* where, to quote their popular song *Lola*: 'Girls will be boys and boys will be girls.' So, a play written around 1602, styled in the 1960s and performed in 2024 still resonates today. We hope that you come and enjoy this take on one of Shakespeare's most popular comedies.

Tickets can be obtained through the Drama Group website on info@abbeydrama.com or by telephoning the Drama Group on 07951 862881 or Robert Currie (01743 790 123).

Robert Currie



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- 7th December - Christmas Fete

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Local organisations offering help and support

Here are some contact details you might find useful. This page was updated in January 2022, but if you find anything to be out of date, incorrect or not relevant please let the editor know. Likewise please share details of any other group which can offer support to local residents. Thank you.

Rea Valley Foodbank 07902 794653

Food parcels available locally in Minsterley and Pontesbury. Referral needed.

Community Good Neighbours, Rea Valley

07944 891953

Get in touch with a local Good Neighbour for a friendly chat, small errands and support to stay active and connected within the community.

Pontesbury Community and Care Co-ordinator

01743 790325 or e-mail h.tazewell@nhs.net

Helen Tazewell can give assistance to patients of all ages in need of help, support and advice by signposting to other useful services. She works Monday and Wednesday locally.

Healthy Shropshire 0345 678 9025

Shropshire Council telephone line for information and advice on a healthy lifestyle, including smoking, alcohol, weight, exercise and other matters.

Shrewsbury Food Hub Shrewsburyfoodhub.org.uk

Surplus food share tables across Shrewsbury. See Facebook page for venue details.

Shrewsbury "foodbank PLUS" 07421 745857

Food parcels, debt advice, returning to work, digital Inclusion, life skills. Referral needed.

Citizens Advice Shropshire 0344 499 1100

Confidential advice and help to solve problems with debt, benefits, housing, legal matters & employment.

Need help claiming Universal Credit? Call their dedicated Help to Claim helpline, 0800 144 8444

Keep Shropshire Warm 0800 112 3743

Advice and grants for people struggling with heating and energy bills.

Shropshire Council Housing Support 0345 678 9005

Support on all housing matters particularly rentals and homelessness.

Shropshire Mental Health Support 01743 368647

Mental health support.

Shropshire Recovery Partnership 01743 294700

Drugs and alcohol support.

Shropshire Rural Support 0300 123 2825

Confidential support during periods of anxiety and stress, and with problems relating to family and business. See web-site shropshireruralsupport.org.uk.

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Free 24/7 confidential support whatever you are going through.

Shropshire Domestic Abuse Helpline 0300 303 1191

Support for anyone suffering from domestic violence.

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CPRE Shropshire's most recent campaign has been to restore hedges in South Shropshire and has put in a bid to continue this work for the fourth season in North Shropshire. The trustees represent the interests of a rural county: protecting grades 1, 2, and 3 agricultural land from development; encouraging housing development on brownfield sites; promoting solar on rooftops and campaigning for better rural transport.

CPRE Shropshire liaises with other groups in Shropshire – Natural England, National Trust, Shropshire Wildlife Trust, The Stiperstones Project – to name a few. We attend conferences and fairs, such as the Ludlow Green Fair, and hope to have a stand at the Minsterley Show in August 2024.

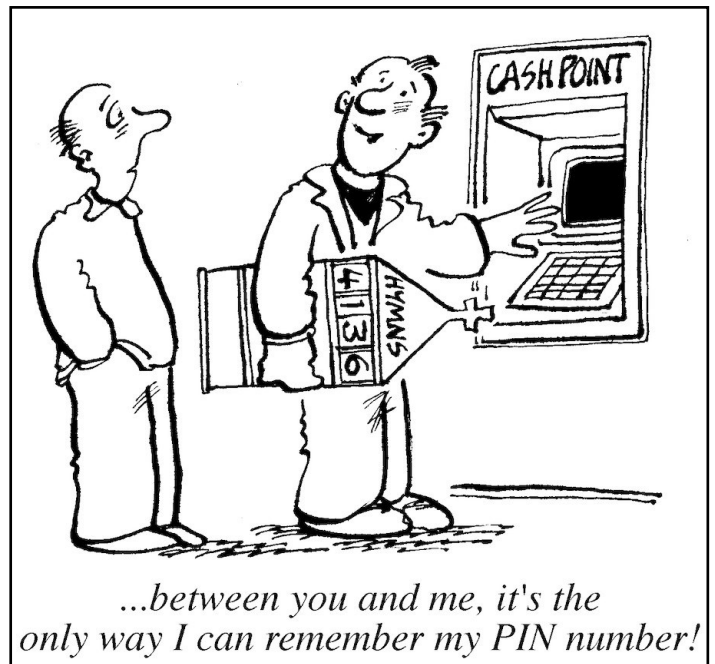
CPRE Shrewsbury District embraces all of the county's aims and has particular interest in the planned North West Relief Road and pollution of the River Severn. We campaign for better

infrastructure and make comments on planning applications, if asked to do so.

If you would like to join us, or would like further information, please contact me by email (susanlockwood345@btinternet.com) or by mobile: 07854 110271.

Susan Lockwood

(P.S. We DON'T campaign about potholes, that's up to the parish council!)



MINSTERLEY MEADOWS APPEAL – SALE AGREED!

We are now launching a campaign to raise the funds to purchase these two species-rich meadows on the outskirts of Minsterley to safeguard them for future generations. Amongst many other species, the meadows support the largest colony of green-winged orchids in Shropshire. This has led to their designation as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) by the government's nature conservancy body, Natural England. The meadows adjoin

Callow Lane and are well used by local people for dog walking, and as a pleasant walking route towards Poles Coppice.

Minsterley Meadows would be owned by the Middle Marches Community Land Trust, a local community-led Trust dedicated to helping create an ecologically healthy and sustainable countryside. The Marches Meadows Group would help manage the meadows. The appeal is supported by Minsterley Parish Council, CPRE Shropshire, Friends of Pontesford and Earl's Hill, and other local groups.

Can you help us purchase Minsterley Meadows?

PUBLIC MEETING
1pm-4pm Saturday 11th May
Minsterley Parish Hall

Minsterley Meadows Fund-Raising Appeal Launch

10am-3pm Sunday 9th June
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Further details to follow in the June newsletter

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CRIME/INCIDENTS OF NOTE REPORTED

CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE & STIPERSTONE

16th March 2024 – 15th April 2024

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Assault		Worthen	Suspect identified
Assault		Brockton	Suspect identified
Fraud			

[Editor's note:

the blanks on the left are not my error - this is all the information that the police provided! Sorry that I cannot satisfy your curiosity further.]

Preventing vehicle thefts

This last month has seen a spike in thefts of vehicles around Bishop's Castle, believed to be conducted by a criminal gang travelling into the area. Please take note of the following security advice to help prevent any further thefts.

Keep your vehicle locked. Always locking your car when you leave it goes without saying, but make sure you double check the car is actually locked; check each door and the boot to make sure. Many modern vehicles have wing mirrors that fold in automatically when locked, criminals will look for vehicles like these where the wing mirrors are still out as it makes it clear that the vehicle has been left unlocked.

Although we are aware of only one offence of this type in the last twelve months, a method of car theft is known as a relay attack, a method being used increasingly by car thieves on vehicles that use keyless entry. This involves two criminals working together using electronic signal relay devices to clone a vehicle's key. One criminal will use a device to receive the key signal from inside the home, transferring the signal to a second box, which is placed alongside the car. This tricks the car into 'thinking' the key is there, allowing the thieves to

unlock the vehicle and drive away. Although the signal can pass through doors, walls and windows, it cannot penetrate metal, so placing the keys inside a metal box, signal blocking wallet known as a Faraday pouch, safe or even your microwave should protect your vehicle from a 'relay attack'.

If you own an older vehicle which has poor locks that are easily bypassed like an old Land Rover or previous generations of the Ford Transit please consider fitting anti-theft devices like a steering wheel lock.

If you see any suspicious activity please try and report it at the time by ringing **101**, or **999** if you witness a vehicle being stolen. Please try and gain as much information as possible such as a description of the offenders and the vehicle they are travelling in.



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5th May. Family Service led by members of the congregation.

12th May. Preacher – Mr Alan Priestley

19th May. Minsterley Praise. Preacher – Rev Richard Hall.

26th May. Preacher – Mrs Fay Spencer.

12th May – 3pm. Rea Valley Methodist Churches will be hosting a Lambing Service at Vron Gate (SY5 9RQ) followed by a BBQ. For further details please speak to members of the church. All welcome.

A warm welcome is extended to anyone who would like to come and join us at any of our services and for refreshments afterwards.

Sandra Lewis

Hope & Shelve Church News

Annual Parish Meeting

All in the community or with an interest in our local churches are welcome to attend the Annual Parish Meeting in Hope Village Hall at 2.30pm on Wednesday 15th May. There will be reports on our activities as well as the chance to ask questions.

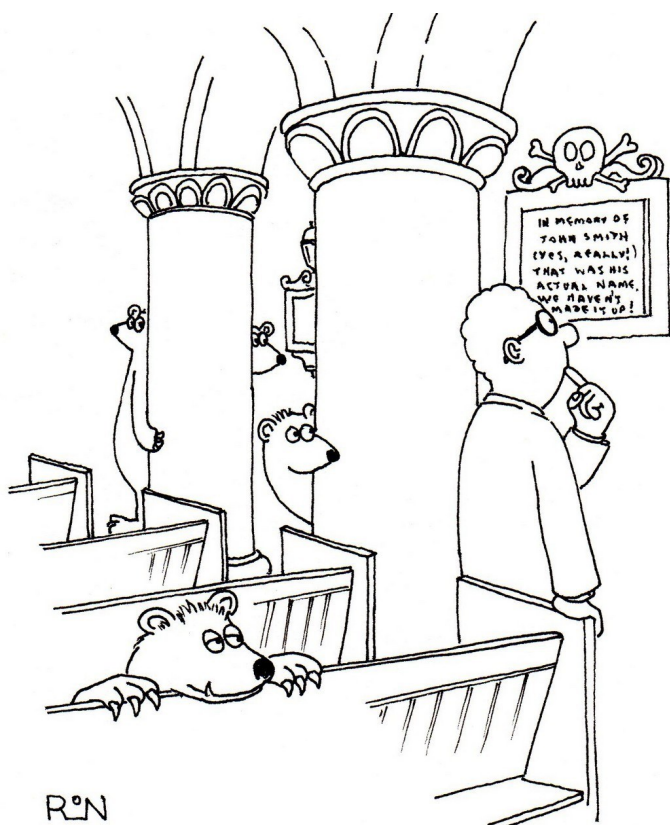
Hope & Shelve Fete

This will take place on Saturday 1st June at Leigh Manor, SY5 OEG, from 2-4pm. Come along and listen to the Stiperstones Brass band who will be playing for us during the afternoon. There will be free activities for children as well as a number of stalls to browse and refreshments on sale. All welcome.

Rev Fran Brealey

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*Dennis spent a long time in church
looking for his forbears*

With Trinity Sunday (26th May) to remember ...

Tell me how it is that in this room there are three candles and but one light, and I will explain to you the mode of the divine existence.

– John Wesley

Our partner churches in the Stiperstones Group —

St Luke's Festival Church Snailbeach



Treasurer

Cheryl Bromhead

St Luke's is a "Festival Church". Services are usually held on six festival days: Christmas, Mothering Sunday, Easter, Harvest Festival, Remembrance Sunday and St Luke's day. A few other dates are planned too.

Sunday 19th May

9.00am

Whitsun Holy Communion

St Mary's Parish Church Habberley

Church Wardens

Pauline Stopford, The Kennels, Habberley (01743 790784)

Pearl Hannigan, 9 Yarlington Orchard, Pontesbury (01743 790495)

Treasurer

Robert Currie

Sunday 5th May
Sunday 19th

5.00pm
5.00pm

Evensong
Holy Communion



Hope & Shelve Parish

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Holy Trinity Church Hope

Sunday 12th May 9.00am

Holy Communion

Sunday 26th 9.00am

Trinity Sunday Holy Communion



All Saints' Church Shelve

Sunday 5th May 9.00am

Holy Communion

Sunday 19th 9.00am

Whitsunday Holy Communion

From the Bishop of Hereford

Dear Friends,

May marks the end of the Easter season and the beginning of what is affectionately known as 'ordinary time' in the Church calendar. The pivot happens at the feast of Pentecost on May 19th this year. Every Sunday is always a celebration of the resurrection, so it's hard to see what is ordinary about it. The events of the Christ's death and resurrection are the turning point of history. It is a world-shattering event that means life can never be the same again. The book of Acts tells us how the disciples' lives were turned upside down by it. In their grief at the loss of Jesus a number were considering returning to their previous occupations. Once they encountered the risen Lord, they decided to change the world instead!

However, it was not just historical events which changed things. It was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Christian faith has always been a supernatural one. In the struggles to fill rotas, find volunteers, maintain buildings and serve our communities we can easily forget this. If the Christian life was just a set of rules to obey, religious acts to observe and an institution to

maintain, it would not have lasted very long.

Trusting in the Holy Spirit to empower and lead is less safe than seeking to control events ourselves. Periodically in the history of the Church the Holy Spirit has broken through in ways that have upended our conventional way of doing things. It happened in the Wesleyan revival of the 18th century, numerous mini revivals in the church (of which some happened in our diocese) and in the great outpouring in Azusa Street in 1906 that gave birth to Pentecostalism. This is now the third largest stream in the Church today. In many ways it is hard to see how our current institutional predicament can be served by strategic thinking alone. I am praying for another (likely messy!) outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Diocese of Hereford.

Only the Holy Spirit can give us the courage we need for the evangelistic challenge. Only the Holy Spirit can turn the hearts of those currently indifferent to Christian things to help see their need for the Lord. So, 'Come Holy Spirit and kindle the hearts of your people with the fire of your love'. Today, we need that more than ever.

+Richard

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