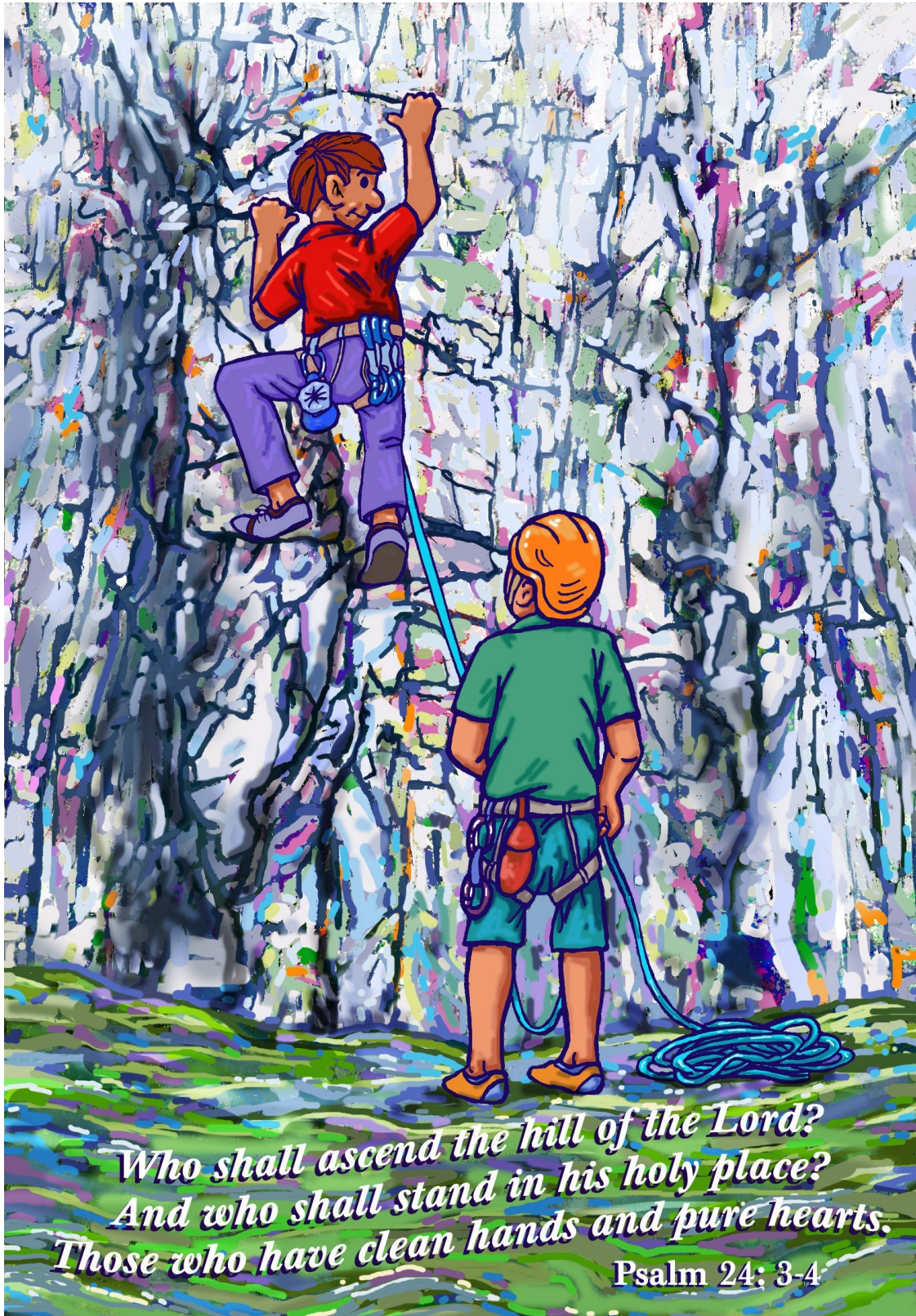


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Church services this month

Sun 1st	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 8th	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 15th	10.00am	"Minsterley Praise" at the Methodist Chapel
Sun 22nd	4.00pm	Tea Time service in the Parish Hall
Sun 29th	10.30am	GROUP SERVICE at Holy Trinity church Hope

other events this month (see page . .)

Tue 3rd	Ichthus Bible Study (p17)
Thu 5th	Knitter Natter (EVERY Thursday) (p23)
Sat 7th	Afternoon Tea (p26)
Mon 9th	Crafty Monday (p11)
Tues 10th	Oasis meeting (p13) u3a Open Meeting (p15) Parish Council meeting (p21)
Sat 14th	Ride & Stride (p23)
Tue 17th	Ichthus Bible Study (p17) Minsterley Meadows meeting (p20)
Sat 21st	Quiz & Chips (p17)
Tue 24th	Oasis meeting (p13) The Gathering (p4)
Sat 28th	Sponsored Sing (p7) Lydham Jazz (p7)

Weekly events in the church

Mondays	3.30pm	Youth Café (p7)
Tuesdays	10.00am	Foodbank (p11)
Wednesdays	10.00am	Coffee Hub (p11)
Thursdays	10.00am	Trinity Tots (p15)

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Leading Thought

I imagine that like me you will have been pleased that justice was dispensed quickly in the wake of the riots prompted by the stabbings in Southport. In this day and age, when it can often take well over a year for victims to see offenders sentenced and thereby punished for the crimes against them, it makes a refreshing change to see the system acting so responsively. While we will understand that it was in the interests of the government to make an exception to the normal snail-like process, we will also recognize that the news that perpetrators were being sent to prison within a week of having committed acts of violence, will have acted as a deterrent to other would-be rioters.

You may also have been pleased that justice was dispensed not just to the rioters themselves, but also to those who had used social media to incite rioting and murder. It is now more than twenty years since I discovered one of my closest friends (godfather to our youngest son) dead from suicide, having taken a large overdose. One of the details etched on my memory of that chilling scenario was the discovery by police that my friend's computer was open and revealed that he had been carefully researching on the internet how to ensure his suicide was successful. In the years since, whenever I have encountered anyone who has been encouraged by what they have read online to harm themselves, including the best places to cut oneself, I have been enraged that people can post such things with impunity, not seeing and not caring about the effects on the families and the

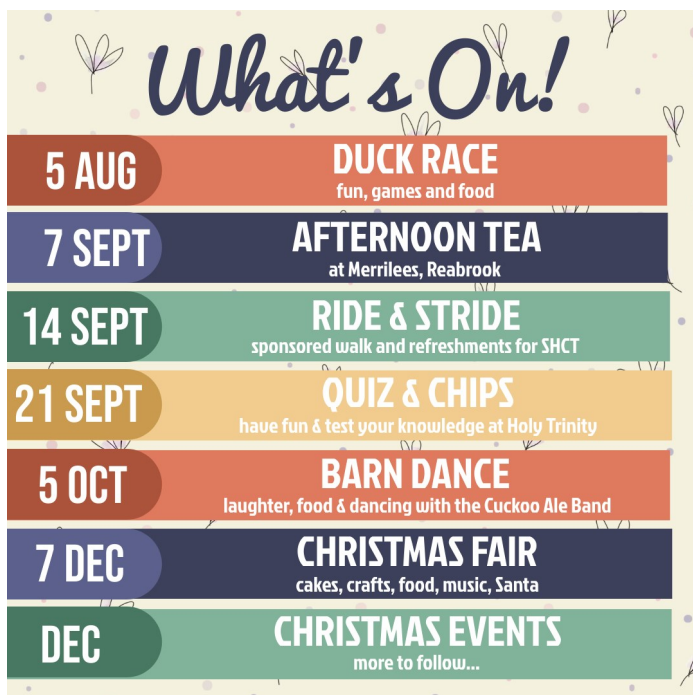
friends of those who have been influenced in this way.

Therefore, I rejoice that at last there is just a hint that social media may no longer provide a vehicle for people to publish the most vile and destructive messages without any comeback. It is an uncomfortable thought that the invisibility that social media apparently offers means that some people let rip with unconsidered, unbridled hatred: that summer riots were only the tip of the iceberg.

I am reminded of the words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. "You have heard that it was said...do not murder and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment. But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother or sister will be subject to judgment...anyone who says, 'you fool' will be in danger of the fires of hell." All those years ago the Lord highlighted for us the connection between what we think, what we say and what we do. We all need the help of the Holy Spirit to remove anger and hatred from our hearts.

Let the Spirit flow that *our* communities may be places of peace where all are valued.

Greg Smith



What's On!

5 AUG	DUCK RACE fun, games and food
7 SEPT	AFTERNOON TEA at Merrilees, Reabrook
14 SEPT	RIDE & STRIDE sponsored walk and refreshments for SHCT
21 SEPT	QUIZ & CHIPS have fun & test your knowledge at Holy Trinity
5 OCT	BARN DANCE laughter, food & dancing with the Cuckoo Ale Band
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Today I saw a Peacock butterfly in our garden and also five Large Whites and a Red Admiral. Why am I telling you this? Well, I'm taking part in the Big Butterfly Count – the annual event when I become a citizen scientist! Apparently butterflies are a key indicator species: when they are in trouble we know the wider environment is in trouble too. For fifteen minutes each day we are asked to record the number and type of butterflies and moths we see.

I recently participated in a concurrent survey, the results of which proved for the first time the link between nature and human wellbeing: briefly tuning into nature each day reduces anxiety by 9% on average, and also enhances mental wellbeing.

This year I began to question that! The wet weather and cool temperatures mean there are far fewer butterflies around this year – I'm missing them, and getting very upset especially on days when I record a zero count! On this day last year I recorded not three but TEN different species in my garden - and a total of twenty one butterflies!

It's easy to become despondent. However, reflecting on "*Wolf Road*" by Alice Roberts helped me get things back in perspective. The book is set in the Ice Age and traces the harsh reality of everyday survival and the consequences of climate change on nomadic tribes... and it brought home afresh God's loving care for all creation from the beginning of time. Towards the end of the novel and facing challenging times one character says, "All manner of things will be well" – those famous words of Julian of Norwich, reminding us that Love underpins the universe, holding us fast.

It made me reconsider the disappointing number of butterflies in my garden, and my sense of helplessness, in the context of the bigger picture.

We're called to be stewards of God's wonderful creation, so simply participating in the survey is a positive; my data is a tiny snapshot, but an important part of the bigger pictures. I'm thankful for the opportunity to marvel at the few beautiful butterflies I have seen. And if I hadn't done the survey it's unlikely I'd have been still

enough to have a tiny wren hopping near my feet or have caught a glimpse of the elusive chiffchaff.

So I'll complete the remaining butterfly survey days with renewed trust and enthusiasm, secure in the knowledge of God's all-embracing love for all of creation. And, although the official survey will be over by the time you read this I thoroughly recommend butterfly spotting - maybe by next year you'll be "hooked" and will sign up yourself, if you haven't already.

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World News . . .

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

Laos – Pastor shot dead by masked gunmen; six Christians released from prison

Two masked gunmen shot Pastor Thongkham Philavanh seven times at a Christian community in northern Laos on 23rd July. His wife took him to hospital, but he was pronounced dead on arrival. Pastor Thongkham's wife and children were unharmed.

The motive for the shooting, although unconfirmed, is widely acknowledged as a response to his faith in Christ. The pastor was chairman of the regional branch of Lao Evangelical Churches.

Meanwhile, six Christians in central Laos were released on 25th July after a month's imprisonment. The six believers – Pastor Mum and five other church members – had been arrested on 22nd June at a prayer meeting outside Tahae village. “The authorities have warned them,” reported a contact, “and said to do only low-key Christian ministry or they will have problems again.” There has been an active Christian community of up to twenty people in Tahae village for several years.

The six Christians were arrested at the request of the village chief, who had ordered them not to carry on worshipping at the pastor's home or anywhere else in the village. In response the Christians started meeting in a rice field outside the village but were arrested when they began to construct a small church building.

While in prison Pastor Mum was held separately from the other Christians, and had his hands and feet chained.

The national and regional authorities in Laos do not appear to be responsible for the arrests. A “Law on the Evangelical Church”, in force since December 2019, gives Christians in Laos the right to conduct services, preach throughout Laos and maintain contacts with believers in other countries, but this law is not well enforced in rural areas.

Pakistan – Two sisters face “blasphemy” charge in latest anti-Christian incident

Please uphold in prayer two Pakistani sisters, both Christians, who have been charged with “blasphemy” following an unsubstantiated accusation made by one of their neighbours. Sonia and Saima, from Toba Tek Singh District, Punjab, were charged with “blasphemy” on 7th August following a complaint by local Muslim man Mohammad Haider.

Haider claimed that he had seen some pages of the Quran in a bag of rubbish that Sonia threw out on 6th August. After he and two other men went to her house the next day to investigate, they alleged that Sonia's sister Saima, who also lives there, made some inappropriate comments that led Haider to report both sisters to the police for “blasphemy”.

Sonia and Saima were arrested and charged under section 295-B of the Pakistan Penal Code for “wilful defilement, damage or desecration of the Quran”. This section of the law requires a life sentence for those found guilty.

Before the arrest Haider informed others about what he had seen, and a large crowd gathered, demanding legal action and threatening Sonia and Saima.

Accusations of “blasphemy” against Christians or other religious minorities can quickly turn into mob violence and riots. Families, and even entire communities of Christians, are at risk of being attacked.

Naveed Walter, president of Human Rights Focus Pakistan (HRFP), said, “Christians don't feel safe and secure in their own country just because they are a minority. Being a minority should not deprive anyone of their rights.”

Bangladesh – Christian leaders seek assurances after national unrest

Christians in Muslim-majority Bangladesh are among those vulnerable amid the political unrest that has swept across the country. Christian schools have been attacked, along with homes belonging to Christians. The homes of Hindus, Hindu-run businesses, and temples have also been targeted.

These attacks have been carried out by Islamist extremists who have joined with the anti-government protesters.

The student-led protests began peacefully on 1st July but turned violent around two weeks later. On 5th August Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina resigned and fled the country after fifteen years in power. The following day economist Muhammad Yunus was announced as leader of an interim government.

On 13th August Christian leaders handed a letter to Yunus at his official residence in the capital Dhaka urging the interim government to ensure ethnic and religious minorities face no deprivation, injustice or oppression.

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It tells the hilarious but poignant tale of a group of women doing the London Moonwalk to raise money for a breast cancer charity. But as per all best-laid plans things go a little bit awry. With people having to pull out due to sick children and injury – or they're just knackered from the intensive training – we meet some new team members, at least one of whom is hiding a very personal secret...

Abbey Foregate Church Drama Group will perform *Cheshire Cats* on Wednesday 30th Oct to Saturday 2nd Nov, at 7.30pm at our usual venue, St. Nicholas' Hall. Tickets cost £12 (£6 for under 16s) and can be obtained through the Drama Group website on info@abbeydrama.com or by ringing the Drama Group phone (07951 862881) or Robert Currie (01743 790 123).

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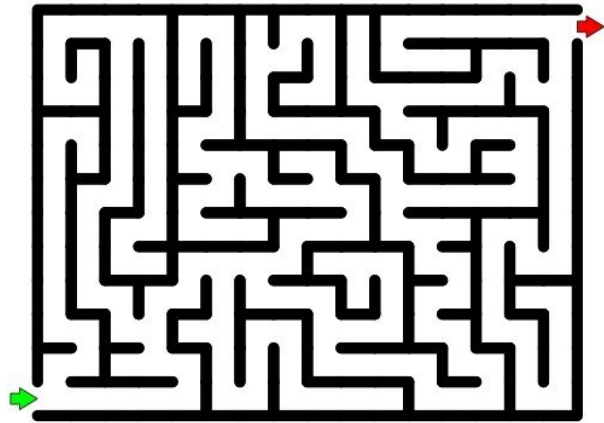
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HARVEST FESTIVAL



...I take it our local supermarket has a rather good offer on tinned peas at the moment!

Wordsearch:

Michael and All Angels

The Church remembers angels this month, with the feast day of Michael and All Angels on the 29th. The Bible is full of angels, where they often had a key role in crucial events. It seems that Michael is their leader, an 'archangel.' In stained glass he's often seen with a sword, because in the Book of Revelation he leads the angelic host who fight and defeat Satan and his army.

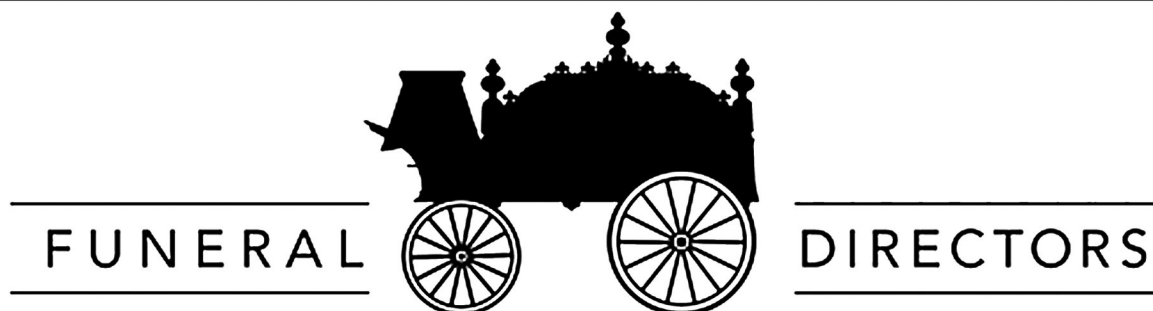
In the Gospels, angels make numerous appearances. Just two examples: Gabriel was sent to Mary to announce the coming of her baby Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of God. Another angel was sent to sit in the empty tomb on Easter morning, waiting to tell the startled women that Jesus wasn't there - He had risen (Mark 16:5)!

Michael	Host
All	Defeat
Angels	Satan
Key	Appearances
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We will need the support of our friends more than ever. Food donations can be left at Pontesbury Co-Op, Minsterley Morrisons, St George's Church, Pontesbury Baptist Church, Minsterley Methodist Church, Holy Trinity Minsterley and Pontesbury Congregational Church and we extend our warmest thanks to them. Our thanks also to the One-Stop Shop in Pontesbury for their support.

We are incredibly grateful to "foodbank PLUS" in Shrewsbury who have been our fantastic and most generous partners in our first 18 months. We are also indebted to Minsterley Parish Hall who have offered us storage space. We are especially grateful to those new supporters who have pledged monthly donations, which have enabled us to embark on this new phase.

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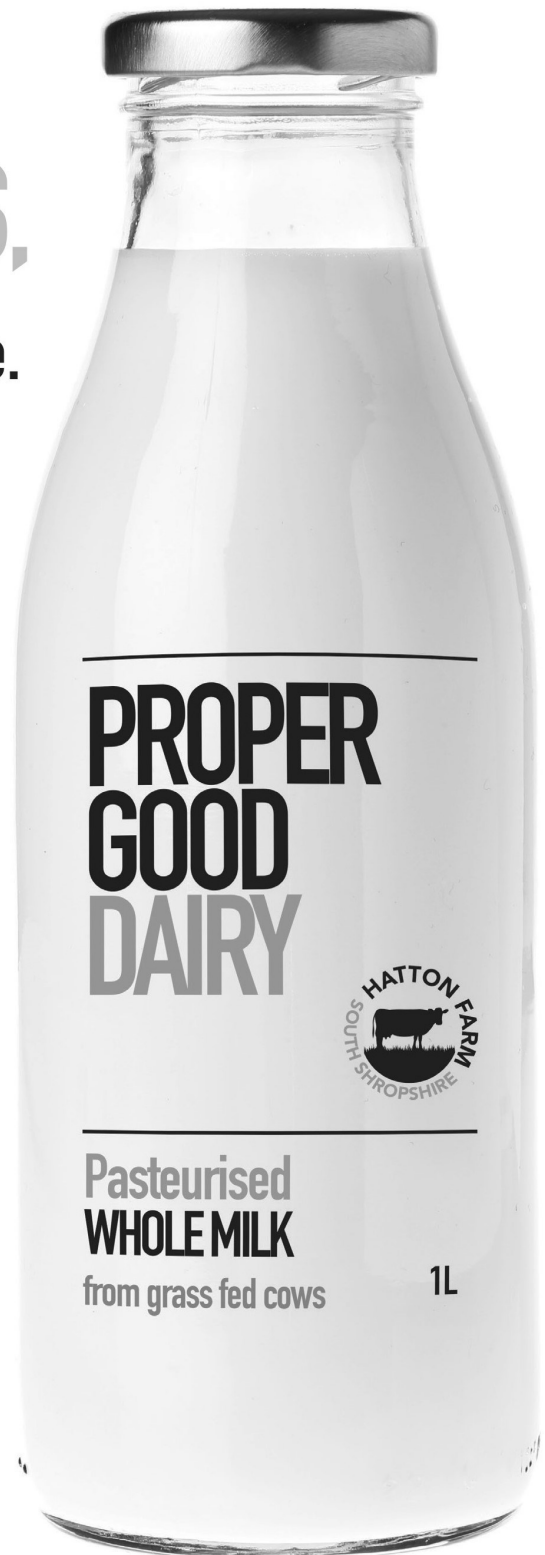
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In June 2018, the world watched as a junior football team and their coach were trapped by flood waters in Tham Luang cave in northern Thailand, and no one knew if they were alive or dead. At the Thai government's request, the volunteers of British Cave Rescue Council supported the cave rescue mission, and against the odds, with collaboration from a huge team, all thirteen came out alive.

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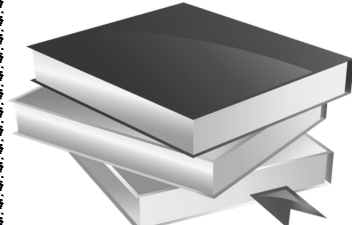
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8 th September	Isaiah 35:4-7a	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 7:24-37
22 nd September	Jeremiah 11:18-20	Ephesians 3:14-21	Mark 9:30-37
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Many species hatch from pupae in August or September so look out for a new generation of adults feeding up ready to overwinter. Ladybirds are voracious predators of aphids and other pests; a single ladybird can devour up to 5,000 aphids and other plant-eating pests in its lifetime.

Ladybirds are not without their challenges. Predators, parasites, and even rival ladybirds pose a threat; and birds, spiders and other insects prey on them. They do have defences - their bright red colour is a warning that they don't taste nice and when attacked they give off a yellow liquid which is rich in toxic alkaloids.

Churchyards can be great for ladybirds as they tend to be free of insecticides and full of food. There are lots of places where ladybirds can find a safe place to spend the winter, often in large clusters where they remain inactive until about March when they emerge to feed and breed. Tombs, gaps made by tree roots, wood piles, spaces beneath flaking bark, leaf litter and tussocky grass are places to overwinter.

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Can you help?

Shropshire Council mows the grass in Holy Trinity Minsterley churchyard every 3-4 weeks, and we have a great team who help with the bi-annual tidy up. However we are looking for a volunteer to do edging, sweeping and weeding - generally regular tidying - that the council don't cover. This would be at least monthly, maybe more often during the summer months, but we would be grateful for any help that could be offered.

If you, or someone you know, would be willing to volunteer for this please contact me.

Sarah Edwards
07971 984825

sarahedwards90@hotmail.com

**Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.**

Psalm 119 : 105

ICHTHUS



Come and join our informal Bible study group. Enjoy the opportunity to ask, contribute or just listen - whatever helps us to grow in our understanding of our Christian faith. Meetings start at 2.30pm.

Liz Jackson 01743 791352

September 3rd	Brookfield Waterwheel	Mark 7:24-37 , Ephesians 1:3-14, Isaiah 35:4-7a
September 17th	The Blessing Snailbeach	Mark 9:30-37 , Ephesians 3:14-21, Jeremiah 11:18-20

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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

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Mental health support.

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Shropshire Rural Support 0300 123 2825

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

Samaritans 116 123

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

Shropshire Domestic Abuse Helpline 0300 303 1191

Support for anyone suffering from domestic violence.

West Mercia Women's Aid 0800 783 1359

24hr helpline for women and children suffering from domestic violence.

Shropshire Carers' Support Service 01743 341995

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Born in abject poverty in Tupelo, Mississippi in 1935, within 20 years he was the most famous and controversial musician in the world. Hear how his life was tragically cut short following his Hollywood career and Las Vegas residencies.



SPEAKER: Bill Powell

VENUE : Hope Village Hall
SAVE THE DATE: Friday 20th September 6.30 for 7pm

free glass of wine or soft drink and nibbles

TICKETS £10

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MINSTERLEY MEADOWS APPEAL

FUNDRAISER EVENT

TALK ON BARN OWLS

Minsterley Parish Hall, Tuesday 17 September, 7-9pm

Come and hear the Shropshire Barn Owl Group talk about how Barn Owls are faring in the county.

SBOG over the last 22 years have installed 530 nest boxes around the county. Please come along and see if their nestboxes have made a difference.

We will learn about the main reason for Barn Owl decline and what we can do to help these beautiful birds increase and thrive.

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There is no fee for this event but please book your tickets via:
confence@middlemarchescommunitylandtrust.org.uk.

We would be grateful to receive donations towards Minsterley Meadows appeal on the night or please make a pledge online via our website at:
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Minsterley Parish Council

Shropshire Council confirms the following items are in their Place Plans for Minsterley, which have been nominated as infrastructure items by the Parish Council.

1. Linking footways from Linden Fields to the Garage Stores. The Parish have also requested a pedestrian crossing linking both sides of the A488 by the Stores, as part of this project. This would enable pedestrians, particularly the elderly, disabled and parents with children to have an easier and safer crossing point across this very busy main road.

2. New 40 mph speed limit on the A488 from the Waterwheel through Wagbeach and Plox Green to the 30 mph zone near the School. The current speed limit is 60 mph and it is felt that through the residential areas, south of the parish with narrow laned areas which do not have footpaths, the speed limit should be reduced to 40 mph. This would make the areas more accessible for residents and safer for walkers along this route, and also act as a buffer before the Primary School Zone.

No time frames have been given to complete these proposed developments.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, 10th September in Minsterley Parish Hall.

Geoff Rogers
Chairman, Minsterley Parish Council
www.minsterley.org.uk

To contact the parish council please e-mail:
clerk@minsterley.org.uk

MINSTERLEY 59 CLUB WINNERS

Draw 29	17 th July	No. 39	Ann Smith
Draw 30	24 th July	No. 46	Trevor Crook
Draw 31	31 st July	No. 37	Beryl Allen
Draw 32	7 th August	No. 58	Miriam Nichol
Draw 33	14 th August	No. 27	Frankie Burford

Weight loss goal: To be able to clip my toenails and breathe at the same time.

On TV people can transform a whole house in a month. Meanwhile I've been getting ready to vacuum for a week now.

We've got stained glass windows in our house; stupid pigeons.



HARVEST SERVICES & CELEBRATIONS

CELEBRATING OUR FARMING COMMUNITY... ALL WELCOME

15th September
St Mary's, Habberley - 10.30am

5th October
Barn Dance & Supper
Minsterley Parish Hall - 7pm

6th October
All Saints, Shelve - 9am
Holy Trinity, Minsterley - 10.30am
St Luke's, Snailbeach - 3pm

9th October
Harvest Supper
Hope Village Hall - 7pm

13th October
Holy Trinity, Hope - 9am
St George's, Pontesbury, Service & Lunch - 10.30am

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A huge thank you

Massive thanks to everyone who made, baked, prepared, carried, planned, served, smiled, stood, welcomed and chatted on Saturday at the HTM refreshments stall at Minsterley Show. It was a gargantuan team effort and huge success. Thank you all - you are much appreciated. We raised £1,511.68 for church funds - an increase of about £350 over last year's Show!

Also big thanks to David Wainwright

After years of sterling service, David Wainwright has decided to step down from his role as crucifer and communion assistant at HTM. We are extremely grateful to him for carrying out the role with such dedication. At the service on 11th August David was presented with a token of our appreciation and told by the curate and a church warden not to drink them all at once!

If anyone would like to be considered for the role of crucifer and communion assistant please let Susan or Sarah know.

Ride and Stride from HTM

A team from HTM will be taking part in the annual Ride and Stride on 14th September. We will be starting at HTM and visiting all the churches in our family, ending back at HTM where everyone is welcome to join us for celebratory tea and cake.

We have set up an online giving page (go to "Just Giving" and then search for "SCHAT Sarah Edwards") and there is also a paper sponsorship form in church. There will be the opportunity to join us for all or part of the walk. Please let us know if you would like to accompany us, and at which church you plan to join the group. Anyone from the other churches in the Benefice who'd like to join us but raise money for their own church please contact me.

Sarah Edwards



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www.shropshirehct.org.uk

Extract from an official letter notifying residents of a new boundary road: "It is hoped to take the new by-pass through the old cemetery, provided we can get permission from the various bodies concerned."

*The Seven Last Words of the Church:
"We never did it like that before."*



Pontesbury Brownies and Guides

...are looking for some new leaders to volunteer on a Wednesday evening at the Congregational Church Hall, Pontesbury, SY5 0QH.

Help all girls know they can do anything.
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Saturday

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From 6th January 2020

Summer Afternoon Praise

**A short service with
tea and cake
Suitable for all ages**

**Hope Village Hall
Sundays
2.30pm
July 21st
August 18th
September 15th**

Hope and Shelve parish

St. Mary's Church Habberley

PET SERVICE & PICNIC

3.00pm Sunday 8th September

Held in Habberley Village Hall grounds.
Bring your own chairs for outside.
Bring your own picnic!

Tea/Coffee inside after the service for
you to also eat your picnic.

Small well controlled animals on a lead.

There could be restricted car parking.

NO PARKING WITHIN THE GROUNDS.

Minsterley Methodist Church

10am Sunday services



1st September. Family Service led by members of the congregation.

8th September. Preacher – Rev Brian Spencer.
Service to include Holy Communion.

15th September. Minsterley Praise.
Preacher – Rev Richard Hall.

22nd September. Preacher – Mr Wes Morris.

29th September. Harvest Festival.
Preacher – Rev Jon Chesworth.

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



Stiperstones group of churches - recent 'life event' services

Baptism:

Eric Stanley Joseph on Sunday 28th July in
Holy Trinity, Hope.

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. See "A Church Near You" website for upcoming services.

**Next service will be Harvest Festival
3pm on Sunday 6th October.**

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 1st September 5.00pm

Sunday 8th 3.00pm

Sunday 15th 10.30am

Evensong

Pet Service and Picnic in
the village hall garden

Harvest Communion



Hope & Shelve Parish

Church Warden

Barbara Venables

Secretary

Sara Young

Treasurer

Kevin Bowers

Holy Trinity Church Hope

Sunday 8th September 9.00am

Sunday 15th 2.30pm

Sunday 22nd 9.00am

Sunday 29th 10.30am

Holy Communion

Summer Afternoon Praise and
Tea in Hope Village Hall

Morning Prayer

Group Holy Communion



All Saints' Church Shelve

Sunday 1st September 9.00am

Sunday 15th 9.00am

Holy Communion

Morning Prayer

From the Archdeacon of Ludlow

Dear friends

We're three-quarters of the way through our Year of Faith, which seems like a good point to pause and reflect. Building on last year's Year of Prayer we've been encouraged throughout the year to develop our confidence in our faith, and in the fact that people are actually hungry to hear the stories of our faith. By the grace of God we'll carry on growing in faith and confidence as we go into 2025 just as we carried on growing in prayer in 2024.

But what is faith, really? I reflected on this with Churchwardens at the Visitations in the Ludlow Archdeaconry in the summer. Faith isn't believing six impossible things before breakfast. Faith doesn't require us to remove our brains as we enter church, leaving them in a box ready to collect on our way out and back into our everyday lives. Faith isn't a vague nebulous matter – faith has to be in something or someone.

Faith is defined in the Bible as, “being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.” There's a paradoxical firmness in that. We can't physically see the outcome of the promises we receive by faith, but we have an unshakeable conviction that they are true, and that what we now receive by faith we shall one day know by sight.

We can be so certain because we know and trust the one in whom our faith is placed. We

know God's character and faithfulness. We know, as the well-loved hymn puts it, “As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.” God has proved it time and again in the pages of Scripture, in the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus, and in our own lives.

When we know the one in whom our faith is placed, we know our faith is not in vain. When my children were young, my very adventurous daughter climbed the tree in our back garden. She got stuck. She was only two, and she became scared. She called to me for help, but first on the scene was her older brother, aged four. “Don't worry,” he soothed his frightened sister. “I'm here. I'll help get you down.” My daughter paused momentarily from her crying and then resumed her loud pleas for help. Not because she didn't trust her brother, but because she knew he didn't have the height or the strength to deliver on his well-meaning promise. Only when I rushed down the garden did she begin to calm down, because she knew I could actually help.

Our faith is not in vain because we know the one in whom we have trusted. We know that he is at work in the seen and in the unseen, and that he is at work building his Church whether we shall ever live to see that time of growth or not.

So let's keep telling one another and those we meet day-by-day the stories of faith, and of the utter reliability and certainty of the gospel and of the God who makes it all possible. For faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not [yet] see.

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