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Church services this month

Sun 3rd 10.30am Holy Communion
Sun 10th 10.30am Holy Communion
Sun 17th 10.00am "Minsterley Praise" at the
Methodist Chapel, Horsebridge Road
Sun 24th 4.00pm Tea Time service in the
Parish Hall

other events this month (see page . .)

Sat 2nd Sadie-Beth concert (p15)
Tue 5th Ichthus Bible Study (p17)
Thu 7th Knitter Natter (EVERY Thursday) (p17)
Sun 10th Indoor Car Boot sale (p7)
Mon 11th Crafty Monday (p7)
Tues 12th Oasis meeting (p13)
Parish Council meeting (p21)
Wed 13th Westbury W.I. Ghost stories (15)
Sat 16th Hillcrest Christmas craft fair (p15)
Tue 19th Ichthus Bible Study (p17)
The Gathering (p4)
Wed 20th u3a Open Meeting (p11)
Sat 23rd Hope Winter Tea (p26)
Tue 26th Oasis meeting (p13)

Weekly events in the church

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

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Last week Kris Kristofferson died. He was an American Country singer, songwriter and movie star and he had a significant influence on me growing up. My dad was hugely into Country music, but not just any stereotypical country music, he liked what he called "Outlaw Country", that is, singers like Hank Williams, Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings and most of all, Kris Kristofferson; all whose lyrics were edgy, sometimes quite dark, always very honest and spoke deep into the human condition. As a child then Kris K would be on almost all the time but especially in the evenings, or when in the car.

I've been reflecting quite a lot on his death over the last few days and as a result, my dad as well. He was an elder in a Plymouth Brethren church, a staunch Scottish Nationalist and lover of wild Country music - all three combined to make for a rather dizzying childhood at times!

It's funny the influences we have - whether conscious or subconscious - that help shape us into the person we become. I'm a recovering Scottish

Nationalist, having lived in England for the last 25 years. I've come to the conclusion that you aren't all that bad, in spite of what everyone else says! In defiance of growing up attending non-conformist churches I've ended up in that most established of established churches, the Church of England! I still love Country music however, and much to my children's displeasure I try to encourage their appreciation of it as well.

God has been good to me in that he has worked in my life either through or in spite of the influences and decisions I've made, and I think that's a lovely thing to be able to say.

What influences have you had on your life - whether growing up or later on? Sometimes it is worth reflecting on it from time to time - not only to see how you ended up where you ended up but also to look for the silver thread of God's goodness that runs through it all, and to give thanks for that.

Richard Lonsdale

Come and sing for Christmas!



Benefice Carol Service

St George's Church, Pontesbury

7pm Sunday 15th December

Come and join the Benefice Choir
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Holy Trinity Minsterley

"Third Sunday" themes for the year ahead

On the Third Sunday of each month we adopt a different pattern and theme for our service. This year we are looking at some of the characters in the Old Testament - some of them well-known, others less so! Come and meet some of the good (and bad) forerunners of our faith!

Oct	Gen 1	Adam – The Son of God
Nov	Gen 6-9	Noah – A Rainbow People
Dec		John the Baptist – a Voice in the Wilderness
Jan	Gen 19	Lot – Less than the Best
Feb	Gen 22	Abram – Faith above All
Mar	Gen 28	Jacob – Stairway to Heaven
April		Easter Day
May	Exodus 3	Moses – the Reluctant Leader
June	Num 22	Balaam – Donkey Wisdom
July	Joshua 1	Joshua – The Submissive Leader
Aug	Ruth	Ruth – The Immigrant
Sep	1 Sam 1-2	Hannah – Hope for the Hopeless

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Dear all

As some of you will know, Fran and I own a house in Tywyn, which we visit as often as my diary allows. I am writing from Wales now, having arrived this morning. When only ten minutes from our destination I let out a cry of desolation.

I had forgotten the most important thing, not my wife or the dog, more important than that. The keys to the house! We do have a key safe, but it was a long time since I had used it and wasn't sure whether it might have rusted up (this is Wales!) or whether I could reliably remember the code. Thankfully, I successfully negotiated these obstacles, or you might not be reading this.

However I note that less than fifteen minutes before leaving home it had occurred to me that it might be a good idea to check the list that I have compiled to ensure that whenever we visit Wales I have everything that I need; but I had decided that I didn't have time and that anyway I was sure that I had everything important. On this theme of unreliable memories I was struck by something I heard the Bishop of Manchester say this week: that memory is closely related to place so that when we cross a threshold from one room to the next our

brains can be wiped clean. This explains why when we enter another room, we often forget why we've come in (admit it, you've done it!)

Central to the Christian faith is the Gospel's claim that though Jesus has gone to another place (the right hand of the throne of God – Hebrews 1 v.3) He still remembers us. And yet even the Lord of life, it appears, does not rely entirely on His memory. Scripture tells us that our names are both graven on His hands and entered into the Lamb's Book of Life.

I do understand (before you start emailing me) that these things are figurative. There are two fundamental points being made. First, that our names are recorded, written down, that when we get to Heaven, we are on the guest list. The access we will have to Heaven is secure, already sorted. Second, the references to Jesus' hands and the Lamb (the lamb who was slain) is a reminder that by His sacrificial death He has bought us too dearly to forget about us.

Do not forget these two things even if you do forget your house keys!

Greg Smith

The Gathering

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in His sanctuary;

Praise Him in His mighty expanse.

Praise Him for His mighty deeds;

Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

Praise Him with trumpet sound;

Praise Him with harp and lyre.

Praise Him with tambourine and dancing;

Praise Him with stringed instruments and flute.

Praise Him with loud cymbals;

Praise Him with resounding cymbals.

Everything that has breath shall praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord!

The Gathering is quite simply an evening of praise and worship - nothing else. No sermons, no politics and no church.

The music is generally a contemporary praise style but with some classical hymns thrown in where appropriate. It came about two years ago after a number of us felt that we wanted an evening locally where evangelical Christians could meet regardless of their church identity or doctrine. We enjoy refreshments together, open with prayer and a scripture reading and then allow the Holy Spirit to move amongst us and direct us in praise.

Over the last two years we have been richly blest with testimonies, pictures, and Spirit anointed fellowship. Do come and join us!

Rev David Moss

Dates for your diary:

19th November, 17th December, 21st January 2025, 18th February, 18th March. All at Marton Village Hall, 7.00pm for refreshments and 7.30pm start.

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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 – Islamists kill 26 Christians in attack on church

The Islamist insurgency in Burkina Faso shows no sign of abating and has claimed the lives of twenty-six Christian men in an armed attack on a church in Banwa province in the west of the country, near the border with Mali. The attack took place during a morning service in the small village of Kounla on Sunday 25th August. On entering the church the militants ordered the women and children to leave. They detained twenty six men before killing each one.

The Islamists belonged to Jama'at Nusrat al-Islam wal-Muslimin (JNIM), a West African terror group affiliated to Al Qaeda. The attackers then set fire to houses and stole livestock before leaving the village. Two of the militants were reportedly killed after accidentally triggering an improvised explosive device they had planted earlier. The surviving villagers took refuge in the nearby town of Sanaba.

Islamists (including JNIM and Islamic State Sahel Province) have been waging a nine-year campaign of violence in Burkina Faso, which has included targeting Christians and churches. An attack on a church in Oudalan province in February 2024 left fifteen worshippers dead.

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

Kyrgyzstan – New version of stringent religion law proposed

The Church in Kyrgyzstan faces the prospect of severe restrictions as the country's National Security Committee (NSC) and State Commission for Religious Affairs (SCRA) officials have prepared a new version of a Religion Law to submit to the Kyrgyz parliament. An earlier bill drawn up in 2023 was rejected by parliament in June 2024.

Amongst proposed changes, the amended

version not only requires all religious communities to apply for state registration (as is currently required) but also demands re-registration every five years. Under the new law religious communities must provide evidence of at least two hundred adult founder members living in a single district. National organisations must be represented with at least two thousand adult citizen founders from communities with at least three hundred adult citizens in each of the country's nine Regions.

The draft law insists on SCRA permission before an individual can conduct “preaching activity” and bans religious education (whether of children or adults) without SCRA authorisation. One Christian leader commented, “I am afraid that if these changes are adopted, and if the authorities continue their past strategies, many churches will be closed down.”

Nigeria – Thirty worshippers abducted, three killed in attack on churches in Kaduna State

Christians in Kaduna State in Nigeria's Middle Belt are once again in need of our prayers. Three people were killed and thirty abducted when Islamist gunmen attacked two churches on Sunday 15th September. The armed assault was launched at around 10am on the churches in Bakinpah-Maró community, Kajuru Local Government Area (LGA).

Bernard Gajera, pastor of one of the churches, was one of those taken by the attackers. “The community is in shock, and we urge the authorities to take immediate action to rescue the kidnapped victims,” said Cafrá Caino, the former Chairman of Kajuru LGA. An eyewitness said, “When the bandits arrived in large numbers, many worshippers fled the church. It was a horrendous sight. We were helpless as we watched the bandits wreak havoc.”

As recently as August 2024, the Maró community raised funds to build a security post for law enforcement agencies to address ongoing security issues after repeated attacks kept farmers from their fields. The attack happened almost exactly two years after gunmen abducted forty-three residents in a raid on another community in Kajuru LGA on 13th September 2022.

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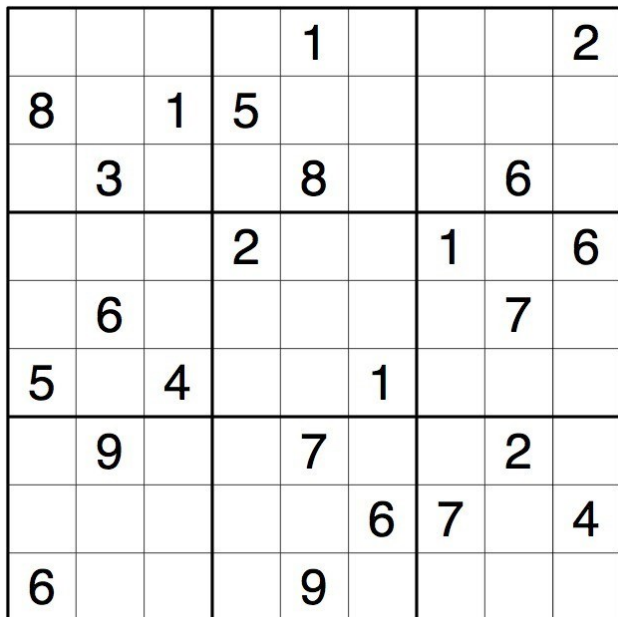
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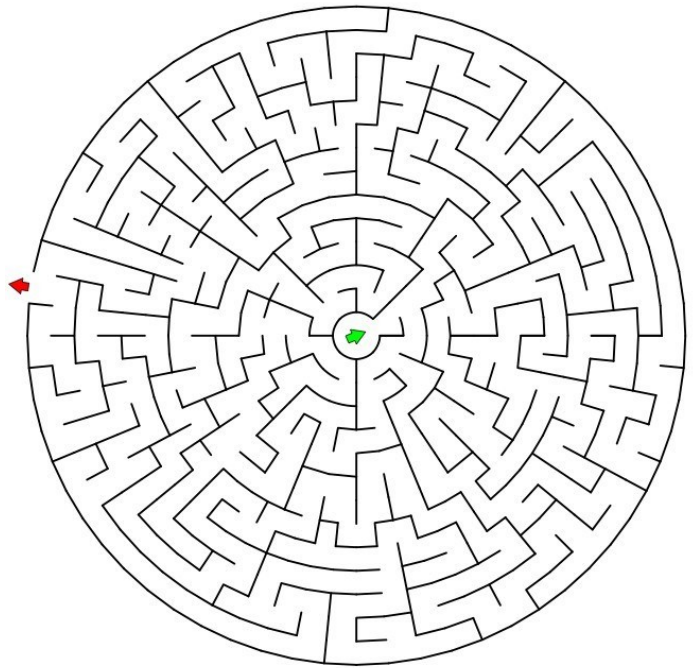
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It isn't easy for an idea to squeeze into a head filled with prejudices.

Word Search

Remembrance Day this year has a special significance – it was 80 years ago this June that the D-Day Landings of the Second World War took place.

Those D-Day Landings and the Battle of Normandy led to the liberation of France and Europe. And this year the Normandy region has been celebrating – with events including synchronized fireworks at the major D-Day sites, a giant picnic on Omaha Beach, Liberation balls, bagpipe parades, and international parachuting of hundreds of soldiers above Sainte-Mère-Église.

It has been estimated that between fifteen and twenty million people died in Europe alone during the Second World War.

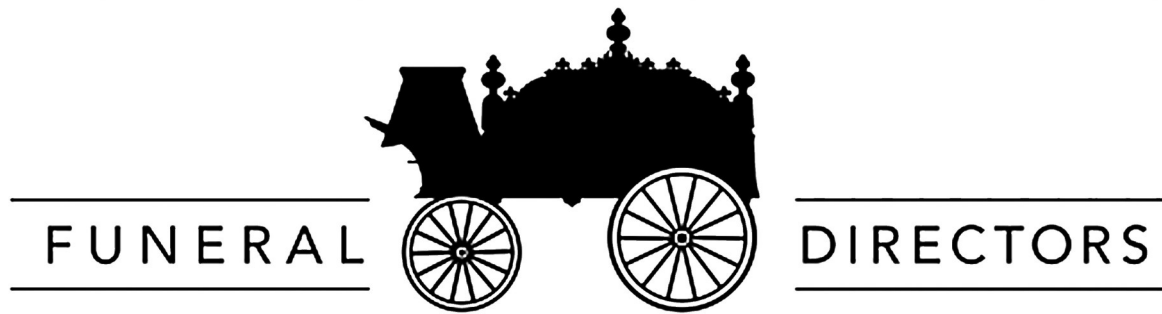
Worldwide, an estimated seventy-five million people died.

Exciting News

Minsterley Motors have changed their timetable for the first time since the present editor took the reins! See the new timetable on the usual pages.

Fireworks	Normandy	Bagpipe
Remembrance	Liberation	Parades
Day	France	Parachute
Landings	Europe	Millions
Second	Picnic	Soldiers
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Order of St Ethelbert – Citations

Mr Colin Edwards, Minsterley

For 43 years' service as treasurer and gift aid officer, Churchwarden for 6 years, and jointly with his wife Marie has been responsible for the production of the Parish magazine for decades.

Mrs Marie Edwards, Minsterley

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November
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Strange Meetings

By Shaun Higgins



Wilfred Owen's story
In his own words

A dramatic presentation telling the life of a great war poet, revealed through his poetry, letters, and his humour

u3a Pontesbury & Rea Valley

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At this time of the year when we pay tribute to the fallen, Pontesbury & Rea Valley u3a are honoured to have **Shaun Higgins** perform Strange Meetings at our Open Meeting on the 20th November. This story documents the final 15 months of the life of Wilfred Owen, beginning with his admission to Craiglockhart Hospital with shell-shock, his auspicious meeting with (and befriending of) Siegfried Sassoon, the resulting flourish of poetry, his return to France, and his final and fatal battle in November 1918.

Owen's story is one of hidden strength, fragility and the tragic cutting-short of huge potential. This first-person perspective is alive with language and wry humour, bringing to life his thoughts and inspirations.

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Date	OT Reading	Epistle	Gospel
3 rd November	Isaiah 56:3-8	Hebrews 12:18-24	Matthew 5:1-12
10 th November	Jonah 3:1-5,10	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 1:14-20
24 th November	Daniel 7:9-10,13-14	Revelation 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37



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**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

November 5th	Brookfield Waterwheel	Mark 1:14-20 , Jonah 3:1-5,10, Hebrews 9:24-28
November 19th	The Blessing Snailbeach	John 18:33-37 , Daniel 7:9-10,13-14, Revelation 1:1b-8
December 3rd	Brookfield Waterwheel	Luke 3:1-6 , Malachi 3:1-4, Philippians 1:3-11

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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 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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From the Bishop of Hereford

A Christian poet once wrote, "History repeats itself; it has to, no-one listens!" These are words we do well to remember in our current international climate, with wars in the middle east and Ukraine. As we remember the great conflicts of the 20th century and the political context that led to those wars there has been some progress, in the west at least.

A lot of the warlike rhetoric and posturing; the appeal to patriotism, and the sense of our individual identities being tied up with national ones seems strange and dated. At the time, these attitudes combined with the arrogance of empire were a toxic combination that led to the horrific conflict with the loss of so many lives.

However, elements of these attitudes remain. We always prefer our own tribe. There is an alienation that has opened people to the rise of the far right with its attempt to blame all our ills on immigration. A knowledge of history shows where these things can end up.

Christians are instructed to pray for our political leaders and to live in peace where we can,

but one of the things that got the early Christians into trouble was their political subversion. There will always be elements of our culture and politics we want to affirm, but there will be others we want to challenge. Early Christian worship declared that Caesar wasn't Lord; Jesus was.

That sort of talk could (and did) get them killed. The personal security that sustained this courage was a conviction that they were first and foremost citizens of heaven. In Jesus they had experienced the power of the other country breaking into their experience. We will remember our national tragedies and sacrifice on Remembrance Day. But every Sunday we remember a tragedy and sacrifice that turned into a glorious victory.

Christ's death points us to the ultimate powerlessness of violence to achieve real change. It subverts the doctrine that might is right. Sadly, it may take a lot of bloodshed for that to come home to Hamas, Hezbollah, the Israeli government and the Russian army.

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Minsterley Parish Council

The highway works connected with the new development at Hall Farm, Leigh Road, will require a road closure for around two weeks from 9.30am - 4pm. The closure will operate from Monday 11th November to Friday 22nd November.

Temporary traffic lights will be required for a further two weeks once the road closure has been removed. They will be in place from Monday 25th November to Friday 6th December.

Road plates will be used to ensure access is maintained to residential properties located within the section of road that will be closed. HGVs will be diverted to use the Nox and Lea Cross Roads, to avoid using Horsebridge Road.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 12th November at 7pm 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



Garden & Craft Show

Our annual Show was held on Saturday 24th August. Poor weather conditions this year resulted in a lower number of entries in the Flower, Fruit and Veg categories but the Art, Handicraft and Cookery sections were well supported. It was good to see that there was a sizeable number of new exhibitors, some of whom are new to the village. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year.

Xmas Meal

This will be held on the evening of Tuesday 3rd December. As our former venue is no longer available we are looking into an alternative and will let people know as soon as we can. It would be good to gauge the level of interest so if you are calling in to the Trading Post please let us know if you would like to attend.

The Trading Post

We will be closing for our winter break at the end of October so be sure to call in and get everything that you will need for the garden over the winter months. We will be open every Saturday from 9.30am - 12 noon until the end of the month, and will be able to take bookings for the Xmas meal after that.

Rob Dixon

robedixon@btopenworld.com

In Memory of Geoff

It was with great sadness that the Parish was informed of the death of Geoff Brown, who died on the same day as the October Parish meeting.

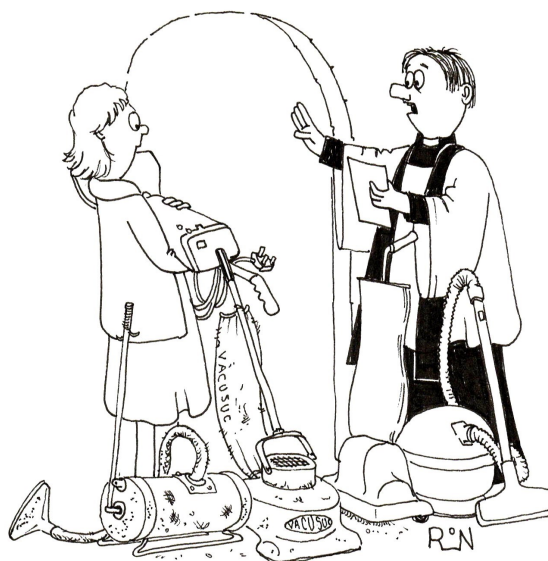
Geoff was a Member of the Parish Council, Chair of the Minsterley Flood Action Group and treasurer of both the Parish Hall Committee and the Rea Valley Community Wildlife Group.

He will be sadly missed both as a friend and as a fellow community steward of village life.

Rest in Peace.

Geoff Rogers

MINSTERLEY 59 CLUB WINNERS			
Draw 38	18 th September	No. 44	Roy Blakemore
Draw 39	25 th September	No. 2	Jeannie Buckle
Draw 40	2 nd October	No. 2	Jeannie Buckle
Draw 41	9 th October	No. 48	Jeannie Buckle
Draw 42	16 th October	No. 43	Susan Bates



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CRIME/INCIDENTS OF NOTE

CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE & STIPERSTONES

16th September 2024 – 15th October 2024

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Assault x2		Chirbury	Suspect arrested
Harassment		Marton	
Allowing dog to be dangerously out of control causing injury	Occurred in private dwelling	Worthen	

Crime Prevention - Lighten up your home

Have a safe Halloween

It's that time of year again when the darker nights are upon us. A simple method of leaving a light on in your home in the evening or late at night can significantly reduce the chance of being a victim of a burglary. This time of year there is generally a peak in dwelling burglaries across the county. Thankfully we do get very few in our policing area but having a light on may deter any opportunist thieves looking to target outbuildings.

The 'Lighten up' top security tips are:

- A well-lit home gives the impression someone is at home.
- Use timer switches to turn lamps on when you are out.
- We recommend dusk 'til dawn lighting, which is the type that stays on through the hours of darkness, switching off before dawn.
- Don't just set a light on a timer in the hall or landing area; try to set a light in a room.
- Consider other lighting, such as devices that simulate the light of a TV.
- Invest in external lighting such as PIR lights to light up outbuildings and yards.
- Always lock windows and doors and keep gates and side entrances well secured

If you to enjoy Halloween please remember that not everyone wants to take part! Here are a few things to remember when you're out this Halloween

- Adults should always accompany children when trick or treating. Young people should never go trick or treating alone.
- Do not knock on the doors of strangers - only go to people you know. Never go into a stranger's house.
- Always keep to well-lit areas. Wear bright clothing and always carry a torch. Remember road safety.
- Unless pre-arranged, do not visit elderly members of the community. Be careful not to frighten vulnerable people.
- Keep your tricks within the law - anything that results in damage is an offence and will be dealt with as such.
- Please do not knock on doors where there is a 'No trick or treat sign'.

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Minsterley Methodist Church

10am Sunday services



3rd November. Family Service led by members of the congregation.

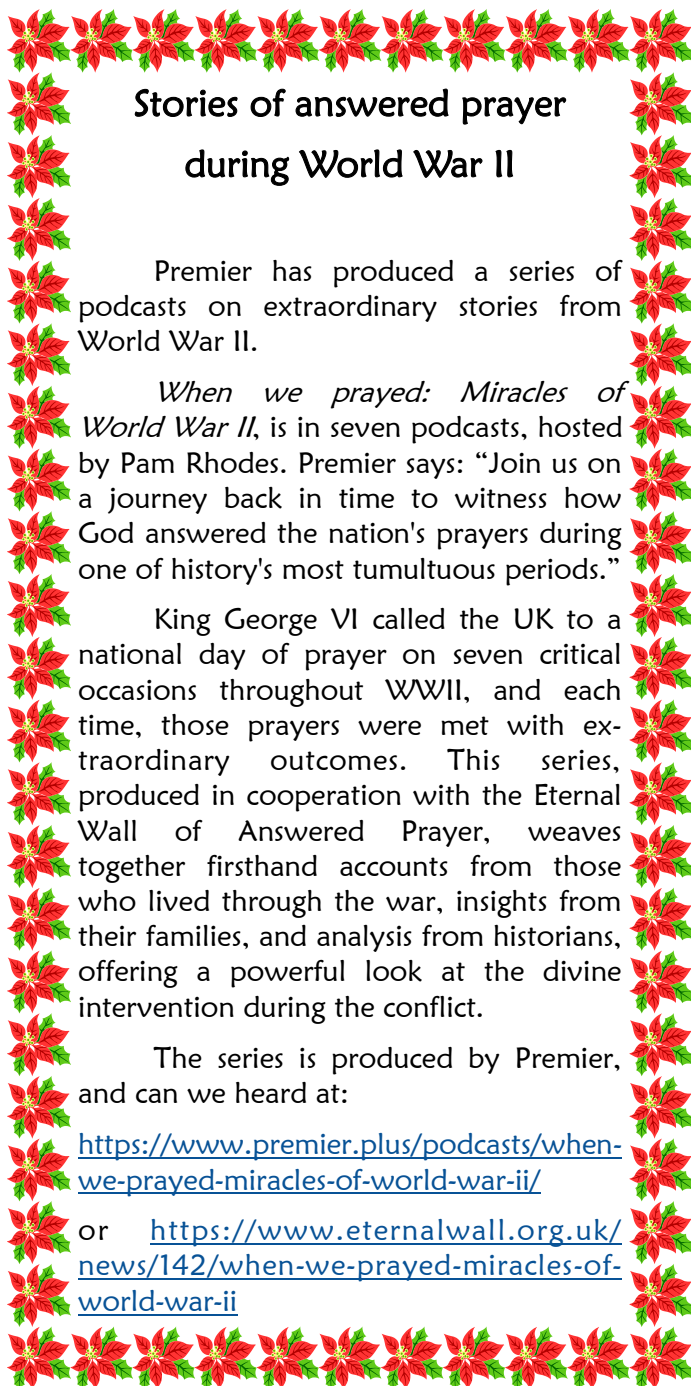
10th November. Remembrance Sunday. There will not be a service at the chapel as we will be joining in the service at Holy Trinity.

17th November. Minsterley Praise.
Preacher – Rev Sheila Macnalley.

24th November. Conclusion service for our Family Services for 2024 led by members of the congregation.

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



Stories of answered prayer during World War II

Premier has produced a series of podcasts on extraordinary stories from World War II.

When we prayed: Miracles of World War II, is in seven podcasts, hosted by Pam Rhodes. Premier says: "Join us on a journey back in time to witness how God answered the nation's prayers during one of history's most tumultuous periods."

King George VI called the UK to a national day of prayer on seven critical occasions throughout WWII, and each time, those prayers were met with extraordinary outcomes. This series, produced in cooperation with the Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer, weaves together firsthand accounts from those who lived through the war, insights from their families, and analysis from historians, offering a powerful look at the divine intervention during the conflict.

The series is produced by Premier, and can be heard at:

<https://www.premier.plus/podcasts/when-we-prayed-miracles-of-world-war-ii/>

or <https://www.eternalwall.org.uk/news/142/when-we-prayed-miracles-of-world-war-ii>

An atheist has no invisible means of support.

The way Bernard Shaw believed in himself was so very refreshing in these atheistic days when so many people believe in no God at all. - I Zangwill

Have you heard about the agnostic dyslexic insomniac who lay awake at night wondering: "Is there a Dog?"

People are like tea bags - you have to put them in hot water before you know how strong they are.

Constant kindness can accomplish much. As the sun makes ice melt, kindness causes misunderstanding, mistrust and hostility to evaporate.

- Albert Schweitzer

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.

Remembrance service - 3pm Sunday 10th November,

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 3rd November
Sunday 17th

5.00pm
5.00pm

Evensong
Holy Communion



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Holy Trinity Church Hope

Sunday 10th Nov 9.00am Remembrance Holy Communion
Sunday 24th 9.00am Morning Prayer



All Saints' Church Shelve

Sunday 3rd Nov 9.00am All Saints' Day Holy Communion
Sunday 17th 9.00am Morning Prayer

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