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Church services this month

Sunday 4th	4.00pm	Tea-time service
Sunday 11th	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 18th	10.00am	Minsterley Praise at the Methodist Church
Sunday 25th	10.30am 7.00pm	Holy Communion GROUP Rogation service at St. George's Pontesbury
Thursday 29th	7.00pm	Ascension Day service

Weekly events in the church

Mondays	3.30pm	Youth Café (p30)
Tuesdays	10.00am	Foodbank (p11)
Wednesdays	10.00am	Coffee Hub (p13)
Thursdays	10.00am	Trinity Tots (p15)

Other events this month

Thu 1st	Knitter Natter (EVERY Thursday) (p15)
Fri 9th	Bat Walk (p32)
Sat 10th	Go Wild in Worthen (p7) V.E. Day sing-a-long (p15) Shuttle bus restarts (p25)
Mon 12th	Crafty Monday (p15)
Tues 13th	Oasis meeting (p13) Ichthus Bible Study (p16) Parish Council meeting (p27)
Wed 14th	Foodbank AGM (p11)
Sat 17th	Christian Aid Breakfast (p3, 17) Methodist church Centenary (p30)
Tues 20th	The Gathering (p4)
Wed 21st	u3a open meeting (p16)
Mon 26th	Open Garden (p11)
Tues 27th	Oasis meeting (p13) Ichthus (p16)
Sun 25th	Rogation Sunday service (p3)
Fri 30th	Gardening Club meet (p7)

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Dear Friends,

When I was growing up, I used to have nightmares literally about nuclear Armageddon. If you are of that age, you will easily understand how an impressionable teenage boy, with the threat coming from the communist Soviet bloc, was so anxious about the possibility of nuclear war. And yet, although much of the political discourse focused on how to respond to the red menace, and many movies of the period, either openly or subliminally addressed the possibility of a nuclear winter, those were the days without 24 hours news and social media.

Today, our young people rarely have a moment of genuine peace. They might find themselves chillaxing (my spellchecker recognizes that as a real word!) but they will invariably be staring into a phone screen as they do so. Of course, they are not worrying (generally speaking) about nuclear war nor are they worrying, as some of us who are nearing pensionable age are doing, about a tariff war and its effects on the stock market. Instead, they worry about climate change.

Eco-anxiety, as it has been termed, is not confined to our young people. Many older people worry about the raging wildfires and terrible flooding increasingly endemic, if not for themselves,

then for their children and grandchildren. It is interesting how these things become so heavily politicised. To be a member of CND in the 70s and 80s was an act of almost religious commitment. In the same way, though the science has been clear and consistent in explaining what is happening to our climate for the last 25 years or more, there are those who resist any meaningful response with a religious fervour.

What should those of us, who are called to religious fervour in our Saviour's name, think and do in response to this? Should we join climate protests, recycle our waste and use public transport more often? Very probably to all of those. But we do well to remember that the Bible's principal references to weather contain the insistence that God is in charge of these things. And it speaks much about anxiety and worry. Perhaps the most telling reference is that of St Paul in Philippians chapter 4: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, present your requests to God; and the Peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

Prayer always alongside action.

Greg Smith

Your questions answered about "christening"

St George's Church Pontesbury is holding an open evening on Thursday 12th June at 7pm. for any family interested in having their child christened. This can happen at any age. All welcome - no commitment assumed.

For further information, please contact Greg at rectorpontstip@gmail.com

Rogation Service

St George's Church Pontesbury is hosting a Rogation Service and Supper on Sunday 25th May at 7pm. All our friends in the farming community are warmly invited to join us.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

AROUND THE WORLD FAMILIES ARE SEEING
THEIR HARVESTS FAIL AS THE CLIMATE CRISIS
BRINGS INCREASINGLY ERRATIC WEATHER.

Help raise money for Christian Aid's campaign to
help farmers to support their community to escape
hunger - by donating, helping or coming to a

Breakfast & Coffee Morning
in Holy Trinity Church
Minsterley
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Susan Bates

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The ups and downs of parish life! I've just had a phone call from a lady asking me to arrange the burial of her son who has passed away after a long illness. The date and time booked for the funeral is in the morning and then on the same day in the afternoon I will be taking a wedding! New life and death, celebration and mourning, a new chapter and the closing of a book all swirl together in the life of our parishes.

It's easy to forget these fundamentals when watching the news or reading the paper as we worry about trade wars and actual wars, recessions and politics. So much of the stuff that goes on in the wider world seems far removed from the day to day reality of death and weddings, things which have been going on for centuries in our ancient parishes amid the Marches.

It is good to take stock, go for a walk in the hills, let our feet ground themselves in the earth of our place, and refocus. The land and the people around us are what matters, not decisions that are made far away in London or Washington. This is where we have been called to minister and "be." So turn off your TV, put down your phone and go and visit a neighbour, pray with them, be with them. Go for a pint or a coffee with someone, let them know God loves them, go for a walk with your spouse or a friend. Time passes all too quickly and it is good to live in the present and to bring your focus back on those around you and who God has set you amongst.

Richard Lonsdale

What's On!

17 MAY	BREAKFAST & COFFEE at Holy Trinity in aid of Christian Aid
24 MAY	PLANT & BAKE SALE on the Crown & Sceptre bank
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All my discoveries have been made in answer to prayer.
- Isaac Newton

The Gathering

An evening of Praising & Worshipping God
Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.
(1 Thessalonians 5: 11)

Everyone welcome

Refreshments from 7.00 p.m. | **Tues 20th May, 7.30 p.m. start**

 Marton Village Hall

The telephone rang in the office of the church that the MP attended when visiting his constituency. An eager voice inquired: "Do you expect the MP to be in church on Sunday? If so, I was thinking of coming along."

"That," said the clergyman, "I cannot promise. But we do expect that God will be there, and we fancy that that should be incentive enough for a reasonably large attendance."

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World News

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

God’s Word unchained

A Christian woman’s account of how she shared he Gospel with prisoners in a Central Asian jail

“God’s word is not chained,” declared Paul in his second letter to Timothy (2 Timothy 2:9). At the time the apostle was physically chained and confined to the darkness of a prison cell in Rome – but he knew that the message of the Gospel could not be held prisoner.

“Firuza” is one of the persecuted Christians today who have experienced the truth of Paul’s words. Despite hardship, she has bravely carried God’s Word to others without thought of the risk. She and her husband “Mahmud” are converts from Islam, and live in Central Asia, where they and their five children are active members of their local church. The authorities in their home country are deeply suspicious of Christianity and place tight restrictions on churches and worship. Converts also face hostility from the Muslim-majority population.

Mahmud suffers from health problems and works when he can, while Firuza – who has a medical education and speaks three languages – earns a small living giving language lessons as well as translating Christian books. One day, a Muslim parent of one of her students made a false accusation of fraud against Firuza that was so baseless that the case was thrown out immediately by a court. However, when officials discovered Firuza was a Christian convert, they ordered a retrial. Firuza was pregnant at the time, and gave birth during the trial, but that did not stop proceedings – and Firuza received the maximum ten-year prison sentence.

Conditions inside the prison were tough. Reading the Bible was forbidden – only the Quran was allowed. Firuza was caught with a Bible that Mahmud had smuggled in for her. She was

summoned to the Administration Office where an official confronted her. “I answered that the Bible was God’s Word and shows us the way for eternal life,” said Firuza.

“For three days they kept calling me to Administration and asking about the Bible,” she continued. “On the fourth day the official came to our cell and said, ‘You must read the book – all of you! Let her’ – and he pointed to me – ‘teach you all and you must listen to her!’ After that I started to read the Bible for everyone,” Firuza explains. “Many women asked me to give them the Bible so that they could read it personally. So we read the Bible aloud during the day and some women read it personally in the night. The cell in which discord, slander and enmity reigned, turned into a quiet place. Women became friendly with each other.”

Firuza recounted several cases where women fell sick and she prayed for them and they were healed. “Very often staff at the prison heard about this and asked me to pray for them and their relatives,” she recalled.

By God’s grace, Firuza was released early from prison having served only four years and one month of her ten-year sentence. She is thankful to be back home with her husband and children, especially since Mahmud underwent heart surgery during her time in prison. She is thankful to Barnabas Aid supporters for paying for food for her family, as well as providing her with a laptop and internet access. This will allow her to continue her work as a translator of Christian books, and to maintain her ministry among women living in remote regions of her country.

Above all, she is thankful to God for being her rock and comforter while she was in prison. “Today I can say that it was the time when I felt God more closely than ever before.”

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'Easter in a Box' at Holy Trinity Church

Last month 28 young explorers from Minsterley Primary School stepped through the doors of Holy Trinity church. The school visit was designed to bring the Easter story to life and was initiated by the school's Religious Education lead who heard about the church's interactive 'Messy Church' and wanted to introduce the children in her class to a more immersive learning experience.

Upon arrival, the children were guided through the key events of Holy Week. Working in small groups, they moved round four tables each hosted by church members who shared stories, led activities and facilitated moments of reflection.

The Palm Sunday station allowed students to craft their own palm leaves while learning about Jesus's triumphant entry into the city of Jerusalem. At the Maundy Thursday table, they heard about the Last Supper and the significance of Holy Communion in Christian worship. A highlight for many was examining Maundy money that had been presented to a former church member — providing a connection to this ancient tradition which is bestowed by the King upon older, faithful men and women serving in their churches and communities.

'Good Friday' focused on the crucifixion. Pupils decorated crosses and reflected on themes of sacrifice. The Easter Sunday experience concluded



their journey with the message of resurrection hope, celebrated through the creation of vibrant spring flowers.

At each table, the children collected items in a special box to remember their experience. They also recorded their thoughts and feelings on paper scrolls.

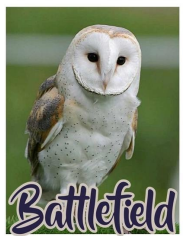
The school's RE lead and class teacher, Mrs Abby Prophet, expressed her thanks for the church's welcome: "The children and I had an amazing time and we are very grateful." We hope to welcome other classes in the future, strengthening connections between the church and the wider community while supporting educational outcomes in religious studies.

Fran Brearley



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Minsterley Gardening Club

The Club meets between 10am - 11am on the last Friday on each month at Holy Trinity Church Minsterley. Next date is Friday 30th May - do pop along - everyone is welcome.

There is cake!

Sarah Edwards

I had a slight headache this morning but felt much better after following the instructions on the aspirin bottle: 'Take two and keep away from children.'

My dentist is also our choir leader at church. He likes the hymn: "Crown Him With Many Crowns."

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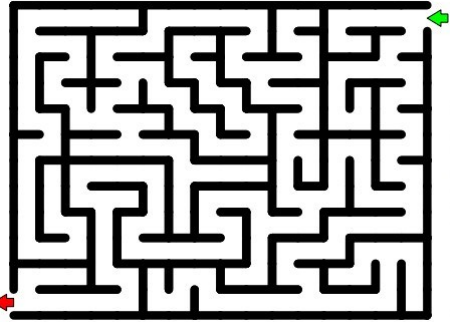
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WORDSEARCH

The Nicene Creed is one of the most important documents in the world. It has shaped Christian belief for the past 1700 years, affecting hundreds of millions of lives. So here is a bigger Wordsearch than normal, in honour of the brave man who gave it to the Church!

This year is the 1,700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed. Athanasius is the theologian behind that creed, and his feast day falls on 2nd May. Athanasius (296-373) was born into a prosperous family in Alexandria in Egypt, and entered the ministry. He was 29 years old when he accompanied Alexander, the bishop of Alexandria, to the Church's first great ecumenical Council, at Nicaea in 325. There he saw the Council debate the Person of Christ. How was He the Son of God and also Man? Did He really exist before He was born? If we worship Him, does that mean that we are worshipping two Gods?

When the heresy of Arius, which taught that Christ was not divine and not eternal, later threatened the church, Athanasius worked with his bishop in framing what became known as the Nicene Creed. Our Lord's full divinity was safeguarded in the words, 'eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father.'

For the next 45 years Athanasius' devotion, scholarship, and forceful leadership established the Nicene Creed in the Christian Church. His enemies, both in Church and state, conspired against him, and he was exiled five times from the See of Alexandria and spent 17 years in flight and hiding.

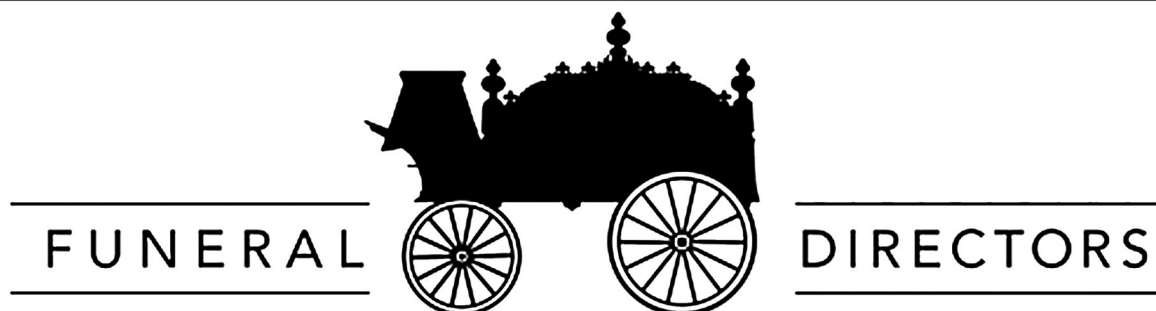
Athanasius' name will always be linked with the triumph of New Testament Christology over every form of reductionism (lessening of the Person of Christ).

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To use the Foodbank, or find out more - call for a chat with Greg Smith (07902 794653) or Richard Lonsdale (07922 830488) or email reavalleyfoodbank@gmail.com or your local clergy. You can



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Jean Brown

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A man's children are pieces of himself, but his wife *is* himself. - *Matthew Henry*

How soon marriage counselling sessions would end if husbands and wives were competing in thoughtful self-denial! - *Walter J Chantry*

Love is grand: divorce is a hundred grand.

Bible Readings in Holy Trinity Church Minsterley this month

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

Date	OT Reading	Epistle	Gospel
4 th May	Acts 9:1-20	Revelation 5:11-14	John 21:1-19
11 th May	Acts 9:36-43	Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
25 th May	Acts 16:9-15	Revelation 21:10,22-22:5	John 14:23-29
29 th May Thursday	Acts 1:1-11	Psalms 93	Luke 24:44-49

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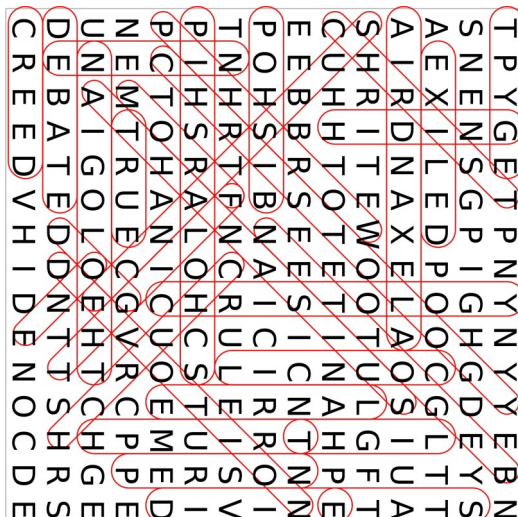
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Pontesbury & Rea Valley u3a invites members & non-members to the Open Meeting on the 21st May, where our speaker is u3a member, **Malcolm Philcox**, talking on **South West Japan - Land of Floods, Earthquakes, and an Atom Bomb!**

We like to have presentations from our own u3a members, so this month Malcolm will be offering a lighthearted but informative account of his travels in Japan. A chance to broaden your horizons without leaving Shropshire.

Afterwards, as always, will be followed by refreshments and the chance to catch up.

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a presentation by
Malcolm Philcox



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Time flies like an arrow;
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A backward poet writes inverse.
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in feudalism, it's your Count that votes.
A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion.
If you don't pay your exorcist you get repossessed.
Marathon runners with bad shoes suffer the agony
of *de feet*.

The owner of a new sports car was reluctant to allow his wife drive it, even to the local shops. After she insisted, he finally relented, cautioning her as she departed, "Remember, if you have an accident, the newspaper will print your age."

After the local Churches Together meetings had concluded, the four ministers were discussing the results with one another.

The Methodist minister said, "What a success! We gained two new families."

The Baptist pastor said, "We did better - we gained three new families."

The URC minister said: "That's nothing - we gained five new families!"

And the Anglican vicar smiled gently. "We did best of all. We just said goodbye to our ten biggest troublemakers."

**Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.**
Psalm 119 : 105

ICHTHUS



The summer session of 'Ichthus' meetings starts again this month. Anyone with a desire to study the Bible with others is welcome to come. Meetings start at 2.30pm.

Liz Jackson 01743 791352

Date	Venue	Study
May 13th	Brookfield Waterwheel	John 13:31-35 Acts 11:1-18 Revelation 21:1-6
May 27th	The Blessing Snailbeach	John 17:20-26 Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97

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The Minsterley and District Eisteddfod Committee would like to thank all the competitors who entered the various classes at the event on Saturday 22nd March.

We congratulate the winners and hope that both entrants and visitors enjoyed the occasion and gained pleasure from the performances.

The Committee would also like to extend its heartfelt thanks to the many friends who help out in various ways during the Festival weekend as it would be impossible to stage the event without this support. ”



Claire Penrose

(Assistant General / Committee Secretary

<i>Morning & Afternoon Classes</i>		Winners
Instrumental Solo - KS2	1st: 2nd: 3rd:	Ella Chu from Adcote School Ethan McKenzie from Shrewsbury Anna-Mae Charman from Adcote School
Recitation - Reception & KS1	1st:	Oliver Kerswell from Shrewsbury
Vocal Solo - Reception & KS1	1st:	Oliver Kerswell from Shrewsbury
Recitation - KS2	1st: 2nd: 3rd:	Amira Pacult-Hickman from Shrewsbury Harri Eagle from Shrewsbury Adam Green from Condover
Vocal Solo - KS2	1st: 2nd: 3rd:	Anna-Mae Charman from Adcote School Ella Chu from Adcote School Daisy Osborne from Adcote School
Children's Choir - Up to & including KS4	1st: 2nd:	Telford Arts and Community Theatre (TACT) Youth Choir, Telford Adcote Children's Choir (Adcote School)
Original Children's Written Composition - KS2	1st: 2nd: 3rd:	Sophie Luijten from Henley on Thames Harri Eagle from Shrewsbury Lily Holder from Shrewsbury
Vocal Solo - KS3 & 4	1st: 2nd: 3rd:	Mya Chogugudza from Adcote School Alfie Hayward from Adcote School Seren James from Adcote School
Instrumental Solo - KS3	1st: 2nd: 3rd:	Bethany Cornall from Shrewsbury Charlotte Kruger from Adcote School Martha Franks from Shrewsbury
Original Children's Written Composition - KS3 & 4	1st: 2nd: 3rd:	Bethany Cornall from Shrewsbury Jet Pereira-Jenks from Shrewsbury Annie Coales from Shrewsbury
Recitation - KS3 & 4	1st: 2nd: 3rd:	Dolly Turner from Wrekin College Caitlin Holyoake from Shrewsbury Martha Franks from Shrewsbury
Popular Singing - 18 years & under	1st: 2nd:	Adcote Chamber Choir (Adcote School) Wrekin Songbirds (Wrekin College)
Solo from any Musical Show or Film - KS3 & under	1st: 2nd: 3rd:	Seren James from Adcote School Anna-Mae Charman from Adcote School Lizzie Poulter from Telford
Group Speaking - 18 years & under	1st: 2nd:	St Winefride's Performing Arts Group (St Winefride's School) Dolly Turner and Amelia Thompson from Wrekin College
Vocal Solo - 18 years & under	1st: 2nd: 3rd:	Sienna Toshack from Swansea Seren James from Adcote School Ben Richards from Shrewsbury
Open Group Performance from any Musical Show or Film	1st: 2nd: 3rd:	Vocabella from Stone Asher and Ben Richards from Shrewsbury St Winefride's, Shrewsbury

<i>Evening Classes</i>	Winners	
Original Short Story	1st:	Nigel Cains from High Ercall, Telford
	2nd:	Sarah Cassidy from Worthen
Original Poem	1st:	Manish Popat-Szabries from Birmingham
	2nd:	Matthew Jones from Westbury
Limerick	1st:	'Aqua' from Oswestry
	2nd:	Sarah Cassidy from Worthen
Original Hymn Words	1st:	Sarah Cassidy from Worthen
	2nd:	'Ashlea' from Minsterley
Open Instrumental Solo	1st:	Ben Richards from Shrewsbury
	2nd:	Nawarach Ngamvilaikon from Adcote School
Solo from any Musical Show or Film - KS4 & Adults	1st:	Mya Chogugudza from Adcote School
	2nd:	Saskia Lockley from Adcote School
Open Challenge Vocal Solo	1st:	Ben Richards from Shrewsbury
	2nd:	Malcolm Hope from Little Ness
Open Instrumental Group - KS4 & Adults	1st:	Rowan and Ben Richards from Shrewsbury
	2nd:	Ash Glade Duo from Hook-A-Gate
Open Group Singing	1st:	Vocabella from Stone
	2nd:	The Richards Family from Shrewsbury
Open Choirs Competition	1st:	Of One Accord from Shrewsbury
	2nd:	The Telfordaires from Telford

<u>Special Awards:</u>		-	-
Outstanding Child Instrumentalist	Bethany Cornall from Shrewsbury		
Instrumental Bursary (up to & including KS3)	Martha Franks from Shrewsbury and Ethan McKenzie from Shrewsbury		
Outstanding Child in Elocution events	Dolly Turner from Wrekin College		
Outstanding Child Vocalist (KS1 & 2)	Ella Chu from Adcote School		
Outstanding Child Vocalist (KS3 to 18 years)	Seren James from Adcote School		
Child gaining the most place marks over all final classes	Seren James from Adcote School		
Child gaining the most place marks over all final classes who lives within a radius of fifteen miles of Minsterley	Seren James from Adcote School		
Best Original Composition in the Children's classes	Bethany Cornall from Shrewsbury		
Best Original Composition in the Adult classes	Manish Popat-Szabries from Birmingham		

World War II Memories

These are some wartime childhood memories of **Gerry** from Hillcrest, Hemford and Hope Valley:

I was born at the early part of the war in 1941. We lived in lower Underdale Road near the river on the north edge of Shrewsbury. Although now built up it was very rural with open views.

Our house was under the flight path of the German bombers on route to Liverpool, and at the age of three I remember that they would arrive at dusk. There were so many like a swarm of bees and although they were high up the drone of so many engines was very loud. When they returned on the same path it was dark but the sky beyond the river was a huge red glow that was Liverpool on fire. That will always be with me.

A happier time was VE day, and now four I only knew it was something very special. We walked to the Quarry, and all Shrewsbury seemed to be out and about, happy, laughing and talking to each other. We hired a rowing boat from Coopers who had lines of boats under Kingsland bridge. Every boat was on the river, the sun was out, it was warm and people in the boats were calling to each other. As we rowed towards the Welsh Bridge all the church bells were ringing. In the evening we went to the Square packed with people all dancing to a band, and I was sat on a ledge on the old Shirehall with a grandstand view.

Happy Days!

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Spring has sprung and a new hope is on the horizon. Warmer and sometimes wetter days are ahead and perhaps like me, you are now looking back at January when you had nothing to do and are now beginning to miss feeling underwhelmed.

May is one of the busiest months in the garden as the days continue to lengthen and grow warmer. There are lots of jobs to do including sowing the last of the summer crops, such as courgettes and runner beans, earthing up potatoes, planting and, of course, harvesting.

However please be vigilant of late frosts because although the weather has been glorious and unseasonably warm...Jack Frost can leap out at any time! Remember to use garden fleece or some kind of cover to keep frost off vulnerable plants.

You can start enjoying the fruits of your labours this month – crops that should be ready to harvest include lettuce, spring onions, broccoli, cabbage, spinach, rhubarb, beetroot, radish and peas. You can also start harvesting asparagus.

Sow dwarf or climbing beans, runner beans, sweetcorn, indoor cucumber, courgettes, pumpkins and squash in the greenhouse or under cover. Continue to sow lettuce, radish, spinach and beetroot direct outside – little and often to keep the harvests coming – and parsnips. You can also sow cabbage, kale and purple sprouting broccoli for transplanting next month. Protect carrots against carrot fly.

I know you are asking, 'but Laura, when will I be finished? There is so much to do!' Well, although it all feels a bit much at the moment, please try to enjoy the chaos, because in a blink of an eye we will all be ushered back inside by the coming winter with nothing but our seed catalogues for comfort. Until next time my darlings.

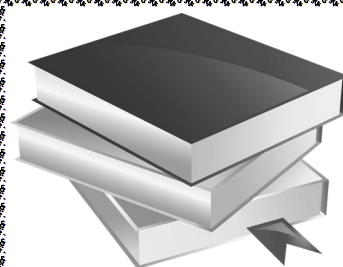
**Laura Davies, amateur gardener,
soap box derby commentator and lion tamer.**

All the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned put together, have not affected the life of mankind on this earth as powerfully as has that one solitary life.
- J A Francis

Joy is the serious business of heaven.
- C S Lewis

Man's way leads to a hopeless end - God's way leads to an endless hope.
- Aneel Aranha

People want to be in the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the centre of attention.
- D Macomber



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Christian Aid Week 2025

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Please save this date and join us in reaching out to help, and if you are able to assist in any way please contact me on 07806 432311. Many thanks.

Susan Bates
Minsterley Churches CAW group

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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
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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The Long Mynd and Stiperstones Shuttle is back for another year

The Shuttle bus is back for another year – this year we are running more trips for a longer season starting on Saturday 10th May and running every weekend until the end of September.

We've increased the daily frequency of the service too by tweaking last years' timetable. This means that we will be running five circuits a day from 9am until 6pm.

Ticket prices remain roughly the same as last year with only a slight increase of 50p on our Day Rover (Hop on and Off) Ticket. We've also introduced a new Scenic Tour – Afternoon Ride Around ticket for £7 in response to the demand from passengers to stay on the bus all the way around the circuit.

We are asking passengers to opt for this new ticket in the afternoon, freeing up much needed seats at the busier times of the day. The 2pm service from Church Stretton is perfect for this – see the timetable for further details.

Printed timetables are now available from the usual places including the Bog Centre. Please note the Bog Centre's shorter opening times when planning your trip.

For more information about the service go to www.shropshirehillsshuttles.co.uk or visit the National Landscape Face Book Page.

Shropshire Hills Summer Forum & Field Visits

This year the Shropshire Hills Summer Forum & Field Visits are being held on Thursday 5th June at Rushbury Village Hall, 10am – 3.30pm. The event is an open invitation for you to come along and find out more about the new 5-year Plan for the Shropshire Hills National Landscape, which is out for public consultation from May to July 2025.

The Plan is called 'Thriving in Balance with Nature.' It aims to guide sustainable future directions for the Shropshire Hills landscape and the challenges we face such as the declines in nature and water quality, climate change, and the pressures on farming.

There's already a lot of great activity happening in the Shropshire Hills on all these topics, but we need to do more. Through short presentations, information stalls and field visits, the Forum will showcase some of the brilliant work happening locally to help protect and regenerate this special landscape. The Forum is free, but booking is required. To see the programme and to book your place please visit our website or contact us - details below.

Shropshire Hills National Landscape Team

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12 reasons why I stopped attending sports events

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- ~ The people with whom I had to sit by didn't seem very friendly.
- ~ The seats were too hard and not comfortable at all.
- ~ The coach never came to call on me.
- ~ The referee made a decision I didn't like.
- ~ I was sitting with some hypocrites - they came only to see what others were wearing.

- ~ Some games went into overtime, and I was late getting home.
- ~ The band played some numbers that I had never heard before.
- ~ The games are scheduled when I want to do other things.
- ~ My parents took me to too many games when I was growing up.
- ~ Since I read a book on sports, I feel that I know more than the coaches anyhow.
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MINSTERLEY PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2024 - 25

During the last twelve months, the Parish Council has continued to meet every second Tuesday in the month to discuss and represent residents' concerns about various issues that arise. Last Autumn we sadly lost Geoff Brown, who was a dedicated member of the Parish Council, chairman of the local Flood Action Group and treasurer of the Parish Hall. We all miss his help and friendship.

The Flood Action Group has continued to meet and we thank Doug Jones for all his work and commitment to the flooding problems in the Parish, and for the time he gives to try and help residents with flooding issues. Also last Autumn, Julia Buckley MP attended the local group to get an understanding of the flooding issues in the Parish.

The Parish has continued to lobby Shropshire Council for a reduction in the speed limit between the school and Waterwheel. We now await the promise of speed monitoring equipment to be sited, to help further support evidence towards this end.

The Rea Valley Speed Camera Scheme continues to operate between Hanwood, Pontesbury and Minsterley. Representatives from the three parishes continue to meet with West Mercia Police regarding speeding issues in the area.

Linking of the footpaths between Linden Fields and the Garage Stores, which the Parish has long requested, remain under review by the Highways Department.

Requests for repairs to the A488 in the Hope Valley area continue to be sent to Highways and the problem of potholes remains a recurring request.

The new Battery Storage System at the rear of Bath Mews received planning permission, although the Parish objected to the application.

It was agreed to make a grant towards the new nursery demountable at Minsterley School, to help the scheme get implemented.

Problems with storm water issues continue to give concerns on the Hall View Drive development. The Planning Department have been consulted on this issue. Also, on the other side of the road, the new Hall Farm development has commenced.

Pontesbury and Minsterley parishes continue

to work in partnership regarding the solar lights and grass verge areas between the two villages.

A big thank you goes to Liz Penrose for all the time and effort she gives helping to keep the grass verges throughout the parish free from litter.

The Parish continues to maintain the footway lights, the play areas and the bus shelters, together with the grass-cutting at the Parish Hall, the playing field and Callow Lane play area.

Spring bulb planting continues, as well as support for the Remembrance Sunday service. Also, support had been given to Rea Valley Food Bank.

Finally, this time last year the appeal had begun by The Middle Marches Community Land Trust to try and purchase the Minsterley Meadows, to help protect this special area. As we all know, this area is now under the ownership of The Middle Marches Community Land Trust, which is a wonderful achievement. Thanks go to the Trust, together with all those who have donated and also the organisations who awarded grants. The Parish with its limited resources helped and supported the scheme, and we look forward to continuing working with the Trust.

The April meeting will be the last in the four year term of this Parish Council. On 1st May elections will take place, and our thanks go to those members who have decided to retire, for all their time and commitment which they have given to the Parish.

The next (first) meeting of the (new) Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 13th May at 7.00pm in Minsterley Parish Hall.

Geoff Rogers
Chairman

MINSTERLEY 59 CLUB WINNERS			
Draw 12	19 th March	No. 28	David Wainwright
Draw 13	26 th March	No. 14	Erin Hawkin
Draw 14	2 nd April	No. 53	Moira Sheridan
Draw 15	9 th April	No. 43	Susan Bates

When planets run around and around in circles, we say they are orbiting.
When people do it, we say they are crazy.

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Notes (SCH - School Days Only)																	SCH	
BUS STATION, Stand N	07:35	08:10	08:50	10:05	10:25	11:00	12:00	12:30	13:30	14:00	14:35	15:45	16:25	16:25	17:00	17:40	18:10	
Copthorne Rd, opp Barrows	07:42	08:17	08:57	10:12	10:32	11:07	12:07	12:37	13:37	14:07	14:42	15:52	16:32	16:32	17:07	17:47	18:17	
Shrewsbury Hospital			09:02	10:17	10:37		12:12	12:42	13:42	14:12		15:57	16:37		17:12	17:52		
Radbrook Oakfield Rd Jct	07:47	08:22				11:12					14:47		15:37			18:22		
Hamwood, Caradoc View Jct	07:52	08:27	09:07	10:22	10:42	11:17	12:17	12:47	13:47	14:17	14:52	16:02	16:42	16:42	17:17	17:57	18:27	
Hamwood, Cock Inn	07:54	08:29	09:09	10:24	10:44	11:19	12:19	12:49	13:49	14:19	14:54	16:04	16:44	16:44	17:19	17:59	18:29	
Lea Cross, adj Jct	07:57	08:32	09:12	10:27	10:47	11:22	12:22	12:52	13:52	14:22	14:57	16:07	16:47	16:47	17:22	18:02	18:32	
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Pontesbury, opp Shop	08:03	08:38	09:18	10:33	10:53	11:28	12:28	12:58	13:58	14:28	15:03	16:13	16:53	16:53	17:28	18:08	18:38	
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Plox Green, Crossroads	08:09			10:39	10:59	11:34	12:34	13:04	14:04	14:34		16:19	16:59	16:59		18:14	18:44	
Snailbeach, Village Hall						11:01			14:05			16:21		17:01		18:46		
Siparstones, adj Pub					11:05				14:10			16:25		17:05		18:50		
Hope	08:15			10:45			12:40			14:40			17:05			18:20		
Gravels	08:19			10:49			12:44			14:44			17:09			18:24		
White Girt, Jct	08:23			10:53			12:48			14:48			17:13			18:28		
Llan Twn Jct	08:27			10:57			12:52			14:52			17:17			18:32		
Lydfham Glebe Meadow Jct	08:31			11:01			12:56			14:56			17:21			18:36		
Bishops Castle Slop Street Jct	08:33			11:03			12:58			14:58			17:23			18:38		
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Saturday

From September 2024



The Centenary of

Minsterley Methodist Church

10am services



4th May. Preacher – Rev Tony Dent. Tony was our Minister from 1974 to 1980 and is visiting us to celebrate the doors of the chapel building on Horsebridge Road being open for worship for 100 years.

11th May. Preacher – Rev Richard Hall

18th May. Minsterley Praise - joined by the congregation from Holy Trinity.

25th May. Preacher – Rev Richard Hall. The service will include Holy Communion.

A warm welcome is extended to everyone 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

April 22nd Holy Trinity church Hope:
Funeral of Yetta Littlehales

YOUTH CAFE

activities | FREE WiFi
snacks | music

Every MONDAY 3.30pm - 5pm (term time)

Years 7-10 | Drop-in | FREE admission

Contact Joe on 07387 578230



A youth group at Holy Trinity Church, Minsterley

Genetics explains why you look like your father,
and if you don't, why you should.

Snailbeach Methodist Chapel

2.45pm Sunday services

4th May. Led by Helen Pearson

18th May. Led by Domini Lucas

We meet in the schoolroom adjacent to the chapel. All are welcome to come.

Sue Priddey (01743 790913)

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 five festival days: Mothering Sunday, Easter, Harvest Festival, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas day. A few other services are planned too. See "A Church Near You" website for upcoming dates.

Next service:

10.30am Sunday 28th June - Benefice group 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 11th May 5.00pm

Evensong

Sunday 25th 5.00pm

Holy Communion



Hope & Shelve Parish

Church Warden

Barbara Venables

Secretary

Sara Young

Treasurer

Kevin Bowers

Refreshments are served at all our services !

Holy Trinity Church Hope

Sunday 11th May 9.00am

Holy Communion

Sunday 25th 9.00am

Morning Prayer



All Saints' Church Shelve

Sunday 4th May

9.00am

Holy Communion

Sunday 18th

9.00am

All-age service

*The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in
All Saints' Church Shelve
at 2pm on Thursday 22nd May*

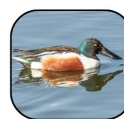


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EVENTS : 2025

Join other friendly members at our specialist events - discovering local flora and fauna together. Experts will be on hand to help us identify and understand what we are seeing.

Free to attend but booking essential. Book via reavalleycwg@gmail.com
Donations welcome.



25th January
Winter Visitors - a
beginners guide to
winter ducks
10-1pm
Venus Pool Car Park
washing.spud.spiking



26th April
Wildflower Walk-at
Pontesford & Earls
Hill
10-1pm
Pontesford Hill Car Park
hoot.signed.cobbled



9th May
Bat Walk - evening
walk at Minsterley
Meadows
8:45pm - dusk
Minsterley Meadows
leafing.hopefully.helpful



30th May
Bat Walk- evening
walk at Snailbeach
old mine works
9:15pm - dusk
Snailbeach Car Park
premature.picnic.completed



29th June
Butterfly Walk -
Transect - Mitchell's
Fold & Black Marsh
10-1pm
Mitchell's Fold Car Park
snaps.scarecrow.rods



7th July
Swift Walk with Carol
Wood - Shropshire
Swift Group
8pm - dusk
Ford Village Hall
shaver.songbirds.rare



11th July
Swift Walk with Carol
Wood - Shropshire
Swift Group
8pm- dusk
Hanwood - Caradoc View
hugs.possibly.lushly



4th September
Pond Dipping &
dragonfly spotting
6.30pm - dusk
Meadow House,
Habberley
absorbing.rigid.national



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