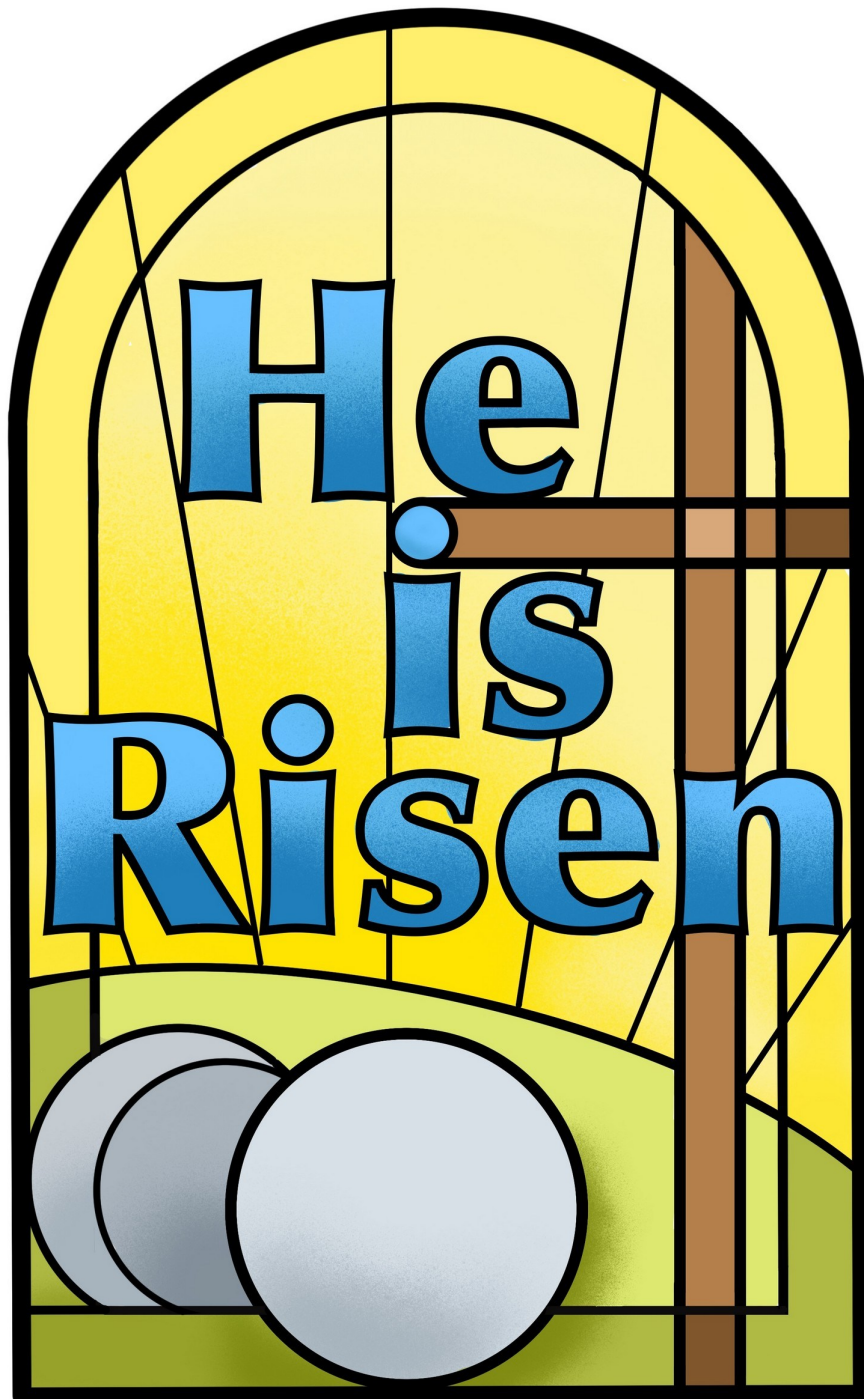


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April

2026



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Church services this month

Maundy Thur 7.00pm Communion
Easter Day 10.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 12th 10.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 19th **10.00am** Minsterley Praise in
the Methodist church
Sunday 26th 10.30am Holy Communion

Please see page 34 -35 for details of services in
the other churches in our Stiperstones group

Weekly events in the church (see page 31)

Mondays	3.30pm	Youth Café
Tuesdays	10.00am	Foodbank
Wednesdays	10.00am	Coffee Hub
Thursday	10.00am	Trinity Tots

Other events this month

Thu 2nd Knitter Natter (EVERY Thursday) (p7)
Mon 13th Crafty Monday (p13)
Tues 14th Oasis meeting (p7)
Ichthus Bible study (p15)
Parish Council meeting (p11)
ANNUAL PARISHIONERS MEETING (p11)
Wed 15th u3a open meeting (p17)
Sat 18th Habberley Coffee Morning (p34)
Wildlife Group walk (p15)
Tue 21st The Gathering (p4)
Sat 25th Church Spring Tidy Up (p3)
Midnight Symphony (p11)
Tue 28th Oasis (p7)
Ichthus Bible study (p15)
Parish Hall AGM (p11)

**Monthly diary for Chirbury Hills events -
see page 19**

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The blue tits are using our nesting boxes in the garden. It is a joy to see them busily flying back and forth, mouths full of grass, moss and small twigs as they build their nests. This year they are also spending a lot of time sitting on the door handle of the french windows and tapping and flying at the glass, They see their reflection and think it is a rival for their "spot." It's entertaining and they look so beautiful up close. I haven't found a way to discourage them yet as they do waste energy that could be better used for nesting or finding food.

It is perhaps easy to smile condescendingly at their little bird brains getting all riled at a reflection, but then I wonder if we are any better? Social media in particular seems to do a great job of riling lots of people up for one cause or another - whether in sport or politics or international affairs. Why are we letting ourselves get played like this, wasting time and energy getting cross with someone halfway across the world?

I suggest our energies could be spent better. As Saint Francis said:

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.*

With my prayers and best wishes,

Rev Richard Lonsdale



St George's Church

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We will be holding a Communion Service
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Sarah Edwards

From a church notice-sheet: "This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Brown, our church warden, to come and lay an egg on the altar."

The nice thing about becoming forgetful is that you can hide your own Easter eggs.

"Yes," boasted the woman to the visiting American priest, "my family can trace its ancestry back to William the Conqueror." "I suppose," said the American, "You'll be telling me next that your ancestors were in the Ark with Noah." "Certainly not. My people had a bigger boat of their own."

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Will you walk with Jesus this Holy Week?

In 2022 I did a 30 silent retreat at St Beuno's Spirituality Centre. Known as Full Spiritual Exercises they follow a pattern set down by St Ignatius of Loyola. The first two days were preparation, laying down all the activities we had left behind, and preparing to enter the stillness and quiet of four daily meditations. We were shown three paintings by a 16th Century Italian painter, Giovanni Battista Moroni. Each painting was of a religious scene and Moroni had painted himself in each painting. But there was a progression from him observing the scene from outside, to being on the edge of the scene and then being a waiter at the Last Supper - he was actively in the scene. Our spiritual guides hoped that as the meditations went on we would all find ourselves actively in the scene. We all found this to be the case. It was extraordinary, it was amazing. The Holy Spirit working within our imaginations so much so that I had conversations with Jesus, with his mother Mary, and with the disciples and had a sense of them being with me.

After some introductory meditations that laid the foundations, we started with the birth of Jesus - in my imagination I was a junior midwife - and progressed through Jesus' life, picking out key events and healings. Then we moved into the final 24 hours of his life and this took 7 days of repeating two meditations per day, each day a progression from the previous, culminating in his death on the cross - waiting for him to die. We were immersed in each scene, each trauma, each pain, each act of violence. I vividly remember Jesus saying after he had been whipped, "Why do they hate me so?"

The humanity of Jesus came through very powerfully. Yet also his inner strength and courage and we were called to walk with him in those final hours, to accompany him so that he had one friend alongside him, encouraging, supporting him. So we shared his pain, his sorrow, his disbelief at the cruelty of those he encountered in those hours. We saw his resolve to go through with it and his determination to keep to the path and not deter from it - death on a cross. Jesus, God's Son, did this for us - for you, for me. All because he wanted to

rescue us from sin and death and open the gate to heaven for us. This is costly love. How easy it is to let it pass us by without understanding how costly.

As we enter Holy Week, those final hours of Jesus, will you walk with him? Will you meditate on how costly it was? We tend to shy away from pain, avoid it, but if we do not reflect on each part of the Passion Of Christ, if we do not immerse ourselves in them then we miss out on the enormity of God's love and his willingness to die for each one of us. The more we engage, the more we will know the truth, and the more that the joy of Easter becomes a life transforming, life enriching, life giving liminal experience that alters forever how we live our lives in grateful thanks for all that God has done for us.

So I encourage you, spend time in Holy Week meditating upon the Biblical accounts of the last hours of Jesus, let them impact you, let them make you weep as you walk with Jesus, and then the incredulous truth and wonder of Resurrection on Easter Sunday will lift your soul so that you will join the heavens in declaring the wonder and grace of God - Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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World News

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

Iran

(article written prior to the start of hostilities)

The situation in Iran is sobering, yet full of hope. Partners have reported an increased openness to the Gospel, while also requesting prayer for persecuted Iranian Christians.

Religious life in Iran is changing. Official figures indicate that 98% of people in Iran are Muslim (89% Shia, 9% Sunni). By contrast, in a 2020 survey by the Netherlands-based GAMAAN research group, only 37.2% of respondents identified closely with Islam (32.2% Shia and 5% Sunni). In a 2024 survey, 70% of Iranians opposed the continuation of the Islamic Republic.

The number of Christians in Iran has increased dramatically since the 1979 revolution. There are now hundreds of thousands of believers in Iran – perhaps even more than a million. Modern media has played a key role, with 24/7 satellite television opening windows into homes, creating new opportunities for the Gospel to reach hearts.

Iran, however, remains a highly authoritarian state. Estimates vary, but the number of people killed during anti-government protests in January 2026 could be more than 30,000. At least nineteen Christians are confirmed among those killed, and authorities sought to blame “house churches” (made up of Christian converts) for causing the unrest.

As well as being treated with suspicion and hostility as apostates from Islam, Farsi (Persian)-speaking Christians in Iran are considered enemies of the state and are often charged with national security offences.

Bangladesh – Christian leaders cautiously welcome election outcome

Church leaders in Bangladesh are expressing cautious optimism following the recent election results, which saw a secular political party secure victory. Minority Christian communities had entered the election period with deep anxiety, fearing that extremist influence might increase and lead to greater restrictions or violence.

Bangladesh’s Christians make up less than one per cent of the population and often live as vulnerable minorities, particularly in rural areas. In recent years some communities have reported harassment, intimidation and sporadic attacks, leaving many believers feeling insecure about the future.

The election result has been welcomed as a sign that democratic institutions remain intact and that a more inclusive political environment may continue. Church leaders hope that the new government will prioritise the protection of all citizens regardless of religious affiliation and will address the underlying tensions that have affected minority communities.

Many believers are also using this moment as an opportunity to witness through service, community development and peaceful coexistence with neighbours of other faiths. They pray that Bangladesh will move toward greater stability, justice and harmony for all its people.

Pakistan – nurses acquitted

Two Christian nurses have been acquitted after more than four years under the threat of life imprisonment. Maryam Lal and Newosh Arooj were accused in 2021 of committing “blasphemy” at a hospital in Faisalabad after allegedly removing a sticker bearing a Quranic text from a cupboard.

The accusation quickly escalated. Hospital staff staged protests, extremists joined demonstrations, and both women received death threats. Maryam was even stabbed during the unrest before police intervened. The women spent five months in prison before being released on bail, yet their ordeal continued through prolonged legal proceedings and constant fear.

In November 2025 a court ruled that the accusations were unsubstantiated, and the deadline for appeal has now passed, confirming their acquittal. During the four-year trial, both nurses were unable to work and lived under severe restrictions. Their case highlights how “blasphemy” allegations are often used to settle personal disputes, particularly against vulnerable religious minorities.



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Heather's report - March 2026

Blue Badges

We inherited quite a backlog of applications for these, when we took over in May. We are drafting in new staff and those areas will now be coming down. By law any application must be processed within 12 weeks, so Shropshire has now introduced 3 months grace for every badge holder. This means that you can use badges for up to three months after it expires on Shropshire Council sites (car parks and on street parking) without getting a ticket. Shropshire Council is also trying to persuade the hospital to extend its period of grace from 1 month to 3.

Road Repairs

As we go to press the Rowley Road should be being resurfaced, with the landslip on the same road stabilised and repaired in the autumn. Other roads hopefully to be resurfaced over the next few months include the Rorrington to Priest Weston Road and the road from Alberbury to the Powys Border. This is in addition to work being done by our pothole gangs – increasingly 'in-house', council-employed teams who we can manage more effectively.

Also, Shropshire is extending the contract of one particularly effective contractor - locally-based MULTEVO - who use state-of-the-art machines to

resurface whole strips of potholed roads. From 1st April, their work is now being extended from A and B roads to C-class side roads.

Lastly, the Council has secured money from the government specifically (i.e. ring-fenced) to improve our roads. We will receive an additional £1.2m in 2026/7 and £5.3m on top in 2027/8.

Heating Oil Prices

Congratulations to Lara from the Stiperstones Inn for appearing on national and Regional TV to highlight how the current hike in oil prices will impact on those of us in rural areas who rely on oil or (like me) propane.

Economic Development

Last some of you may have heard of the Government's initiative to set up Combined Authorities involving different councils. This is not an attempt to merge Councils but rather an attempt to get neighbouring Councils (e.g. Shropshire and Telford) to work more efficiently on economic development.

Heather Kidd

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Our Foodbank is run by local volunteers, so we can be flexible and offer those who come more choices about the service. Once you have been referred you can choose how often you come. If it's an emergency situation you may come just once. For those with ongoing needs you can come every week or when you need to. Over time we may need to review the service we provide for you.

When you come you can choose the items you need to help see you through the week. If you need help our volunteers are there to advise. There is a limit on the number of high-cost items that can be taken. Please bring your own bag(s). You are welcome to stay for a hot drink and chat with our friendly volunteers.

To use the Foodbank or find out more:

Call for a chat with Rev Greg Smith (07902 794653) or Rev Richard Lonsdale (07922 830488), or ask your local clergy, GP, school, nursery, social/health worker, housing provider or other support agency. See our website: <https://reavalleyfoodbank.co.uk/> or Facebook.



Jean Garner

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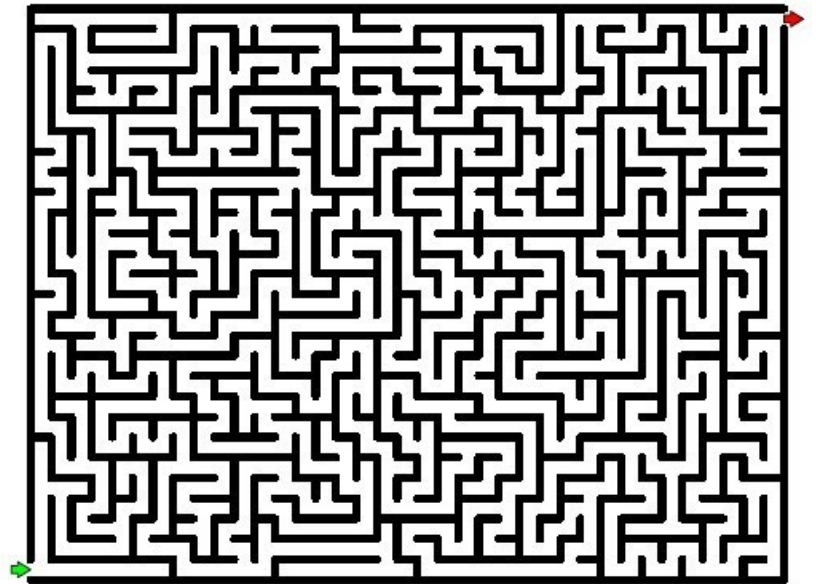
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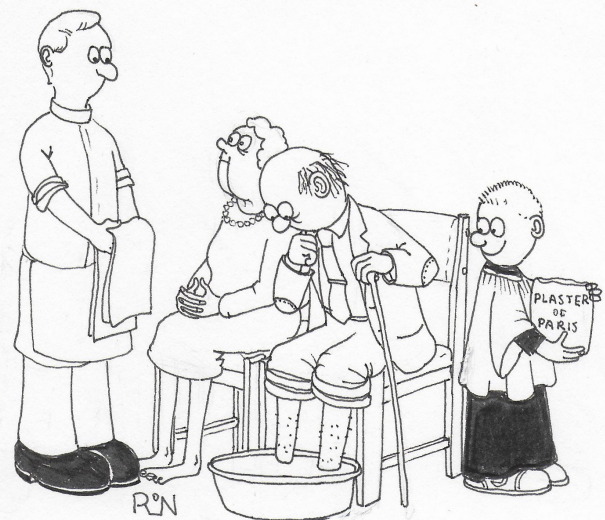


Easter Wordsearch

Even as Jesus ate that last Passover meal with his disciples, he warned them he was about to be betrayed. He took the bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to them; he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them to drink. The Old Covenant, based on Law, was ticking away its final hours; the New Covenant, based on Christ's body and his blood, was about to be ushered in.

Jesus prayed in Gethesame that this fearful cup might be removed from him, but even more, that God's will might be done. And it was.

From Easter onwards we can only approach God through his Son, Jesus Christ, not on our own merit.



Maundy Thursday on April 1st - the last temptation of Eric



Jesus	Betrayed	Law	Removed
Ate	Bread	Old	Will
Last	Blessed	New	Easter
Passover	Wine	Body	Approach
Meal	Thanks	Blood	God
Disciples	Drink	Gethsemane	
Warned	Covenant	Cup	

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Minsterley Creamery has applied to lower the chimney on their site by around 3 metres.

A new defibrillator is to be purchased to replace the broken one sited on the Parish Hall.

A request for an upgrade to the bus stop area South of Longfield Terrace would be forwarded to Shropshire Council.

The areas around the parish planted with spring bulbs which have been arranged by the Parish Council over many years are providing beautiful displays, especially this year.

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, which will be held on Tuesday 14th April at 7.00pm in Minsterley Parish Hall. This will be followed by the monthly Minsterley Parish Council meeting.

Geoff Rogers
Chairman, Minsterley Parish Council
www.minsterley.org.uk
To contact the parish council, e-mail:
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MINSTERLEY PARISH HALL

Annual General Meeting

7.00 – 8.00pm

Tuesday 28th April 2026

All hall users and members of the local community are invited to come and meet the committee members, catch up with some of the changes and challenges of the past year and consider some hopes and plans for the future.

The meeting will include:

Annual Report

Presentation of Accounts

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Community Christmas Day event



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"Festive Friends" 2025 was a great success!

Over 50 guests and volunteers enjoyed drinks and mince pies followed by a traditional two course lunch on Christmas Day at Norbury Village Hall near Bishop's Castle.

A special 'Thank You' to Wendy Lund and Val Littlehales who provided music and entertainment, the magnificent Quiz organisers and the wonderful team of volunteers who made it such a special event for people who might otherwise be alone or find the day challenging.

Planning has already begun for Christmas 2026 (!!)

This year we are particularly looking for a qualified First Aider/Carer to join us and also someone licensed to drive a minibus for transporting our guests to and from the venue. If you think you could give some time to "Festive Friends" 2026 do contact

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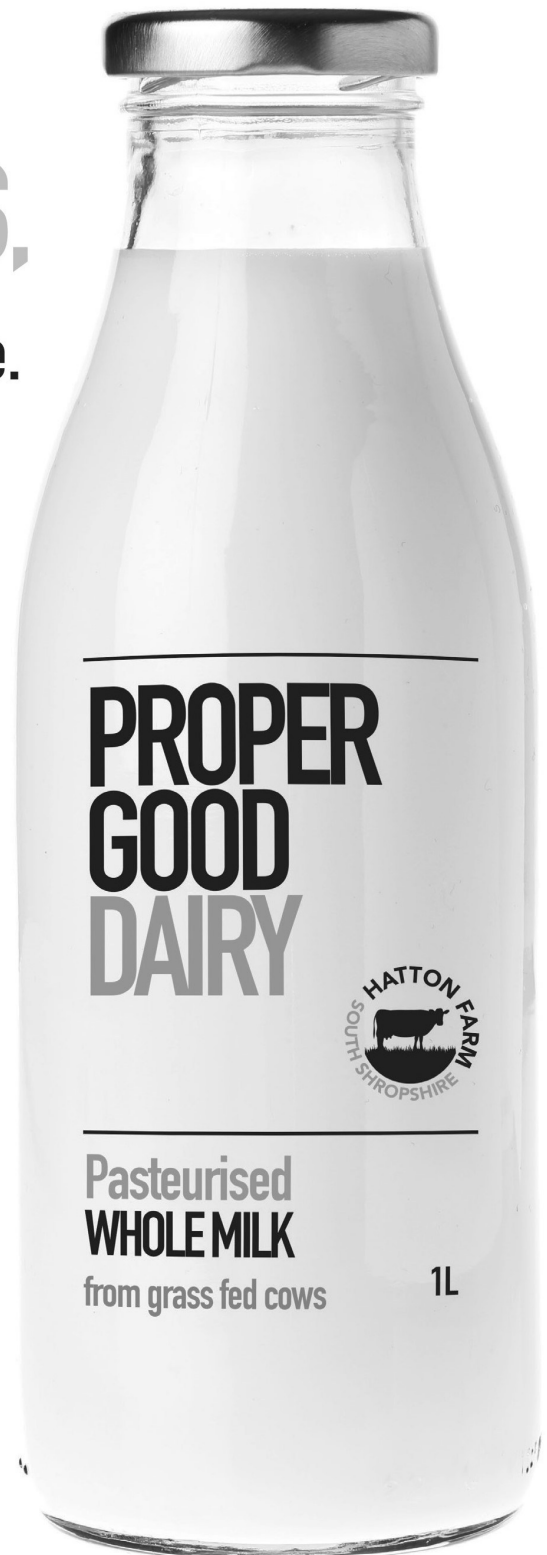
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Park
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Woods
Walkabout

Snailbeach Car Park
works plenty ecologist

Sun 15th Mar
10am - 1pm
Earls Hill
Lope

Pontesford Hill Car
Park
marginal owns transcribes

Sat 18th Apr
10am - 1pm
Gatten
Yomp

Gatten Daffodil Car
Park
hedge scales freshest

Sun 17th May
10am - 1pm
Buxton Hill
Stroll

Viewpoint Car
Park Tankerville
games cheeses strongman

Sat 20th Jun
10am - 1pm
Minsterley
Mooch

On street, Minsterley
mush harsh factories

Sun 19th Jul
10am - 1pm
Hinton Hike

Station Road Car
Park, Pontesbury
irritated swift freedom

Sat 15th Aug
10am - 1pm
Pulverbatch
Plod

Pulverbatch Car Park
wriggle disbelief housework

Sun 20th Sep
10am - 1pm
The Hollies
Bimble

Snailbeach Car Park
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Sat 17th Oct
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MONTHLY WALK: APRIL 2026

Saturday 18th April - Gatten Yomp

10am - 1pm

Gatten Daffodil Car Park - hedge scales freshest

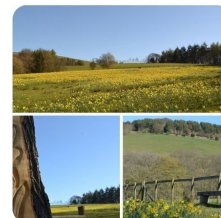
Join the Rea Valley Community Wildlife Group (RVCWG) at our April monthly walk - providing an opportunity to discover local flora and fauna together.

The walk is free to attend and no booking required.

Please note that there is no designated leader for these monthly walks. A meeting point is listed for each walk and the group will decide together on the day where they would like to walk.

There is a Marie Curie charity box present for car park donations

** We love our furry friends and well behaved, friendly dogs are welcome on this walk, but please remember that the primary focus of the walk is to discover wildlife and enjoy nature together**



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Christ is either both Saviour and Lord, or He is neither Saviour nor Lord. *- John R De Witt*

Tomorrow's history has already been written... at the name of Jesus every knee must bow.

- Paul E Kauffman

At my age I ...get my daily paper, look at the obituaries page and if I'm not there, I carry on as usual.

- Patrick Moore

The trouble is, we won't let God help us.

- George MacDonald

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

ICHTHUS



The Spring session of 'Ichthus' meetings concludes this month. Anyone with a desire to study the Bible with others is welcome to come.

Meetings start at 2.30pm on Tuesday afternoons.

Liz Jackson 01743 791352

April 14th	The Blessing Snailbeach	Acts 2: 14a,22-32 1 Peter 1:3-9 Luke 24:13-35
April 28th	Brookfield Waterwheel	Acts 7:55- end Psalm 31:1-5 John 14:1-14

Bible Readings in church this month

Maundy Thursday	Philippians 3.4b-14	John 12. 1-8
Good Friday	Isaiah 52. 13- 53	John 18. 1-19
Easter Sunday	Acts 10.34-43	Colossians 3.1-4 Matthew 28.1-10
12th April	Acts 2. 14a. 22-32	1 Peter 1. 3-9 John 20. 19-end
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26th April	Acts 2. 42-end	Psalm 23 John 10.1-10

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The Rea Valley Transport Scheme has now been up and running since the end of September. In that time, we have transported nearly thirty patients to a variety of venues including Shrewsbury Hospital, Pontesbury Surgery and Gobowen.

The scheme, which is entirely free, is designed to get patients to doctors, dentists, hospital, opticians and other wellbeing services. We can never guarantee to be able to help but have been able to respond positively to most requests.

To request transport please contact our scheme administrator, Emma, by calling 07468 115939 or email reavalleytransportscheme.info@gmail.com. She works Monday-Friday 10-2.30 and 3.30-5. We do not operate an answer machine service so please call back if you receive no answer. If possible please give us a minimum of a week's notice of when and where your appointment is.



Brew With a View Café



Our Year 6 pupils from Norbury & Stiperstones Schools will be hosting their own cafés, on the following dates:

Thursday 16th October 2025 @ Norbury Village Hall

Wednesday 26th November 2025 @ Stiperstones School

Thursday 22nd January 2026 @ Norbury Village Hall

Wednesday 4th March 2026 @ Stiperstones School

Thursday 23rd April 2026 @ Norbury Village Hall

Wednesday 3rd June 2026 @ Stiperstones School

Brew on The Border Café



Our Year 6 pupils from Chirbury School will be hosting their own cafés, on the following dates:

Monday 17th November 2025 @ Marton Village Hall

Friday 6th February 2026 @ Chirbury Village Hall

Friday 1st May 2026 @ Chirbury Village Hall

EVERYONE WELCOME! 11am-2pm

The cafes will include light lunches, cake and hot & cold beverages.

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Our next Open Meeting on **Wednesday 15th April 2026 2pm** at Minsterley Parish Hall, will be an illustrated talk takes you behind the scenes of **Cuan Wildlife Rescue**, from the charity's unexpected beginnings on a small Scottish island to the complex and often dramatic work it carries out today.

Through striking images and real-life cases, it reveals the challenges, dilemmas, and hard choices that come with caring for wild animals. The talk brings to life the stories of remarkable patients, charting their journeys through rescue and rehabilitation, and shows how each case fits into the wider ecology of the landscapes they call home.

Following the session, refreshments will be provided, offering a chance to catch up or learn more about our u3a. **Members and Non-Members are welcome.**

Our u3a is part of a UK charity dedicated to bringing together individuals with a focus on those not in full-time employment for enjoyable learning or active experiences. We are local, friendly, and affordable, featuring over 25 interest groups covering a variety of activities, from history, literature and geology to walking, cycling, pickleball, table tennis and many more.



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Sunday services in the Chirbury Hills Group of Parishes

April 2026

within the Deanery of Pontesbury and the Diocese of Hereford

	Holy Trinity Leighton	St Mary's Trelystan	St Michael's Chirbury	St Mark's Marton-in-Chirbury	Holy Trinity Middleton-in-Chirbury	Corndon Marsh Chapel
Friday 3 rd Good Friday					10.00am Pilgrimage Richard	4.30pm Pilgrimage Greg
Sunday 5 th Easter Sunday	11.15am Holy Communion Richard		9.30am Holy Communion Richard			6.00pm Holy Communion Fran
Sunday 12 th	4.00pm Evensong David Moss			9.00am Holy Communion Richard	11.15am Holy Communion Richard	
Sunday 19 th		3.00pm Holy Communion Graham Phillips	No service		10.00am Family Worship Kay	
Sunday 26 th	No service			9.00am Holy Communion Richard		



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churches!*

THE CHIRBURY HILLS



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Chirbury Hills group of churches

April - dates for your diary

- Wed 1st Lent lunch - see below
- Wed 1st 6.30pm Taizé worship in Holy Trinity Middleton.
A quiet service with Taizé chants
- Fri 3rd Good Friday Walk – see below
- Tue 14th 10.30am Coffee and Chat in Chirbury café; all welcome.
- Sat 18th Messy Church – see opposite
- Sat 16th May – advance notice of jumble sale in St. Michael's Chirbury plus Messy Church

Come to Lent Lunch in Marton Village Hall

12.30 for 1pm on Wednesday 1st April

Soup, cheese & biscuits, tea & coffee
for just £7. All welcome.



A schoolteacher asked her students to each bring in an object that represented their religion. The first student got up and said, "My name is Benjamin and I am Jewish and this is a Star of David." The second student got up and said, "My name is Mary. I'm a Catholic and this is a Rosary." The third student got up and said, "My name is Tommy. I am a Baptist, and this is a casserole."

Easter Sunday in Chirbury Hills group

Holy Communion services at:

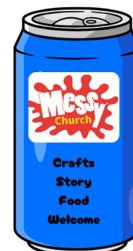
- 9.30am St. Michael's Chirbury
11.15am Holy Trinity Leighton
6 pm The Marsh Church

Messy Church

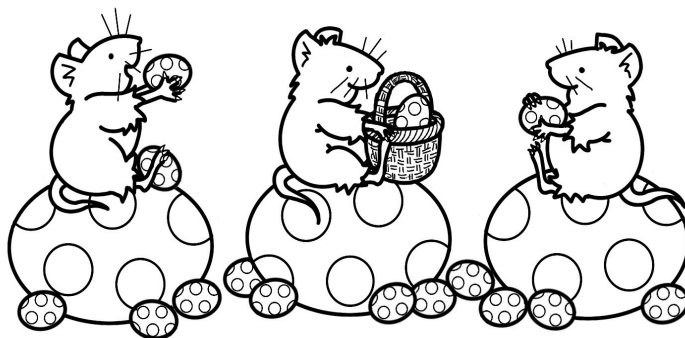
Saturday 18th April

10.30am - 12noon

Chirbury Church



Come and join us for the usual craft and activities continuing the theme of Easter, and hear the story of the road to Emmaus. All very welcome for fun and friendship.



Good Friday Pilgrimage 2026

Friday 3rd April

This annual pilgrimage started in 1982 and visits some beautiful churches. There are some refreshment and toilet breaks throughout the walk.

The walk is on quiet roads, and across open common and farm land, covering around ten miles. There will be uneven paths and stiles to climb. Please wear appropriate footwear and bring a packed lunch and coat (there has been snow before!).

You are welcome to attend the short services without doing the walk, or just complete part of the walk.
Well behaved dogs on leads very welcome!

Kay Yeates

- 9.45 am. Park near Middleton church or at Quarry cottage SY15 6BY
- 10.00 am. Service at Middleton church
- 11.20 am. Refreshments at Veronica and David's cottage
- 1.00 pm Service and refreshments at Hope church
- 2.45 pm. Refreshments and service at Shelve church
- 4.30 pm. Service and refreshments at Marsh Tin Church; then walk back over Mitchells Fold to collect cars



Minsterley Eisteddfod - Results 21st March 2026

<i>Morning Classes</i>	<i>Winners</i>	
Instrumental Solo - KS2	1st:	Theo Lipson from Ellesmere
	2nd:	Jack McKenzie from Shrewsbury
	3rd:	Olivia Caswell-Wedderkopp from Adcote School
Recitation - Reception & KS1	1st:	Oliver Kerswell from Shrewsbury
	2nd:	Etta Pemberton from St Winefride's School
Vocal Solo - Reception & KS1	1st:	Oliver Kerswell from Shrewsbury
Recitation - KS2	1st:	Amira Pacult-Hickman from St Winefride's School
	2nd:	Polina Kozubenko from St Winefride's School
	3rd:	Theo Lipson from Ellesmere
Vocal Solo - KS2	1st:	Olivia Bird from Adcote School
	2nd:	Amelia Moore from Adcote School
	Jnt. 3rd	Amy Dubick and Daisy Osborne from Adcote Sch
Children's Choir - Up to & including KS4	1st:	TACT Youth Choir
	2nd:	Adcote
Vocal Solo - KS3 & 4	1st:	Seren James from Adcote School
	2nd:	Addison Davies from Adcote School
	3rd:	Aretha Tsanga from Adcote School
Instrumental Solo - KS3		Filip Gdyra from The Arts Centre Telford
	1st:	Bethany Cornall from Bayston Hill
	2nd:	Elise Chu from Adcote School
	3rd:	Harry Lipson from Ellesmere
<i>Afternoon Classes</i>	<i>Winners</i>	
Recitation - KS3 & 4	1st:	Anna-Mae Charman from Adcote School
Original Children's Written Composition - KS2	1st:	Harri Eagle from Shrewsbury
	2nd:	Abigail Strong from Bayston Hill
Original Children's Written Composition - KS3 & 4	1st:	Jet Pariera-Jenks from Shrewsbury
	2nd:	Beti Eagle from Shrewsbury
	3rd:	Bethany Cornall from Bayston Hill
	3rd:	Sophia Luyten from Weston-Under-Redcastle
Popular Singing - 18 years & under	1st:	Adcote Pops from Adcote School
Solo from any Musical Show or Film - KS3 & under	1st:	Seren James from Adcote School
	2nd:	Amelia Moore from Adcote School
	3rd:	Elise Chu from Adcote School
Group Speaking - 18 years & under	1st:	St Winefride's Performing Arts Group
Individual Speaking	1st:	John Bevis from Ironbridge
	2nd:	Margaret Wainwright from Minsterley
Original Short Story	1st:	Alli Sangster-Wall from Pontesbury
	2nd:	Stuart Carter from Habberley
Original Poem	1st:	'Bumble' from Pontesbury
	2nd:	'Cynnig' from Whittington
Limerick	1st:	'Bumble' from Pontesbury
	2nd:	'Ashlea' from Minsterley
	2nd:	Sarah Cassidy from Worthen
Original Hymn Words	1st:	'Ashlea' from Minsterley
	2nd:	Gillian Brierly from Weston-Under-Redcastle
Vocal Solo - 18 years & under	1st:	Seren James from Adcote School
	2nd:	Zoe Hudson from Adcote School
	3rd:	Gracie Varney from Adcote School
Open Group Performance from any Musical Show/Film	1st:	Felix and Joanna from Ellesmere / Cardiff
Open Instrumental Solo	1st:	Jet Pariera-Jenks from Shrewsbury
	2nd:	Madeleine Livesey from Pontesbury

Evening Classes	Winners	
Solo from any Musical Show or Film - KS4 & Adults	1st:	Joanna Cooke from Cardiff
	2nd:	Felix Ashley from Ellesmere
Open Challenge Vocal Solo	1st:	Joanna Cooke from Cardiff
	2nd:	Felix Ashley from Ellesmere
Open Group Singing	1st:	Felix and Joanna from Ellesmere / Cardiff
Open Choirs Competition	1st:	Of One Accord from Shrewsbury

Special Awards:	
The Bronwen Evans Memorial Award	Alexandra Sumner from Chetwynd Aston
Outstanding Child Instrumentalist	Bethany Cornall from Bayston Hill
Instrumental Bursary (up to & including KS3)	Bethany Cornall from Bayston Hill
Outstanding Child in Elocution events	Amira Pacult-Hickman from St Winefride's 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 Bayston Hill
Best Original Composition in the Adult classes	Alli Sangster-Wall from Pontesbury

The Eisteddfod Committee hope that spectators enjoyed the celebrity concert on Sunday 22nd March 2026 too. The Concert this year was dedicated to the memory of Bronwen Evans MBE who we sadly lost in September 2025. She had been a serving committee member for more than half a century and will be fondly remembered in the community by her moniker 'Mrs Eisteddfod.' Her passion for providing an opportunity for children and young people to perform in front of an audience and giving them skills to take forward into their personal and professional lives will be her legacy.

We would also like to extend our thanks to the many friends who help out in various ways during Eisteddfod weekend as it would be impossible to stage the festival without your support.

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CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE & STIPERSTONE 16th February 2026 -15th March 2026

CRIME	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Arson	Caravan set on fire by child in care	Hampton Beech	Occurred on 3 rd March. Fire brigade called by carers, suspect interviewed and admitted to the offence
Off-roading (ASB)	Group of motorbikes riding over Stapeley Hill and Black Marsh, the group were also reported as shouting at members of the public	Hemford	During the afternoon, 14 th March

Preventing Heating Oil Theft

With the cost of heating oil rising over recent weeks due to the conflict in the Middle East, so has the risk of being targeted by heartless thieves looking to steal it. Below are some steps to help prevent the theft of heating oil.

Location of the tank – The tank's position can have a significant effect on its vulnerability. If it's too close to the house and overlooked, then the thief may consider the chances of being seen too high. If it's close to the road or other access points, then it may be an easier target. Many tanks are hidden behind the garage or other structures which could be an advantage to the thief. Therefore, these security measures should be considered:

Padlocks - Robust closed-shackle padlocks offer the most resistance to bolt croppers.

Oil level gauges - Consider using oil level gauge alarms, these remote-control alarms activate if the tank level suddenly drops or falls below a quarter full.

Proximity alarms - Battery operated motion sensor

alarms can make an audible alarm and some can also alert designated mobile phones that monitor activity detected around the tank.

Security lighting - If your tank is visible from your home, this can deter thieves. Low level 'dusk to dawn' or motion detection lighting can be an effective crime deterrent.

CCTV - This can be set up to watch over an isolated tank and also act as a deterrent to thieves.

Defensive planting – Consider the planting of thorny bushes to prevent entry to the tank, also the addition of walls, fences or trellis can help to hide the shape or site of a green heating oil tank.

Report it - if the crime is happening now call [999](tel:999); if you are unsure, we'd rather hear about it and decide if a theft is occurring. If it is safe to do so, take photos of suspects or the number plate of their car (do not approach suspects, as they have been known to use violence).

If the crime has already happened then you can report it online -

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QR CODE FRAUDS

QR Codes have been around for several decades now but have become more prominent in the last few years. It is also forecast that in the near future QR codes will be gradually replacing bar codes on products. So once again criminals are seizing the opportunity to use malicious QR Codes to steal money, and personal information.

The majority of QR code scams reported so far have been in open spaces such as station and car park machines, so always check the QR code sign to see if appears to have been tampered with, or has another label stuck on top of it.

However, QR codes are now appearing in greater numbers in phishing emails, often now called “Quishing.” Criminals realise that the public are now more aware of the dangers on clicking on links in unsolicited emails, so are using QR codes instead to direct the recipient to a malicious website. Whilst most QR codes are genuine, it is always worth just taking a few minutes to carry out the following checks.

How can you avoid being scammed by fake QR codes?

- Preview the QR code link. The URL should appear on your phone when you scan a QR code. Make sure the URL seems legitimate and that it isn't a misspelling of a real URL.
- Check for tampering. If you're scanning a QR code that's in a public place, like a restaurant or a car park ticket machine, make sure the QR code doesn't have a sticker on top of the original. If in doubt, try paying by a different method where possible.
- Check the website. If you follow the QR code link, does the website seem professional? Low-quality images and typos are always signs of fake websites. Look for a lock symbol next to the URL or https:// in the URL to show these are genuine.
- When in doubt, contact the company. If you receive an unusual email or letter in the mail from a business with a QR code, contact the business to determine if the message is

legitimate.

- Never scan or open QR codes from unknown sources. Whether you're approached online or in the street, don't scan QR codes from people that you don't know. And always lookout for “too good to be true” messages, such as gifts or free products if you scan their QR code.

- If using a downloaded App to scan QR codes, make sure you obtain it from a trusted source such as Apple or Google Play Store. However most modern phones now have a built-in scanner anyway.

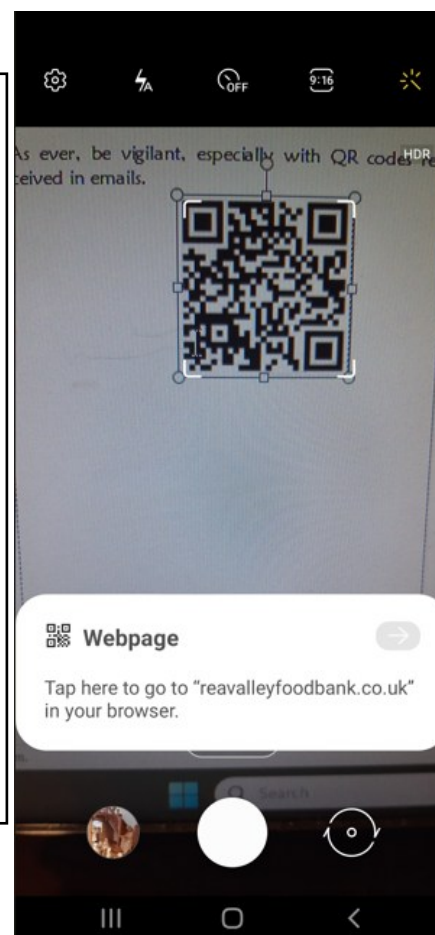
A further use of QR codes to defraud victims by criminals is known as “BRUSHING”. Typically, this is used to create false consumer reviews by sending out “gifts” to multiple recipients then using those names and addresses to create favourable consumer reviews in their name unknowingly. A twist to this type of fraud however is to include a QR Code inside the package which claims to let you know who sent the “gift”.

NEVER, scan this QR code as it can potentially download all the personal and financial information on your phone including any bank account details if you have Banking Apps on your phone.

As ever, be vigilant, especially with QR codes received in emails.

This screenshot shows my phone camera looking at a QR code allegedly from Rea Valley Foodbank. You can see that the white box shows the name of the website I will be taken to if I click on it. If in doubt I can look up that website 'manually' rather than clicking the link.

In this case it IS genuine!



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.

Rea Valley Transport Scheme 07468 115939
Enabling residents to access medical appointments. Please give a minimum of a week's notice.

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.

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

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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.

Age UK Shropshire Telford & Wrekin 01743 233123
Confidential advice for older people, their families and carers.

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. 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 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
Wide range of support for unpaid carers.

SOME SHORT NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

101 to contact the police in a non-emergency
111 NHS non-emergency number
159 to contact your bank if you suspect fraud.

159 is our first public-facing initiative. Intended for use by consumers, 159 provides an easy route back to safety when you get an unexpected phone call about a financial matter. Easy to remember, the short code number now connects customers of more than 99% of the UK's retail bank current accounts safely and directly with their bank. Unlike many long-form numbers, 159 cannot be spoofed or impersonated.





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Crucify him!
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Alleluia!



DAISY PULLS IT OFF by Denise Deegan

Abbey Foregate Church Drama Group will perform "Daisy Pulls It Off" on Wednesday 27th to Saturday 30th May at 7.30pm at our usual venue, St. Nicholas' Hall.

Daisy Meredith, the new girl, is the first scholarship student to attend the Grangewood School for Girls. Some of the privileged students are determined to make Daisy look bad in the eyes of the administration. However, Grangewood has its own problems, financial ones. After a series of ripping adventures, Daisy wins over her chums, and saves the school when she cracks a secret code, finds the missing treasure and saves the life of her chief persecutor all on the same night!

The play will be performed in the genre of Physical Theatre where the narrative, set, props and staging are communicated through heightened movement, gesture, and (of course) hockey sticks! This Olivia Award-winning rollicking yarn about life in a 1920s English Boarding School promises to be jolly good fun for all the family.

Tickets cost £12 (£6 for under 18s) and can be obtained through the Drama Group website on info@abbeydrama.com or by telephoning the Drama Group phone (07951 862881) or Robert Currie (01743 790123).

Nick Jones and Robert Currie

Questions you might ask

Question – If I get a call from my bank, I am now suspicious as you hear so much about fraud. What is the advice if 'my bank' says it is calling me?

Answer – You are right to be suspicious as nearly 75 percent of attempted frauds are conducted via telephone, with 60% through voice calls and 11% via text messages.

The Safety Advice is:

If you receive a suspicious call about your bank account or finances, hang up immediately and dial 159. This free service, now available to 27 UK banks and building societies, covering over 99% of UK current accounts, connects you directly to your bank's fraud team, helping protect you from scams.

Fraudsters often create a sense of urgency, pressuring you to move money or share personal details quickly. Remember - your bank will never ask you to transfer money to a 'safe account' or pressure you into making immediate decisions.

If in doubt, always hang up and call 159 to verify whether the call was genuine. Since its launch in 2021, over one million calls have been made to 159 so taking a moment to check could save you from significant financial loss.

Question – I find it difficult to get an appointment at my GP surgery, sometimes having to wait two weeks or more? Is there anything I can do?

Answer – Yes, you may be able to if you have a community pharmacy.

Pharmacy First is an NHS England initiative launched in 2024. With **Pharmacy First**, you can walk into your local community pharmacy and ask for a private consultation with a pharmacist. They can assess symptoms, give advice, and in some cases provide NHS treatment — all without needing to see a GP first.

This is especially helpful for:

- Older adults needing quick advice
- Families with children who are unwell
- Carers supporting relatives

There are over 10,000 participating pharmacies in England, meaning most local pharmacies can offer this service. Just go in and ask: "Can I have a **Pharmacy First** consultation, please?"

Angela Gifford

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WEEKLY EVENTS



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3.30 - 5pm

Years 7 - 10 | activities |
snacks | free Wi-Fi | music
Contact Joe on 07387 578230
for more information

BIBLE STUDY

7 - 8pm

Group meets every two weeks.
For information contact Greg
Smith 07902 794653



TUESDAY

REA VALLEY FOODBANK

10am - 12pm

For information contact Greg Smith
07902 794653 or go to
www.reavalleyfoodbank.co.uk

ICTHUS BIBLE STUDY GROUP

2.30 - 4.30pm

2nd and 4th Tuesday of each
month. For information contact
PApontstip@outlook.com



WEDNESDAY

COFFEE HUB

10am - 12pm

A drop-in community cafe where everyone is welcome.
FREE tea and coffee | cake and biscuits | chat and companionship



THURSDAY

TRINITY TOTS (term time)

10am - 11.30pm

A pre-school drop-in group for under 5s with their parents or carers.
Activities | crafts | toys | stories | songs | snacks

ALL OUR WEEKLY GROUPS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO EVERYONE

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www.stiperstoneschurch.org.uk or follow us on **Facebook** (scan the QR code)



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Minsterley Methodist Church

10am Sunday services



3rd April 7.00pm.

GOOD FRIDAY at Worthen Methodist Church – Service led by Mr Wes Morris.

5th April.

EASTER SUNDAY. Service led by Rev Sheila MacInalley and includes Holy Communion.

12th April. Service led by Mrs Helen Pearson.

19th April.

MINSTERLEY PRAISE. Service led by Mr Mike Hallworth.

26th April. Service led by Mrs Fay Spencer

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

Pontesbury and Stiperstones

Group Service Dates 2026

All at **10.30am** unless otherwise stated

Thursday 2nd April

7.00pm Holy Trinity Minsterley
Maundy Thursday

Sunday 5th April

6.00am Easter Sunrise Service, Lower Camp,
Pontesbury Hill

Sunday 31st May

Holy Trinity Minsterley with
Bishop presiding

Sunday 30th August

Hope & Shelve – Fran's farewell service

Sunday 27th September

Habberley - Pet Service/Harvest with
Holy Communion.

Sunday 4th October

Snailbeach (with Minsterley)
joint Harvest service

Sunday 29th November

St. George's

"The trouble with quotes on the Internet is that you can never be sure they are genuine."

- Winston Churchill

Snailbeach Methodist Chapel

2.45pm Sunday services

April 5th Shalome Cooper - with Communion

April 19th Local Arrangement

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

Sue Priddey (01743 790913)

Advance notice

The final service at Stiperstones Methodist Church will be held on 28th June at 3.00pm. This will hopefully be outside: please bring a chair!

Our partner churches in the Stiperstones Group —

St Luke's Festival Church Snailbeach



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 Stiperstones churches website.

Next services:

5th April	9.00am	Easter Sunday Holy communion
3rd May	3.00pm	Afternoon service

St Mary's Parish Church Habberley

Church Wardens

Pauline Stopford, The Kennels, Habberley (01743 790784)

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

Easter Day	5.00pm	Easter Communion
Sunday 26th	5.00pm	Holy Communion



Hope & Shelve Parish

(services at Holy Trinity Church Hope
and All Saints' Church Shelve)

Church Warden

Barbara Venables

Refreshments are served at all our services



Services in April

Fri 3 rd	1pm	Good Friday service - Holy Trinity Hope
Fri 3 rd	2.45pm	Good Friday service - All Saints Shelve

(These short services are part of our Good Friday Pilgrimage with Chirbury Hills folk)

Sun 5 th	9am	Easter Day Communion - Holy Trinity Hope
Sun 12 th	9am	Family service & baptism - All Saints Shelve
Sun 19 th	9am	Holy Communion - All Saints Shelve
Sun 26 th	9am	Morning Prayer - Holy Trinity Hope



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