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# Holy Trinity Church, Minsterley



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## Services in church - November

Thursday 2nd	7.00pm	All Soul's service
Sunday 5th	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 12th	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 19th	10.30am	Third Sunday Morning Praise
Sunday 26th	10.30am	Holy Communion

## Weekly events in the church

Mondays	3.30pm	Youth Café
Tuesdays	10.00am	Foodbank
Wednesdays	10.00am	Coffee Hub
Thursdays	10.00am	Trinity Tots (p13)
Fridays	9.00am	Prayer Time (p21)
	1.30pm	Choir practice

## other events this month (see page . .)

Tues 7th	Ichthus Bible study (p7)
Thur 9th	Knitter Natter (EVERY Thursday) (p15) Melody Makers (EVERY Thursday)
Tue 14th	Oasis meeting (p21) Parish Council meeting (p15)
Wed 15th	u3a open meeting (p17)
Sat 18th	Hillcrest Christmas Craft Fair (p15)
Sun 19th	"Joy of Christmas" Fair (p7)
Tues 21st	Ichthus Bible study (p7)
Tue 28th	Oasis meeting (p21) The Gathering, Marton (p4)
Thur 30th	Advent Prayer Course starts (p3)
December	
Sat 2nd	Holy Trinity Christmas Fair (p11) Hospice at Home coffee morning (p21)

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## Leading Thought - from Pam Bickley

I started to write this piece and then reached a complete stop. So I started again.

I've been thinking about grief because I'm grieving for two close friends who died within days of each other. Over the fifteen years I've been ordained I've taken many funerals, considering it to be the greatest privilege. To walk with people at the most difficult time of their life; to offer comfort and to help them plan their loved one's funeral – to share all the tears; the pain and the grief.

I've taken funerals for the young and the old; for people I've never met; for family members and for friends. For each funeral, the priest is there to hold it all together – to ensure that it goes as the family wish and their loved one's final day is one that they can remember with love. I would not be honest if I said that I'm not moved by a funeral because I'm human and I grieve too.

How we deal with grief will be different for each one of us and I would certainly never put a time on how long grief lasts. Even years after the death of a loved one, a memory can trigger grief – perhaps not with that initial intensity but enough to make us think.

Perhaps you are also aware of the Kubler-Ross stages of grief – some say seven but the original book talks about five - denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance. Although there is a natural progression, Elizabeth Kubler-Ross also said that people can skip stages or work through them in a cyclical way.

We all find comfort in something as we grieve and for me its in reading. I have two favourite books – “A Grief Observed” by C.S Lewis – and “The Madness of Grief” by Rev Richard Coles. And of course I have the Bible – the reassurance of the words of particular passages; or the Psalms for lamentation; and the Gospels for knowing that the love of Jesus will provide the comfort and strength that I need when grieving. I was trying to pick just one reading and in the end it's this from Revelation:

*God will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away.*

Know that the Lord our God is with you always, With blessings

Pam x

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### Remembrance Sunday flowers

As always, our church flower team will be decorating HTM for Remembrance Sunday. If you would like to donate flowers or donate towards the arrangements please see Marie or Sarah. Thank you.

### COME AND SING FOR CHRISTMAS

The benefice choir consists of singers from both Holy Trinity Minsterley and St. George's Pontesbury. We will be rehearsing in St. George's on

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 1.30pm
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm

All are welcome to join us to sing at the Carol Service on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December in St. George's church.

Please contact Barbara on 01743 683485 if you are interested. Thank you.

### Advent “Prayer” Course

Over four weeks, commencing at 1.30pm on Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Nov, “The Prayer Course” is being held at The Deanery, Main Road, Pontesbury, SY5 OPS.

We will be exploring The Lord's Prayer, using resources provided by “24-7 Prayer”, featuring Pete Greig videos. We will be looking at prayer as adoration, meditation, petition and listening, as well as why some prayers seem to be unanswered.

A warm welcome and refreshments are provided. Contact Greg on 07902 794653 or [rectorpontstip@gmail.com](mailto:rectorpontstip@gmail.com).

# Deanery of Pontesbury

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Each year, the Royal British Legion's Remembrance Festival focuses on a different aspect of honouring those who have served Crown and country in the armed forces. This year the theme is Service, not just of those deployed on active service, but the unseen service of those who love them. We're encouraged to remember the impact that their absence, and their homecoming, can have not just on the service personnel but on their loved ones.

Those are the hidden costs of serving in the armed forces. Those at home, whether they be parents, partners, spouses, or children, carry a load of anxiety for their loved one. There's the weight of managing without them and then of re-shaping lives and routines around them when they return - if they return, of course. If not, there's the burden of grief which will be carried life-long.

If they do return, they're forever changed by what they've experienced in combat or on peacekeeping duties. They may carry physical and mental scars, and not know how to express them except among their comrades who don't need words because they just get it, because they've seen and heard and smelled the same things. That can have an impact on loved ones too.

I often tell the story in Remembrance services of a man I knew in my home church who had been a prisoner of war in Burma during World War II. He'd seen and experienced unimaginable things but would never talk to his wife about them. He didn't want to. He didn't want those images to be spoken of in his home back in England. They weren't to invade that precious space, that haven. But that didn't mean he'd forgotten, or that those memories didn't trouble him. He and his wife learned to live with them, and with the fact that some things just remained unspoken.

Perhaps in this year's season of Remembrance, as well as remembering and giving thanks for the sacrifice of those who fought and died in service of our nation and of peace, we can also remember to pray for those still serving now, for those who love them and support them, and for healing of the seen and unseen scars of war.

*God of healing and of peace, in whose service is perfect freedom,  
we hold before you those who serve our nation in His Majesty's Armed Forces, and those who love them.  
We pray that during times of separation you would protect their relationships.  
We pray that during times of reunion you would ease the transitions and be present in homecomings.  
We pray for healing of bodies, minds, and spirits broken by experiences of combat, and for healing of grief for those who will never return.  
Hold and guard all who serve on behalf of others, and their loved ones, we pray.  
Amen.*

Fiona  
Archdeacon of Ludlow



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"Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing" 1 Thessalonians 5.11

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*Some people treat God as they do a lawyer; they go to Him only when they are in trouble.. - Anon*

*The wages of sin is death. Repent before payday.  
- Anon*



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Items for inclusion to be submitted by 10<sup>th</sup> of previous month please



## World News . . . .

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

### Lebanese Christian families and Christian refugees in Lebanon in desperate need of food and medicine

“Families are struggling to make ends meet, while refugee communities are on the brink of starvation or already starving.” These were the words used by our project partner on the ground in Lebanon appealing for assistance for vulnerable Christians. “The economic crisis continues with no obvious end in sight and has taken a toll on nearly all people living in Lebanon.”

Lebanon’s economy has collapsed with inflation rising to over 250%, severely crippling everyone’s ability to afford even the basics. Among those most affected are our fellow Christians, who make up about a third of the population.

Lebanon has also become a melting pot of refugees fleeing conflict and persecution in neighbouring regions. Often with little or nothing to their name, Christian refugees amongst them live on the fringe of society. They are in desperate need.

The Lebanese economy continues disastrous. Food prices have increased by 376% in the last two years. The middle classes have become poor and the poor are now destitute. And as costs continue to rise, healthcare and medicine become inaccessible for those that need it most. Dozens of people with cancer, diabetes and other chronic illnesses have died in the last six months because they could not afford to buy their medications. With your support, Barnabas has been providing aid. Will you extend your heart and hands to support Christian families and refugees in need?

#### How you can help

£29 could provide a food parcel for a Christian family; containing rice, pasta, sugar, bulgar, canned chicken, tomato paste, oil and ghee

£53 could provide much-needed medication for a Christian who can’t access the healthcare they need (average cost of medication)



### Help needed for our suffering Christian families in the Holy Land

10 October



Death and destruction have erupted in the Holy Land, where our Lord Jesus lived His earthly life. In the last few days, many hundreds of people have died, thousands have been injured, and countless buildings have been destroyed. The situation is grave in Israel and Gaza, as well as in the West Bank, which is not involved in the conflict. No one is allowed in or out of Bethlehem, and there are already shortages of flour, dairy products and petrol. Many schools are closed.

Many Christians have sought refuge in the Holy Land after fleeing persecution in parts of Africa. Now they have been re-traumatized by the extreme violence that has broken out in the country where they sought safety. Can you help provide for them and other suffering Christians? Christians living in all these regions pray for safety. They ask their Lord and Saviour, the Prince of Peace, to bring an end to the violence. Please add your prayers to theirs.

Through our local project partners on the ground, Barnabas Aid seeks to help our Christian brothers and sisters who share in the suffering. Your gift will provide food and other humanitarian aid at this desperate time. Please give as you can.

Usually on this page are news stories that are not broadcast widely in the UK. Obviously these situations are anything but that. In the midst of so much suffering by any and every resident of these middle eastern countries, the local Christians often come off worst as they are a despised minority. And we think that a little bit of flooding is a disaster! If you are able to show your support for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are in desperate need, please contact Barnabas Aid on the website shown below, or ring 01793 744557. Thank you.

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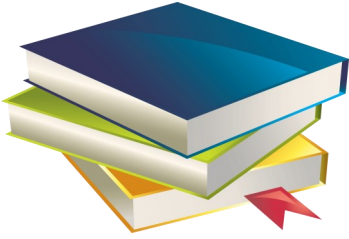
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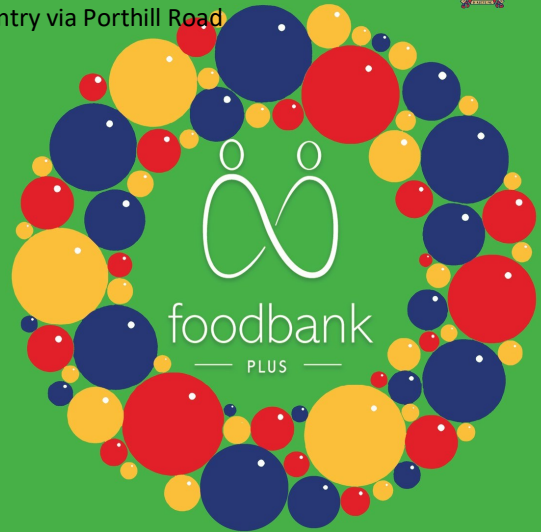
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### Autumn Tidy Up Thanks

A huge thank you to the volunteers who came to the HTM autumn tidy up. We had more than twenty people helping, and the church and church yard are now looking very smart and loved. Thanks also to Marie for the apple cake which is now on request for the spring clean too!

### Toys to sell

We're running a toy stall at the Christmas Fair on 2nd December. If anyone has any good quality used toys (not clothes) please speak to me. Thanks!

Sarah Edwards.

## ICHTHUS



Come and join our informal Bible study group.  
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Liz Jackson  
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7th Nov	6 Station View Minsterley	<b>Matthew 25:1-13</b> 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
21st Nov	6 Station View Minsterley	<b>Matthew 25:14-30</b> 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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Psalms 119:105 (The Message Bible)

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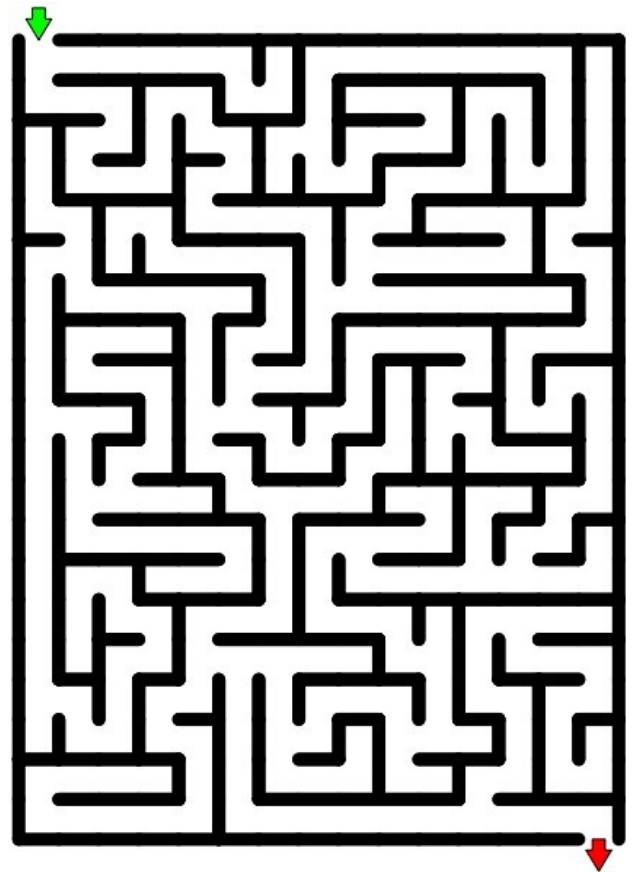
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This month, on 30<sup>th</sup> November, Scotland remembers one of the very first disciples of Jesus. St Andrew is honoured, not for any mighty deeds of his own, but for his love of introducing people to Jesus. He went straight off and introduced his brother Peter to the Saviour, and followed that up by bringing Nathanael/Bartholomew to Jesus. 'Better Together' seems to have been his slogan, too! 'We have found the Messiah!', he told them, unable to keep the good news to himself. Andrew's connection with Scotland dates back to the claimed translation of his remains from Patras in Achaia to Scotland in the eighth century. The church in Fife where these remains were buried became a place of pilgrimage during the tenth century. All of this may be no more than pious legend, but that St Andrew was highly regarded in Scotland and became its patron saint is beyond doubt.

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The Pontesbury Project has a website which you can access for more information. If you would like to find out more, please contact us on: [jane.cooke@pontesburyproject.com](mailto:jane.cooke@pontesburyproject.com) or [philip.bailey@pontesburyproject.com](mailto:philip.bailey@pontesburyproject.com)

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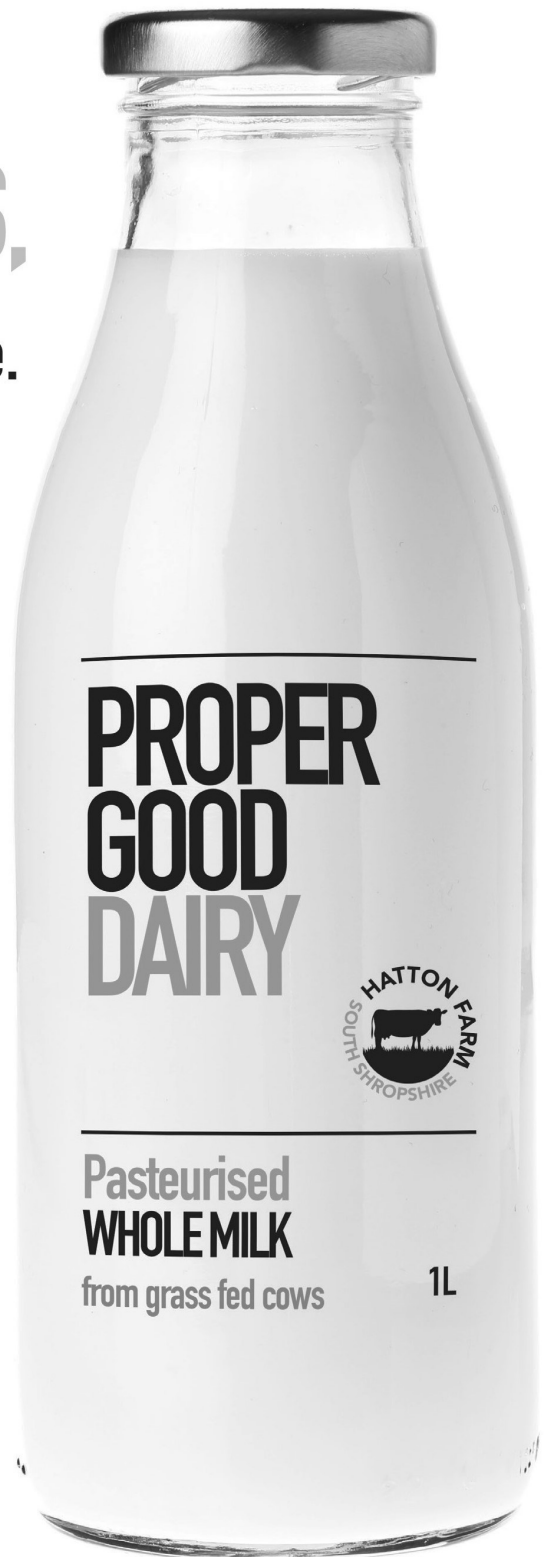
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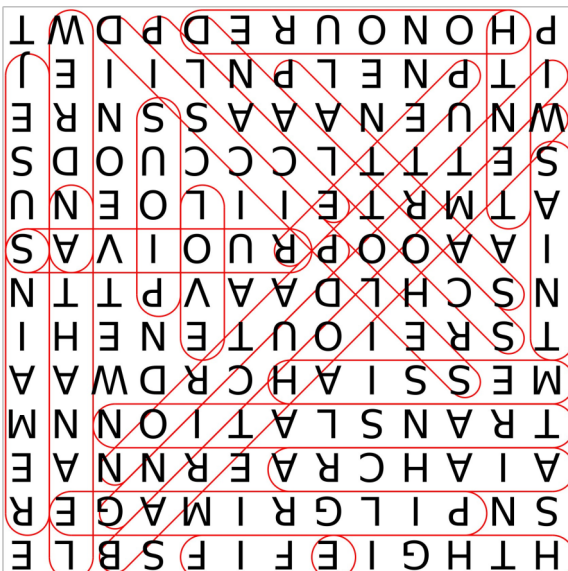
A pre-school group at Holy Trinity Church, Minsterley

## THE UNNAMED GRAVE Maura Kelly

As I walk gently upon the grass  
And move between the stones  
A minor tremor disturbs my feet  
From a person who's unknown  
And as I look down on the earth  
I wonder to myself  
Is this the grave of someone dear  
Whose life had limited wealth  
No cross, no border, no headstone  
To show who lies beneath  
This piece of un-kept sacred ground  
Now lost to those who weep  
What life did they once live I ask  
The family that they knew  
The age of their untimely death  
Their appearance as they grew  
But as my thoughts begin to fly  
To imagine who they must be  
A sadness fills my aching heart  
For the stranger I long to see  
Forgotten and lost to everyone  
No sentiment of prayer  
No loved ones visiting with kindness  
To show how much they care  
Instead they sleep amongst us  
As we talk and walk on by  
Until another unnamed grave  
Reveals the place where someone died  
Let us not lament their peace and quiet  
For within these graves they rest  
Their lives now over, their voices still  
All memories now have left  
For they are always remembered  
By the others who have died  
As their journeys were made together  
To a world on the other side

## Answers

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or



## Minsterley Parish Council

A request for a site meeting with the police commissioner would be made, in order to discuss the Parish's application for a 40 mph speed limit on the A488 from The Waterwheel up to the 30 mph zone near the school.

Complaints of vehicles parked on pavements around the Parish would be passed onto the Police. Also, a Planning Officer would be invited to look at the problems of parking in connection to future planning applications.

Several residents from Willow Park attended the Open Forum Section to discuss the planning application for fourteen new dwellings connected to Hall Farm, with representatives from Shingler house builders.

A poppy wreath for Remembrance Sunday would be arranged on behalf of the parish.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November in the Parish Hall.

**Geoff Rogers**  
Chairman, Minsterley Parish Council  
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## Minsterley 59 Club

Draw 38	20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	No. 50	Sarah Edwards
Draw 39	27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	No. 28	David Wainwright
Draw 40	4 <sup>th</sup> October	No. 46	Trevor Crook
Draw 41	11 <sup>th</sup> October	No. 58	Miriam Nichol



## Hillcrest Manor Nursing Home Christmas Craft Fair 10am - 1pm Saturday 18th November

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## Bible Readings in Holy Trinity Church this month

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

Date	OT Reading	Epistle	Gospel
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Isaiah 56:3-8 p744	Hebrews 12:18-24 p1211	Matthew 5:1-12 p968
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Amos 5:18-24 p921	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 p1188	Matthew 25:1-13 p994
19 <sup>th</sup> November		Acts 8 p1101	
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24 p866	Ephesians 1:15-23 p1173	Matthew 25:31-46 p995



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**Doors Open from 7.00pm**

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**Hope Village Hall**

**Bingo Books  
£10 for 6 or £5 for 3  
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Donations of Raffle Prizes would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Clare (790419) or Deborah (891414)

Refreshments will be available on the night



Barn Dance in full swing at the Harvest supper and dance on 30th September in the village hall. Thank you to all who worked hard to make this a success.

## Festive Flowers

A talk and demonstration by much loved local florist Ann Whysall



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Our guest speaker for November is our very own local florist Anne Whysall. Many of you will remember (and miss) her lovely shop with its wonderful window displays and the varied flowers, plants, candles and fancy goods.

Although the shop has gone, Anne is still in business and will be coming to talk to us about flowers, flower arranging and her experiences over the years running a floristry business. She will be doing an arrangement while she talks which will be raffled off at the end of the event.

As usual there will also be the chance to chat with u3a friends over coffee/tea and biscuits and a catch up on u3a news. Non-members are also welcome.

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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](mailto: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](http://Shrewsburyfoodhub.org.uk)  
Surplus food share tables across Shrewsbury.  
See Facebook page for venue details.

**Shrewsbury "foodbank PLUS"** 07421 745857  
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**Citizens Advice Shropshire** 0344 499 1100  
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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](http://shropshireruralsupport.org.uk).

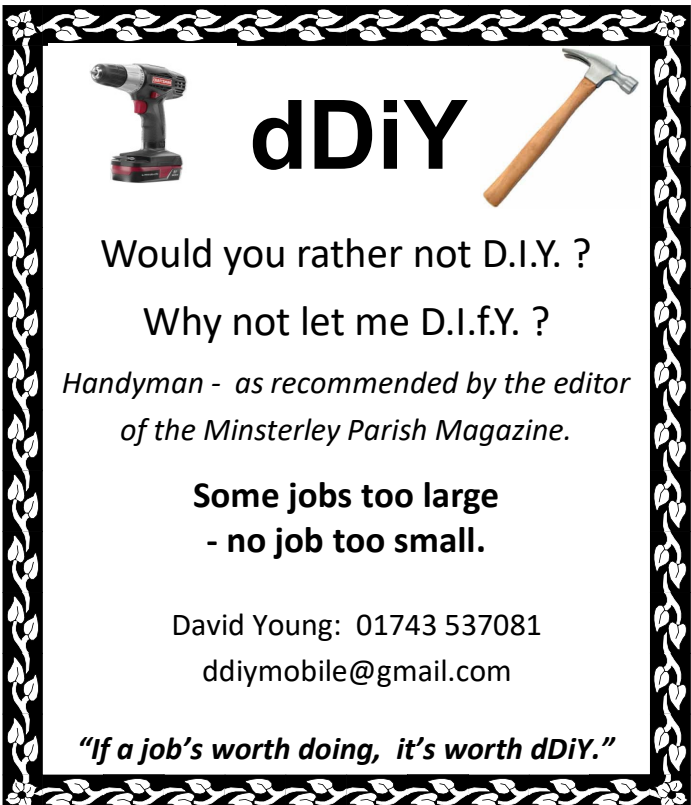
**Samaritans** 116 123  
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**Shropshire Domestic Abuse Helpline** 0300 303 1191  
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**West Mercia Women's Aid** 0800 783 1359  
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**Shropshire Carers' Support Service** 01743 341995  
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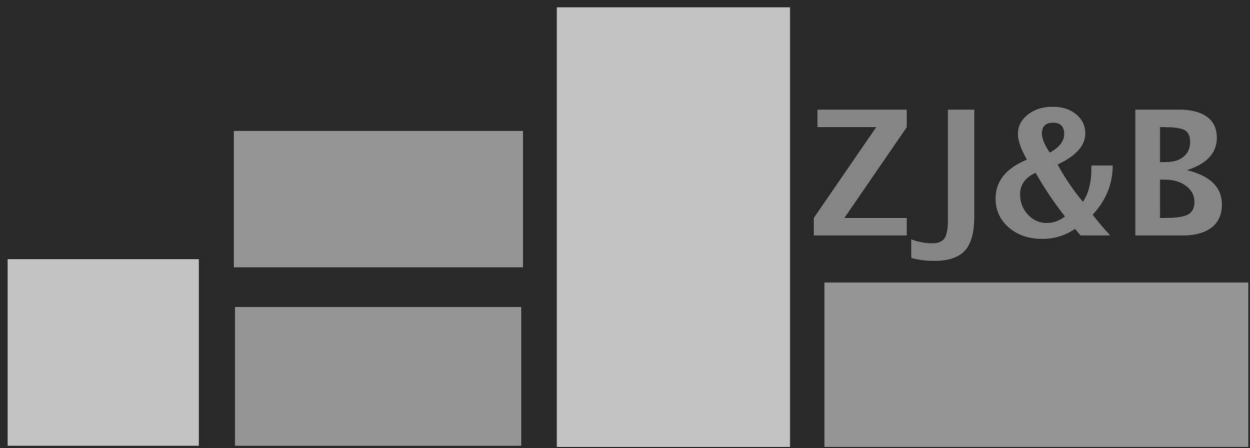
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## COFFEE MORNING

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**10.00am – 12.00noon**  
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## CRIME/INCIDENTS of note REPORTED

### CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE & STIPERSTONE

14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023

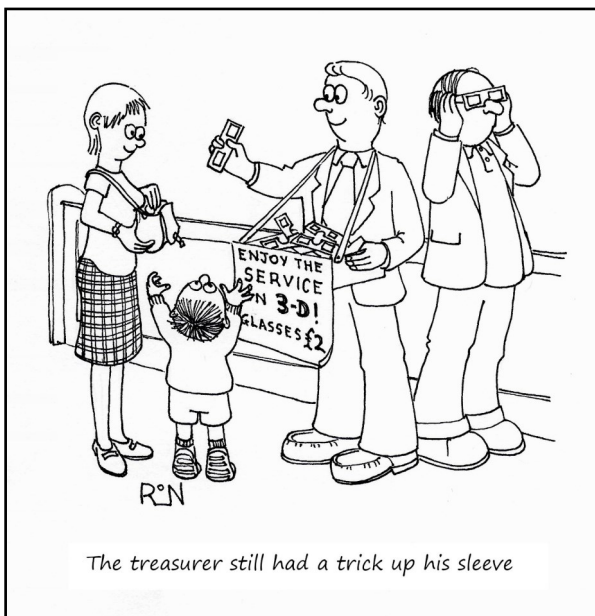
CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Theft of livestock	Friesian cow stolen	Meadowtown	Last seen on the evening of 10 <sup>th</sup> October. Cow not with herd the next day
Assault		Worthen	
Harassment		Worthen	

### Crime Prevention - Lighten up your home

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 get very few dwelling burglaries in our policing area but having a light on may help deter any opportunist thieves looking to target out-buildings.

The 'Lighten up' top security tips are:

- A well-lit home gives the impression someone is in and that it is not unoccupied
- 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 the sun comes up.
- Don't just set a light on a timer in the hall or landing area - set the lights up in a room
- Consider other types of 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



Every Christian needs a half hour of prayer each day, except when he is busy, then he needs an hour.

- Francis de Sales

If people want a sense of purpose, they should get it from the archbishops and not from politicians.

- Harold Macmillan







The Bible tells us to love our neighbours, and also to love our enemies; probably because they are generally the same people. - GK Chesterton

**“Quod erat demonstrandum”**

For those who think they spotted a spelling mistake on page 7 - you're (sort of) correct. I have checked and confirmed that Shrewsbury School do indeed spell their hall as “Quod.” A small prize for the first person to spot any other spelling mistake.

**Editor**

The tragedy of war is that it uses man's best to do man's worst. - Anon

In war, whichever side may call itself the victor there are no winners, but all are losers.

- Neville Chamberlain

It matters not how a man dies, but how he lives.

- Samuel Johnson

**Minsterley Methodist Church**

**10am Sunday services this month**



5<sup>th</sup> - Family Service will be led by members of the congregation. The theme of our Family Services this year is “The Fruit of the Spirit.” Today's service is our final one for the year and is titled “The Complete Fruit Salad.” We will be looking back over the year reminding ourselves of all the segments of the Fruit that we have looked at and also enjoying an actual fruit salad!

12<sup>th</sup> - This is Remembrance Sunday and our church will be closed. Everyone is invited to join in the service at Holy Trinity. Please see their notices for details of the time to meet at the war memorial.

19<sup>th</sup> – our service will be led by Mrs Helen Pearson.

26<sup>th</sup> – our service will be led by Rev Richard Hall.

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

**Sandra Lewis**

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

Treasurer

Robert Currie

Sunday 5th November	5.00pm	Evensong
Sunday 12th	10.30am	Morning Worship
Sunday 19th		no service
Sunday 26th	10.30am	Holy Communion



### Hope & Shelve Parish

Church Warden

Barbara Venables

Secretary

Sara Young

Treasurer

Kevin Bowers

#### Holy Trinity Church Hope

Sunday 12th November	9.00am	Remembrance Sunday Holy Communion
Sunday 26th	9.00am	Morning Prayer



#### All Saints' Church Shelve

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