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Services in church this month

Sun 3rd	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 10th	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 17th	10.00am	“Minsterley Praise” at the Methodist church.
Sun 24th	10.30am	Holy Communion
Thur 28th	7.00pm	Group service in HTM: Maundy Communion with footwashing
Fri 29th	7.00pm	GOOD FRIDAY Tenebrae service
Sun 31st	10.30am	EASTER DAY communion

other events this month (see page . .)

Tue 5th	Gardeners' Association AGM (p11) Ichthus Bible study (p7)
Thur 7th	Knitter Natter (EVERY Thursday) (p13) Lent lunch (p26)
Tue 12th	Oasis meeting (p13) Parish Council meeting (p15) Church Development meeting (p7)
Wed 13th	Chirbury concert (p23)
Thur 14th	Lent lunch (p26)
Sat 16th	Eisteddfod (p11)
Sun 17th	Eisteddfod concert (p11)
Tues 19th	Ichthus Bible study (p7)
Wed 20th	u3a open meeting (p21)
Thur 21st	Lent lunch (p26)
Sat 23rd	Church spring clean (p11)
Sun 24th	Palm Sunday concert (p23)
Tue 26th	Oasis meeting (p13)
Tue 26th	The Gathering, Marton (p5)
Sat 30th	Easter Trail (p11)

Weekly events in the church

Mondays	3.30pm	Youth Café (p7)
Tuesdays	10.00am	Foodbank (p15)
Wednesdays	10.00am	Coffee Hub (p26)
Thursdays	10.00am	Trinity Tots (p13)

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From the Bishop of Hereford

I have just read the Rule of St. Benedict, to my shame for the first time. It is a monastic rule from the 6th century that sets out the disciplines and structures for the effective running of a monastery. The rules of poverty, chastity and obedience are highly restrictive; the punishments for violations severe; the lifestyle highly demanding. Praying at set offices eight times a day (including at 2am in the morning) meant that the monk would rarely get more than few hours of unbroken sleep. Central heating was for wimps and the diet uninspiring. Although eased in later centuries, it has been the basis for the monastic tradition in Western Europe ever since. It's not the sort of discipline that works in everyday life, but that doesn't mean it has no value. It is designed to foster Christian virtues of humility, and obedience (albeit expressed through submission to the Abbot), and a growing Christlikeness.

Most of March will be the season of Lent, when we Christians have traditionally given up things that give us pleasure to focus on our spiritual journey. As our world has changed it seems increasingly anachronistic. Our culture screams at us

from the lifestyle sections that the way to real fulfilment is getting what you really desire. The idea that giving something up might be good for you, other than as a grudging acknowledgement of post-Christmas weight gain, is anathema. Consumerism works by creating desire and then offering to fulfil it. But our strongest desires are not necessarily our deepest ones. Giving things up or fasting can get us in touch with these deeper desires that only God can satisfy. There is evidence that restricting calories by intermittent fasting or turning our mobiles off is actually good for us physically and psychologically.

A good Lent can be like leaving the Christmas presents unopened under the tree until Christmas day. There is a joy in the opening that is enhanced by the waiting. So, as well as helping us grow closer to God, our Lenten restraint can amplify the joy of Christ risen when we get to that glorious Easter celebration.

I once gave up tea and coffee for lent and had my first large cup on Easter morning. Before I knew it, I'd done three services and built a compost heap! Lent can be spiritual dynamite.

+Richard

Local events during Holy Week		Monday 25th - Sunday 31st March
7.00pm Monday	Passover Supper	St George's Pontesbury
7.30pm Tuesday	The Gathering	Marton Village Hall
7.00pm Wednesday	Passion Praise	St George's Pontesbury
7.00pm Maundy Thursday	Footwashing/Communion	Holy Trinity Minsterley
Good Friday		
10.30am	Easter Activities	St George's Pontesbury
12noon	Service of Witness	Pontesbury
2.00p.m.	Hour at the Cross	All Saints' Shelve
7.00pm	Tenebrae service	Holy Trinity Minsterley
1.00pm - 4.00pm Saturday	Easter Trail	Minsterley
Easter Day		
6.30am	Sunrise Service	Pontesford Hill
9.00am	Holy Communion	St Luke's Snailbeach
10.30am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity Hope
10.30am	Holy Communion	St Mary's Habberley
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Hopelessly lost till I look up at last

'Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." ' — John 14:5-7

Since being a boy, I have loved maps. I loved Dad's Ordnance Survey maps with the contour lines defining the shapes on the ground, the colours of the moorland and forests, the symbols for youth hostel or station and the feel of the 'linen' fabric. Ordnance Survey now gives us the option to buy a map with our own village positioned right at the centre.... like the famous Mappa Mundi in Hereford Cathedral with Jerusalem at the centre of the world.

One can lose oneself in a map; it is almost like an experience from Narnia, bringing a sense of wonder. We gain so much information from them, secrets like when a contour line hits a stream it always points uphill. Sadly today, we are a modern generation with heads angled downwards most of the time as we look at Satnavs on our little screens; and (like the Satnav in the car) it's okay until we hit a road closure and then we are hopelessly lost. There's no perspective, no relief, just white space. You can't look for the sun and re-orient the map.

Have you been bumped into by someone with their head down, engrossed in their phone with thumbs tapping out some form of Morse code? I think that the journey through Lent is an opportunity to shout, 'Look up!' to those around us. Look up, look around to see what you are missing. Lent is a season of Pilgrimage in which our map for this year is the gospel of Mark. Mark leaves us in no doubt who Jesus is; he opens with *'the beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God.'* Mark then introduces John the Baptist who summons us to repentance and cleansing in the waters of baptism before we begin our journey.

In our journey we began with Shrove Tuesday - "Shrove" is the past tense of the word "shrive" - the day when we shrive(d). It means to confess and be absolved of sin. Then we had Ash Wednesday - where we are reminded of our own mortality - "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" - before finally we will walk with Christ to the triumphal entry of Palm Sunday.

Our Lenten Pilgrimage is the time to stop looking at what the world offers and start looking at what creation offers. In a sense it is in solidarity with the Old Testament flight from Egypt and the slavery of sin, being set free in waters of baptism within the Red Sea; and the arduous journey through the wilderness, full of hunger, wrong turns, moans, groans and doubts, before final entry into Promised Land.

Recently I discovered this poem by Holly Ordway called simply 'Maps.'

*Antique maps, with curlicues of ink
As borders, framing what we know, like pages
From a book of travellers' tales: look,
Here in the margin, tiny ships at sail.
No-nonsense maps from family trips: each state
Traced out in colour-coded numbered highways,
A web of roads with labelled city-dots
Punctuating the route and its slow stories.
Now GPS puts me right at the centre,
A Ptolemaic shift in my perspective.*
Pinned where I am, right now, somewhere, I turn
And turn to orientate myself. I have
Directions calculated, maps at hand:
Hopelessly lost till I look up at last.*

**(Ptolemy had the earth at the centre of the universe whereas Copernicus had the sun).*

Lent is about taking time to look up, and in so doing discover that we were all hopelessly lost; blind but now free. Amazing Grace indeed.

Rev David Moss

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World News

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

“Kill Them Wherever You Find Them”

24th January

Islamists have boasted of killing ten Christians in a series of attacks waged over two weeks against Christian villages in northern Mozambique.

The onslaught claimed by Islamic State (IS – also known as ISIS, ISIL, Daesh) coincided with the launch on 4th January 2024 of the group’s new global terror campaign, “Kill Them Wherever You Find Them”, announced in an audio message by its spokesman, Abu Hadhayfah Al-Ansari.



Flames engulf homes set alight in Ntotoe village. The attack has been claimed by IS terrorists

The wave of renewed violence in northern Mozambique centred on three districts in Cabo Delgado province, already known as “the land of fear” because of repeated Islamist terror attacks. It began on 3rd January in Mocimboa da Praia district when IS fighters struck the village of Ntotoe, killing three residents and burning down a church and more than sixty houses.

Two days later they hit Chimbanga village, murdering three Christians and torching over seventy houses and three motorcycles. On 7th January gunmen opened fire with machine guns on a village in the same district. All the residents escaped unhurt but they fled as the marauders set fire to nearly forty houses.

Two Christians were murdered and sixteen houses burned down in attacks on Chai and Litamanda villages in Macomia district on 4th and 9th January respectively. The village of Chinda in Muidumbe district was struck on 5th January when two believers were killed.

Around 1,800 Christians have been murdered in northern Mozambique since October 2017 in sustained anti-Christian violence. They are among more than 50,000 Christians slaughtered in a

genocidal campaign waged by Islamists across parts of sub-Saharan Africa. The worst-affected area is northern and Middle Belt Nigeria, where around 45,000 believers have been killed since 2009.

Please sign our petition to End the Genocide of African Christians by going to barnabasaid.org/resources/Africa-petition/.

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The death of Christ was the most dreadful blow ever given to the empire of darkness.

- *William Plumer*

The shortest distance between a problem and its solution is the distance between your knees and the floor.

- *Anon*

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

- *Anon*

The man who does not like self-examination may be pretty certain that things need examining.

- *C H Spurgeon*

If you're headed in the wrong direction, know that God allows U-turns!

- *Anon*

Do not wait for the hearse to take you to church.

- *Anon*

The best news the world ever had came from a graveyard.

- *Anon*

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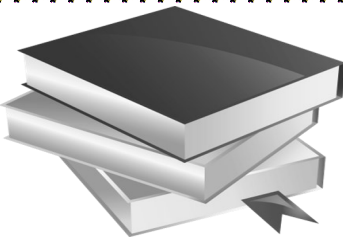
 A youth group at Holy Trinity Church, Minsterley

Development plans for Holy Trinity Minsterley



At 7pm on Tuesday 12th March in Minsterley Parish Hall our guest speaker is Mark Newall of BCHN Architects. He will speak about a proposal to upgrade the church building to serve more of the community's needs. Come and have your say. Free entry to a £50 prize draw for all attendees.

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Psalm 119:105 (The Message Bible)

March 5th	Brookfield Waterwheel	John 19:25-27; 1 Samuel 1:20-28; Psalm 127:1-4
March 19th	Brookfield Waterwheel	Mark 11:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2,19-29

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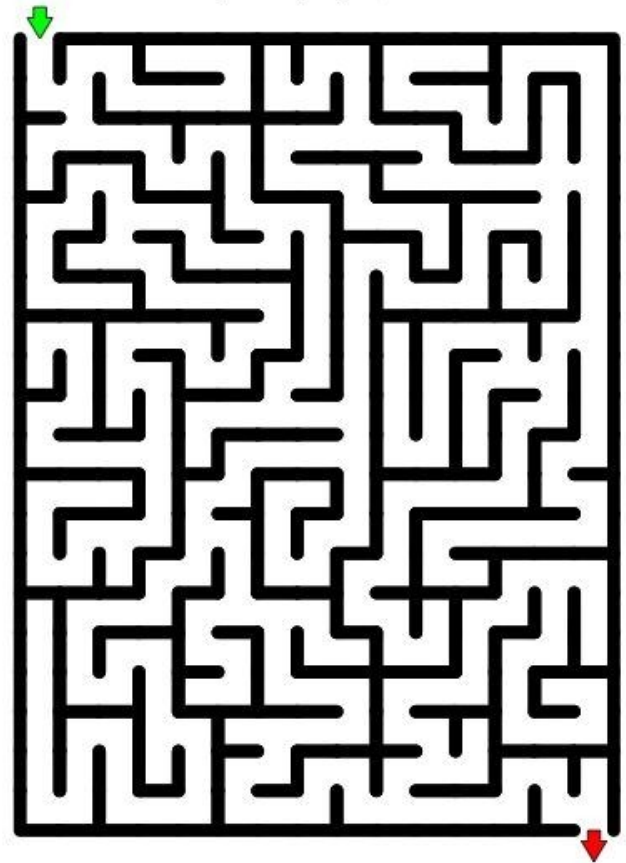
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Wordsearch for March – Love and serve one another

On Maundy Thursday we recall the final command that Jesus gave to His disciples before His death. After the Last Supper, He rose and washed His disciples' feet. This was astonishing for a 'teacher' to do, but He had a firm purpose in mind: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." His disciples were to love through service, not domination, of one another.

In Latin the opening phrase of this sentence is 'mandatum novum do vobis'. The word 'mundy' is thus a corruption of the Latin 'mandatum' (or command). The 'washing of the feet' ceremony was an important part of the medieval church's liturgy, symbolising the humility of the clergy, in obedience to the example of Christ.

Maundy	Last	As	Domination
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This year's Annual General Meeting will be held on 5th March at 7.30pm in the Len Simpson Room of Pontesbury Public Hall, and we hope to see more members attending. Although we are always ready to welcome more helpers on a Saturday morning, and on the Committee, there will be no pressure to do so just by attending the AGM. There will be refreshments available at the end of the meeting where we'll all get a chance to chat and catch up after the winter

At the time of writing, vegetable seeds and seed potatoes are selling well, but we should still have a good number of all varieties available, and it's not too late to get them started. Seed potatoes should be set out in seed trays or egg boxes in a light frost-free room to let the shoots develop so that they have a head start when planted out in late March and early April.

Looking ahead we will be holding our social evening "Spring into the Garden" on 16th May where you will be able to buy vegetable seedlings if you haven't started your own. There will also be plant stalls with plants for the borders as well as other, garden related, things.

The Trading Post in Station Road is open every Saturday from 9.30am to 12noon until the end of October.

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Church Spring Clean

We'll be holding the annual church spring clean on Saturday 23rd March from 9.30am - 12pm. All volunteers and their associated equipment for tidying inside and outside at Holy Trinity would be much appreciated. There'll be the usual coffee and cake to keep us going! Please let me know if you'll be able to come along.

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Friends of St Luke's Church Snailbeach were saddened recently by the passing of one of its former members. Marjorie Stanyer moved into Glenvine along the Lower Works Lane after retiring from Hanwood Post Office. She and her late husband, Esmond, had a beautiful garden and were both respected in Flower Show circles as judges.

Marjorie attended St Luke's weekly, giving of her skills on the flower rota and more especially encouraging Esmond to grow plants and flowers for Harvest Festivals. She was often accompanied by young grandson, Tom, who stayed over at weekends regularly as a boy.

Marjorie continued activities in WI, St. Luke's Sales, etc., and her busy round of flower shows throughout each Summer with Esmond.

They moved into Shrewsbury to be nearer to their daughter Jane as health needs dictated in 2012. Much missed by the congregation at St Luke's, she continued to be interested in our activities and loved to have visitors at their home in Falcon's Way.

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Following the site meeting with the Police Commissioner, the Parish agreed to request Highways investigate introducing a 40mph speed area beginning south of Plox Green crossroads and meeting the 30mph zone area near the School. Residents in those areas would be contacted for their comments.

Complaints had been received again regarding the missing road markings for the mini roundabout at the junction of Leigh and Horsebridge roads. The Parish would again report the problem, although all previous requests have been unsuccessful.

The Parish agreed to give their support to Middle Marches Community Land Trust in their efforts to secure ownership of the Minsterley Meadows.

The new businesses operating the village stores and fuel station would be contacted for their views on support for a road-crossing and public toilet facilities.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7.00pm on Tuesday 12th March in Minsterley Parish Hall.

Geoff Rogers
Chairman, Minsterley Parish Council
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Hope Village Hall (12.00am-2.00pm) and **Worthen Village Hall** (8.30am-11.00am) on these dates: 13th & 20th March, 10th & 17th April, 8th & 15th May.

If you would like more information then please email support@reavalleyfoodbank.co.uk.

Val Sinclair

MINSTERLEY 59 CLUB WINNERS 2024

Draw 4	24 th January	No. 17	Judith Matthews
Draw 5	31 st January	No. 55	Jan Brain
Draw 6	7 th February	No. 42	Lynn Evans
Draw 7	14 th February	No. 24	Patricia Edwards

Bible Readings in Holy Trinity Church this month

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

Date	Old Testament	Epistle	Gospel
3 rd March	Psalm 19	1 Cor. 1:18-25 p1144	John 2:13-22
10 th March Mothering Sunday	1 Samuel 1:20-28	Psalm 127:1-4	John 19:25-27
17 th March	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-33
24 th March Palm Sunday	Psalm 118:1-2,19-29		Mark 11:1-11
28 th March Maundy Thursday		1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-7,31b-35
31 st March Easter Day	Acts 10:34-43	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	John 20:1-18



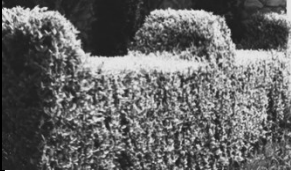
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Electoral roll update Holy Trinity Minsterley & St Luke's Snailbeach

As our Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on 25th April I have to prepare the 2024 Electoral Roll by 10th April. I have placed the updated version of the 2023 Roll in both church porches, and I need to be notified of any changes by 6th April.

The basic condition is that you are baptised and resident in the ecclesiastical parish, OR not resident in the parish but have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months. (There are, however, other conditions permitting inclusion on the Roll and so I have also displayed a "for information only" copy of the "Application for Enrolment and Notes for

completion" in both of our porches).

Would you please check by 6th April that the Roll is correct; and if not let me know that you wish to apply for inclusion or to withdraw your name from the Roll.

Unless you notify me otherwise the Roll will remain unchanged for 2024. As this is the sixth year of the present Roll it will be abandoned next year and a new Roll prepared. This means that next year everyone will have to complete an application for enrolment if they still qualify and wish to be included in the new Roll.

Colin Edwards, Electoral Roll Officer.
9 Little Minsterley, SY5 0BW
marieandcol@icloud.com



An Easter thought

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.
– James Francis



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The Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion is focused on delivering improvements for the communities of West Mercia after his budget plans were supported. The PCC secured the support of the Police and Crime Panel for the latest investments in West Mercia Police.

The commissioner has had to make tough decisions as a result of the financial challenges the country continues to face. This has resulted in a need to refocus resources to ensure they are aimed at the areas of greatest public concern including:

Improved visible and accessible policing – creation of town centre policing to tackle shoplifting, anti-social behaviour and thefts.

Better investigations and outcomes – improved technology to support police officers in checking for criminal activity on mobile phones and computers.

Improving public contact – improved call response times for the emergency and non-emergency lines, and technology to allow digital evidence to be uploaded by the public.

John Campion says, "This budget has come with some tough decisions and, as a result, some changes will have to be made within West Mercia Police. However it is important that we review this, and I have worked with the Chief Constable to ensure that resources are refocused towards the areas of priority and public concern. I remain committed to ensuring the communities of Herefordshire, Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and Worcestershire feel the benefits of the decisions I make on their behalf."

Temporary Chief Constable Alex Murray said, "Building on the investments made over the last year, this budget will support our commitment to visible and accessible policing for the people of Herefordshire, Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and Worcestershire. Due to the current national financial landscape difficult decisions have had to be made, but I want to reassure the communities we serve that we are prioritising the issues that we know matter most to them. We will continue improving the service you receive when you contact us and will keep reducing the number of victims and people impacted by crime."

The PCC secured backing for a 4.91% increase in the council tax element for policing. This equates to approximately £277.50 for an average Band D property (25p per week).

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Local organisations offering help and support

Here are some contact details you might find useful. This page was updated in January 2022, but if you find anything to be out of date, incorrect or not relevant please let the editor know. Likewise please share details of any other group which can offer support to local residents. Thank you.

Rea Valley Foodbank 07902 794653
Food parcels available locally in Minsterley and Pontesbury. Referral needed.

Community Good Neighbours, Rea Valley
07944 891953

Get in touch with a local Good Neighbour for a friendly chat, small errands and support to stay active and connected within the community.

Pontesbury Community and Care Co-ordinator
01743 790325 or e-mail h.tazewell@nhs.net
Helen Tazewell can give assistance to patients of all ages in need of help, support and advice by signposting to other useful services. She works Monday and Wednesday locally.

Healthy Shropshire 0345 678 9025
Shropshire Council telephone line for information and advice on a healthy lifestyle, including smoking, alcohol, weight, exercise and other matters.

Shrewsbury Food Hub Shrewsburyfoodhub.org.uk
Surplus food share tables across Shrewsbury.
See Facebook page for venue details.

Shrewsbury "foodbank PLUS" 07421 745857
Food parcels, debt advice, returning to work, digital Inclusion, life skills. Referral needed.

Citizens Advice Shropshire 0344 499 1100
Confidential advice and help to solve problems with debt, benefits, housing, legal matters & employment.
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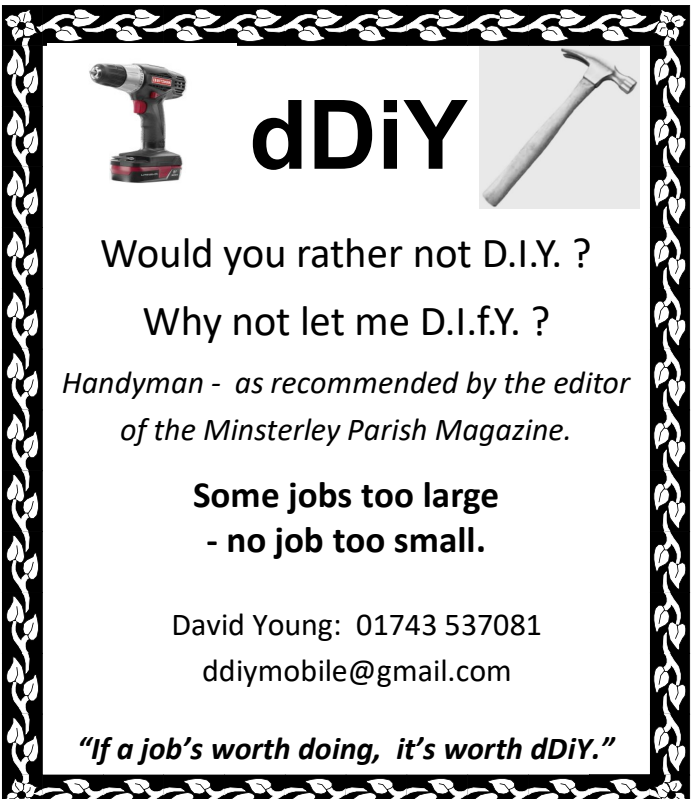
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Val was 7 years old when her sister Jo was born. She remembers being allowed a quick look at the 'new born' but it was to be over 40 years before the sisters finally met again. For a number of years Val and Jo never 'went public', they spent months getting to know one another, even before meeting each other's husbands and children but they all finally fell together as a happy family.

Eventually they felt able to give their first public talk and were also interviewed on the BBC's Woman's Hour programme which was looking at the new Adoption Bill (their real names were withheld). This heart-warming account will be of interest to anyone affected by adoption, anyone searching for a relative or those who would just like to listen to what Jo and Val describe as "the most momentous thing that ever happened in their lives".

This is an amazing and moving story of the reasons surrounding Jo's adoption, the search for Jo, the role of NORCAP, finding Jo, the post-reunion path and 'nature versus nurture'.

Refreshments will be served afterwards for members and visitors, with the chance to catch up.

"Searching for Jo"

A TALK BY VAL SINCLAIR AND JO MORRISON

Sisters who finally found one another



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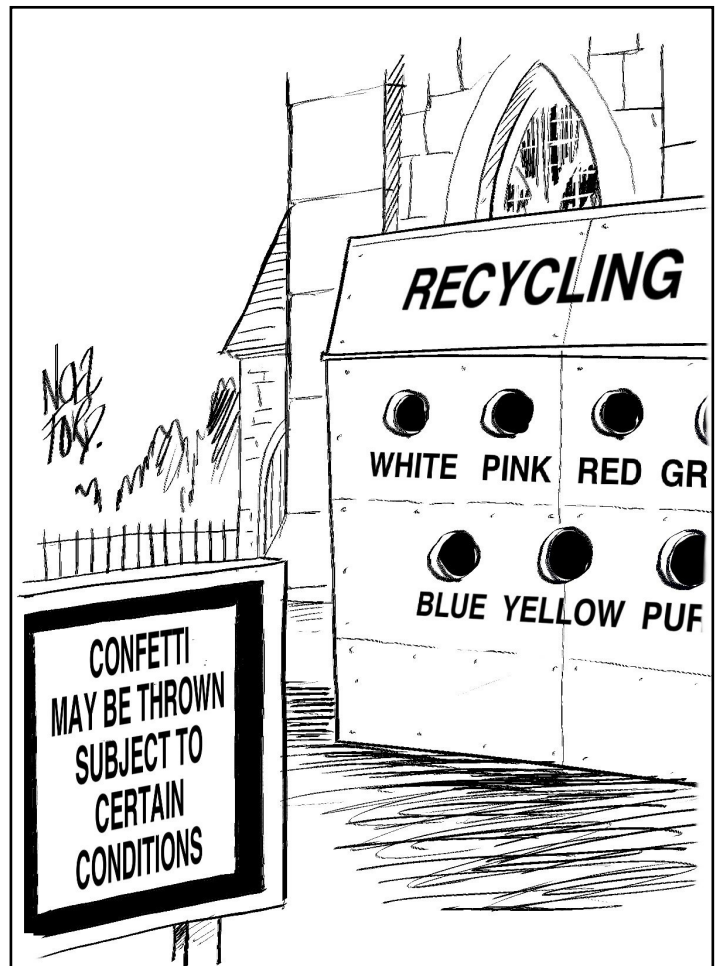


Christian Aid Week 2024

As my contribution to Holy Trinity's efforts to raise funds for Christian Aid this year, I did a sponsored sea-bathe in Folkestone harbour on Tuesday 20th February. I bought, not an ice cream, but a large whisky when I emerged from the sea. Some no doubt want to help but didn't join me for fear of heat exhaustion, or because you didn't know about it.

I know that several of you have generously supported me, and I sincerely thank you. I think that, because I decided to do this on the spur of the moment, my advance publicity was inadequate and there must be many who are unaware of this fund-raising effort. I should be very grateful for your retrospective sponsorship. I shall bring a sponsorship form to church. As an alternative, I have set up a Justgiving page. The link is www.justgiving.com/page/robert-currie-1706221711874. Thank you.

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CRIME/INCIDENTS REPORTED
CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE & STIPERSTONE

15th January 2024 – 15th February 2024

CRIME REPORTED	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Harassment		Stiperstones	
Assault		Brockton	
Burglary	Damaged caused in order to enter property but nothing believed stolen. Property is in a poor state; windows and doors boarded	Bentlawnt	Occurred around the 26 th January. Offenders believed to be 'Urban Explorers' looking to photograph the property for social media content
Allowing dog to be dangerously out of control	Jogger chased and bitten by two dogs	Brockton	

Livestock Worrying

Lambing season is now starting, where historically it has coincided with increased reports of livestock being worried or attacked by dogs.

Under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 it is an offence to allow a dog to worry sheep, worrying includes attacking or chasing sheep. Dog

owners, either living locally or simply visiting the area for a walk, have a responsibility to keep their dogs under control at all times. It is vital that dogs are kept on a lead around livestock, even if they can usually be trusted to come to call. If living in or near a farming area, please make sure that the dog is secure and cannot escape from the property.

Concert at St Michael's, Chirbury

"Sarah and Friends" will be in the Church on Wednesday 13th March, 7.30pm - 9pm, for another highly acclaimed concert. Tickets @ £10 available from Chirbury Shop. Children under 14 free.

Sacred Concert for Palm Sunday

In St Michael's Chirbury on Sunday 24th March, 6.00 pm. Music from the Benefice Choir, readings, poems, music and hymns for Passiontide. Retiring collection.

Lent Carbon Fast

As opposed to giving up chocolate why not consider a carbon fast? This doesn't mean sitting in the dark for six weeks. There are various ways to engage with this. Check out this charity:

www.climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast/

where you will be challenged to spend a week praying for climate issues; spend a week "fasting from ignorance" by researching the needs of Creation or fasting from meat for a week.

Greg Smith

Monday to Friday

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From 6th January 2020

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10th March. Service led by Rev Brian Spencer and will include Holy Communion.

17th March. "Minsterley Praise" service led by Mr. Mike Hallworth, with Holy Trinity congregation joining us.

24th March. Palm Sunday service led by Mrs. Fay Spencer.

31st March. Easter Sunday service led by Mr. Andy Skitt.

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

Sandra Lewis

Lent Lunches

Thursdays

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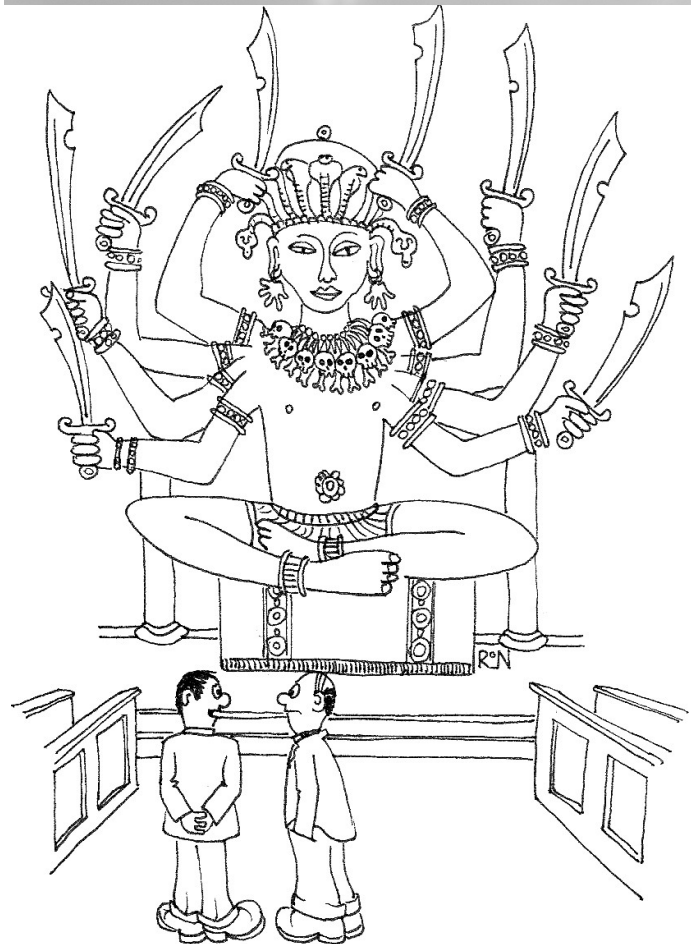
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Treasurer Cheryl Bromhead

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Sunday 10th March	3.00pm	Mothering Sunday service
Sunday 31st	9.00am	EASTER DAY communion

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Sunday 3rd March	5.00pm	Evensong
Sunday 17th	5.00pm	Holy Communion

EASTER SUNDAY 31st 10.30am Holy Communion
 (Please note the change of time for this service)



Hope & Shelve Parish

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Holy Trinity Church Hope

10th March	9.00am	Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday
Sunday 24th	9.00am	Palm Sunday service
Maundy Thurs. 28th	7.00pm	Group service at Minsterley
EASTER DAY 31st	9.00am	Holy Communion



All Saints' Church Shelve

Sunday 3rd March	9.00am	Holy Communion
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