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***Collect***

Merciful God,

you have prepared for those who love you

such good things as pass our understanding:

pour into our hearts such love toward you

that we, loving you in all things and above all things,

may obtain your promises,

which exceed all that we can desire;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

***Post Communion***

God of our pilgrimage,

you have led us to the living water:

refresh and sustain us

as we go forward on our journey,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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***In Our Prayers***

***Faithful God, teach us to trust in your infinite love, which is greater than we can imagine. We bring our prayers before you, confident that you understand our needs and those of the people for whom we pray.***

* *We pray for those who are poor, lonely and excluded victims of warfare and violence. May the people of Gaza, Syria, Lebanon, Sudan and Ukraine experience mercy and compassion from those who are causing their suffering. May peace come quickly.*
* *We pray for sensitivity to the cry of our beautiful planet and its creatures. May we have hearts open to the loveliness God has given us and cherish the goodness which surrounds us.*
* *We pray for those suffering in body, mind, or spirit. May care givers be blessed with strength. May those who need peace of mind find it.*
* *We pray for families who are together for the summer holidays. May they find happiness and new energy as they share themselves with each other.*

***Loving God, teach us to pray as Jesus taught us: filled with trust and hope. Lead us to love you more with every passing moment. We make our prayer through Jesus, our Lord of hope.******Amen***

**Please pray for all who have asked for our prayers:**

Dorothy Thomas **•** Nikki Ray **•** Chris Silcock **•** Janet Martin **•** Lillian Tomlinson **•** Monica Morris **•** Andrew **•** Richard Dale **•** Henry Hand **•** Andrew White

***Notices***

**Today’s Services are:**

**Stokesay** 9.45 am     Holy Communion (Order 2)

**Wistanstow** *No Service, but people are welcome to*

 *attend the services at Stokesay and Acton Scott*.

 **Acton Scott** 6.30 pm Evensong

**Thursday** at **10.30 am**: **Morning Prayer** will be live-streamed from the Vicarage using the ‘Craven Arms Parishes’ Facebook page.

There will be a **Book Sale** in **Stokesay Church** over the **August Bank Holiday weekend**. Teas and cakes will be served on **Monday**, August 25th from **10 am** to

**4 pm**. Help with teas and provision of cakes would be appreciated, contact Jan Dovey on 01588 672459.

**Monday** is **World Hepatitis Day**: Nearly 354 million people globally are affected by hepatitis B or C, and hundreds of thousands of lives are lost each year.

This dayis crucial for raising awareness, reducing stigma, and encouraging people to seek testing and treatment. By coming together we can help break the silence and work towards the elimination of hepatitis.

**Wednesday** is **World Day against Trafficking in Persons.** Human trafficking affects every country and community, with millions of men, women, and children exploited for forced labour, sexual exploitation, and other forms of abuse. Recognizing this day is crucial for shining a light on the issue, supporting survivors, and calling for stronger international cooperation. By raising awareness, this day helps challenge misconceptions, drive policy change, and inspire collective action to protect vulnerable individuals.

**Friday** sees the start of **National Road Victim Month**

This month honours the memory of road traffic victims and highlights the ongoing need for improved road safety measures. It provides an opportunity for communities to come together in remembrance and to advocate for stronger road safety policies.

If you have a notice for inclusion in the Herald please forward via email: **heraldcravenarms@gmail.com**

or text : 07484 835170. Deadline is noon on Thursday.

**Benefice Facebook** page: **‘Craven Arms Parishes’**

**Rev Clive Munday** can be contacted on: **01588 672876** or via *email:* **vicar.cravenarms@btinternet.com**

***Services & readings for next Sunday*** *[Green]*

Ecclesiastes 1.2,12-14; 2.18-23, Colossians 3.1-11
Luke 12.13-21

 **Pilgrim Centre**     8.00 am    Holy Communion

 **Acton Scott** 11.00 am Holy Communion