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***Collect***

Almighty God,

you have made us for yourself,

and our hearts are restless till they find

 their rest in you:

pour your love into our hearts and draw

 us to yourself,

and so bring us at last to your heavenly city

where we shall see you face to face;

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***

Lord, we pray that your grace

 may always precede and follow us,

and make us continually to be given

 to all good works;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

***In Our Prayers***

***Let us turn to God our Father with confidence, trusting in his mercy and love, as we bring our prayers before him.***

* *We pray for the Church here and across the world. May we always be a source and witness of gratitude, mercy, healing and forgiveness, even in the most difficult of circumstances.*
* *We pray for people in authority, and all religious leaders. May they govern with faith, compassion and wisdom, protecting those who are vulnerable and denied justice in their struggle for survival.*
* *We pray for those suffering illness, loneliness, or exclusion. May those feeling cut off from community or hope experience Jesus’ healing touch and the care and companionship of those around them.*
* *We pray for those who care for the sick, the elderly, or the marginalised. May God strengthen and reward caregivers, volunteers, and health-workers for their compassion, patience, and humility.*
* *We pray for peace in the war-torn areas of the world. May there be an end to hatred and division. May the innocent victims of fighting in Gaza, Sudan and Ukraine discover security, healing and hope.*

***Heavenly Father, you have shown us your mercy in Christ our Lord. Hear the prayers we offer today, and grant that, by your grace, we may live in thanksgiving, faith, and loving service, now and forever. Amen***

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

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

***Notices***

**Today’s Services are:**

**Stokesay**  9.45 am     Holy Communion (Order 1)

**Wistanstow**  11.15 am Holy Communion

**Thursday** **Morning Prayer** will be resumed at the end of the month.

**Acton Scott Village** Hall: **Flicks in the Sticks** on **Tuesday, Oct 14th** at **7.30 pm** will be **“Maria”** Cert12. The story of Maria Callas one of the most iconic performers of the 20th Century. The film follows the American Greek soprano as she retreats to Paris after a glamorous and tumultuous life in the public eye, reimagining the legendary diva in her final days as she reflects on her identity and life. Tickets on the door: Adults £5.00, Students: £3.00. Refreshments available.

The next meeting of the **House Group** is on **Thursday﻿ 16th October** from **7.00 pm** at **2 Maple Close**. Craven Arms. As a group we have decided to read and discuss ***“The Island of Missing Trees”*** by Elif Shafak. We are reading for discussion to the end of part 3. Please come and join us.

Following a private cremation, there will be a service to commemorate the life of **Mary Royce** at **Stokesay** on **Friday**, **17th Oct** at **2 pm**.

The next fundraising **Coffee and/or Tea and Scrumptious Cake** **morning** at **Halford church** is next **Saturday**, **18th October** from **10.30 am** to **12 noon**. And why not pick up a copy of the 2026 Craven Arms Calendar whilst there.

The **Shoe Box Service** at **Acton Scott** will be on **Sun 2nd Nov** at **11.00 am**. This annual Service is to receive “Shoe Box” gifts to send to children in areas of the world in conflict or poverty. The idea is to fill a shoe box with small items such as toys, stationary, socks, hats etc. and decorate the box with Christmas wrapping paper. Mary Jones has ready prepared boxes and full details of filling them. If you would like more information and/or a box please contact her 07434 626528.

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@caparishes.org.uk***

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

Genesis 32.22-31, 2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5
Luke 18.1-8

 **Pilgrim Centre** 8.00 am  Holy Communion

 **Acton Scott**  11.00 am   Holy Communion