

The Minsterley Parish Magazine

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Church services this month

Sunday 2nd 4.00pm Tea-time service
Sunday 9th 10.50am Remembrance Sunday
*Meet at the war memorial; and later
progress to church for Communion*
Sunday 16th 10.00am Minsterley Praise
at the Methodist church
Sunday 23rd 10.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 30th 10.30am GROUP SERVICE
at All Saints' Church Shelve

Other events this month

Sat 1st Autumn church & grounds tidy up (p6)
All Souls' service (p29)
Thu 6th Knitter Natter (EVERY Thursday) (p21)
Alpha course (p3)
Fri 7th Habberley concert (p11)
Mon 10th Crafty Monday (p21)
Tues 11th Oasis meeting (p21)
Ichthus Bible study (p8)
Parish Council meeting (p11)
Thu 13th Alpha course (p3)
Time Out (p6,13)
Sat 15th Wildlife Group walk (p31)
Tues 18th The Gathering (p4)
Wed 19th u3a Open Meeting (p20)
Sat 22nd Polar Journeys (p13)
Christmas Fayre (p29)
Tues 25th Oasis meeting (p21)
Ichthus Bible Study (p8)
Thu 27th Time Out (p6, 13)

Weekly events in the church (see back cover)

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

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Welcome to readers in the neighbouring parishes of Chirbury Hills Benefice - and an explanation to our regular subscribers. Since Bill Rowell retired earlier this year, there has been no printed communication for Chirbury Hills parishes, and so we have invited them to share in the Minsterley Parish Magazine.

You will find the centre pages (starts p19) contain information from 'across the border,' and our new readers will find details of all the events taking place within our deanery throughout the magazine.

As ever, comments and suggestions are most welcome. Welcome to our new-look magazine!



In these days of readily packaged, pre-processed food, of cellophaned cuts of meat, of cold technical terms such as “the growth cycle” or “monoculture vs polyculture” it is easy to forget the complexity, (*nay miracle!*) of growing crops to harvest. If we forget the time and care involved in the growth of a plant, from seed through early vigour to reaching maturity and then to harvest and simply view things as commodities then we can actually miss so much of the complexity and beauty that actually goes into making the harvest.

Consider the vine; years of early enthusiastic growth and care before reaching maturity some 25 to 30 years later; the constant manipulation of the vine with work on the annual shoots as well as pruning, fertilising the soil – all throughout the wet and cold of winter and the heat of summer before it is considered mature enough and the grapes ready to be transformed into that richest of drinks. Consider the “terroir” that beautiful term the French call the mystical, indefinable contribution of soil, air, weather, human practice and so on that all contributes to how the wine develops and ultimately tastes. Once the grapes are harvested then the work doesn't stop; consider the pressing of the grapes and then the fermentation in barrels through further long slow months and years – as the wind whistles through cracks in the barn walls, the drip, drip of rain drops outside and the slow build up heat in the summer months, as lifetimes of mice bustle in the shadows watched by owls in the loft, the wine itself lies alive but still; dark and fermenting in its barrels.

The time it takes to make a good wine is long; it requires hard work, care, love, attention; but overall, it takes time.

Yet at the wedding in Cana our Lord transforms water into wine in a matter of minutes, and good wine at that, creating some 600 litres of strong, rich, heady wine. The next day in Cana must have been an exceptionally quiet one!

There is no sense here of a short cut; of the fast-food mindset that we have in society today whereby so much of what is offered has the appearance of something healthy and satisfying but in fact is low in nutrients, low in taste and low in any meaningful value other than an immediate, short-term satisfaction. No, in performing this miracle then Jesus somehow compresses all the list of factors that we went through earlier into one “moment” and in doing so gives us a picture of what God's Kingdom will be like – rich, heady, laughter-filled and most of all, alive! Jesus takes the careful craft of the vineyard and in compressing it actually also brings it to immediacy. Life is full of pictures if we choose to look for them

So, it is right that we give thanks to God for this harvest, of life's cycle; that we give thanks to God for the hard, patient work of men and women who bring it to us for our use and enjoyment and as we celebrate today and let us take time to enjoy and meditate upon the pictures of life and death that harvest time brings and use them as an aid to bring our delights, our pleasures, our fears and our worries before our Lord who is the true provider of good things.

Richard Lonsdale

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Autumn is one of my favourite seasons. I love the riot of colours we see all around us. Yes, summer might seem like a distant memory and we may not be looking forward to the nights drawing in. But it reminds me of Ecclesiastes 3:1, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." And seasons are important. Seasons are God ordained. Not just the four seasons of nature that remind us of God's creative order, but also the seasons in our human lives.

As we reflect on our own lives, we will notice times and experiences that have brought great joy and sorrow. Perhaps you're in one of those seasons now. I don't know about you but when things are going well it is much easier to be cheerful, optimistic, full of hope and joy, be excited about the future. But when things are not going so well life doesn't seem to be fun. If anything, whatever the challenge or difficulty, it seems to sap the life out of us; we feel robbed of joy.

At times like this it can be easy to forget that the same God who sends the rain to water the earth also sends the sunshine. It's so easy to feel abandoned by God; to think that he's left us on our own and we can't see the way out. Let me just say that there is nothing wrong when we feel this way. There are many individuals in the Bible – and others who we may have read about or known – who have felt this way. Job is one such character you can read about in the Bible (book by the same name...roughly in the middle of the Bible before you get to the Psalms).

But the good news is that God has not abandoned us. God promises never to leave us or forsake us. Everything that comes into our lives comes through his permissive will. That does not mean it's easy or all good. But what it does mean is that in God's providence and through his gracious love he is able to work it all for our good and his glory (Romans 8:28).

The challenge is to trust God with all our life; whatever season we might find ourselves in. Just as he turns the seasons in nature from one to the next, so too he works and wills to accomplish his good

purposes in our lives. For our part, we are called to trust wholeheartedly in his promises.

A good way to do this is to memorise Bible verses and use them to praise God in the good times and trust him in the tough times. King David reflects on a difficult time in his life in Psalm 31:15: he says, "My times are in your hands". That's a good promise to hold on to. Or why not read or listen to Psalm 139.

Let me conclude by encouraging you to enjoy the beautiful colours of autumn. If you're fit and able, go out for a walk or pull up in a layby some place where you can enjoy the beauty that surrounds us, or you might be able to look out of your window. And as you wonder at the beauty of the leaves – reds, yellow, orange, brown and green, consider the God of the Bible who made it so and let it remind you that he cares for you. He is faithful, loving, full of grace and mercy. He is for you, not against you. Trust him to bring beauty and colour whatever season you're in.

Rev Freddie Strong
Asst. Curate at Great Hanwood,
Longden and Annscroft with Pulverbatch

A poster for 'The Gathering' event. The title 'The Gathering' is in large, stylized white letters. Below it, in smaller white text, is 'An evening of Praising & Worshipping God'. Further down, in italicized white text, is 'Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.' Below that, in white text, is '(1 Thessalonians 5: 11)'. At the bottom, in white text, is 'Everyone welcome'. The background is a dark, blurred image of people.

Refreshments | **Tues 18th November,**
from 7.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m. start

 **Marton Village Hall**

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World News

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

Africa – Islamic State demands continent’s Christians convert or submit to Islamic rule

Africa’s Christians need our prayers as Islamic State (IS – also known as ISIS, ISIL, Daesh) has made its intentions to subjugate those who profess faith in Christ abundantly clear. The terrorist group has demanded that Christians in Africa convert to Islam or accept their status as conquered people under Islamic rule.

The demand came in a 28th July statement claiming responsibility for killing at least 34 worshippers at a church in Ituri, north-eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). It was reiterated in the 7th August issue of Al Naba, the online publication of IS. The initial statement declared, “Let the Christians of Africa and their Crusader armies know that there is no security for you except by Islam or jizya.”

In classical Islam, jizya is a tax paid by non-Muslim “People of the Book” – that is, Jews and Christians – as a sign of their subjugation to their Muslim rulers. Those who accept such a status are known as dhimmi, and they must abide by various restrictions that reinforce their status as non-citizens under Islamic rule.

Al Naba’s editorial praised the fighters of Islamic State Central Africa Province (ISCAP) in DRC and Islamic State Mozambique (IS-M) for their campaign of violence against Christians. It added that Christians in Africa had three “options”: convert to Islam, pay jizya or be killed. Both groups are co-ordinated by the Islamic State Al Karrar Office in Somalia. Between them, ISCAP and IS-M have killed nearly 8,000 Christians since 2017.

Alberto Miguel Fernandez, Vice-President of the Middle East Media Research Institute, explained, “What we see in Africa today is a kind of silent genocide or silent, brutal, savage war that is occurring in the shadows and all too often ignored by the international community.”

The practices of dhimmi and jizya are no longer officially enforced by the government of any Muslim-majority country.

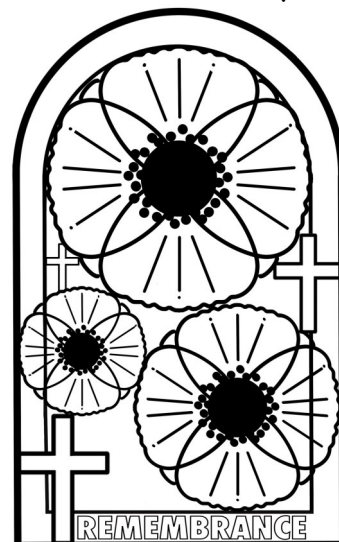
Iran – Supreme Court denies Christian convert request for retrial

The Supreme Court of Iran has refused a retrial request lodged by Mehran Shamloui, 37 years, who has received a ten-year prison sentence for his membership of a “house church.” Mehran was sentenced in March 2025 along with two other converts from Islam, Narges Nasri and Abbas Soori. All three were arrested during raids by intelligence agents in November 2024.

The converts’ appeals were rejected in April, by which time they had already fled the country. After seeking refuge in Turkey (Türkiye), Mehran was deported in July. He has spent two months in Evin Prison, Tehran, since his enforced return to Iran. Mehran’s prison term comprises eight years for “propaganda activities” and two years and eight months for belonging to an “opposition group.” He was also fined 250 million tomans (£2,290; \$2,750; €2,519).

He is among several Christians returned to Evin Prison in August following its partial reopening. The prison was closed and prisoners transferred after an Israeli airstrike on 23rd June. In August the Iranian authorities arrested more than fifty Christians on supposed national security grounds in the weeks since the end of active hostilities with Israel.

Farsi (Persian)-speaking Christians are converts from Islam who are hated as apostates and viewed as a threat to Iran’s national security.





Rea Valley Transport Scheme

The Rea Valley Transport Scheme is now fully operational, enabling residents of the area to access medical appointments including Pontesbury & Worthen surgeries, and Shrewsbury, Telford and Oswestry hospitals. The scheme also undertakes whenever we can to get people to opticians, dental and other wellbeing appointments e.g. support groups where possible.

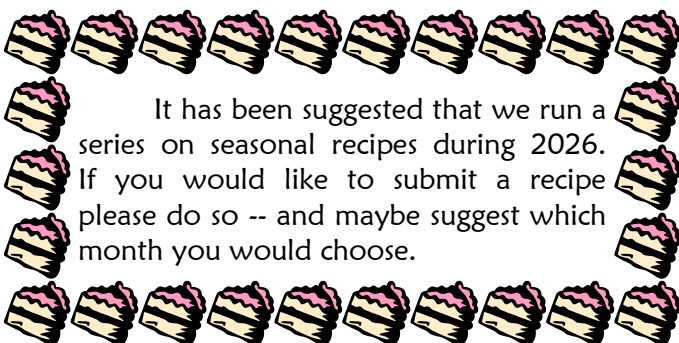
Please note that the scheme is not set up to help with emergency appointments or to assist with other transport requests such as shopping.

Our drivers are all volunteers, but are insured, DBS checked and safely recruited. However, they are not medical professionals. Your driver will collect you from your home address and take you in good time for your appointment. To request transport, please contact our scheme administrator, Emma (reavalleytransportscheme.info@gmail.com) or by calling 07468 115939. If possible, please give us a minimum of a week's notice of when and where your appointment is.



Time Out

A new support group for those struggling with the stresses and strains of life, sponsored by the local churches, has begun at St George's Church Pontesbury, on the second and fourth Thursday afternoons of the month. We are deliberately a small, friendly group aimed at people who find large gatherings too daunting. You will be made very welcome, and there's always a listening ear, tea, coffee and biscuits. Feel free to bring a friend. See poster on page 13



It has been suggested that we run a series on seasonal recipes during 2026. If you would like to submit a recipe please do so -- and maybe suggest which month you would choose.



Festive Friends 2025

Will you be on your own this Christmas Day?

If so, you are invited to join us for Christmas Lunch in Norbury!

Transport can be provided.

Arrive for drinks and mince pies.
Enjoy a two-course lunch.
Relax and enjoy some light entertainment and conversation.
All ages welcome

Time: 11:30am - 3pm
Venue: Norbury Village Hall

Cost: Suggested donation of £7 to help cover costs.

Contact: Linda on 01588 630409 for more information and booking.



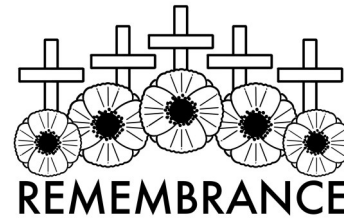
Autumn Tidy Up at Church

It's the annual autumn tidy up at HTM on Saturday 1st November from 10am. We'll be cleaning the church and sorting out the churchyard ready for winter. There's lots to do so we need volunteers to come armed with tools and cleaning implements! As always there'll be refreshments to keep us going. Please speak to Sarah if you need any information. Thank you.



...if you have been affected by any of the issues raised in this sermon...

World War II Memories



Memories from an Anderson Shelter

Born in North Shields, a fishing port at the mouth of the Tyne, downstream of strategically important ship building and repairing yards, I was just three when the second world war broke out.

Less than two years later, what is said to be the worst single bomb disaster outside London during the entire war claimed 107 lives less than half a mile from our house, when a Luftwaffe bomber scored a direct hit on Wilkinson's lemonade factory, where whole families had rushed to a public basement shelter after the air raid sirens sounded.

Amazingly I have no memories of this when it happened, even at six weeks short of my fifth birthday, although I can still recall the sound of bombers coming over during the war. And I do have strong memories of our own air raid shelter - an Anderson Shelter of course - where we went when the sirens sounded, sharing it with a family from the flat upstairs. We had no garden, just a narrow concreted yard below a tall wall with pieces of broken glass cemented in all along it. Plus an outside tap and an outside loo for both families. So our shelter was rather dominant in such a small place and it was a bit of an adventure really when we had to use it. We sat on benches, lit up by paraffin or oil lamps, and chatted while the emergency lasted.

Other memories include seeing a barrage balloon moored as a permanent fixture at the nearby golf course, and my father going off for night time duties with the Home Guard - Dad's Army. Me and my friends had fun marking out hopscotch games on the street outside our house with bits of shrapnel we found lying around. The windows had lengths of sticky tape in crossed diagonal lines to prevent shattering, and of course we had blackout curtains. Otherwise school life seemed to go on as normal.

After it was all over our school celebrated by giving us drinks of orange juice.

Roy Anderson
Lynwood, Snailbeach

When war was announced my mother, with me aged 2, was on Shrewsbury station sending my Aunt Sally back to Wolverhampton. My mother thought, "I must get home quickly!" My Aunt Sally went on to work in a parachute factory and if she visited us she would bring remnants of the silk for us to sew.

We could hear the soldiers marching up the road to Corndon Hill where they practised. They would be singing and marching to a tune such as "I had a good job and I left, I left." The locals would clap and cheer them and threw apples to them.

Our local hall at The Waterwheel, which was originally built for the local mines, was used in the war to house children from Liverpool.

At one time the Stiperstones were ablaze from falling bombs. Apparently the Germans used to unload their bombs there to get a quick getaway. My mother used to push my sister and me under the table or on to the stairs at such times.

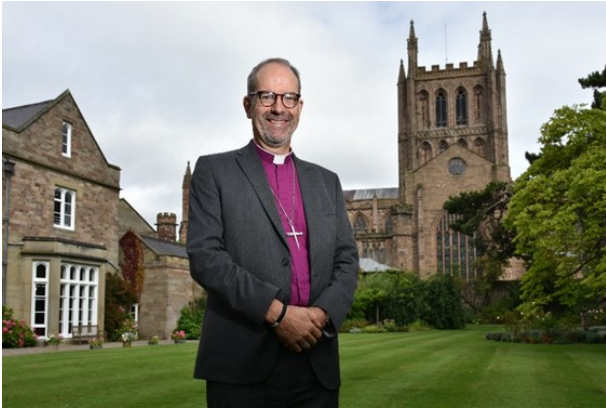
A local man was a government inspector who could search your home looking for stores of food which you were not supposed to keep. I know now why my mother insisted we never touched the grandfather clock!!

The prisoners of war working on a local farm used to make wooden toys for the local children. I remember one toy where there were two sticks about a foot long and if you pressed them together a little monkey jumped over some string. These prisoners were very friendly to us.

Sheffield, where we had cousins living, was badly bombed. My dad sometimes sent by train large crates called tea chests to help them because of the shortage of food. I imagine they contained dead rabbits and cockerels as my mother reared poultry.

My dad used to go up the fields at night and he reckoned he could tell which cities were being bombed by the lights in the sky. Where my husband lived in Montgomeryshire the large flat field opposite was covered with American planes.

Joan Richards (nee Purslow)
Wagbeach



Bishop's letter

The parish where I served as vicar in Sussex had a population of around 3,000. In the first world war there were about 800, and 33 names were recorded on the roll of honour. It is hard to imagine now that level of loss. The vicar lost his son and nearly every family in the village was affected.

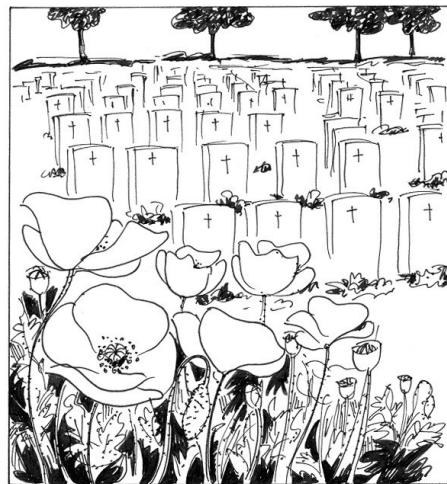
Every year, helped by an exhibition of their lives by a wonderful church warden, the number at Remembrance Day service grew. His research at one point called into question whether one of the names remembered on the WWII board had actually died! A brief panic was relieved when he discovered the person living in Canada was the same name but a different person. Few had any connection now with those we remembered, even from WWII when another twenty lost their lives. For many people it was the only service of the year they attended. It never failed to be a moving occasion.

In part, attendance was an opportunity to pay respects to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. But there was a deeper action as well. Those we remembered died because they believed a particular set of values were worth fighting for. They fought against tyranny, the treating of one group of people as inferior to others, and the idea that might makes right. The Nazi regime was the antithesis of the love that Jesus urges as our root value from which

all else flows. These Christian values are not intuitive to human beings. As the historian Tom Holland has conclusively argued in his book 'Dominion', a society wouldn't have these values but for Christian faith. Even the nihilist philosopher Nietzsche recognised this when he said, "When one gives up the Christian faith, one pulls the right to Christian morality out from under one's feet. Christianity is a system, a whole view of things thought out together. By breaking one main concept out of it, the faith in God, one breaks the whole: nothing necessary remains in one's hands." He did this, ending up with a philosophical system where power was the ultimate goal and looking out for the weak was despised.

In the confusing mixture of motivations that drove people to attend the 'Unite the Kingdom' march in London a few weeks ago were calls to reclaim the Christian heritage of the nation. In some way this is commendable, but the wielding of crosses in that context felt anything but the sacrificial love that the cross represents. Symbols are powerful things and need to be wielded with care. Crosses can be symbols of love and sacrifice or burnt by men in white robes on the way to a lynching. As Christians we assert the former as the only true representation of our nation's values.

+Richard



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

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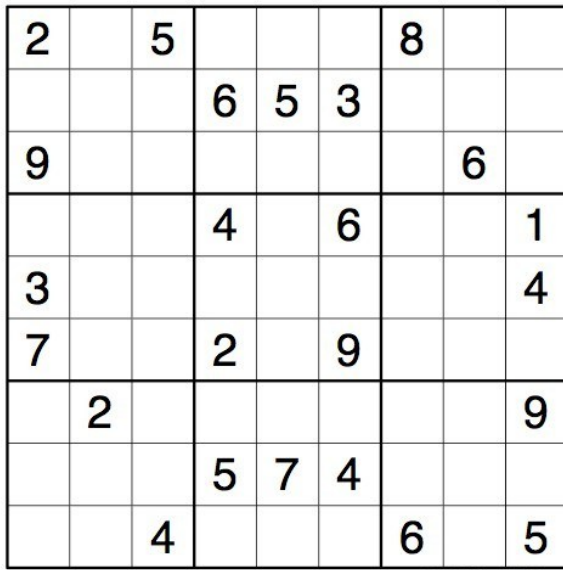


The Autumn session of 'Ichthus' meetings continues this month. Anyone with a desire to study the Bible with others is welcome to come. Meetings start at 2.30pm on Tuesday afternoons.

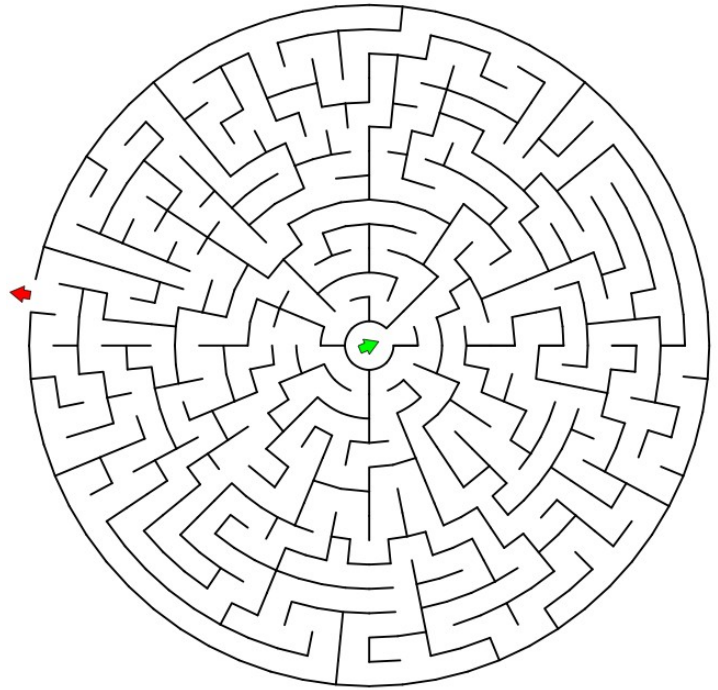
Liz Jackson 01743 791352

November 11th	The Blessing Snailbeach	Luke 21:5-19	Psalm 98	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
November 25 th	Brookfield Waterwheel	Matthew 4:36-44	Isaiah 2:1-5	Romans 15:4-13

Puzzle Page



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Wordsearch - St Andrew (Feast Day 30th Nov)

St Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland, though his only connection with the country is that some of his bones were reputedly transported in the 8th century to Fife and preserved at a church in a place now named St Andrews.

Andrew was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and the very first to bring someone else to Christ - his own brother. Like many fervent Jews at the time Andrew and an unnamed companion had been drawn to the prophet John the Baptist. When one day John pointed out Jesus to Andrew and his friend, and described him as the 'Lamb of God', the two young men assumed that the next stage of their spiritual search was about to unfold.

Andrew	John	See
Patron	Baptist	Peter
Saint	Lamb	Apostolic
Scotland	God	Band
Fife	Followed	Message
First	Jesus	World
Disciple	Come	

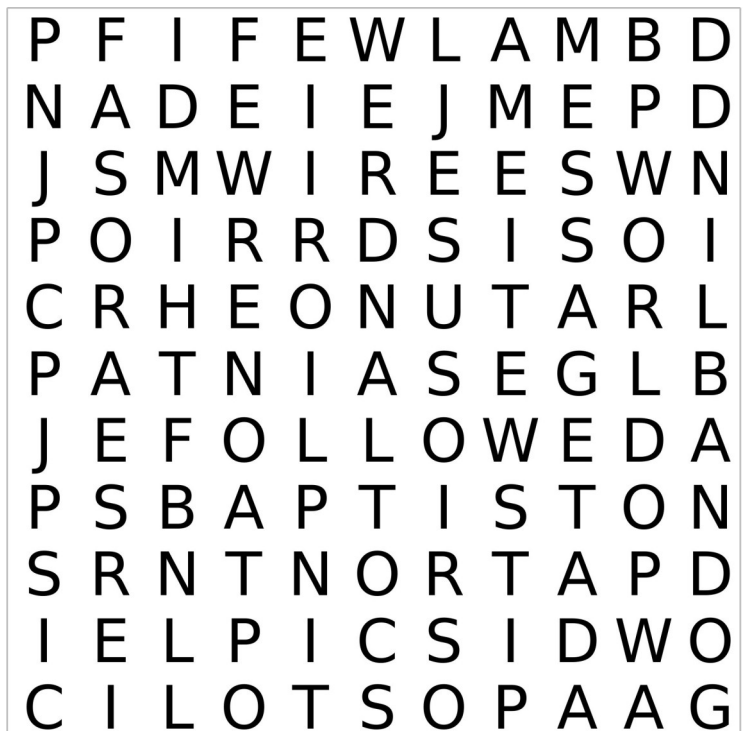
A couple of weeks ago, on my birthday, someone incautiously asked my age. I replied, "I am 4 years older than my sister. When she is as old as I will be when she is as old as I am now, my age will be 3 times the second perfect number." I don't think he was either enlightened or impressed.

*If this makes any sense to you
tell Robert Currie how old he is.
Don't blame me, I'm only the editor.*

So as Jesus made off, they followed him.

When Jesus turned and asked them what they were 'seeking', all they could come up with was a lame enquiry about his current place of residence: 'where are you staying?'

The reply of Jesus was the most straight-forward invitation anyone can receive: 'Come and see'. So they did, and the results of their response were life changing. For Andrew brought his brother Peter to Jesus, and soon the little apostolic band who would carry the message of Jesus to the whole world was formed. And right at the front of the column, as it were, was Andrew, the first disciple of Jesus.



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Minsterley Parish Council

The Planning Application for 25 homes adjacent to Linden Fields has raised several concerns:-

- The linking of footpaths between Linden Fields and Perret Close would leave pedestrians having to cross the busy A488 to proceed up to the village. Without the provision of a pelican crossing it would not be safe, especially for those walking to school.
- Building homes within recognised planning zone areas connected to poultry units should also be acknowledged.
- Plans for the entry/exit road and the drainage issues during heavy rainfall require further investigation.

No response has been received from Highways regarding traffic management connected to the roundabout in The Square.

The planting of Spring bulbs this year will be on ground by the Vicarage.

Problems with streetlights should be reported to the Clerk at clerk@minsterley.org.uk

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7pm on Tuesday 11th November in Minsterley Parish Hall.

Geoff Rogers
Chairman, Minsterley Parish Council
www.minsterley.org.uk

To contact the parish council, e-mail:
clerk@minsterley.org.uk

MINSTERLEY 59 CLUB WINNERS

Draw	Date	No.	Winner
38	17th September	42	Lynn Evans
39	24 th September	25	Geoff Rogers
40	1 st October	27	Frankie Burford
41	8 th October	51	Jean Ditchfield
42	15 th October	52	Roll Over

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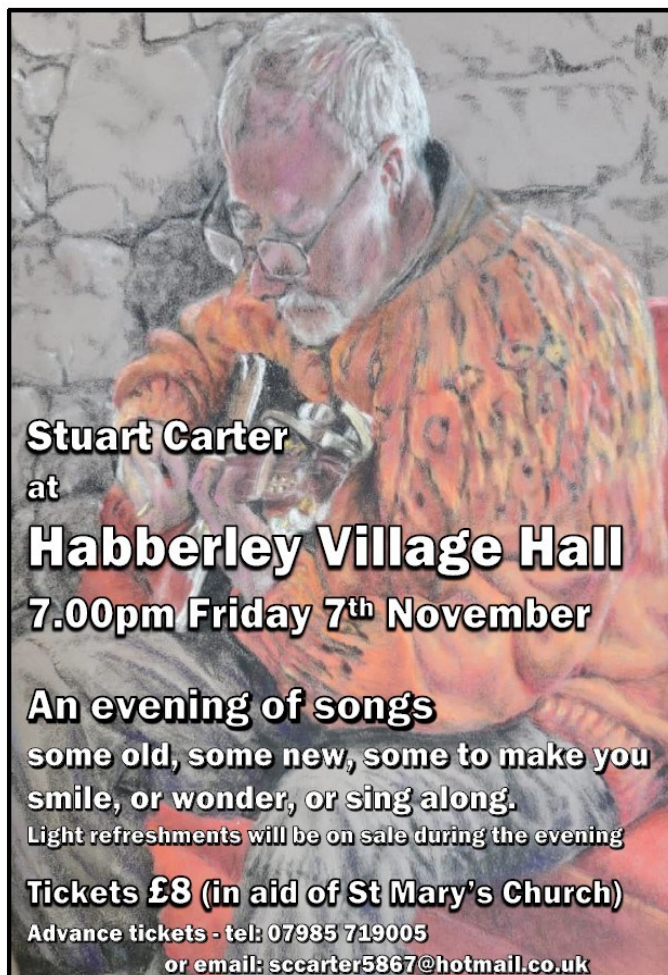
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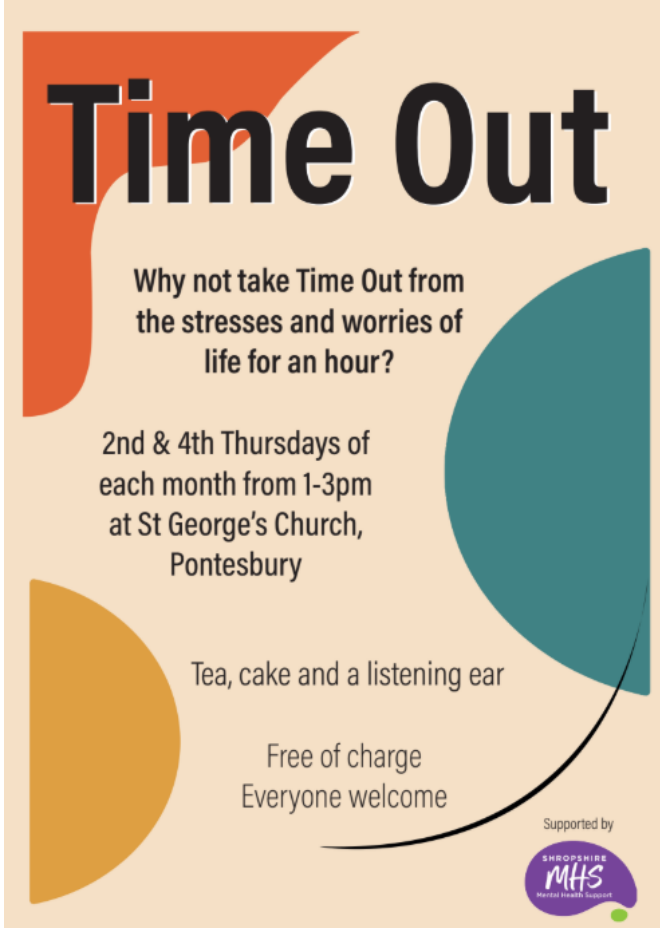
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Unbelievably it is one year since Rea Valley Foodbank became independent from Shrewsbury's Foodbank Plus and began running the service on our own. The occasion was marked by a celebration with Councillor Heather Kidd; Mike Kirk, our secretary, welcomed her and we were able to tell her that we have had referrals for over 100 service users, nearly half of which are households with one or more child. As the Foodbank was open at the time it was also an opportunity for her to see how it all works. Cllr. Kidd was keen to hear about the problems faced by people using our Foodbank and invited us to follow up with her and to discuss how Shropshire Council's services could help across our rural area.

To access the Foodbank or find out more:
Call Rev Greg Smith (07902 794653) or Rev Richard Lonsdale (07922 830488) or email reavalleyfoodbank@gmail.com. You can also be referred by a GP, school, nursery, social/health worker, housing provider or other support agency. See Facebook or our website: <https://reavalleyfoodbank.co.uk/>.

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Derek Matungu was a student from Zambia who came to the University of Bath. He was greeted at the railway station by a group of Christians seeking to offer help to international students. That first Sunday he was invited to the home of a Christian couple in a local church who hosted him for several Sundays to come. Under their influence Derek became a believer. He was impressed by the vivacity of the Christian student group and decided to start something similar in the Zambia. The Zambian Fellowship of Evangelical Students was born. He became their first staff worker. News reached the ears of the president Kenneth Kaunda. He invited Derek to the presidential palace and asked him, "What is the message which you are preaching which is turning the university upside down?" In response Derek preached the Gospel to him and the president invited him to come back in two weeks. When they arrived, Dr Kaunda had lined up the whole cabinet. He turned to Derek and said, "Preach to them what you preached to me two weeks ago!"

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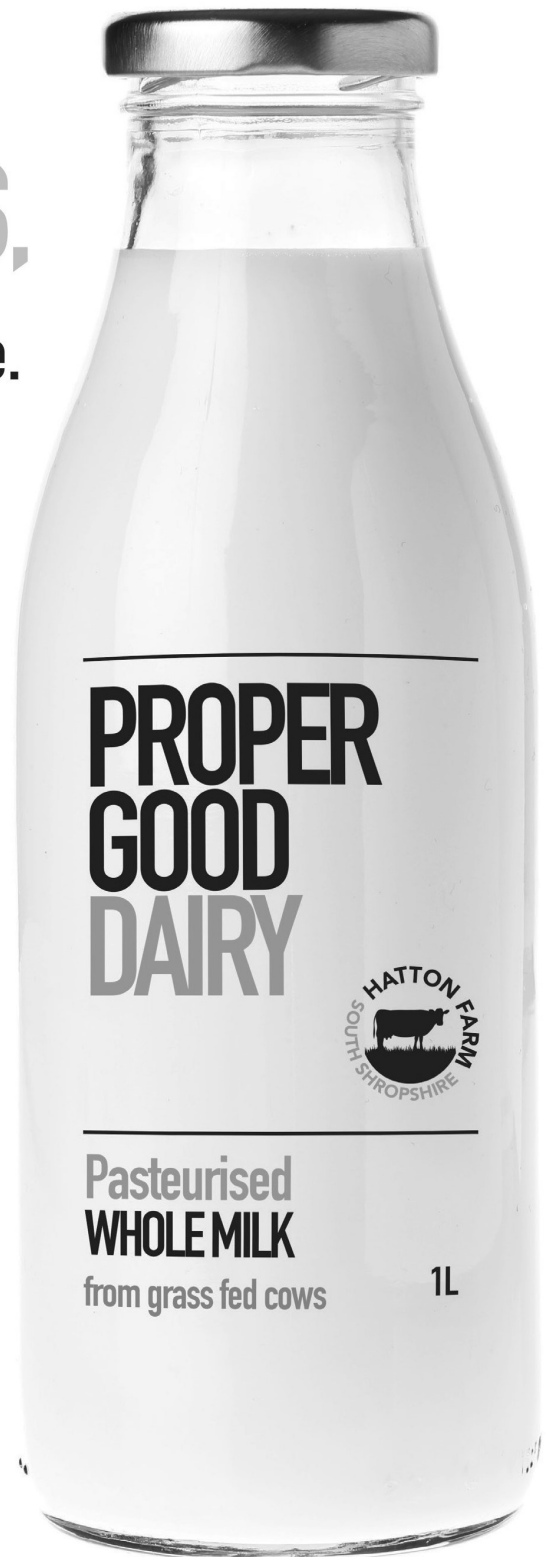
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"The world expects everyone to react to a crisis in terms of that crisis. And the church, if it is sufficiently infected with worldliness, will readily oblige.

- Where there is a financial crisis, the first thing we think about is money.
- When there is a communications crisis, our prime concern is to learn how to talk the language of the modern generation.
- When there is a church attendance crisis, we make it our chief aim to get numbers up.

"If Hezekiah had responded to a military threat in a military way, the Assyrians would have understood that. Army would have been matched against army, with dire consequences for Judah. But instead he looked first to God. Were he and his people right with God? Was God's temple open, clean, glorious with offerings and praise? The result was that when the invaders did reach Jerusalem the presence of God filled it, and it was impregnable."

Rev Michael Wilcock
"Bible Speaks Today" commentary

FESTIVE FRIENDS

Each year Festive Friends join together on Christmas Day to enjoy each other's company and consume an excellent festive lunch. If you are on your own this Christmas Day, for whatever reason and whatever age you are, do come and celebrate with us. Or, if you are a carer or cared for and the day will be much like the other 364, do get in touch.

See poster on page 6 for contact details.



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16th November	Psalm 98	2 Thessalonians 3. 6-13	Luke 21. 5-19
23rd November	Luke 21. 5-19	Colossians 1. 11-20	Luke 23.33-43
30th November	Isaiah 2. 1-5	Romans 13. 11-end	Matthew 24. 36-44

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	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
Sunday 2 nd All Saints Day (Gold/White)	10.00am Morning Worship KY		11.15am Holy Communion Fran Brealey	4pm All Souls Service KY/ Freddie Strong		6pm Holy Communion Fran Brealey
Sunday 9 th Remembrance Sunday (Green)	10:50am Remembrance Sunday with Holy Communion Ruth Leigh		10:50am Remembrance Sunday Service KY			
Sunday 16 th Second before Advent (Green)		3.00pm Holy Communion Maxine Neal	11.15am No Service		10:00am Family Worship KY	
Sunday 23 rd First before Advent (Green)	11.15am Holy Communion Fiona Gibson			9.00am Holy Communion Greg Smith		
Sunday 30 th 1 st Sunday of Advent (Purple)	10am Holy Trinity Middleton Benefice Wide Holy Communion Greg Smith					

You are warmly invited to join us at any of our churches!

Chirbury Hills Benefice contacts

Local Lay Minister: Kay Yeates
01938 561 640
km_yeates@yahoo.co.uk

Lay Worship Leader: Aster Meyer
aster.meyer@pm.me

Safeguarding Officers:
Kay Yeates (as above)
Chris Jerman chrisjerman@yahoo.co.uk

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Janet Jones 07967 312460



Welcome to the first edition of Chirbury Hills benefice news within the Minsterley Parish Magazine. Please let Kay Yeates or the editor have any comments or feedback.

If you belong to a parish in Chirbury Hills benefice and would like to submit an article or announcement for publication please do so. Contact details for the editor on page 2.

Diary dates for Chirbury Hills Benefice

Sunday 2 nd November	All Soul's service – see poster
Tuesday 4 th November	Middleton and the Marsh PCC meeting
Saturday 8 th November	Messy Church at Chirbury – see poster
Sunday 9 th November	Remembrance Sunday – services at Leighton and Chirbury – see rota.
Wednesday 12 th November	Section 11 meeting to formally adopt profile etc. All PCC's need to meet beforehand to approve their parish profiles and elect two representatives.
Saturday 15 th November	Middleton and Marsh Craft Fair at Priest Weston village Hall – see poster
Sunday 30 th November	Advent Sunday Group service at Middleton – see rota 11.30am Pottery making of crib figures at Priest Weston Village Hall, .
Advance notice:	
Saturday 13 th December	Chirbury Christmas coffee morning in Chirbury Church
Saturday 20 th December	Middleton and Marsh Christmas coffee morning in Montgomery Town Hall
Tuesday 23 rd December	4.30pm Crib service at Middleton,

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing the old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. The lady thought for a moment. "Only the Ten Commandments."

There are two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

REA VALLEY COMMUNITY WILDLIFE GROUP



MONTHLY WALK: NOVEMBER 2025

Saturday 15th November - Monthly Walk

10am - 1pm

Pontesford Hill Car Park - hoot.signed.cobbled

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

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.

This event is free, but donations are welcome.



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Following a spate of 'Courier Frauds' across the West Mercia area we would like to remind people what Courier Fraud is and how you can stay safe.

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They will attempt to gain your trust by asking you to ring the police/bank back who will be able to offer further assistance; this makes the call seem genuine when in actual fact the fraudster keeps the line open so the victim is unknowingly reconnected to them. They are likely to ask you to clarify your full bank details including your PIN.

If you do receive such a call end it immediately. If you are concerned that you have been the victim of a courier scam, we would recommend that you inform the bank immediately, not using the number the fraudsters provided but by using a trusted number such as on the reverse of your bank card. When doing this we recommend that you wait at least ten minutes (if using the same landline you have received the call from) or by using a mobile phone. Anyone who thinks that they have been contacted by a bogus police officer should contact West Mercia Police on 101, or 999 in the case of an emergency.

Please be aware that neither the police nor your bank will ever ask you to be involved in an undercover operation, nor will they send a courier to collect your money/bank cards. They will not ask you to verify your PIN code nor move money into a 'Safe account'

STOP. THINK. FRAUD. HANG UP – IT'S A SCAM

Our minister put hot-air hand dryers in the toilets at church and after two weeks took them out.

I asked him why and he confessed that they worked fine, but someone had scribbled on the dryer: "For a sample of this week's sermon, push the button."

A Moving Tribute to a Shropshire Son
Join Us this November

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Pontesbury
& Rea Valley

As we enter a time of remembrance, Pontesbury & Rea Valley u3a warmly invites you to our Open Meeting on 20th November for a special performance of *Strange Meetings*, presented by Shaun Higgins.

This powerful one-man show brings to life the final 15 months of Wilfred Owen – the renowned war poet born in Oswestry, Shropshire. From his time at Craiglockhart Hospital being treated for shell-shock, to his influential friendship with Siegfried Sassoon and the poetic brilliance it inspired, the story follows Owen's return to the Western Front and his untimely death just days before the Armistice.

Owen's story is one of hidden strength, fragility and the tragic cutting-short of huge potential. This first-person perspective is alive with language and wry humour, bringing to life his thoughts and inspirations.

Following the talk, 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 not in full-time employment for enjoyable learning or active experiences. We are local, friendly, and affordable, featuring over 20 interest groups covering a variety of activities.

Thank you

Following the donations of both cash and toiletries which were made for the women's refuge during the Lent lunches, plus other items which have been donated over the last months, I have received a letter of thanks from their Service Manager expressing their grateful thanks for the continuing support which we give.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to a much needed cause which we have supported for over thirty years.

Marie Edwards

A very deaf elderly man was finally fitted with a hearing aid that really worked. A month later his doctor called him in for a check-up. "Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

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CRIME/INCIDENTS TO NOTE REPORTED CHIRBURY, WORTHEN, HOPE, SHELVE & STIPERSTONE 16th September 2025 – 14th October 2025

CRIME	DETAILS	LOCATION	NOTES
Assault		Marion	
Aggravated vehicle taking	Vehicle taken from property without consent and damage caused to it	Worthing	Suspects arrested, enquires ongoing
Stalking		Marion	
Blackmail		Hope Valley	
Assault		Stiperstones	
Malicious		Churchstoke	

It's that time of year again when the darker nights are upon us. Simply leaving a light on 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 burglaries. Thankfully we get very few dwelling burglaries in this policing area, but having a light on may help deter thieves looking to target outbuildings.

The 'Lighten up' top security tips are:

- A well-lit home gives the impression someone is in.
- Use timer switches to turn lamps on.

- We recommend dusk 'til dawn lighting, which stays on through the dark, switching off at sunrise.
- Don't just set a light on a timer in the hall or landing area, try and set the lights up in 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.

Young James started nursery and began bringing his drawings home. Each day his mother admired the pictures and hung them on the fridge. But one thing bothered her. James used only black and browns for his drawings. What did that mean? Fearing a problem, and not wanting it to get worse, she decided to take him to a child psychologist.

The psychologist delicately went to work. He gave James a battery of psychological tests. Everything seemed perfectly normal. Yet every day,

James continued to bring home drawings in only blacks and browns.

Frustrated and fearful that something was terribly wrong, the child psychologist finally decided to give James some paper and a box of crayons and simply observe what happened.

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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

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Pontesbury Community and Care Co-ordinator 01743 790325
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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
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Citizens Advice Shropshire 0344 499 1100
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Shropshire Mental Health Support 01743 368647
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Shropshire Recovery Partnership 01743 294700
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Shropshire Rural Support 0300 123 2825
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Shropshire Domestic Abuse Helpline 0300 303 1191
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- Arthur Cushman

Your Rock is Christ, and it is not the Rock which
ebbs and flows, but your sea.

- Samuel Rutherford

A festive poster for a Christmas Fayre. At the top, it says 'Hillcrest Manor Nursing Home' in a red, arched font, with 'SY5 ODL' below it. The central image is a green Christmas tree with lights and ornaments. Surrounding the tree are various activities: 'Barrow of Booze Raffle', 'Cakes', 'Mulled Wine & Hot Chocolate', 'Craft & produce Stalls', 'Breakfast Baps', and 'Face Painting'. At the bottom, it says 'Christmas Fayre' in a large, elegant font, followed by 'Saturday 22nd November 10am - 1pm' in a red banner, and 'Meet Santa in his Grotto!' in a bold font. The background is decorated with stars and holly leaves.

Hillcrest Manor Nursing Home
SY5 ODL

Barrow of Booze Raffle
Cakes
Mulled Wine & Hot Chocolate
Craft & produce Stalls
Breakfast Baps
Face Painting

Christmas Fayre

Saturday 22nd November
10am - 1pm

Meet Santa in his Grotto!



All Souls Service

A time to remember
those we have lost
recently or long ago

3.00pm

Saturday 1st November 2025
Holy Trinity, Hope

Questions you might ask

Question -

What is the 2 year rule for NHS dentistry?

Answer -

The NHS Dentist two-year rule means you should not wait more than two years between check-ups. If you don't see your NHS dentist within this time, you might lose your registration as an NHS patient.

Question -

What does a Community Matron do?

Answer - An NHS community matron is a highly experienced, senior nurse who provides intensive, personalized care to patients with complex long-term conditions, helping them to manage their health at home and avoid hospital admissions. They act as case managers, coordinating with GPs, other health professionals, and social care to create care plans, monitor conditions, and provide advanced nursing interventions. There are approximately 2,000 Community Matrons in the UK. Refer to your local surgery for further information on local availability.

Angela Gifford

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Be aware of emails, texts, or even phone calls, claiming to be from HMRC; criminals will maximise the opportunity to send out texts, emails and also phone calls to catch out their victims. Whilst October and January are key dates in the HMRC Self-Assessment Calendar, fake messages purporting to come from HMRC may be around all year round, so everyone needs to be aware.

Criminals take advantage of the Self-Assessment deadlines to panic you into sharing personal or financial details or even paying bogus "Tax Due." So take a moment to think before parting with any information or money. If in doubt, check with HMRC using reliable contact details provided by them.

WHAT TO WATCH OUT FOR

Scammers may text or email people to tell them they are due a Tax Rebate; this may also include a link that asks for personal details which can be used for further scams.

Scammers are also using phone calls to gain people's details. Automated phone calls may be used to say people owe tax, and arrest warrants may be issued by HMRC unless they pay the debt.

Fake web pages have also been used which copy the genuine HMRC website.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

Before you give out any personal details consider:

Were you expecting to be contacted? Check it is really HMRC contacting you.

Are you being pressured? If the request is for an urgent money transfer or for personal details be very wary. Remember that HMRC will never ask for payments using Gift Cards.

Are you being threatened with arrest? HMRC will never call you and threaten arrest.

Are you being asked for personal bank details or to transfer money?

Is it sounding too good to be true? Are you really expecting a Tax Rebate?

Is the website or email address genuine? Always double check these details if you are unsure. Some more refined scams may use official details and logos so be aware.

Check your personal tax account online to see if there are any genuine messages.

If you think it is a scam, report it to HMRC as soon as possible for further investigations. You can report suspicious emails via phishing@hmrc.gov.uk.



Churchyards are great places to find both amphibians and reptiles. These groups include frogs, toads, newts, lizards and snakes. The first three can come as a surprise as burial grounds rarely have ponds, but actually, frogs, toads and newts spend much of their time on land and mainly use ponds for breeding and laying spawn. Amphibians (frogs, toads and newts) and reptiles (lizards and snakes) almost all hibernate, and most find a suitable spot on land.

Both amphibians and reptiles overwinter in places that are frost-free and unlikely to flood. They need to be protected from predators and from disturbance. This might be within the soil, perhaps using a crack caused by grave subsidence or beneath tree roots, inside a chest tomb with a suitable hole to clamber in, between the stones of a wall, under a pile of leaves or in a pile of deadwood. Woodland soil, with shade and leaves, can be particularly good.

One of the differences between amphibians and reptiles is in their skin. Amphibians have smooth skin which can look velvety or have a bumpy, warty texture. The skin is permeable which means they can dry out. When on land they need to keep moist so overwinter in a damp and shady spot, often under leaves. Reptiles have scales and impermeable skin so don't need damp, and may use compost heaps as well as cracks in walls and monuments. Amphibian skin also picks up chemicals easily; herbicides and fertilizers can be fatal - making burial grounds, with their lack of chemicals, particularly suitable.

Take a good look around your churchyard and you'll see that it's full of good spots to hibernate. You can increase these however. How about making a dead hedge or pile of deadwood in a shady spot? Do you have a compost heap? Try not to empty it after the end of October in case it's in use for overwintering. Tussocks of coarse grass and grassland plants like hogweed, particularly when next to a wall, are favoured by slow worms - probably the most common reptile found in burial grounds.

By November it's likely that amphibians and reptiles will be tucked safely away, although the timing does depend on the temperature in a particular year, but it's nice to know that they might be there awaiting the warmer weather of spring.

Harriet Carty

Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor

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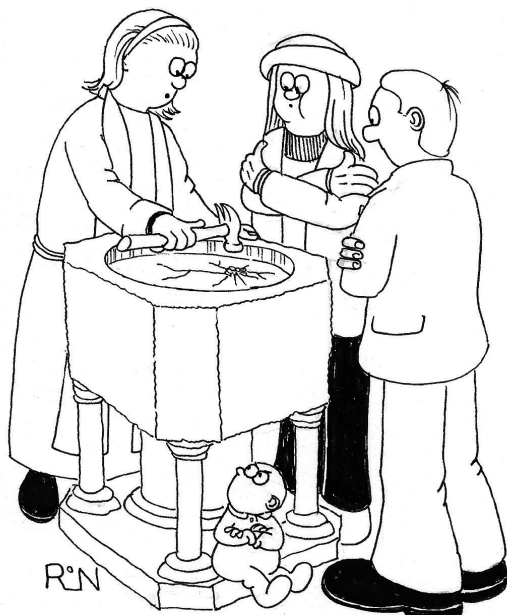
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From September 2024



*The boiler only worked if the
Verger switched it on*

At 11am on Tuesday 11th November
there will be a Community Act of
Remembrance at Bentlawnt
War Memorial.

Minsterley Methodist Church

10am Sunday services



2nd November. Family Service led by members of
the congregation

9th November. Remembrance Sunday. No service -
see details for service at Holy Trinity (page 2).

16th November. Minsterley Praise. A wonderful
service for members of all denominations and none
to come together for praise, worship and
companionship

23rd November. Preacher – Rev Richard Hall.
Service to include Holy Communion

30th November. Preacher – Dr John Woolley

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

Stiperstones group of churches - recent 'life event' services

2nd October @ St Luke's Snailbeach
Funeral and interment of ashes Les Allery

20th October @ Holy Trinity Minsterley
Funeral and burial of Graham Wilson

Snailbeach Methodist Chapel

2.45pm Sunday services

2nd November Local Arrangement
16th November Domini Lucas

21st December Carol Service

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

Sue Priddey (01743 790913)

HOPE AND SHELVE PARISH

Christmas Coffee and Cake with children's activities

Saturday December 13th
10a.m – 12 noon
Hope Village Hall
SY5 0JB

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 service:

Sunday 9th November 3.00pm Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 30th

1.30am GROUP SERVICE at Shelve

St Mary's Parish Church Habberley

Church Wardens

Pauline Stopford, The Kennels, Habberley (01743 790784)

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

Sunday 9th Nov	5.00pm	Remembrance Sunday evensong
Sunday 23rd	5.00pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 30th	1.30am	GROUP SERVICE at Shelve



Hope & Shelve Parish

Church Warden

Barbara Venables

Refreshments are served at all our services!

Holy Trinity Church Hope

Saturday 1st Nov	3.00pm	All Souls' service
Sunday 9th	9.00am	Remembrance Sunday communion
Sunday 23rd	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 30th	1.30am	GROUP SERVICE at Shelve



All Saints' Church Shelve

Sunday 2nd Nov	9.00am
Sunday 16th	9.00am
Sunday 30th	1.30am

All Saint's Day Holy Communion
"Worship Together" - all-age service.
GROUP SERVICE welcoming the other Churches with us.



WEEKLY EVENTS



MONDAY

YOUTH CAFE (term time)

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

ICHTHUS BIBLE STUDY GROUP

2.30 - 4.30pm

2nd and 4th Tuesday of each
month. For information contact
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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

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