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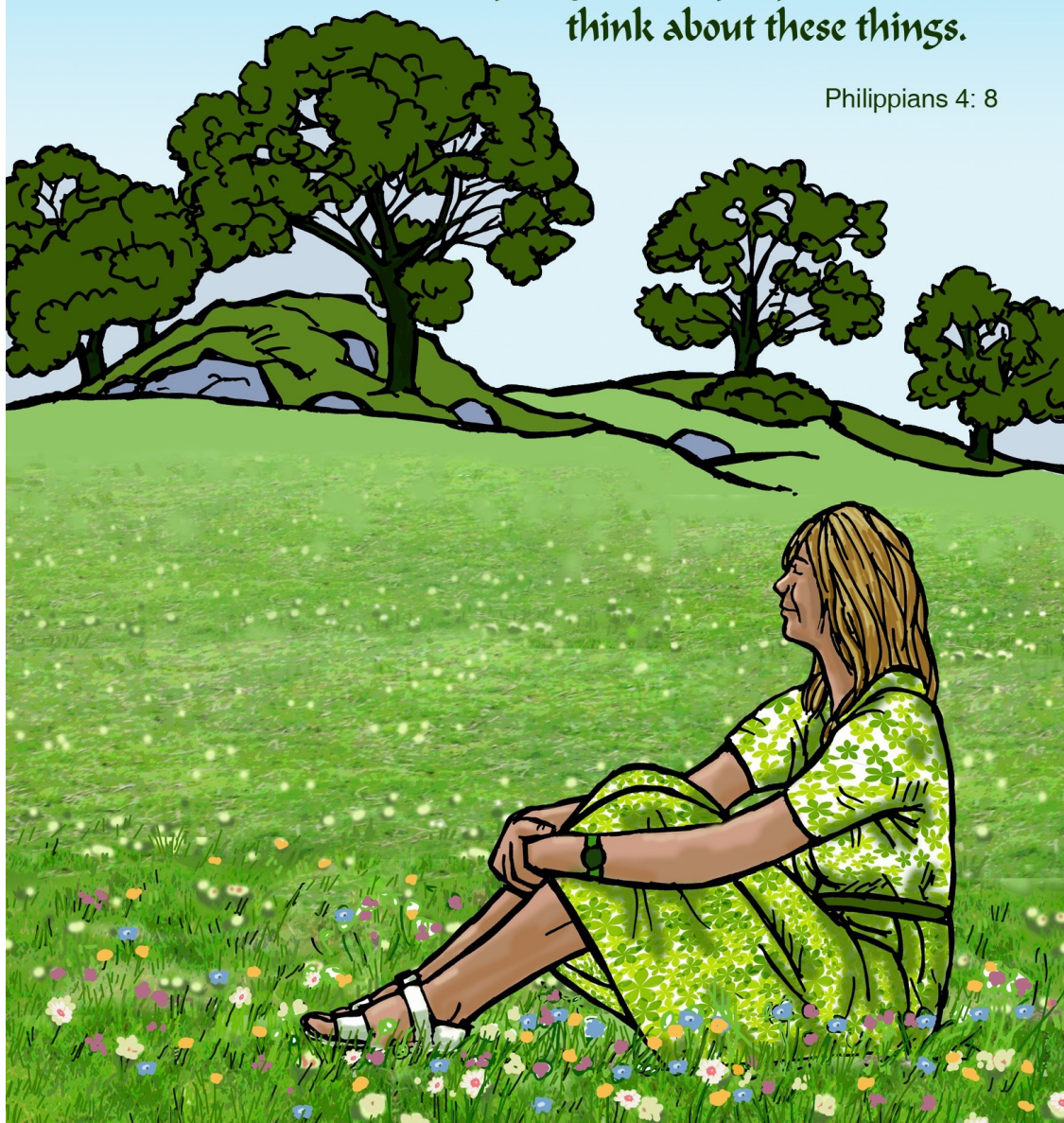


incorporating news from the Chirbury Hills benefice:

**Middleton, Leighton, Marton,  
Corndon Marsh, Trelystan, Chirbury,**

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable,  
whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing,  
whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence  
and if there is anything worthy of praise,  
think about these things.

Philippians 4: 8





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## Church services this month

Sunday 5th 4.00pm Tea time service  
Sunday 12th 10.30am Holy Communion  
Sunday 19th 10.30am Minsterley Praise  
Sunday 26th 10.30am Holy Communion

Please see page 34 -35 for details of services in  
the other churches in our Stiperstones group

## Weekly events in the church (see page 31)

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

## Other events this month

Thu 2nd Knitter Natter (EVERY Thursday) (p29)  
Sat 4th Ordination of Ian Williams at Hereford  
Music concert (p7)  
Sun 5th Welcome lunch at St George's (p6)  
Sat 11th Archery opportunity (p17)  
Bingo night (p21)  
Sun 12th Pink Potter (p21)  
Mon 13th Crafty Monday (p13)  
Tues 14th Oasis meeting (p7)  
Ichthus Bible study (p15)  
Parish Council meeting (p11)  
Wed 15th u3a open meeting (p21)  
Mon 20 - Fri 24th Holiday Club (p34)  
Tue 21st The Gathering (p4)  
Photography evening (p13)  
Tue 28th Oasis (p7)  
Ichthus Bible study (p15)

See also the diary of monthly events in  
Chirbury Hills group on page 19

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For most people at various times in their lives, July often signals a period of change. It's the beginning of the summer holidays and for families that entails a change in routine for six weeks. For a start, the kids are at home and need to be occupied in some way by someone. The opportunity for an adventure can often arise – a couple of weeks under canvas, or grilling your skin under the seaside sun, or jetting off to some exotic place – backpacking in Bali or lazing by the bar in Benidorm.

For most people, in their younger years, July has been a time to say 'Goodbye' to familiar places and friends and prepare for something different. Getting ready for a new school, or leaving school; preparing for college; finding a job and starting work for the first time; leaving home and moving away; having to find new friends, face new challenges, and step out into an uncertain future.

I have to say that almost every significant change I have experienced over the years has begun around July; the ending of one term and the anticipation of the next. These can be exciting times or fearful times or, probably, both.

The Bible tells the story of the Israelites' journey to the Promised Land. It was a long journey punctuated by times of hope and glory, and pockmarked by moments of folly and failure. But eventually they arrived and prepared to cross the river to begin a new and settled life, and to build a homeland. The man in charge was Joshua. He was a confident leader possessing a strength of character and a firm faith in God. But, when the time came, he felt the pressure of the unknown.

*Joshua sat alone staring out across the river to the land the other side. He was on his own now. Well, not really on his own. He had a whole nation, thousands of people with him. But he was in charge. Moses had been the leader for years, but now Moses was gone. He looked across the river to the new land that they were going to – the Promised Land. He'd seen it once before, a long time ago, and dreamed about it. How he longed for this moment...the day they would all cross over to a new home, a new beginning.*

*He was filled with excitement, but he was scared too. Who would they meet there? How would they live? There would be new challenges, new things to learn. They would be spreading out to different places in this Promised Land; It might mean losing touch with old friends or having to make new ones.*

*What about enemies? Would there be many of those when they got there? Would there be problems? He was sure there would be some. "How will I cope?" he thought. There by the river he could see where he was going – where they would all be going. It looked good. But Moses was gone now, and he'd always relied on him. Moses had known what to do. But who would teach him now?*

*So many questions - so many hopes, doubts, fears and longings. So many thoughts. So many feelings running round his stomach. Then, like a sighing on the wind, and a distant echo in the mountains, he heard it. God's voice, speaking: "Be strong, Joshua. This is my command. Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."*

*It was getting dark. Joshua stood and turned back towards the tents where his people were already settling down for the night. "A few more days, that's all", he thought, "Then we move on." He began to walk towards the camp. A gust of wind shook the bushes nearby and blew across his face, as if to remind him once again. "You are not alone. You will never be alone... the Lord your God is with you."*

For me as a Christian one of the most precious aspects of my faith is the knowledge that whenever I face changes, however challenging or perplexing, I never have to face them alone. I may find myself separated from friends or loved ones, but there is One who never leaves me and, in those times of uncertainty or difficult decision making, I can be confident that he will accompany me. I can ask for wisdom and trust in his guidance.

Even in moments of uncertainty, when I feel as if I might be stepping out into thin air, God's promise and encouragement for me remains the same as it was for Joshua all those years ago... *"Be strong. This is my command. Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."* (Joshua 1 v.9)

Whatever changes you might be facing in your life's journey; in your relationships, in your work life, in health and fitness, though times of enrichment or moments of loss; may you come to know and trust the God who will be with you wherever you go.

**Rev Stuart Carter**



# Deanery of Pontesbury

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So a man gets to heaven and meets St Peter on duty at the pearly gates. He says to St Peter,

‘How do I get in? Do I just walk in?’ St Peter says, ‘Well it depends...’

The man says, ‘Oh, it depends on something?’ ‘Well, yes.’ St Peter replies.

‘What does it depend on?’ the man asks.

‘It depends on how many points you have.’

‘Points? I have to have points to get in?’

‘Oh yes.’

‘So how many points do I need?’

‘Well you need one hundred points.’

‘Oh. OK. Well for the last fifteen years I’ve been volunteering at the foodbank and helping in hostel for homeless people.’

‘OK. I’ll give you a point for that.’

‘Oh. Just one? Well, I was a vicar for thirty years. I married people, I buried people. I didn’t have a proper holiday in all that time.

‘OK. I’ll give you a point for that.’

So the man begins to look worried - for this whole life, he just gets two points.

Then he sees a man he knows. A nice chap. Came to church twice a year. Had a small family friendly business. He simply walks up to the gates and strolls through, no stopping, straight through he goes.

The first man asks St Peter: ‘St Peter, are you telling me that that man has got one hundred points?’ St Peter replies, ‘Oh no. He just doesn’t play this game.’

Have a great summer everyone.

Rev Ruth Leigh



## What's On!

|              |                                                                                                              |
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| 11 JULY      | <b>BINGO NIGHT</b><br><small>eyes down for a full house!</small>                                             |
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| 12 DEC       | <b>CHRISTMAS FAIR</b><br><small>cakes, crafts, food, music and Santa</small>                                 |
| DEC          | <b>CHRISTMAS EVENTS</b><br><small>more to follow...</small>                                                  |



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(1 Thessalonians 5: 11)

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## World News . . . .

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

### Bringing light behind bars in Cambodia

Christians in Cambodia who are in prison are discovering hope and transformation through practical care and spiritual support. In a context where incarceration often brings isolation, fear and loss of purpose, a ministry is working within several correctional centres to bring the light of Christ into difficult and restricted environments.

Through regular church services inside prisons, inmates who have come to faith are able to gather for worship, receive pastoral care, and grow in faith together as a community. “God has given me a new heart and a new purpose,” shared one inmate. “I will continue to serve Him when I am released.”



More than 100 take part in worship services, where they are encouraged spiritually and through practical programmes to help them prepare for life after release.

A dedicated worship space is being developed in one facility, providing a safe and consistent place for prayer, discipleship and teaching. For many inmates, this is the first time they have experienced stable community and encouragement.

Educational training in areas such as language learning and basic computer skills is equipping prisoners with tools for a more hopeful future.

Lives are being powerfully transformed as faith, community and practical skills come together behind prison walls

### Seventy-six Christians killed by Islamists in Ebola-hit D. R. Congo

Islamist terrorists have claimed the killing of 76 Christians in a two week-long spate of violence in the Beni region of North Kivu, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). The region borders Ituri, the epicentre of the current Ebola outbreak, with 487 confirmed cases out of at least 515 across north-eastern DRC. At least two confirmed cases of Ebola virus have been declared in the Beni region.

Fighters from Islamic State Central Africa Province (ISCAP) slaughtered sixteen Christians in the village of Mayangose on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May. A day earlier ten believers had been captured from the same village and subjected to an execution-style killing. On the same day fifteen Christians were killed in an ISCAP raid on the village of Buikine. These atrocities followed the murder of sixteen near the city of Oicha on 25<sup>th</sup> May. Nineteen more were killed in three separate attacks in different parts of Beni on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, according to reporting from the Terrorism Tracking & Research Consortium.

ISCAP has now claimed the killing of around 1,130 Christians in north-eastern DRC since its campaign of jihadi violence escalated in December 2024. Its fighters will typically demand that communities convert to Islam, accept *dhimmi* status as subjugated (supposedly protected people), or face death. In classical Islam, Christians and Jews (regarded as “people of the book”) have the option of becoming *dhimmi* and living under Islamic rule. Accepting such a status involves following many humiliating rules and regulations, including paying the *jizya* tax.

In early May, after the massacre of around sixty Christians (also in the Beni region), a statement published on Islamic State (IS, ISIS, ISIL, Daesh) social media channels declared, “Let the worshippers of the cross know that they have no security except by submitting willingly or paying the *jizya* in humiliation.”

A recent report highlighted the “extensive brutality” carried out by ISCAP (formerly known as the Allied Democratic Forces or ADF), including mass killings, forced labour, torture, abuse and sexual violence. Similar atrocities have been carried out by members of the M23 rebel movement, who are assessed as having killed between 900 and 2,000 people solely in their 2025 attack on Goma, then the provincial capital of North Kivu.

Instability caused by ISCAP, M23 and other armed groups is severely hampering emergency response efforts following confirmation of the Ebola outbreak on 15th May. More than 200 people are believed to have died from Ebola in north-eastern DRC.

## "Goodbye" from the curate and "Hello" from the rector

Well, it's time to say goodbye to Minsterley and hello to Chirbury. My curacy (that is my training post) has come to an end and I'll be taking up the post as Rector of the Chirbury Hills Benefice sometime in October.

We're very pleased to be staying in the area as Shropshire is a wonderful place to live, and you'll still see me around and about because part of my role will be to act as a Rural Chaplain specifically focused on the spiritual needs of the farming community; and with this hat on I will be covering a much larger area than purely the Chirbury Hills. It is going to be busy but I am also sure it will be hugely enjoyable and interesting. Do keep me and my family in your prayers and if you see me nipping into Hignett's or the garage at Minsterley then be sure to say hello.

**Richard Lonsdale**

## Happy 80th Birthdays

On Sunday 14th June HTM marked the 80th birthdays being celebrated this year within our Benefice. After our communion service we enjoyed a buffet lunch, two resounding renditions of 'happy birthday' and the joint cutting of a birthday cake. We also marked the occasion of Mike and Caro's diamond wedding anniversary.

We are grateful for all that each person brings to the life of both our churches and communities and are blessed to know them all. Happy 80th Birthdays!

**Sarah Edwards**



## and "Hello" from another curate

I'm very much looking forward to beginning my curacy in the benefices in July 2026. I previously served in the Stiperstones Benefice as a Reader during the interregnum, and it will be a joy to return as a Deacon, renew old acquaintances, and make new connections.

One of my favourite Bible verses is, "For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all" (2 Cor. 5:14). It captures how I feel about serving the body of Christ in Pontesbury and Stiperstones.

I'm married to Claire, and we live in the nearby village of Westbury with our daughter and two dogs. I love preaching and getting involved in God's work—and you'll be pleased to know I'm not a fan of overly long sermons!

One of my weaknesses is a shockingly poor memory for names, so please bear with me—I will remember eventually!

It would be wonderful if you could join me, and possibly my wife Claire, at the welcome lunch planned for 5th July at St George's. We are very much looking forward to meeting you.

**Ian Williams**



*Life can become once more a grand adventure if we will surrender it to God. He brings one adventure to an end, only to open another to us. With Him we must be ready for anything.*

- Paul Tournier



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You choose what items you need; we will try to meet your needs and you can come once, every week or when you need to. We know that older people don't like asking for help, but we want to make it as easy as possible for people to use our Foodbank, so you can come along with a neighbour or relative or be accompanied by one of our friendly volunteers - the majority are retired too.

There are quieter times when we are open for tea, coffee and chat if you wish. It's just one step away to get referred.

If you are concerned about an older relative, friend or neighbour you can contact us on their behalf or drop in and talk to our volunteers when the Foodbank is open. You are welcome to come along with them and stay for a cuppa and chat.

## To use the Foodbank or find out more:

Call for a chat with Rev Greg Smith (07902 794653) or Rev Richard Lonsdale (07922 830488), or ask your local clergy, GP, school, nursery, social/health worker, housing provider or other support agency. See our website: <https://reavalleyfoodbank.co.uk/> or Facebook.

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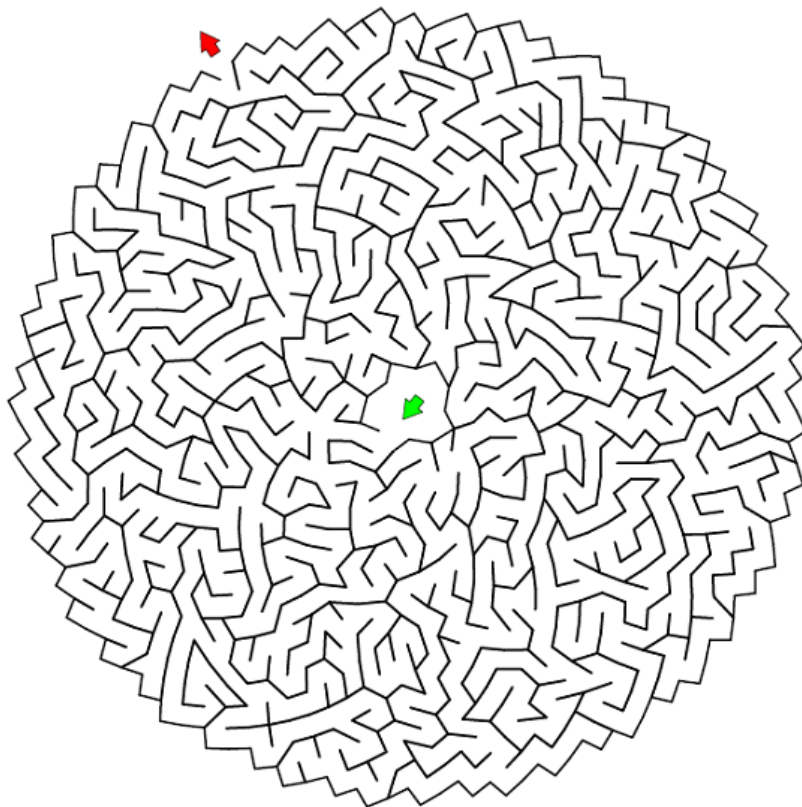


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### “One Church” prayer meeting

Worthen Methodist Chapel

4.30-5.30pm every Wednesday

to pray for the Rea Valley

All are welcome to come and join,  
or to pray with us from wherever you are  
at that time.

Domini Lucas

It was 250 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> July 1776, that the US Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Second Continental Congress. The original signed parchment still exists, behind bullet-proof glass at the National Archives in Washington.

An original draft of the Declaration was made by Thomas Jefferson, and was amended by Benjamin Franklin and John Adams. It runs for only 1,320 words. The Declaration included the phrase: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

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| 21   | 27 <sup>th</sup> May  | 35       | Caroline Holloway             |
| 22   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> June  | 44       | Roy Blakemore                 |
| 23   | 10 <sup>th</sup> June | 16<br>51 | Lynn Evans<br>Jean Ditchfield |
| 24   | 17 <sup>th</sup> June | 16<br>56 | Lynn Evans<br>Keith Andrews   |

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## Minsterley Parish Council

Complaints of "Anti-Social Behaviour" opposite the Parish Hall, connected with the Minsterley Brook, were discussed with West Mercia Police.

A report would be requested regarding disabled access to the playground area and playing field as highlighted by a parishioner.

Quotes were discussed for replacing the large slide in the playground area, now that sufficient funds are available raised by CIL money (from new housing development).

The next meeting of Minsterley Parish Council will be at 7.00pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July in Minsterley Parish Hall.

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## Heather Kidd's Report for June 2026

### Roads

i. Road repair projects continue with Lower Lane in Chirbury being done in August and Priest Weston to Rorrington following in the Autumn.

ii. More resources are now being allocated, under emergency powers, to tackle pot-holes, including two extra specialist gangs. These repairs will be largely permanent, with the work checked by Council Officers to ensure quality.

iii. The Council is now using two 'multihog' pothole machines to enhance the rate of repair.

iv. All these measures have substantially increased the rate of repair. 1,123 potholes were filled in the week ending the 8th June alone.

### Buses

Several bus services subsidized by the Council have altered recently. These do not include the 552 & 553 Shrewsbury to Bishop's Castle service, which continues as normal. The enhanced 558 Shrewsbury to Montgomery service will start by September.

### Litter Bins and grass cutting.

Shropshire Council is now working to take the above services back 'in-house', as the contractors at present are failing to deliver an efficient service. I have pressed them to regularly empty bins at Chirbury shop, Brockton Play area (and cut the grass!) and Westbury. Please let me know if any remain uncollected.

**Heather Kidd**

Shropshire Councillor

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## 59 Club

It appears that the National Lottery has changed the rules of its draw from Wednesday 10th June. From that date there will be two draws each Wednesday and Saturday using two different machines....Round 1 and Round 2. This means there will be two bonus balls giving two chances to win.

This now means that every Wednesday there will be an extra chance of winning the 59 Club, but it also means that the prize money we pay will have to be divided equally between the bonus numbers. More chances of winning but for less prize money.

We do have numbers available so if anyone would like to join this £1 a week fundraiser, or to take an extra number, do please have a word with Geoff (791466) or Marie (791508).



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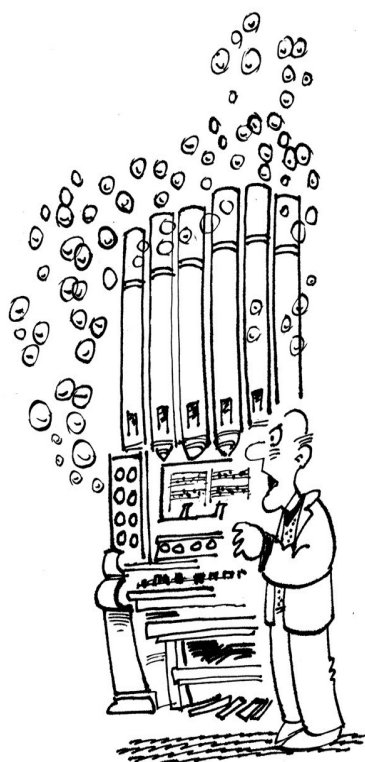
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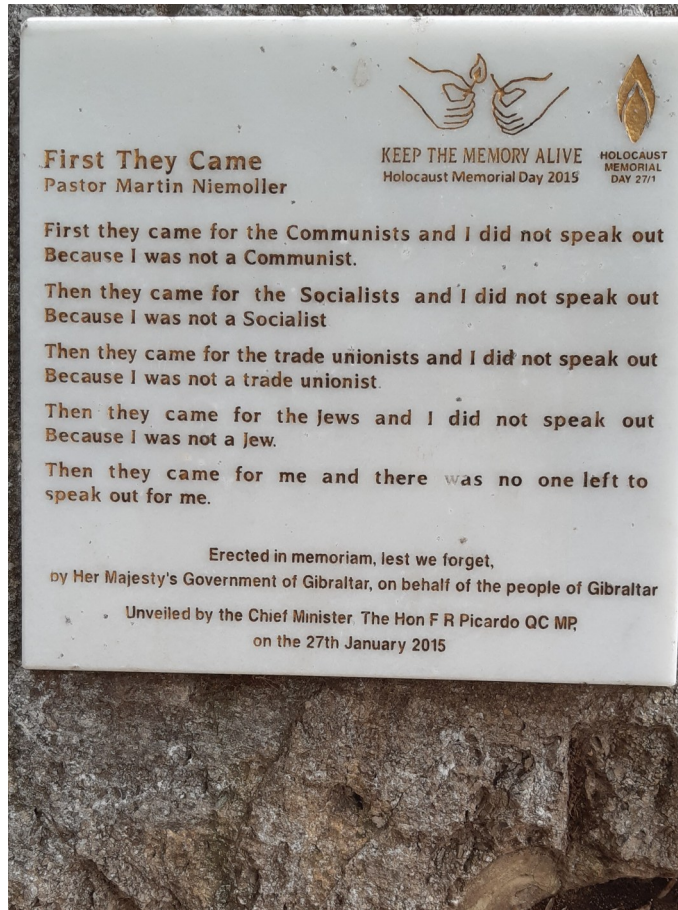
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## Postcard from Gibraltar

Mr and Mrs Editor were on holiday in Gibraltar last month and saw this plaque in the Commonwealth Park. Maybe you have heard this poem before? If not, I recommend reading up on the life of Martin Niemöller.



A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?" "He is an artist!" said the little boy.

"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked. "You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven..."



*The boys on the substitutes' bench knew their only chance of a sing was if one of the first team was injured*

## Bible Readings in church this month



**Why not read these at home if you are unable to join us for Sunday worship?**

|           |                                                                     |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5th July  | Zechariah 9.9-12<br>Romans 7. 15-25a<br>Matthew 11. 16-19, 25-end   |
| 12th July | Isaiah 55. 10-13<br>Romans 8. 1-11<br>Matthew 13. 1-9, 18-23        |
| 19th July | Isaiah 44. 6-8<br>Romans 8. 12-25<br>Matthew 13. 24-30, 36-43       |
| 26th July | Psalms 119. 129-136<br>Romans 8. 26-end<br>Matthew 13. 31-33, 44-52 |

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

**ICHTHUS**



The Spring session of 'Ichthus' meetings concludes 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**

|           |                         |                                                               |
|-----------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| July 14th | The Blessing Snailbeach | Isaiah 44:6-8 Romans 8:12-25<br><b>Matthew 13:24-30,36-43</b> |
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## Sunday services in the Chirbury Hills Group of Parishes *July 2026*

within the Deanery of Pontesbury and the Diocese of Hereford

|                      | Holy Trinity<br>Leighton                       | St Mary's<br>Trelystan                         | St Michael's<br>Chirbury                        | St Mark's<br>Marton-in-Chirbury                | Holy Trinity<br>Middleton-in-Chirbury              | Corndon Marsh<br>Chapel                     |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.00 am<br>Morning<br>Worship<br><b>Kay</b>   |                                                | 11.15 am<br>Holy<br>Communion<br><b>Richard</b> |                                                |                                                    | 6.00 pm<br>Holy<br>Communion<br><b>Greg</b> |
| Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> | 4.00 pm<br>Evensong<br><b>Richard</b>          |                                                |                                                 | 9.00 am<br>Holy<br>Communion<br><b>Richard</b> | 11.15 am<br>Holy<br>Communion<br><b>Richard</b>    |                                             |
| Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> |                                                | 3.00 pm<br>Holy<br>Communion<br><b>Richard</b> | 11.15 am<br>Holy<br>Communion<br><b>Richard</b> |                                                | 10.00 am<br>Family Worship<br><b>Allen Marsden</b> |                                             |
| Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> | 11.15 am<br>Holy<br>Communion<br><b>Stuart</b> |                                                |                                                 | 9.00 am<br>Holy<br>Communion<br><b>Greg</b>    |                                                    |                                             |

*You are warmly invited  
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## Chirbury Hills group of churches

### Dates for your diary - July

- Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning in Marton Village Hall  
10am - 12noon  
"Music for a Summer Night"  
Concert in Holy Trinity Church,  
Middleton (see page 7)J
- Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Benefice Meeting with Greg and Richard  
at Tony Sheppard's home.
- July 9<sup>th</sup> Forden Mothers Union visit to  
Holy Trinity, Middleton
- July 11<sup>th</sup> Messy Church (see page 20)
- July 14<sup>th</sup> Coffee, Cake and Chat at Chirbury Café
- Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Trelystan annual summer fete
- Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Pilates and Poke at Rorrington Lodge –  
(see below)
- July 31<sup>st</sup> Concert at St. Michael's Chirbury  
(see below)

Sun 4th October Licencing of Richard Lonsdale

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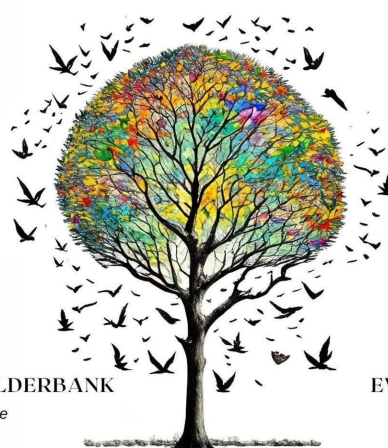
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## The power of friendship

Recently I've been thinking a lot about friendship: what starts it, what builds it and what sustains it.

Our family moved to Hereford a little over a year ago. When we sensed a call from God to come here, we knew we would be starting again. We knew no one locally, which meant building friendships and community from the beginning.

Friendship doesn't arrive fully formed. It grows slowly, often in what Scripture calls "the day of small things": small conversations, small acts of kindness, small decisions to keep turning up. Like many relationships, friendship begins with connection but grows through countless small choices over time.

Even Jesus invested deeply in only a few close friendships. We cannot invest deeply in everyone, but we can choose to show up consistently for a few people: to cherish them, serve them, forgive them and remain faithful companions through life's ups and downs.

I have often found this challenging because it means choosing to go first: starting the conversation, suggesting meeting up, offering help, buying the coffee and risking things feeling a little awkward. I have learnt from my husband who is much more natural at including others and making space for friendship than I am. Yet, as I have been brave, I have discovered that many people are open to friendship. They are waiting, just as we are.

One of my most significant friendships began in my thirties in a very ordinary way. While volunteering, I simply said to someone, "This is a bit awkward, but I'd really like to be friends." It sounds disarmingly simple, but it takes courage. Often all it takes is one person willing to make the first move.

There are seasons in life that carry a particular loneliness: the early years of parenting, times of transition, when friends move away, or later, when friends go to glory. Loneliness is not unusual; it is part of the human experience. Yet rather than turning on the TV, perhaps the invitation is to look up and out: to join a club, volunteer, pick up the phone or invite someone for dinner regardless of the state of our life, kitchen or garden.

Friendship is not only about reaching out; we also have to learn to receive. It can dent our pride

to let it be known that we can't manage everything. Yet some of the greatest moments of friendship in my life have come through friends offering practical help when I didn't realise how much I needed it.

One of the great gifts the church can still offer is community: a place where people of all ages and backgrounds can gather regularly, be known and build genuine friendships. When God said to Adam, "It is not good for a person to be alone," he knew that would apply to all of us.

So my prayer this year is to learn how to be a better friend to those I already love, and to ask God who in my life is lonely, where I could be their friend, and they mine. I wonder if God might be asking some of you to pray this too?

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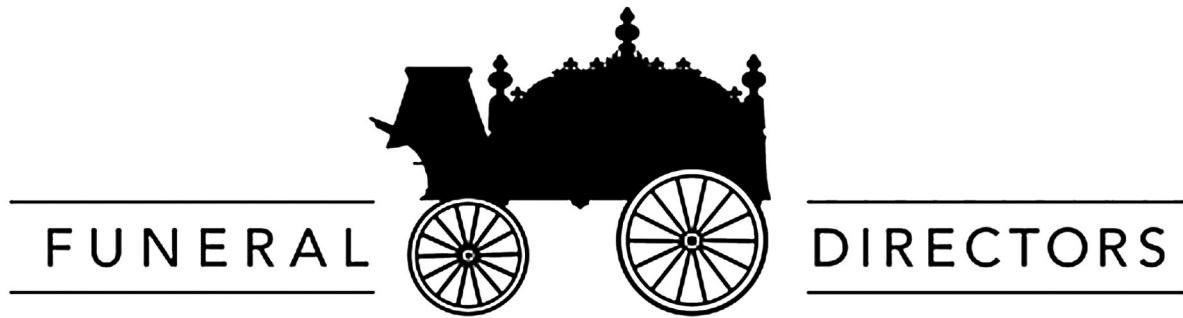
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17<sup>th</sup> May – 15<sup>th</sup> June

| CRIME                  | DETAILS                                                           | LOCATION                         | NOTES                                                               |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Assault                | x 2                                                               | Bentlawnt                        |                                                                     |
| Stalking               |                                                                   | Bentlawnt                        |                                                                     |
| Stolen vehicle located | Stolen Toyota Hilux located on false plates; seized for forensics | Snailbeach Village Hall car park | Vehicle was stolen in a car key burglary near Shrewsbury on 7th May |
| Criminal damage        | Damage caused to sign                                             | Hemford                          |                                                                     |

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There are several signs to look out for that may indicate someone is involved in county lines:

- Repeatedly going missing from school or home and being found in other areas.
- Having money, new electronic devices or clothes and they can't explain how they paid for them
- Getting high numbers of texts or phone calls, or being secretive about who they're speaking to
- Decline in school or work performance
- Significant changes in emotional or physical well-being

Cuckooing is the practice where criminals take over a vulnerable person's home to use it as a base

for illegal activities, such as drug dealing, with more isolated rural properties being exploited for use in drug manufacture.

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| <b>Sun 17<sup>th</sup> May</b><br>10am - 1pm<br>Buxton Hill Stroll<br>Viewpoint Car Park Tankerville<br>games,cheese,strongman | <b>Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Jun</b><br>10am - 1pm<br>Minsterley Mooch<br>On street, Minsterley<br>mush,harsh,factories                | <b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Jul</b><br>10am - 1pm<br>Hinton Hike<br>Station Road Car Park, Pontesbury<br>irritated,swift,freedom | <b>Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Aug</b><br>10am - 1pm<br>Pulverbatch Plod<br>Pulverbatch Car Park<br>wriggle,disbelief,housework   |
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**Question** – What is “Home from Hospital” Support? I have an older relative who is due for discharge but will need some short-term care for a few weeks at home?

**Answer** – if a person is ready to leave hospital but will need some support when returning to their home there are systems in place to make sure that appropriate care support is there.

The NHS now uses a process called “discharge to assess”. This just means that a patient will go home as soon as medically well enough and any ongoing care or support needed will be arranged at home, not in the hospital

For a short period after discharge, help such as:

- Someone coming in to help with washing, dressing, or meals
- Help picking up shopping or medication
- Equipment in the home (like rails or a commode if needed)
- Someone checking they are safe and coping.

This short-term support is often called re-ablement and is usually free for a few weeks.

The hospital team, as part of the discharge, should:

- Talk to the patient and family before discharge
- Arrange any immediate support needed at home
- Contact the local council if longer-term care might be needed

Sometimes charities like Age UK or British Red Cross also provide extra “home from hospital” help and private care agencies often provide this support on a fee-paying basis.

### What families should expect:

Before their relative leaves hospital, they should:

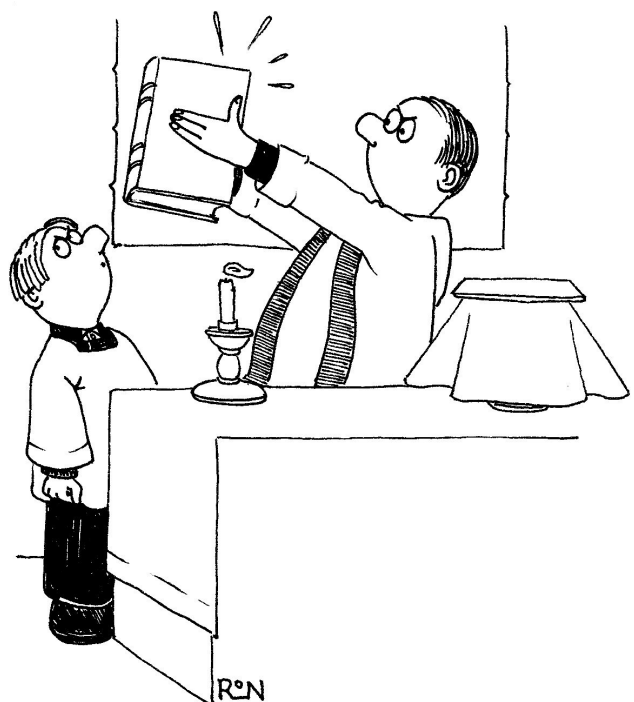
- Be told what support is being put in place
- Know who to contact if there are problems
- Feel confident your family member will be safe at home

### In summary:

A patient shouldn't be discharged without a plan — short-term help should be arranged to support them safely at home.

Angela Gifford

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*Fortunately it was a perfect mosquito,  
without spot or blemish*

## 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.

**Rea Valley Transport Scheme** 07468 115939  
Enabling residents to access medical appointments. Please give a minimum of a week's notice.

**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

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  
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.  
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.

**Age UK Shropshire Telford & Wrekin** 01743 233123  
Confidential advice for older people, their families and carers.

**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. Website: [shropshireruralsupport.org.uk](http://shropshireruralsupport.org.uk).

**Samaritans** 116 123  
Free 24/7 confidential support whatever you are going through.

**Shropshire Domestic Abuse Helpline** 0300 303 1191  
Support for anyone suffering domestic violence.

**West Mercia Women's Aid** 0800 783 1359  
24hr helpline for women and children suffering from domestic violence.

**Shropshire Carers' Support Service** 01743 341995  
Wide range of support for unpaid carers.

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### SOME SHORT NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

101 to contact the police in a non-emergency  
111 NHS non-emergency number  
159 to contact your bank if you suspect fraud.

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## Taking a Look at Hoverflies

Why not take time out on a sunny, calm July day and sit down in your local churchyard, chapel yard or cemetery next to a flowering plant such as hogweed, yarrow or knapweed. After a while you may notice that there is a wealth of variety amongst the various bee-like insects who are visiting the flowers. Whilst bees meander from flower to flower at a fairly constant speed, you'll also spot another group of insects, similarly banded in yellow and black, which dart quickly and then hover, staying quite still, like a miniature hummingbird. These are hoverflies and there are an amazing 280 different species in the UK, found in a wide range of habitats.

Hoverflies often look quite like bees or wasps, with stripey, sometimes furry bodies. They do not sting however but this mimicry discourages predators as the yellow and black stripes spell danger! Look closely and you'll see two large eyes and a single pair of wings, characteristics of flies (bees and wasps have two pairs of wings). The hoverfly beats these wings up and down several hundred times per second to stay stationary.

Hoverflies are a true friend to the gardener, the adults are important pollinators and nearly half of our hoverfly larvae feed on aphids and other plant sap-suckers. Others eat fungi, yeasts, micro-organism and general detritus found in the soil, in deadwood and in stagnant water. They are key decomposers and recyclers. Many gardeners encourage hoverflies by planting suitable flowers for them. Open flowers such as alyssums, yarrows, daisies and marjoram will all provide a good source of nectar. Many of the wildflowers found in churchyards are great for hoverflies too. Do you have cow parsley, chervil or wild carrot (or any of the umbel family), how about daisies, yarrow, dandelions and hawkweeds? Hoverflies have mouthparts that dab at the flowers rather like a sponge so choose flat, open flowers.

Hoverflies are an example of an insect group which is often overlooked, easily passed off as a bee until you look more closely. They are an important part of our ecosystem however and, like butterflies, are sensitive indicators of environmental change. As well as letting some grassland grow long so the wildflowers can bloom, how about planting suitable flowers if you have beds or planters? Creating a deadwood pile in a shady spot is great for hoverflies as well as so many other species, and leaving some leaf litter and woody debris under tree canopies supports pupae or, in some cases, overwintering adults, ready to emerge in the spring.

So have a look for hoverflies this summer and, if you are patient, photograph them hovering and feeding. This can help to identify what you have seen.

All the best,  
**Harriet Carty**  
Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor

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# 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](http://www.reavalleyfoodbank.co.uk)

### ICTHUS BIBLE STUDY GROUP

**2.30 - 4.30pm**

2nd and 4th Tuesday of each  
month. For information contact  
[PApontstip@outlook.com](mailto:PApontstip@outlook.com)



## WEDNESDAY

### COFFEE HUB

**10am - 12pm**

A drop-in community cafe where everyone is welcome.  
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## 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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| Copthorne Rd, opp Barracks      | 07:42 | 08:17     | 08:57 | 10:12 | 10:32 | 11:07 | 12:07 | 12:37 | 13:37 | 14:07 | 14:42 | 15:52 | 16:32 | 16:32 | 17:07 | 17:47 | 18:17 |  |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shrewsbury Hospital             |       |           | 09:02 | 10:17 | 10:37 |       | 12:12 | 12:42 | 13:42 | 14:12 |       | 15:57 | 16:37 |       | 17:12 | 17:52 |       |  |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Radbrook Oakfield Rd Jct        | 07:47 | 08:22     |       |       |       | 11:12 |       |       |       | 14:47 |       |       |       | 16:37 |       |       | 18:22 |  |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hamwood, Carradoc View Jct      | 07:52 | 08:27     | 09:07 | 10:22 | 10:42 | 11:17 | 12:17 | 12:47 | 13:47 | 14:17 | 14:52 | 16:02 | 16:42 | 16:42 | 17:17 | 17:57 | 18:27 |  |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hamwood, Cock Inn               | 07:54 | 08:29     | 09:09 | 10:24 | 10:44 | 11:19 | 12:19 | 12:49 | 13:49 | 14:19 | 14:54 | 16:04 | 16:44 | 16:44 | 17:19 | 17:59 | 18:29 |  |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Mary Webb                       |       | 08:36 SCH |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |  |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pontesbury, opp Shop            | 08:03 | 08:38     | 09:18 | 10:33 | 10:53 | 11:28 | 12:28 | 12:58 | 13:58 | 14:28 | 15:03 | 16:13 | 16:53 | 16:53 | 17:28 | 18:08 | 18:38 |  |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Minsterley, adj crown & scaple  | 08:07 | 08:42     | 09:22 | 10:37 | 10:57 | 11:32 | 12:32 | 13:02 | 14:02 | 14:32 | 15:07 | 16:17 | 16:57 | 16:57 | 17:32 | 18:12 | 18:42 |  |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Plox Green, Crossroads          | 08:09 |           |       | 10:39 | 10:59 | 11:34 | 12:34 | 13:04 | 14:04 | 14:34 |       | 16:19 | 16:59 | 16:59 |       | 18:14 | 18:44 |  |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Snailbeach, Village Hall        |       |           |       |       | 11:01 |       |       |       | 14:06 |       |       | 16:21 |       | 17:01 |       |       | 18:46 |  |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stiperstones, adj Pub           |       |           |       |       | 11:05 |       |       |       | 14:10 |       |       | 16:25 |       | 17:05 |       |       | 18:50 |  |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hope                            | 08:15 |           |       | 10:45 |       |       | 12:40 |       |       | 14:40 |       |       | 17:05 |       |       | 18:20 |       |  |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| White Grt, Jct                  | 08:23 |           |       | 10:53 |       |       | 12:48 |       |       | 14:48 |       |       | 17:13 |       |       | 18:28 |       |  |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Llan Turn Jct                   | 08:27 |           |       | 10:57 |       |       | 12:52 |       |       | 14:52 |       |       | 17:17 |       |       | 18:32 |       |  |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lytham Glebe Meadow Jct         | 08:31 |           |       | 11:01 |       |       | 12:56 |       |       | 14:56 |       |       | 17:21 |       |       | 18:36 |       |  |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bishops Castle Salop Street Jct | 08:33 |           |       | 11:03 |       |       | 12:58 |       |       | 14:58 |       |       | 17:23 |       |       | 18:38 |       |  |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bishops Castle, adj Boars Head  | 08:35 |           |       | 11:05 |       |       | 13:00 |       |       | 15:00 |       |       | 17:25 |       |       | 18:40 |       |  |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Saturday

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"One plus one equals one" may not be an accurate mathematical concept, but it is an accurate description of God's intention for the marriage relationship.

- Wayne Mack

## Minsterley Methodist Church

### 10am Sunday services



- 5<sup>th</sup> July. Café Church
- 12<sup>th</sup> July. Service led by members of the congregation
- 19<sup>th</sup> July. **MINSTERLEY PRAISE - 10.30am** @ Holy Trinity
- 26<sup>th</sup> July. Service led by Rev Brian Spencer and will include Holy Communion

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**

I was meeting a friend in a restaurant and as I went in, I noticed two pretty girls looking at me. "Nine," I heard one whisper as I passed. Feeling pleased with myself, I swaggered over to my buddy and told him a girl had just rated me a nine out of ten. "I don't want to ruin it for you," he said, "but when I walked in, they were speaking German."

The father of a family - who was a big-time techie - got his oldest daughter an iPhone for her birthday. He also got an iPad for his son. Later he bought an iPod for the youngest daughter. Then, when his wedding anniversary rolled around, he got his wife an iRon.

That's when things went wrong.

A man burst into a flower shop and urgently demanded two pink potted geraniums. The clerk explained that they did not have any, but could offer him African violets instead.

"No," said the man sadly. "It was geraniums that my wife told me to water while she was gone."

Three churches in town were overrun with squirrels. After much prayer, the elders of the Baptist church decided that the animals were predestined to be there. Who were they to interfere with God's will? So, they did nothing, and the squirrels multiplied.

The elders of the Methodist church, deciding that they should not harm any of God's creatures; humanely trapped the squirrels and then set them free outside of town. Three days later the squirrels were back.

It was the Anglican church which succeeded in solving the squirrel problem. The curate baptised the squirrels and registered them as members of the church. Now, they only see the squirrels on Christmas and Easter.

## Snailbeach Methodist Chapel

### 2.45pm Sunday services

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

**Sue Priddey (01743 790913)**

# 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 services:**  
12th July 3.00pm Afternoon service with our new curate  
Rev Ian Williams

## St Mary’s Parish Church Habberley

**Church Wardens** Pauline Stopford, The Kennels, Habberley (01743 790784)  
Pearl Hannigan, 9 Yarlington Orchard, Pontesbury (01743 790495)

|             |        |                |
|-------------|--------|----------------|
| Sunday 12th | 5.00pm | Evensong       |
| Sunday 26th | 5.00pm | Holy Communion |



## Hope & Shelve Parish

(services at Holy Trinity Church Hope  
and All Saints’ Church Shelve)

**Church Warden** Barbara Venables

Refreshments are served at all our services



### Services this month

|                    |        |                  |
|--------------------|--------|------------------|
| Sunday 5th 9.00am  | Shelve | Holy Communion   |
| Sunday 12th 9.00am | Hope   | Holy Communion   |
| Sunday 19th 9.00am | Shelve | Worship Together |
| Sunday 26th 9.00am | Hope   | Morning Prayer   |





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