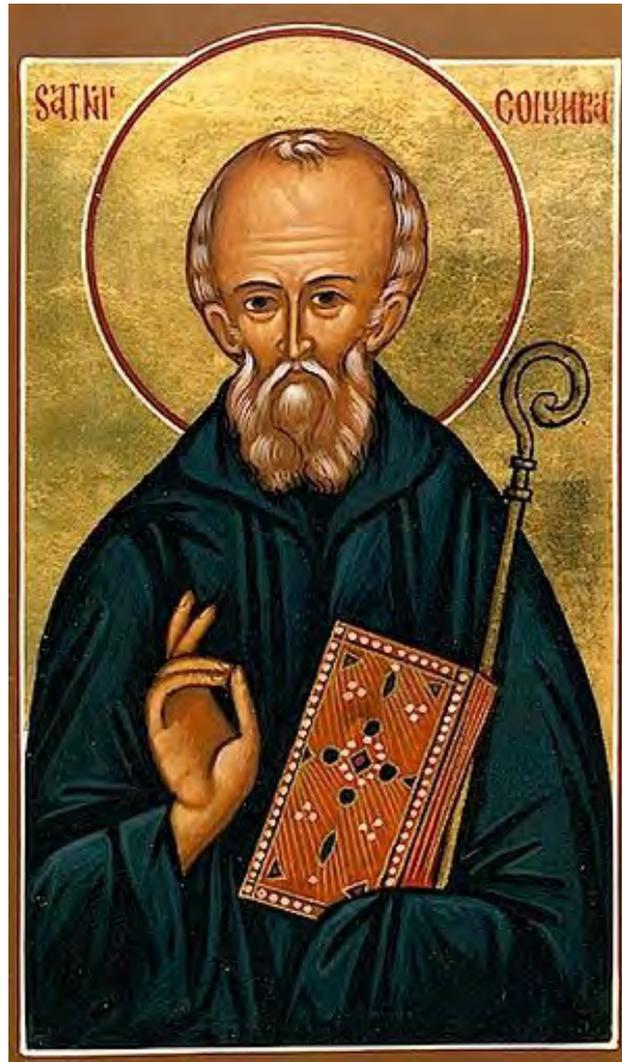


# WHEATLAND NEWS

June 2021



*Icon of St Columba of Iona - see Saint of the Month*

***News from the Diocese of Hereford and the 17  
Parishes around Stottesdon, Ditton Priors and  
Highley***

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# Editorial

First – a very warm welcome to Fiona, our new Archdeacon of Ludlow. Her first message is on page 5.

On a recent visit to a friend on the occasion of his 60th birthday, I was struck by the fresh and different shades of green there are in the hedgerows, woods and fields when driving along the narrow lanes of Shropshire, together with the abundance of cow parsley lining the edges of the route. This brought back childhood memories of the freedom we had to play in the fields and surrounding areas and the realisation that there are many people who live in very different circumstances in towns and inner cities and the importance of maintaining the parks and green spaces in these places. The initiative to 'Plant a tree for the Jubilee' was launched recently which will bring further 'green' to these areas and also in our countryside as we tend our gardens and rural areas.

In this month's magazine we hear that there are people retiring from various roles within the churches and with the further lifting of Covid restrictions events are being organised to bring back the socialising which is so important to our daily lives. We wish those entering a new phase in their lives, in retirement, a sense of adventure exploring new ways to spend time with family and friends. Also to those preparing to open up and organise events to bring back the social activities we enjoy, innovation, team working and a sense of anticipation as we start to return to socialising and enjoying a sense of freedom again after so long in isolation. Someone said 'Zoom meetings are ok but not the same as meeting someone in person' A sentiment echoed by many! It is refreshing to have a report of a real event enjoyed by real people in Middleton Scriven.

Enjoy the warmer days whether at home or on holiday and stay safe.

Ed

## **July edition deadline!**

***Please would you send all contributions for the July 2021 edition of WN to your contact, as below, no later than **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.*****

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Dear All

**FIRST** the vital, good news: We are definitely having the Ride + Stride event this year. As always, it is the second Saturday of September (11 Sept 2021).

**SECOND:** We are continuing with the system of **Automatic Church Registration** which worked so well before: We will register your church for 2021 exactly as it was in 2019 and 2018.

I am the new County Organiser for R+S. I have 'inherited' a vast database which I have broken down into different groups. This message is going to all the Local Organisers who have supported us very well during previous years.

You are our top fundraisers who, therefore, fully understand that R+S has two functions -

1. To open your welcoming churches on the day; and
2. Fundraising: to collect sponsorship money for a walk or a ride.

I have already heard from many people that their teams are getting rather elderly and cannot stride or ride as well as before, so I make the point that many people do a **sponsored car ride**, which has the advantage that you can visit more churches and meet more people (and have more refreshments).

I am no spring chicken, so I did a car ride in 2018 when it was raining. Then in 2019 I had a short walk in the morning but a car ride in the afternoon (it was good weather but we wanted to visit lots of churches in our local Clun area).

2020 was a difficult year and the R+S committee decided quite late to go ahead with the event. Many teams took part and raised a total of over £16,000 which was amazing in the circumstances. Some of you did not feel able to participate as we were late with the organising, but some of you were able to take part and, indeed, some even raised more than in 2019 because it was about the only event that Churches could have in 2020. Thank you so much for all your support. Remember: the sponsorship is divided evenly, and it is a 'nice little earner' for your Church as well as for SHCT! And it's an enjoyable occasion for all.

Kind regards,

*David Hardham*

Ratlinghope 01588 650362 Please contact David for more information and registration details.

# Diocese of Hereford



## June message from the Archdeacon of Ludlow

This is the first time I've written one of these articles since I moved to south Shropshire and was collated as Archdeacon of Ludlow at the end of April, so I'd like to begin by thanking you for the very warm welcome my family and I have received among you here in the archdeaconry and the wider diocese. Moving house during a pandemic was a challenge, but we were well supported all the way, not least by the prayers of those in both dioceses: St Albans and Hereford.

Like you, I'm hopeful that we may now be entering a time where the necessary restrictions under which we've lived for the past year will ease, and I can get out and about more to visit parishes, beginning to get to know the clergy and people in our schools, churches, and wider communities.

You may be wondering what my hopes and prayers for the coming years are. In many ways they're summed up in the reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians which was read at my collation:

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"I pray that out of his glorious riches God may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

**- Ephesians 3:16-21**

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I long that each of us in the churches across the diocese may know the fullness of the love of God in Christ ourselves, and may be equipped and inspired to share that love with those around us in our homes, families, schools, workplaces, and places of leisure. I pray that this faith and love will fill you, and our churches, villages, and towns.

A tall order? Maybe. But at the end of the passage we're reminded that God can do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us. That's the grounds for my confidence as, together, we move on and out in faith, filled with hope, to share the love of Christ with our lips and our lives.

AD Fiona

## The Bishop's weekly video message

On the [Diocese of Hereford website](#), together with a full transcript of his message

And on [YouTube](#)

In this last week of May, as we approach Trinity Sunday, the Bishop reflects on the nature of the Trinity, the teachings contained in the Book of Common Prayer, and what it means for us.



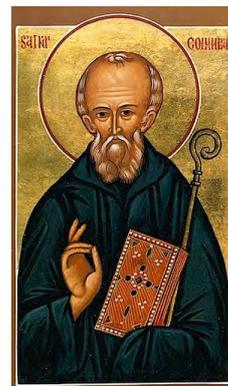
# Saint of the Month – Columba – 9<sup>th</sup> June

*By the Rev Mark Daborn*

Last month I resisted the temptation to write about any of our island saints commemorated in May, so this is compensation time: the story of an Irishman who lived a millennium and a half ago, but whose influence continues to this day.

June 9th is the feast day of St. Columba, or Columcille, founder of the influential monastery on the Scottish island of Iona in 563AD.

Columba was Irish, and destined early for the priesthood and the monastery. The story is told that, when a young man, he was staying at another monastery, and found a book in the library that he especially liked. He set out to copy it – for all books then were hand-written – but at night, in secret. When he had finished, the abbot found out, and claimed the copy he had so laboriously made. Columba appealed to the High King of Ireland, who ruled in favour of the abbot; the copy, he said, belonged with the original just as a calf belonged with the cow that bore it.



Although a man of God, Columba was also a man of fiery temper and royal connections of his own. Combined with other family quarrels, this dispute led to a great battle against the High King. Although Columba's clan was victorious, he realised, when he cooled down, the discrepancy between his calling and his actions. Visiting a local saint, Columba was told he must go into exile until he had won as many souls for Christ as had been killed in the battle.

With a small group of companions, Columba set off into 'White Martyrdom', permanent exile from his homeland. They landed on Iona, off the Scottish coast; looking back, they could see no sign of Ireland, and settled down to build a monastery. From here, over the years that followed, the western Picts and the Scots of Dalriada – what is now Argyle – were converted to the faith.

Columba died in 597, the same year that Augustine's Christian mission from Rome landed in Kent to preach the Gospel to King Æthelberht. And it was from Iona that, in 635, Saint Aidan came to Northumbria at the request of King Oswald, founded his monastery on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne, and began missionary work among the pagan Northumbrian Angles.

Although the original monastery on Iona was long deserted, repair and restoration work was begun in 1938 under George McLeod, who founded the Iona Community. Based on the island and in Glasgow, it is a worldwide community of Christians dedicated to working for justice, peace, and the integrity of creation.

Fourteen centuries after his death, the work of Columba lives on.

MD

# The United Benefice of Brown Clee

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## Brown Clee Group News

Please see the Rev Terry's panel on page 10 and the additional service information for July and August on page 14, which are relevant to everyone in the Brown Clee Benefice.

## **Used Stamps - The Leprosy Mission**

During the Covid Pandemic we have all continued to save our used stamps, albeit on a smaller scale, resulting in a delivery being sent to The Leprosy Mission of almost 2 kgs very recently.

As a result of that I have received a 'thank you letter' from Nicky Ward Supporter Relations Manager. She highlights in the correspondence the difference we have all made to the lives of people not so fortunate as ourselves. We are enabling people affected by Leprosy to access both the cure and resources required to have a fuller life.

As we move towards a more normal life please continue to leave your used stamps in local churches for collection.

Again, thank you very much, from **Babs Brown, your Local Collections Coordinator**

## **A Church Near You**

Don't forget to look at the Benefice website – A Church Near You, on the [Ditton Priors Church and Benefice Information Hub](#) page, to see what is going on in all the parishes too.

## Ditton Priors News

### **St John the Baptist 100 Club**

Our winners for May were:

- £20 – Les Wall
- £10 – Jackie Garrett
- £5 each to Doreen Massey, Jenny Collingridge, J&S Ballard.



### Remembering Prebendary Bill Massey – 1932-2021

Bill's name may not be familiar to many readers of the Wheatland News, but some in Ditton Priors might recognise him as one of our own. Bill was the son of Stan and Mima Massey of Lightmarsh, his brothers still live locally and, as far as I know, he was the only Ditton lad to enter the church in the last 100 years. Sadly Bill died at the end of April and was been buried with his Mum and Dad in Ditton churchyard on what would have been his 89th birthday. I hope readers may be interested in a few details of his life, put together by brother Denis.

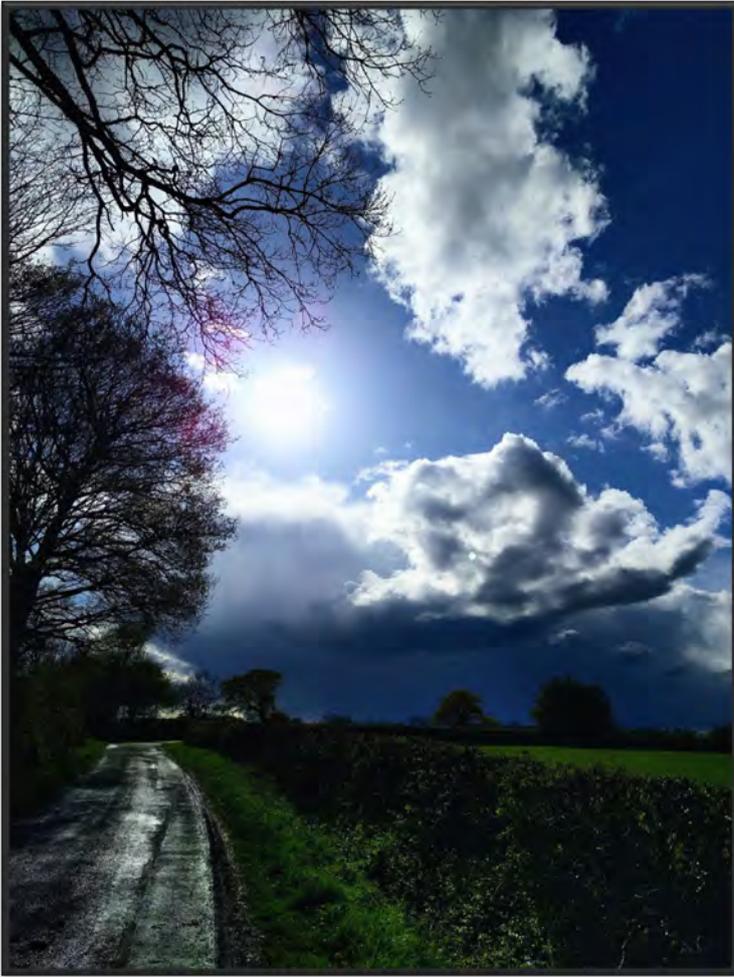
“The first born of 6 boys Bill went to Middleton Priors School and left at the age of 15 years to work in the local bakery owned by Jack Rix of Ditton Priors, where he was very happy. To improve his wages he later went to work at the local armament depot in the village.

Whilst being a young boy he always had an interest in the church and was taken under the wing of the Reverend Cyril Green. He helped at the church and was involved with many things the vicar organised in the village including Christmas pantomimes and boy scouts along with his brother Ray. As a teenager he enjoyed travel with the scouts to Arthog and Fairbourne; these places held fond memories for him all his life.

The church was still calling and he went to Leeds University to gain qualifications for 3 years before going on to Lichfield Theological College. On leaving in 1961 he was ordained at Hereford Cathedral and became curate at St Martin's in Hereford where he stayed until 1966. He was then given the parishes of Kimbolton, Middleton on the Hill and Hamnish where he enjoyed his time till 1975. His ministry then took him to the parishes of Alveley and Quatt where he made many friends until 1985. His final post was to be Llangarron, Llangrove, Whitchurch and Ganarew. It was whilst there that he was made Prebendary –which was a great highlight in his life. He stayed in this parish until 1992 where upon he retired to his much-loved home, Hollybush Cottage, along with his good companion Bonnie the Labrador. Here he lived very happily until 2015 where he moved to a retirement bungalow. Whilst at the bungalow he received the Order of St. Ethelbert.”

I should declare an interest; Bill was a cousin to my Mum. I first knew Bill when he used to come over to Highley; partly to see my Gran and Grandad, his uncle and aunt, but also to help in Highley Church. He had known John Brittain, our vicar, since he was a curate. At that time I sang in the choir. I did not know that I was on the same journey as he was on, but somehow, Bill showed me what it meant to hear a call to ordination, albeit one which took 35 years before I responded. The church had called Bill, but Bill had a personality that called others to God. In quiet service, he spent sixty years living out his call and calling others into the presence of God.

Rev David Poyner



Misty  
May  
mornings  
around  
Ditton  
Priors



*Thank you again, Jutta!*

## 2021 - June Worship Rota - Brown Clee Churches

2021	WEEK 1 Sunday 6th June	WEEK 2 Sunday 13th June	WEEK 3 Sunday 20th June	Week 4 Sunday 27th June
<b>9-45 am</b>		Ditton Priors Communion	Ditton Priors Communion	
<b>10.15 am</b>	Ditton Priors Baptism + Communion 10.15am			<b>DITTON PRIORS Group Service 10.15am</b>
<b>11-30 am</b>	Aston Botterell <u>NO SERVICE</u>	Chetton Communion	Neenton Communion	
<b>2.30 pm</b>			Loughton Evening Prayer 2.30pm	

(Tuesday Services are suspended at present)

## FAREWELL, BY THE REVD TERRY MASON

Dear Friends, as I have been clearing out my office in preparation for my retirement I found a challenging paper entitled '*The Church must change or die*'. The article contained the following paragraph - '*Crossing Boundaries and embracing a new vision - The church has been the traditional organisation for people to look for spiritual meaning, depth and belonging in their lives however, the question of whether it can adapt to the fast changing world of today requires an urgent response. Many will ask, Should it adapt? Can it adapt? Does it even want to adapt?*'

I have had this paper tucked away for eons, it has travelled with me through twenty-five years as a vicar. Surprisingly the challenge it poses still remains and I am not sure I have ever answered those three questions, 'Should it, can it or does it even want to change?'

It seems my time is up as a professional minister come the end of June but sadly my departure will underline the need for all parishes to think about the future. The world and its response to faith has certainly changed since I first wore a shiny clergy collar, we do not express ourselves or understand ourselves as our predecessors did. Church attendance has significantly reduced over the years and younger people are almost non-existent and yet despite this as people we still describe ourselves as 'spiritual.'

I have 'mostly' loved my days serving the Kingdom of God (it's not all roses being a vicar!), I am as passionate about my faith as I ever was and I hope that in the future you will all support and engage with the ministry of the church as you have done in my tenure here. In truth, I suspect the future church will be different to what many have treasured but I will look back on my time in the Benefice of Brown Clee with fondness. I have enjoyed being your minister and both Norma and I have received many blessings from those we have met and had the privilege to be a part of their life and faith journey. May I take this opportunity to express our thanks to you all for your Christian support and love that you have shown to Norma and I. God bless for the future and may God bless you with the wisdom to find an answer to the question of how the church may successfully adapt or change to be relevant to the generations yet to come.

With our love, Terry & Norma.

## **Cleobury North & District Village Hall**

Cleobury North Village Hall is now open! Regular users have recommenced their activities. The hall is available for hire, subject to Government guidelines and Covid restrictions. At the time of going to press, the maximum number of people permitted to attend an event is **30**. For enquiries about booking and using the hall, please call 01746-787093.

## **Chetton News**

*From Pam Downing*

I hope everyone is enjoying the easing of lockdown, although we still have to take great care.

We are looking forward to being able to plan functions again. We hope to hold a garden party at some stage this summer as things improve.

### **St Giles's Church and Parish**

#### **Services**

Just one service this month, on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 11.30 am, Holy Communion.

#### **Flowers and Cleaning**

Pam and Ersilia

#### **From the Registers**

Burial – Peter Evans

#### **Chetton St Giles 100 Club winners**

- £15 – Mike Teague no 28
- £10 – Simon Phillips no 63

Thank you to everyone who has kindly paid their subs. Any outstanding can be paid to Lisa please.

### **Chetton Village Hall**

***The hall reopened on May 17th.***

**Active Friends** has resumed on Monday afternoon and we have a new class on Tuesday afternoon. Lisa is doing half an hour of **Zumba** followed by half an hour of stretching, from 2.30. Obviously numbers are limited, so please let me know if you would like to attend, on 01746 789239.

**Flicks in the Sticks** have been in touch, and all being well we should have film showings during the Autumn.

**The hall is available for hire** within government guidelines, maximum number of people is currently 30. Subject to changes at any time.

## **Burwarton, and Wheathill & Loughton News**

We have no report from these parishes this month.

## **Aston Botterell News**

*Alison Greenan writes:*

### **Church Lottery**

The April 2020 Church Lottery draw was postponed due to the COVID-19 situation. This draw has now taken place. The winners are:

- £20 - Jean Howells
- £10 - Mike Lloyd
- £5 - William Bennett, Lynne Morgan, Marjorie Jones, Judy Harvey.

And the Aston Botterell Church Lottery has been reinstated for 2021. The winners for May 2021 are

- £20 - Mike Vernon
- £10 - Bobbie Jarvis
- £10 - Chris Lloyd
- £5 - Rob Whiteman, Jake Muff

Thank you to everyone for contributing to our Church lottery. The support is very much appreciated.

## **Neenton News**

*Bobbie Jarvis writes:*

### **All Saints Church**

**The next service** is on Sunday 20th June at 11.30am and will be Reverend Terry's last service with us in Neenton before he retires at the end of June. We wish Terry and Norma a happy and exciting retirement.

Masks will be needed, please.

**Advance notice** –Further work on the historical display is proceeding for the celebrations on Sunday 5th September when we shall have Bishop Richard as our guest to commemorate the building of the church 150 years ago and the addition of the stained glass memorial 100 years ago. Watch this space for further details.

### **Fundraising**

The Fun and Fundraising group will be meeting soon to discuss further events.

### **All Saints Tote – winners for May**

- Bethany Moreton – No 23
- Suzanne Millington – No 9

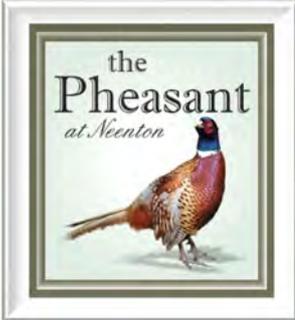
## Annual Parochial Church Meeting and PCC meeting

**The APCM** was held on Tuesday 25th May 2021. Sue Hale retired from position of churchwarden after many years. Thanks were given to Sue for all her work in the church and village during her time as churchwarden.

The financial report was presented by Vikki Hurst (treasurer) who pointed out that fundraising for 2020 was completely restricted due to Covid and funds would be seriously compromised unless further events were organised during 2021. Revd Terry thanked everyone in the village and surrounding area for their continuing support throughout the year.

**A PCC** meeting followed the APCM, when Revd Terry explained the process of Suspension of the Living which is being proposed following his retirement. Reverend Mark Daborn (Stottesdon) will be the legal person in charge pro tem: for information about Church matters please contact Bobbie Jarvis .

Thanks were expressed to Reverend Terry and his wife Norma for their help in cleaning and sanitising the church prior to our services since we recommenced in April, and good wishes for their retirement.

	<h3>The Pheasant at Neenton</h3> <p><b>Opening times:</b></p> <table border="1"><tr><td>Wednesday &amp; Thursday</td><td>12 noon - 3pm, last food orders 2.30pm 6pm - last food order 8.30pm</td></tr><tr><td>Friday &amp; Saturday</td><td>12 noon: open all day. Last food order 8.30pm</td></tr><tr><td>Sunday</td><td>Lunch from 12 noon, including Fathers' Day on 20<sup>th</sup> June</td></tr></table>	Wednesday & Thursday	12 noon - 3pm, last food orders 2.30pm 6pm - last food order 8.30pm	Friday & Saturday	12 noon: open all day. Last food order 8.30pm	Sunday	Lunch from 12 noon, including Fathers' Day on 20 <sup>th</sup> June	
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To discuss times and your requirements please email [info@pheasantatneenton.co.uk](mailto:info@pheasantatneenton.co.uk) , telephone 01746 787955 or book direct on the [website](#).



## Brown Clee Benefice – Suspension Service Cover: July and August

CM – Revd Clive Munday	DC – Dot Cartwright	FG – Ven Fiona Gibson
MD – Revd Mark Daborn		VS – Revd Val Smith

<i>Date</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Minister</i>	<i>Church</i>
<b>July 4th: Trinity 5</b>			
09:45	HC	MD	Ditton Priors
11:30	HC	MD	Aston Botterell

<b>July 11th: Trinity 6</b>			
09:45	HC	CM	Ditton Priors
11:30	HC	CM	Chetton

<b>July 18th: Trinity 7</b>			
09:45	HC	VS	Ditton Priors
11:30	HC	VS	Neenton
12:30	Baptism	MD	Ditton Priors
18:00	EP	DC	Wheathill

<b>July 25th: Trinity 8</b>			
<b>10:15</b>	<b>GpHC</b>	<b>FG</b>	<b>Cleobury North, Arch Deacon Fiona Gibson</b>

<b>August 1st: Trinity 9</b>			
09:45	HC	MD	Ditton Priors
11:30	HC	MD	Aston Botterell
Lunchtime	Baptism	MD	Ditton Priors – time to be confirmed

<i>Date</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Minister</i>	<i>Church</i>
<b>August 8th: Trinity 10</b>			
09:45	HC	VS	Ditton Priors
11:30	HC	VS	Chetton
13:30	Baptism	MD	Ditton Priors

<b>August 15th: Trinity 11</b>			
09:45	HC	MD	Ditton Priors
11:30	HC	MD	Neenton
18:00	HC	MD	Loughton

<b>August 22nd: Trinity 12</b>			
08:30	HC	MD	Ditton Priors
09:45	HC	VS	Chetton
11:30	HC	VS	Cleobury North

<b>August 29th: Trinity 13</b>			
10:15	GpHC	MD	Neenton
13:00/14:00	Wedding	MD	Chetton

# Severn Valley Group of Parishes

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## Benefice Church Services in June

*The Rev Mike Harris writes*

Dear All,

We are (hopefully) moving out of lockdown at last and the plan for June reflects that with another Sunday for Chelmarsh and the re-introduction of Severn centre style worship at St. Mary's now and for the time being at 11am with the potential for a gathering in the Parish Hall beforehand for refreshments.

This may revert to 10am in July with tea/coffee after the service. These are early days and some experimentation will be inevitable to get things right in due course and with an interregnum looming.

### **Trinity 1, 6th June:**

✝ 10am Holy Communion, Highley - DP and virtual BANNS

### **Trinity 2, 13th June:**

✝ 11am All-age Family Service, Highley - VS/AF and virtual BANNS

✝ 10am Holy Communion, Chelmarsh - MH

✝ 6pm Evening service, Billingsley - DP

### **Trinity 3, 20th June:**

✝ 10am Holy Communion, Glazeley - MH and virtual. BANNS

### **Trinity 4 , 27th June:**

✝ 8am Holy Communion at Billingsley - DP

✝ 11am All-Age Family gathering, Highley - MW/AW & virtual

✝ 10am Morning Prayer/Family worship/HC, Chelmarsh - RL/KS. This follows a Flower Sale on Saturday, which may stretch into Sunday!

My thanks to all who offer their time and energy to God's glory,

**Mike**

Rector, Severn Valley Benefice

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**Prebendary Bill Massey** – see the article by the Rev David Poyner which appears on page 9

## A joyful day in Highley



After prolonged renovation works at St Mary's, a service of rededication was held on Sunday 23 May, combined with a confirmation service for candidates from Highley and Chelmarsh, with Bishop Richard officiating. Our warmest congratulations to all.

## Press Release – a new café in Highley

The long-awaited grand opening of “**The Snack Shack**”, a new Victorian style café in the village of Highley, will be taking place at 10am on **Saturday 22nd May**. Ella Preston, Clerk to the Parish Council, has been a great supporter of this enterprise which is owned by Will Howells, and she will be conducting the opening ceremony.

The café will be the only one in the village at the current time, and it is a result of feedback from the local community which informed Will that it was something that people wanted. It adjoins Will's farm butcher's shop in the centre of Highley, which has also undergone considerable external work to restore the beautiful Victorian building. Will farms his own beef and lamb, and the opening of the café marries together his three businesses. Most products within the café and the butcher's shop are sourced locally, to provide great quality food and to support other businesses in the area. The Café will also be providing employment for locals within and around the village. Mark Brigden, Will's coffee supplier, said “I especially like the real provenance of your ‘field to fork’ philosophy working in practice.”

The “Snack Shack” will be open seven days a week from 7am till 4pm serving freshly made all day breakfasts, lunches and afternoon teas with home-made cakes and scones - food can also be pre-ordered for takeaway. There will be some themed seasonal events throughout the year, such as at Christmas time. Will is currently working on an idea to provide a regular senior citizen's lunch at a discounted price.

The opening of the café has, inevitably, been delayed because of the pandemic and lock down. However, Will said that he senses a real buzz in the village about the opening, and he is looking forward to welcoming people along on the 22nd.

## Glazeley

Marion Corfield writes:

### Services at St Bartholomew's Church

Holy Communion services will be held on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 10am. Everyone is most welcome.



### Woodlands Hall – Open Garden

**Stop press to Wheatland News** – delighted to say that Caspar Gabb is opening his wonderful garden at Woodlands Hall again on **Sunday June 12th, 2pm – 5pm**. There is mention of Cake ... and no doubt Tea as well.... Details of the charity being supported are awaited.

## Did you know .....

...That we still have milestones in Glazeley and Deuxhill that were erected by the Turnpike Trust in the 19c. I am sure there are many more in the area.



Bridgnorth 5 miles,  
Cleobury Mortimer 9 miles

Bridgnorth 4 miles,  
Cleobury Mortimer 10  
miles

This milepost is Grade II  
listed



Sadly now minus its  
brass plaque.....

## Billingsley News

*The Rev David Poyner writes:*



This month, our news has an outdoors feel. Our monthly evening service coincided with Rogation Sunday. This has its origins in Roman times and involved inspecting farm or estate boundaries to ensure they were still correct and also to pray for the fertility of the soil, to ensure a good harvest.

In our service, we ventured outside to bless the pastures and sheep grazing on them, the grain silos and buildings of our farms, our orchards and also the wild flowers, shrubs and trees in our churchyard. At the same time, we prayed for all those who work the land; farmers but also gardeners. The great thing about being outside is that we could sing a hymn as well!



On Thursday 27th May, we expect to have had the first of our regular parish walks, starting from the church at 7.00pm. We are loosely following a movement called "Forest church", where we are taking the opportunity to worship outdoors where we can, or simply walk and think in the countryside. Weather permitting, next month, there will be another evening service based partly in the churchyard (June 13th) and another walk. Look at our website for details.

**The second item of news is that we have just been given our bronze "Eco-church" award.** This is given to churches that recognise the importance of the environment and caring for God's creation, however you understand that; see <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/> for more details. We are the first church in the benefice to get the award. If you visit the church (always open during daylight), then do look at the information panel on the churchyard and add to our list of sightings of birds, animals, shrubs and flowers.



### [Eco Church - An A Rocha UK Project](#)

Welcome to Eco Church: A Rocha UK's award scheme for churches in England and Wales who want to demonstrate that the gospel is good news for God's earth.

[ecochurch.arocha.org.uk](http://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk)

### **Sue Bates and David Poyner**

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## **Chelmarsh News**

***Eleanor Haddon writes:***

### **From the Register**

***Funeral service and burial*** - 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021 - Michael Thomas Alexander Williams

Mick was a dedicated supporter of St Peters Church. For many years he audited the accounts and collected the money raised at the Flower festival and was a willing helper at all church events. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

***Holy Matrimony*** - 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021 - Merikki Frances Hadley and Alexander Robert Glendenning

We wish this couple every happiness in their future together.

### **Churchyard tidying - Saturday June 19th - 10.30am onwards**

At the PCC meeting, a plan was made to hold a working party to tidy up the God's Acre part of the churchyard. Everyone welcome, men women and families, light refreshments available.

## **Benefice Auction - Saturday July 24th in Chelmarsh Parish Hall**

This is Rev Mike Harris's idea, as his parting gift to the Benefice when he leaves in September. It is hoped that everyone will look in their attic, garage or cupboards for items which can be auctioned, and the money raised will be shared among all four churches. Items can be collected if you contact Glenys on Tel 861971.

## **Plant Sale - Saturday 26th June at Church**

To help raise some money to offset the costs involved in running the church since lockdown, it is planned to hold a sale of plants, with a produce stall and light refreshments. We hope and pray for a fine day! There will also be a display of old footwear planted up to symbolise the long journey everyone has made through the lockdowns of the past two years. Do come and see the display, replenish your garden with plants and enjoy a cup of tea and cake in the churchyard. All welcome.

## **Chelmarsh Friends**

A notice will be posted on Chelmarsh Parish Hall website with details of the date Friends will resume, hopefully at some point in 2021.

## **Chelmarsh Walking for Health**

Chelmarsh Walking for Health meets every Monday from the Village Hall at 10am. Walks have restarted. It is hoped to offer two levels of walks – a short walk and a longer walk lasting 1½ to 2 hours.



*Frieze above the church doorway, at the Church of the Annunciation, Marble Arch – taken with gymnastic effort through the iron gate, on the typist's recent trip to London.*

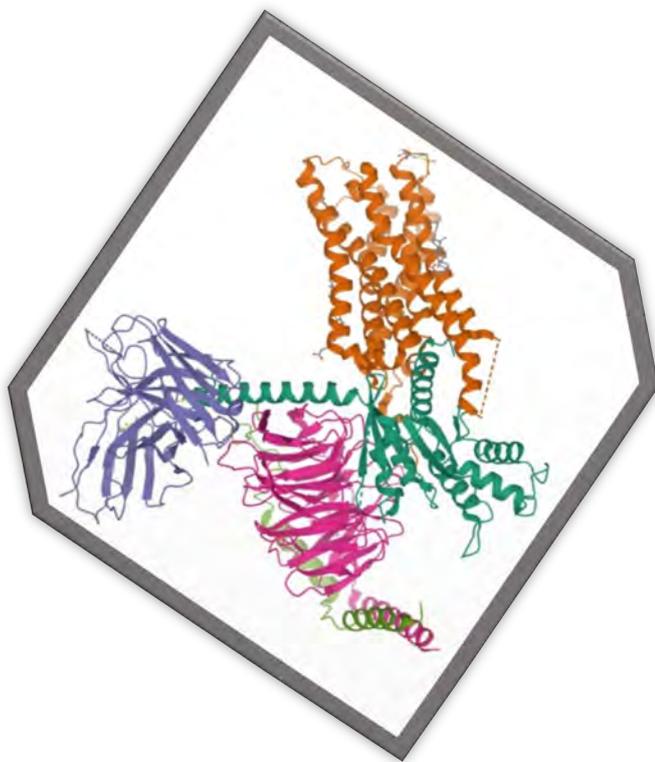
# June's Molecule of the Month – the muscarinic receptor

By David Poyner

I hope you are feeling mellow as you read this piece; sitting comfortably in the chair, digesting your dinner, at peace with the world and soon to be asleep, probably half-way through this article.... Don't thank my soporific prose, this is all down to your muscarinic receptors.

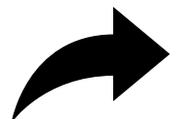
The main “mellow” chemical produced by your body is a substance released by nerves called acetylcholine; a neurotransmitter. Nerves work by “talking” to nearby cells and they do this by releasing neurotransmitters which give instructions to their targets. The neurotransmitters bind to proteins found on the surface of the target cells; these proteins are called receptors.

One of the main proteins that recognises acetylcholine is called the muscarinic receptor (pictured right). This is found on heart cells, other nerve cells and cells throughout the stomach and digestive system.



When the muscarinic receptor binds to acetylcholine, it changes shape. It now makes physical contact with other proteins inside the cell, called G-proteins and activates them (pictured left) The G-proteins in turn now change the behaviour of the cells in which they are found. In the case of muscarinic receptors, they slow the heart, they tell the digestive system to digest food, they tend to slow down other nerves but they also help us remember things.

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## ***Molecule of the Month - continued***

I have a particular emotional connection with muscarinic receptors; they were the first protein I worked on as a scientist, over 35 years ago. They belong to a family of proteins called G-protein coupled receptors; this is the largest protein family in humans and also the single largest class of proteins targeted by drugs. Drugs that act on muscarinic receptors are used to treat heart and digestive conditions, breathing problems, bladder disorders and diarrhoea. There is a continuing search for agents that can be used in dementia, where loss of brain cells containing muscarinic receptor underlies the memory loss.

All this is important, but I have never been directly concerned with drug discovery. When I first worked on these proteins, we were trying to understand their chemistry. Proteins are made of building blocks called amino acids; there are twenty different amino acids and the order in which they are connected determines the nature of the protein. This is called the sequence my lab was trying to discover it. We came close, but were beaten, by the Japanese, then the Americans, then the Americans again, then the Germans..... My contract came to an end and I moved on to work on another protein. But I have always taken an interest in muscarinic receptors. Nowadays the field has moved on enormously; not only do we know the sequence, we know the shape of the protein, both when it is inactive and when it has been activated by acetylcholine, as pictured. My colleagues John Simms and Mark Wheatley\*\* are now working to understand exactly how acetylcholine causes it to change shape, using powerful computer techniques to model what is happening. This will help us to discover better drugs that act on this important target.

I also have some unfinished business with the muscarinic receptor. The muscarinic receptor normally lives in the cell membrane, the “skin” of the cell. As part of my work all those years ago, I was using chemicals to try and release the receptor from the membrane. I could do this, but the properties of the protein were changed. I published a paper describing what was happening but could not explain it. Now, with the help of work with John and Mark, I think I know what happened. The cell membrane acts like an elastic band, squeezing the sides of the muscarinic receptor and keeping it in a particular shape. When I removed it from the membrane, I had effectively cut the elastic band and so the receptor changed shape. If you wait long enough in science, you usually find an answer to your puzzles.

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\*\* - referring to David's scientist colleagues who have featured in previous Molecules of the Month!

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Day off – FRIDAY

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## June Message

*Let us now sing the praises of famous men,  
our ancestors in their generations.*

*[Sirach 44:1]*

I introduced the 'Saint of the Month' column this year, for three reasons that seemed good to me at the time: first, because I love history; second because the stories are enchanting; third, and most important, because it's good to follow on the story from the Bible through to our own day.

The New Testament gives us the four Gospel accounts of the ministry of Jesus, and the Acts of the Apostles – written as the sequel to Luke's Gospel – takes the story on with the deeds of the disciples, focusing increasingly on the ministry of St Paul. As someone has said, the Acts of the Apostles could equally well be called the Acts of the Holy Spirit.

It's one of the drawbacks of readings in church that we seldom get a chance to hear how the Acts of the Holy Spirit go on beyond the first century AD, so putting in some of the stories of the saints in Wheatland News may provide the opportunity to redress the balance a bit.

Some of the stories – many of them, actually – may make us in our modern age think 'And this person is celebrated as a Saint??' But that is to judge the past by the standards of the present, which is never a good idea; and also to assume that people can ever be perfect, which, let's face it, they can't!

As we begin June, we move in the Church calendar into what we call 'Ordinary Time', the Sundays after Trinity, which take us through the summer. We're away from the great festivals of Christmas and Easter, and the Bible stories we hear tend to be about Jesus's mission: his teaching and his healing. So this may be a good opportunity to look at the stories of some of those down the years who have tried to follow in his footsteps, and see what we can learn from their example.

I've been laid up for most of May (broken hip, for those who hadn't heard!) and have had a chance to do a fair amount of thinking in between emails and telephone calls and daily stomping down the streets of Stotty on crutches. And I've thought about the kindness and generosity people have shown to us in this difficult time: good wishes, prayers, offers of help. All of which has reminded me that St Paul, in his letters, addresses all the communities he writes to as 'saints'.

We have a lot of saints in our communities, too. Thank you.

Mark Daborn

# Stottesdon Benefice Group News

<b>St Mary, Stottesdon</b> CHURCHWARDEN Clare Tibbits: 01746-718007	<b>St Giles, Farlow</b> CHURCHWARDENS Joan Evans - 01746-718619 Nigel Savage-Bailey - 07989-308599	<b>Holy Trinity, Sidbury</b> CHURCHWARDEN Andrew Sierkowski - 07934-714149
<b>St Mary, Cleeton St Mary</b> CHURCHWARDENS Sue Dolphin: - 01584 890583	<b>St John, Middleton Scriven</b> CHURCHWARDEN vacant – so for now your contact is Rev Mark Daborn - 01746-718127	<b>St Michael, Silvington</b> CHURCHWARDENS Annette Metcalfe: - 01584 890161

**The Rev Mark Daborn writes:**

## Churches in June

The services for June are back to the full *normal* (remember that?) pattern, as long as we continue on the road to recovery. Online services will continue to be recorded. You can pick these up where and when may be convenient for you, either on the [Stottesdon Benefice website](#), on the [Stottesdon Benefice Facebook page](#), or [here on You Tube](#).

The **services in churches** for June are set out below, and the grid shows the day on which each church is open (approx. 10.00-18.00) for private prayer.

## Services in Churches for June

	Open for Private Prayer	Trinity 1		Trinity 2		Trinity 3		Trinity 4	
		6 <sup>th</sup> June		13 <sup>th</sup> June		20 <sup>th</sup> June		27 <sup>th</sup> June	
Cleeton St Mary	Tuesdays			0900	HC			1600	EP
Farlow	Saturdays	0900	HC						
Middleton Scriven	Mondays	1030	HC						
Sidbury	Wednesdays					1600	HC		
Silvington	Fridays			1830	EP			0900	HC
Stottesdon	Sundays	1830	ES	1030	HC	1030	IW	1030	HC

HC Holy Communion	ES Evensong (BCP)	EP Evening Prayer	IW Informal Worship
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## From the Stottesdon Benefice Registers

There are no entries to report this month.

## Lectionary for June 2021

Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>
Trinity 1	Trinity 2	Trinity 3	Trinity 4
Green	Green	Green	Green
1 Samuel 8:4-11; 16-20 Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-end	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 Psalm 20 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17 Mark 4:26-34	1 Samuel 17:57-18.5 10-16 Psalm 133 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-end	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-end Psalm 130 Corinthians 8:7-end Mark 5:21-end

**If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayer or a visit or Communion at home or elsewhere, then please contact Mark direct, or ask your churchwardens to help you to arrange this.**

The **deadline for the JULY edition** (Stottesdon Benefice and Parishes) is to get copy to Chris by first thing **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June**. Thanks!

### Silvington News

*Annette Metcalfe writes:*

The church will be open for **private prayer** on Fridays in June, and we are planning **two services**:

- ✝ Evening Prayer, 6.30 pm, 13<sup>th</sup> June
- ✝ Holy Communion, 9.00 am, 27<sup>th</sup> June

### Cleeton St Mary News

*Gill Jordan writes:*

The church will be open for **private prayer** every Tuesday and our **services for June** will be:

- ✝ Holy Communion, 9.00 am, 13<sup>th</sup> June
- ✝ Evening Prayer, 4.00 pm, 27<sup>th</sup> June
- ✝

### **April 100 Club results:**

- £20 Sharon Ortel no 102;
- £10 Keith Bowen no 89, and Brian Hardy no 92;
- £5 Diane Broome no 68, and Reuben Jordan no 52.

## Farlow News

### Church services

There will be a **service of Holy Communion** at 9am on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> and the church will also be open for **private prayer** every Saturday in June.

There is no other report from Farlow, Oreton and district this month.

## Sidbury News

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated at 4pm on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> and the church will be open for **private prayer** every Wednesday in June.

There is no other report from Sidbury this month.

## Stottesdon News

*Clare Tibbits writes:*

St Mary's Church will be open for **private prayer** every Sunday, after the 1030 service (except, of course, on 6<sup>th</sup> June when it will be open from morning until Evensong starts at 6:30pm).

### St Mary's 100 Club:

Congratulations to the winners in May draw – Janet Jackson, Clare Tibbits, Pete and Lizz Backhouse

### The Cricket match ...

... is at Kinlet on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June. Mike Mooney has the details!

## Middleton Scriven News

*Ann Constable writes:*

The church will be open for **private prayer** on Mondays during June. **Holy Communion** will be celebrated at 10.30 on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>.



### Community coffee morning:

**On Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup>:** 10-12, outdoors in the churchyard. We are hoping this will be the start of resuming these monthly events. Come and meet up with friends. Further details to follow so look out for posters and updates.

## Middleton Scriven's medieval field names

*Andy Johnson writes:*

*The following item may be of interest to some parishioners. I have maps of the parish's ancient field names and so I thought I might share information with others:*

Some 30-odd years ago when I moved to Middleton Scriven, I felt it necessary, in an idle moment, to delve into the history of the area. Among my researches was a trip to the Shropshire archives, then at Shirehall, where I was surprised and delighted to fall upon numerous early maps of the parish.

Most intriguing of these was a copy of the 1839 Tithe Apportionment Map (don't worry about what that means). This map shows the ancient names of every field within the parish as they then were, including named pieces of land used for purposes other than agriculture. Many of these field names have clear, logical meanings, like Upper field or Lower meadow, but the meanings of many other names have been lost in the mists of time, possibly having their origins as far back as the 13th and 14th centuries.

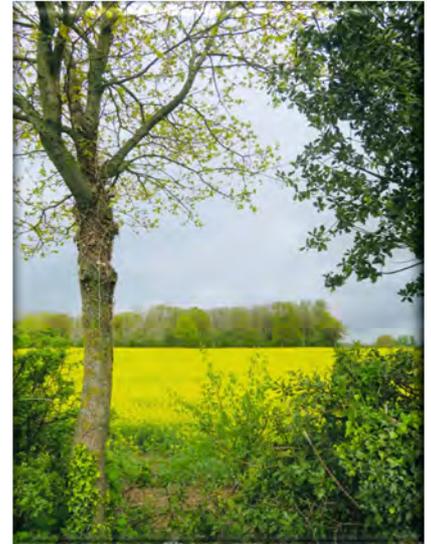
Middleton Scriven has its fair share of both obvious names and obscure ones but with the help of Foxall's Shropshire Field Names (published 1980) I can give you some of the names with their presumed meanings which I hope you will find of interest:

- **Fewtrells Meadow** means Yew Tree Meadow and is to be found next to the Grange wherein the twin yew trees of Middleton Scriven (1 male, 1 female) are still to be found.
- **Annylseed Meadow** where Aniseed would have been grown lies next to **Sidbury Wicket** which is situated on the boundary with the parish of Sidbury.
- **Bear Croft** is just behind the church and refers, not to bears, but to barley.
- **Great Brockley** is named after badgers which still inhabit the area.
- **Upper and Lower Beecall** suggest bee-keeping.
- The group of fields called **Mill Hill, Mill Meadow and Lower Mill Meadow** prompted me to search for the remains of a water mill somewhere nearby; after a little while and with some help from Time Team's late Mick Aston I was able to establish the exact whereabouts of what turned out to be a 12th century water mill - which, according to documents in the County Records Office, was still in existence until about 1750. The only traces of the mill now are the mill race and remains of the earth



dam which held water for the mill to use. Also I found fragments of a millstone, reliably dated to the 13th/14th century, which I fished out of the brook adjacent to where the mill stood.

If any reader in Middleton Scriven would like to know the name of the ancient field or fields upon which their home stands I will do my best to enlighten them.



## Plant sale

Thank you to all who supported the annual plant sale and raffle in May!

With a very, very wet morning on day 1 and then sunshine on day 2, we had plenty of customers and lots of plants donated.



A huge thank you goes to local businesses for donating raffle prizes: First prize was won by Rachael Timmins - a voucher from Keith Alderson's Butcher. Other prizes were donated from Tea and Roses, Top Shop, Turners and Bannutt Farm shop.



We were delighted to have raised £370.

## Community Action Noticeboard



**Bridgnorth Food Bank** can now accept monetary gifts via Internet Banking and this a very easy way of getting your donation direct to those in desperate need of our help at this very difficult time. To give online, please use the following details – Bridgnorth Community Trust, sort code 20-85-46, account 73700445 and quote 'Food Bank' as the reference. If you'd like an acknowledgement of your gift, please advise the volunteer team that you have sent a donation - by email to: [khbowley@googlemail.com](mailto:khbowley@googlemail.com)

**Do you know a 2, 3, or 4-year old who would like to join the fantastic community nursery at Stottesdon?**

**PLACES AVAILABLE THIS SEPTEMBER**

The advertisement for Stottesdon Gateway Nursery features a photograph of a teacher sitting on the floor, reading a book about a green frog to a group of young children. The background is a colorful classroom. In the top right corner, there are two logos: "Ofsted Outstanding Provider" and a logo for "We really care and make learning fun" featuring a yellow horse. The main text "Stottesdon Gateway NURSERY" is in large, bold, white letters on a blue background. Below this, a purple banner says "We really care and make learning fun". The text "We can offer:" is in a white box on a purple background. To the right, three bullet points with yellow checkmarks list the nursery's offerings: "Nursery places for 2, 3, 4 year olds, available from September 2021", "From 15 - 30 funded hours available.", and "BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL & HOLIDAY PROVISION for children aged 2 - 11 years old." The bottom left of the ad lists three bullet points: "A safe and nurturing learning environment with dedicated and caring staff.", "High quality provision with strong links to Reception.", and "An amazing outdoor area and use of the school facilities and space."/>

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**TO BOOK A TOUR : Call us at Stottesdon School 01746 718617**

## Useful Community Contacts

<b>Brown Clew Walkers</b>	Meeting Place for walks - Ditton Priors Church. 01746-712662
<b>Burwarton &amp; District WI</b>	Meets in Cleobury North Village Hall. The 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2.30pm. Contact 01746-712466
<b>Little Explorers Pre-School, Ditton Priors</b>	Open Monday to Friday 9.00am – 3.00pm. Contact Wendy Lloyd 01746-712506 / 787549
<b>Burwarton &amp; District Garden Club</b>	Meets on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 8.00 pm. Contact 01584-823723 for details of topic and venue
<b>Burwarton &amp; District Wives Group</b>	Meeting 8pm 1st Wednesday of the month. Contact Debbie Jones 01746-712421 or Gill Severn 01746-712231
<b>Chelmarsh Crown Green Bowling Club</b>	Welcomes old and new members. Contact Sue Jackman 01746-862850
<b>Chelmarsh Indoor Short Mat Bowling</b>	Welcomes old and new members. The sessions are every Tuesday evening from 7.30-10.00pm. Further details Sue Jackman 01746-862850
<b>Chelmarsh Parish Hall</b>	Available for hire - booking@chelmarshparishhall.co.uk
<b>Chelmarsh Jubilee Club</b>	Parish Hall 01746-86525 Jean Davis
<b>Chelmarsh Walking for Health</b>	Monday 10.00am except Bank Holidays. Parish Hall. Eleanor Haddon 01746-862884. 2 levels of walking available
<b>Chelmarsh Friends</b>	Meet every 2nd Wednesday 7.30pm Chelmarsh Parish Hall. Jenny Green 01746-862191
<b>Cleobury North Village Hall</b>	Enquiries to 01746-787093 please
<b>Tae kwon-do</b>	Chelmarsh Parish Hall Tuesday evening. Suitable for children & Adults. Neil Morris Thursday 5.45pm. 07969-996055
<b>Chelmarsh Parent &amp; Toddler Group</b>	Every Tuesday during term time 9.30 – 11.30 Chelmarsh Parish Hall. Contact Pam Baker 07846-692323
<b>Chetton &amp; Gazeley WI</b>	Meets in Chetton Village Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of the month 7.30pm Sam O'Sullivan 01746-868225
<b>Chetton Folk Dance Club</b>	Meets Chetton Village Hall, last Wednesday of month except August Tel. Janice Burton 01584-823802
<b>Chorley Village Hall</b>	Available for Hire (fully equipped kitchen, digital projection equipment and large screen) contact Jenny or Charlie on 01746-718437
<b>Short Mat Bowling</b>	Every Monday & Thursday 2.30 – 4.30pm at Cleeton & Silvington Village Hall, October to end of April. Pam 01584-89261
<b>Cleeton &amp; Silvington V H</b>	Zumba - Thursdays 6.30pm 7.30pm all year Ula 01584-890200
<b>Fun &amp; Fitness for 50+</b>	Cleobury North Village Hall - low impact fitness programme working the whole body every Tuesday 10.00 – 11.15am. Contact 01584-823640
<b>Ditton Priors Art Group</b>	Village Hall Wednesday morning (except Christmas) 9.30 – 12.30pm all welcome Various visual art forms eg Water Colour, Oils & Acrylics. Mrs Denise Davies 01746-712521
<b>Short Mat Bowling</b>	Ditton Priors Village Hall Every Tuesday afternoon 2.00 - 4.00pm Wednesday 7.30-10.00pm except the second Wednesday in the month when it will be Thursday at 8.00 – 10.00pm. Everyone is welcome - try at no charge. Contact 01746-712157
<b>Ditton Priors WI</b>	Meets in Ditton Priors Village Hall on 2nd Wednesday each month at 7.15pm 01746-712473
<b>Ditton Priors Local History Group</b>	The Local History Centre, next to the Willows Café, opens 12.00-2.00 on Saturdays, and at other times by arrangement. Contact 01746-712850
<b>Ditton Priors Parent &amp; Toddlers Group</b>	Meet in the Pavilion, Playing Fields, Ditton Priors Thursday 9.30 -11.30 am everyone welcome for a coffee and play.
<b>Ditton Priors Book Club</b>	Jenny -01746-712665
<b>Knowle Sports Club</b>	Second hand sales held every first Saturday of the month, 7.30am – 11am proceeds to Children's Football Field 01584-890644
<b>Stottesdon Gateway Nursery</b>	Pre-school, holiday club and wraparound sessions. An integral part of Stottesdon Primary School, Contact 01746-718769
<b>Stottesdon &amp; District W.I.</b>	Meets in various venues on the 3rd Wednesday in each month details from Helena Hale 01746 718012 or Clare Tibbits 01746-718007
<b>Stoke St Milborough Dance</b>	Mike 01746-712774 - Betty 01746-77515
<b>Domestic Abuse Hotline</b>	Telephone Number 08448-044999