Dates for your Diary

Sunday	1st May	10am	Woolstaston Ch	BCP Holy Communion
Sunday	1st May	10.30am	Stapleton Ch	All age Worship
Tuesday	3rd May	7pm	Dorrington VH	Condover Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday	4th May	10am	Dorrington VH	Ted's Mixing Bowl
Wednesday	4th May	7pm	Leebotwood VH	Filling Station
Saturday	7th May	10am	Coppice Farm Wilderley	Annual Plant Sale
Sunday	8th May	10.30am	Longnor Ch	Morning Prayer
Sunday	8th May	10.30am	Smethcott Ch	All Age Worship
Sunday	8th May	10.30am	Stapleton Ch	CW Holy Communion
Tuesday	10th May	10am	Stapleton VH	Chat & Do
Tuesday	10th May	7.30pm	Dorrington VH	Dorrington WI
Wednesday	11th May	10am	Dorrington VH	Ted's Mixing Bowl
Wednesday	11th May	7.30pm	Leebotwood VH	Smethcott WI
Saturday	14th May	10am	Stapleton VH	Saturday Market
Sunday	15th May	10.30am	Dorrington Ch	All Age Worship
Sunday	15th May	10.30am	Dorrington Ch	CW Holy Communion
Sunday	15th May	6.30pm	Stapleton Ch	Evening Prayer
Wednesday	18th May	10am	Dorrington VH	Ted's Mixing Bowl
Sunday	22nd May	10.30am	Leebotwood Ch	All Age Worship
Sunday	22nd May	10.30am	Smethcott Ch	CW Holy Communion
Sunday	22nd May	10.30am	Stapleton Ch	Communion by Extension
Tuesday	24th May	10am	Stapleton VH	Chat & Do
Tuesday	25th May	10am	Dorrington VH	Ted's Mixing Bowl
Thursday	26th May	6.30pm	Smethcott Ch	Ascension Day Service
Friday	27th May	7pm	Longnor VH	Longnor Pub Night
Sunday	29th May	10.30am	Dorrington Rectory	Benefice Service
Wednesday	1st June	7pm	Leebotwood VH	Filling Station
Thursday	2nd June	3pm	Longnor Ch	Tea and Tree for the Jubilee
Thursday	2nd June	8pm	Smethcott Ch	Queen's Jubilee Celebrations
Friday	3rd June	2pm	Smethcott Ch	Family Jubilee Celebrations
Wednesday	8th June	7pm	Picklescott VH	Smethcott WI
Sunday	12th June	2pm	Yockleton SY5 9YP	Lingen Davies Open Gardens
Tuesday	14th June	7.30pm	Dorrington VH	Dorrington WI

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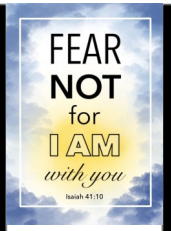

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A message from Pab Hnatiuk, Rev. Laura's Husband

Rejoice! Rejoice!

I have always had a love of the hymn O Come O Come Emmanuel! To me its a beautiful song that in its literal sense, talks of the suffering of Gods people of Israel, and their longing for release from the persecution they have suffered over thousands of years, and cries out hope in its exclamation "Rejoice, Rejoice"!

Its heart felt words plead for redemption and call on God for his blessings upon them so they can live in peace and freedom from "Satan's tyranny".

But where did it come from?

Well the hymn we know today has its root in three separate places, with the words and tune evolving separately.

The words we know today are first found in 18th Century Germany, and are not surprisingly, in Latin. There are however, links back much further to the 9th Century, and an Anglo Saxon poet by the name of Cynewulf, who is considered to have been an educated man, whom it seems had links to the Kingdom of Mercia!

In his works, Cynewulf uses many of the words and phrases found in O Come O Come, and it seems quite possible that his works were the root for the words we know today.

The origins of the tune (known as Vine Emmanuel) seems a little vague, but much of the mystery around its origins seems to have been resolved when in 1966 a British Musicologist by the name of Mary Berry (not that one!) discovered a 15th Century manuscript containing the melody.

The familiar tune we all know and love was apparently first linked with the words in 1851, when a choirmaster, writer and author by the name of Thomas Helmore (from Kidderminster) published it in his book Hymnal Noted. And so the magic was complete!

Of course, when we view it in a wider context, its clear that Satan's tyranny comes in many forms, and to many different peoples, not just those to whom we traditionally associate them in the plaintiff words of O Come O Come!

Our world is awash with peoples living under harsh, and in some cases, inhuman rule. Dictatorships with more interest in their own power than the good of their people. Nations living under oppression, living with starvation and disease in proportions we in our comfortable world, can barely imagine, and as often as not, try desperately not to see.

I often imagine O Come O Come being the prayer of these people, of the children with flies on their poor gaunt faces, the person sleeping rough in a doorway in the coldest of winter nights without food or hope, the victims of hate, or injustice in desperate need of an advocate. The young men and women forced to carry guns and fight when they should be learning to read, write and play, or the mums and dads who feel despair when faced with the choice of heating their home or feeding their kids.

From my humble perspective, O Come O Come speaks of all these people and their suffering, and when I sing, as loudly as my mask allows me "Rejoice Rejoice", its tinged with a deep sorrow for their suffering, and also deep hope that God will be with them.

From the Diocese - Written by the Dean of Hereford, Sarah Brown

Hello Everyone,

There is a piece of engineering art in the Mercedes Benz Museum at Brooklands which shows a Formula One Car suspended in all its constituent parts. It is still obviously a car and each part, large or small clearly has a defined function and purpose although they are not connected in such a way as to enable it to move at all, still less win a race.

It occurs to me that this is a metaphor for the Church; that we are in a time of uncertainty and waiting to find our way. The shock in 2020 of first emptying our buildings and then closing our doors for worship and prayer, thus removing all our physical certainties, was like a slow-motion explosion into suspended animation and whilst a fair bit of former functionality is restored there is still a sense of struggling in no man's land. All that we are and have been hanging breathlessly in the unanticipated gift of wait and see.

I think we all know in our hearts, much as we want to rebel against the knowledge, that church will never be the same as it was and that in truth, Covid merely accelerated what was already happening. We are still Christ's church, His body, but a bit like a string puppet, uncoordinated, unskilled, uncertain how to take the next step. Yet in faith, courage and the power of the Holy Spirit firing creativity, we might start to move towards re-imagining and re-engineering what will be.

Even as we start to work out how to serve God's people in what are distressing and terrible times for the world let us accept with perverse gratitude the chance to stop our perpetual motion; to pause and to seek God; to hang for a season moved only by His spirit and to watch and wait and discern His will. The Spiritual Certainties remain unchanged. How we arrange ourselves around them to serve the nation and our communities in Jesus' name is the question for today. But this no reason to fear.

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1st No service
8th Go to Stapleton - Holy Communion led by Rev Laura
15th Morning Worship Led by Chris Breakell
22nd No services
29th Group service - Dorrington Rectory but if it's wet will be in Church

Filling Station is on Wednesday 4th May at 7.30pm in Leebotwood village hall. The speaker this month will be Chris Densham. The April meeting went really well with 21 present, please make every effort to attend, enjoy rich fellowship, worship, teaching and superb refreshments.

On Wednesday mornings in Dorrington village hall we have Ted's from 10am to 12 noon. Over the last month numbers have increased and it's a great opportunity to meet people and make new friends, we also welcome the nursery children and their helpers. If you have not been please give it a try. Our good friend Sue makes excellent cake each week and Eileen is in charge.

Donations for the Ark should be placed at the back of the church. If you can place cloths in black bin liners and bric a brac in boxes. This helps with transportation.

Please don't forget to support our friends at Smethcote with their plant sale. A catalogue will be provided and you make your order or just visit on the day. Further details can be found on the Smethcote page of the magazine.

What has struck you over this Easter period? I have listened to lots of messages and in one of them we were challenged with the question, "Where would you be in the crowd?" and "Can you identify with any of the characters in the accounts given to us by the Gospel writers?" Judas who betrayed, Peter who denied, Pilate who was weak or even Joseph of Arimathea who was a disciple but came by night because he feared the Jews, to name a few. I was struck by another character Thomas who doubted. Thomas had not been with the disciples when Jesus first appeared to them after the resurrection and would not believe. A little later Jesus appeared again and Thomas was there, Jesus said to him "stop doubting and believe." Thomas replied "my Lord and my God." Jesus then said, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." We fall into that group, we have not seen yet believe however, we still have our doubts. We need to turn to the eyewitness reports of the Gospel writers for the reassurance we need. John finishes chapter 20 by saying this. "Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name". Read John 20: 24 -31.

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St Edward's Dorrington Continued

Calvary's Anthem

Heavenly Father, thou hast led me singing to the cross where I fling down all my burdens and see them vanish, where mountains of guilt are levelled to a plain, where my sins disappear, though they are the greatest that exist, and are more in number than the grains of fine sand. For there is power in the blood of Calvary to destroy sins more than can be counted even by one from the choir of Heaven. Thou hast given me a hill side spring that washes me clear and white and as I go to it's waters and wash I receive full and free forgiveness. Amen

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Support for Ukraine

On Wednesday 16th March everyone dressed in yellow and blue and drew maps of Ukraine and hearts with messages on in support of the people of Ukraine. We raised an amazing £174.83 for the Red Cross DEC Appeal.

Comic Relief

Everyone dressed in red and wore their red noses, raising £24.00 for Comic Relief.

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Do you need space for band practice or try out your latest comedy routine; the space is there for everyone in the community to use not just for private hire.

Do you have any suggestions of what types of events we should organise? Would you come to a quiz and supper night? car boot, craft fair? The list is endless – would like to help us with planning events – if you have time and ideas call Vicki or email info@dorringtonvillagehall, we need help to keep the hall a vibrant hub for all.

NEWS FLASH – we will be doing a Jubilee Event on 4th June

Regular Time-Table Summer 22

	Weekly	Monthly
Monday	Zumba 6.30-7.30pm Yoga 8.-9.30pm	
Tuesday	Clatterbugs 9.45-12.15 Circuits 7-8pm	WI second Tuesday of the month 7.30-10pm
Wednesday	Ted's Mixing Bowl 10-Miday	Young Farmer's 1st Wed of the month 7.30-9.00pm
Thursday	Badminton 9.30-11.30 Brownies 5.30-8.30 Term time	
Friday	SS Home School 11-2 Arrive & Jive 7.30-9.30 – not first Friday of the month – till May 22	First Friday of the month Youth Club 5-8pm
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We have already had some new members attend our meeting this year and if you would like to come and join our WI or attend one of our meetings you would be made most welcome. We have included the programme for the year below so that you can see the activities planned. There may be changes but members are always notified.

In December we had our Christmas meal at The Horseshoes. It was a lovely evening and thoroughly enjoyed by all who could attend. In January we met via zoom and had a natter and chatter sharing our experiences from Christmas and the New Year celebrations. In February we had a Beetle Drive which created a lot of laughs and brought back memories of playing the game years ago for some members. For other members it was a new experience! We enjoyed celebrating Dorrington W.I.'s tenth anniversary in February with an afternoon tea at Fishmore Hall. In March we had a practical and creative evening where we all made small folders and in April we were advised on how to get the best from our hanging baskets and containers.

Programme for 2022

May: The Women of RAF Tempsford with Bernard O'Connor

June: Hearing Dogs for Deaf People with Vicky Ryan

July: A picnic

August: An Outing (to be finalised)

September: An Audio Visual Show with Hilary and Ian Templeton

October: A cookery demonstration

November: AGM and Quiz

December: Christmas Celebration at a local hostelry

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22nd May	Elaine Jones & Eileen Woolmer	
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Readers

15th May (Longnor) First reading – Doreen Mansell

Lottery tickets to raise funds for St. Mary's church are selling well, if anyone would be interested in buying a ticket, please contact Jacqui Bore 01694 751336. Tickets are £5 each for four draws, prizes are £25, £10 and £5.

At the village hall meeting on 31st March Heather Capewell-Hughes was appointed as Assistant Chairperson to support current Chairperson Mary Wilson. Thank you to Fran Harper for all her support and hard work over the years who has decided to step down from the committee and to all the new committee members that attended this meeting. Due to maintenance work that needs to be carried out on the main hall floor the village hall will be closed between Saturday 7th May and reopen on the evening of Wednesday 11th May. The committee are hoping to put a display together of photos of Leebotwood over the last seventy years, if anyone has any, they are happy to share please contact a committee member.

Last year six of us took place in the first Pedal the Borders 100k cycle ride and raised over £3000 for the Lingen Davies cancer fund. This year Colin Bore is doing two challenges, the first one Pedal the Borders 100k on Sunday 17th July which is a precursor to the Euro city cycle, a 271 mile, 5 day bike ride taking in London, Amsterdam, Brege and ending in Brussels in September. If anyone would like to sponsor Colin for these events, please contact him on 01694 751336 or on the JustGiving page 'Colin's Pedal the Borders and Euro city cycle page'. The Lingen Davies offers wonderful support to people dealing with cancer.

Anything you would like to put in the magazine contact Jacqui Bore 01694 751336 or email Jacqui.bore@btinternet.com before the 14th of each month .

St Mary's Longnor

Altar Flowers and Brasses

1st & 8th May	Louise Downes
15th & 22nd May	Amanda Lansdell
29th May & 5th June	Kay Askew

Services	Sidesperson	Reader
8th May 10.30am Morning Prayer	Norene Dunn	Liz Holdsworth
15th May 10.30am Holy Communion	Ruth Butler	Helen Francis
24th April 10.30am All Age Worship	Norene Dunn	Ruth Butler

Key Stewards

2nd – 8th May	Sue & Clive Hasted
9th – 15th May	Gill & Alan Humphries
16th – 22nd May	Amanda & Johnny Lansdell
23rd – 29th May	Louise & Tim Downes
30th May – 5th June	Tiff & Ed Corbett

Longnor Pub Night in the Village Hall, Friday 27th May from 7.00pm

Our monthly pub nights in the Village Hall are great family-friendly get-togethers and a chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones. Bar and food available.

'Tea and Tree for the Jubilee', Thursday 2nd June from 3.00pm

To celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen and the anniversary of her Coronation, please come and enjoy a special tree-planting ceremony in Longnor Churchyard followed by Afternoon Tea in the Village Hall. Everyone warmly welcome. Donations of cakes gratefully received.

The Shrewsbury Ark, which provides a safe haven in the town centre for homeless and vulnerable people, is always grateful for donations of toiletries and non-perishable food items, such as tea, coffee, sugar, cereals, tinned meat and fish, cakes and biscuits. Do please put all donations in the box at the back of church.

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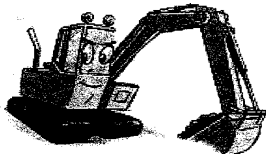

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St Mary's Longnor Continued

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The RNIB is always grateful for used postage stamps, surplus foreign currency, or any unusable old British currency, which they can recycle into funds for much-needed services to support blind and partially-sighted people. There are collection boxes for stamps and coins at the back of Longnor Church (next to the box for the Shrewsbury Ark), which we will pass on to the RNIB. Many thanks for your donations.

If you have anything you would like to be included on the Longnor page of the Parish Magazine, please email annabelwarburg135@gmail.com or ring 01743 718005 by the 14th of the month.

Mrs Logan went for her atmoiser and
Mrs Pugh went for hers...

Longnor C.E. Primary School News

Inspiring a lifelong love of learning

Spring has definitely arrived and amongst the blossom and daffodils we have enjoyed outdoor learning focused upon skills that we need for lifelong learning.

In class four, for years five and six, they have been busy on their bikes completing their 'Bikeability' road safety course. From turning at a T-junction to indicating safely, they have been learning vital skills for life out and about on the road. All worked hard and made excellent progress over the week of training.

In class three, all children had the opportunity to try new sports and demonstrate resilience when attempting new activities. We travelled to Church Stretton School for a fabulous festival. Tennis, golf, football and rugby activities were led by the sports leaders from year seven. Every student supported each other and worked positively as a team.

In class two and one, children had the opportunity to begin to ride a bike and use a balance bike. They had great fun gaining their sense of balance with the support from the team at Learn Cycling. It looked like great fun and such a fabulous life skill that promotes health and fitness.

Our 'School Circle' have been busy this month and have arranged some lovely events for all children to celebrate Easter. We've had an 'eggcellent' egg decorating competition, school disco and Easter egg hunt around school. We'd like to thank all of the parents for their continued support with school events.

The website **www.longnorschool.org.uk** is continually updated and tells you about all the exciting and inspiring things we get up to at Longnor C.E. Primary School. To contact the school please email **admin@longnorschool.co.uk** or phone Rachel Reynolds on 01743 718493.

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Little Owls Preschool

LONGNOR CE Primary School

Longnor's Little Owls Preschool is part of Longnor CE Primary School, just off the A49.

We place a high value on developing children's independence and self-confidence by learning through play and interactions with others and the environment. Our curriculum is rooted in child development, providing each unique child with what they need in the here and now.

We wish to offer new parents a time to chat with the Early Years Teacher where we can discuss our ethos and answer any questions or queries parents may have. This applies to both parents of children over 3 who wish to join our Preschool this academic year and children who wish to join our Reception class in September. Please call the school office on 01743 718493 or email admin@longnorschool.co.uk to book a mutually convenient time.

St. Michael and All Angels Smethcott

Encouraging the whole community to discover the good news about Jesus Christ

	Flowers and brasses	Cleaning
1 May	Chris Downes	Rosemary Kirkwood
15 May	Sue Cooper	Lucinda Lovesey
29 May	Ruth McKim	Geoff Jarrett
1 June	All—Queen's Platinum Jubilee	All—Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The Annual Plant Sale will take place on 7th May at Coppice Farm, Wilderley between 10 and 12. There will be the usual bric-a-brac, cake and produce stall, tea, coffee and cakes. Please do join us. There will also be a collection for the people of Ukraine.

The church is pleased to be involved in the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. We will be offering fizz and nibbles in the church from **8 pm on Thursday 2 June** before the village gathering for food and lighting of our beacon on the motte and bailey. Please do join us.

On **Friday 3 June** there will be a short joyful celebratory service in the church from 2 to 2.30 pm. This will be followed by tea and cakes, a treasure hunt for children and a walking quiz for adults. Questions will be based on local and natural history, the church and churchyard, the bridle path down to the rectory, the rectory gardens and the lane to the school. Everyone welcome to join in so please drop in at any time.

Our church service pattern is changing to the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

Thought for the month

"*And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love*." (1 Corinthians 13 v 13 NIV).

PALZ
Professionals with Alzheimer's

WELCOME TO PALZ UK

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- Meet other people in a similar situation
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- Meetings every two months - Free Admission – Free Parking with coffee & light refreshments at the Shropshire Conference Centre on the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital site. Meetings are held at 10.30am on the third Tuesday of each alternative month. Satnav reference: SY3 8XQ.

To find out more please contact **lizaholdsworth@hotmail.com** or telephone 01743 718495.

These friendly and fun meetings aim to
Increase self -respect and confidence as well as providing mental stimulation.

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PALZ-UK - "The purpose of the PALZ group is to provide people, who have held challenging and demanding jobs and who are now living with Alzheimer's (or dementia from other causes), with a social environment that relates to their previous working environment of peer support and mental challenge.

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PALZ UK … a lifeline…

In the middle of a pandemic PALZ UK provided a lifeline for people with Alzheimer's.

When people discover that they or their partner has Alzheimer's they are often lost as to what to do next. How to cope. Many people have discovered that the support of others in a similar situation, and the opportunity to socialise at the PALZ UK bi-monthly meetings to have been most beneficial. Liz Holdsworth, Chair of PALZ UK is keen to 'spread the word' about the Shropshire-based charity which aims to help people who have held challenging and demanding jobs, and are now living with Alzheimer's (or dementia from other causes).

Liz Holdsworth said: "PALZ UK meetings take place every two months, at the Conference Centre at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. During the pandemic we had monthly Zooms meetings. People can enjoy a range of interesting Guest Speakers providing intellectual stimulation to those who just happen to have Alzheimer's or any other cause of dementia. Supportive friends and family very welcome and attendees tell me that they find the meetings a rewarding and enjoyable experience. It is free to attend, and there is free parking with coffee & light refreshments. We have had a variety of interesting speakers and the meetings increase self-respect, confidence and mental stimulation in a friendly atmosphere. When time allows please visit the PALZ UK website where you be able to see how we started and what our ambitions are in the UK- namely to establish additional groups in different towns and cities. We would really appreciate the chance to publicise PALZ UK so that others can receive the help they deserve".

Liz continued: "After establishing a successful local Shropshire Group the next step is to create other groups across the UK. To enable that ambition we have created a Starter Pack which is available online on the website www.palz.org.uk The PALZ UK Starter Pack contains for example, an illustration of typical potential contacts; the PALZ UK Model, an Action List and an indication of the support that will be provided to set up a group. So please tell others of our plans. Thank you".

To find out more email info@palzglobal.org.uk or please visit the website www.palzuk.org.uk" **Registered Charity No. 1190292**

News from Smethcote WI

Our April meeting was held at Leebotwood Village Hall and again we started at the earlier time of 7pm. This earlier starting time has been well received as it gives members the opportunity to have a cup of tea and a chat before the start of the business meeting. There was also the chance to browse the produce stall and buy some delicious biscuits which Cherry had made!

The business meeting started as usual at 7.30pm but without our President, who is still recovering from her accident, and other Team members who are variously recovering from Covid, self-isolating or on holiday. However, a spur-of-the-moment stand-in (me…) struggled on with running the meeting, brilliantly guided by Fiona, assistant secretary.

There were several other apologies for absence, among them Mary Thomas who has had a fall – thankfully without serious injury but we send her our best wishes. Chris Downes gave us the sad news that Margaret Evans, who had been a member some years ago, had died recently.

The raised bed planned to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee is going ahead and members were asked to suggest ideas for planting it up. The other event planned (a cream tea at the Bottle and Glass, Picklescott on 5th June) was also discussed with the reminder that members who volunteer to help will need to have completed the relevant Food & Hygiene course.

Planned outings were discussed, both the afternoon visit to a garden near Hopesay in May and our early summer outing which will be to Hampton Court gardens, near Leominster.

Jenny Thomas was the clear winner of the flower of the month competition with an extremely early antirrhinum which she had nurtured through the winter.

Our speaker, Peter Dunhill, then told us of the history of Commoners' Gardens, starting with the Romans introducing raised beds and courtyards here, along with grafting techniques and the use of manure. With over ten million acres of the country given over to ordinary gardens, it's certainly a subject of broad interest. From the first enclosures when people were gardening for the kitchen and also for brewing and herbs for medicine, through tulip mania in 17th century Holland which was followed by hyacinth mania in England, to the Victorians' interest in the meaning of flowers and the Dig for Victory campaign which saw every available scrap of land utilised for vegetable growing during World War II, we learnt how gardening styles have changed over the centuries. And next time you are in Shrewsbury, have a look at the wall along the river by English Bridge, below the old hospital. There are gates in the wall which used to lead to what were called detached gardens; these were gardens for the townsfolk who had no space in the more crowded areas of town.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th May at Leebotwood when we will be hearing about the work of the Shrewsbury street pastors from our speaker Steve Jones. WI Café from 7pm, meeting starting at 7.30pm. We're always happy to see visitors and new faces!

Information: Suzanne 07749 575833.

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Restrictions are easing and our group is flourishing.
Cafe style meet to chat evenings now start with
Social Time at 7pm, followed by the meeting and speaker

Programme

Please note our meetings now start at 7pm.

May 11th Leebotwood Village Hall
Shrewsbury Street Pastors. Steve Jones.

June 8th Picklescott Village Hall
Good garden plants we should use more often.
Kristian Hickson Booth.

July 13th Leebotwood Village Hall
From local rag photographer to *The Sunday Times*
Phillip Dunn

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Smethcote WI continues to follow all current Government Guidelines regarding Covid 19 restrictions

CONDOVER PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Condover Parish Council is focussing on a number of issues and preparing plans for 2022.

Condover Parish Neighbourhood Plan Look out for news of the community consultation in the New Year followed by a referendum to accept the plan in the Spring. The plan goes to Shropshire Council at Christmas time and afterwards comes back to the community for discussion and agreement.

Climate Emergency – parish plans Developing parish plans to combat climate change will be in the forefront of our thoughts as we enter the New Year. We will look to promote new schemes such as reducing plastic use, creating Community Action Groups and identifying Community Champions

Condover Parish Council

Meeting Dates 2022

Date	Place	Meetings
4th January	Dorrington Village Hall	7.00pm Finance &Personnel Committee 7.30pm CPC Main meeting
1st February	Stapleton Village Hall	7.00pm Finance &Personnel Committee 7.30pm CPC Main meeting
1st March	Condover Village Hall	7.00pm Finance &Personnel Committee 7.30pm CPC Main meeting
5th April	Ryton Village Hall	7.00pm Finance &Personnel Committee 7.30pm CPC Main meeting
3rd May	Dorrington Village Hall	7.00pm Finance &Personnel Committee 7.30pm CPC Main meeting
7th June	Stapleton Village Hall	7.00pm Finance &Personnel Committee 7.30pm CPC Main meeting
5th July	Condover Village Hall	7.00pm Finance &Personnel Committee 7.30pm CPC Main meeting
2nd August	Ryton Village Hall	7.00pm Planning Sub-Committee 7.30pm Finance & Personnel Committee
6th September	Dorrington Village Hall	7.00pm Finance &Personnel Committee 7.30pm CPC Main meeting
4th October	Stapleton Village Hall	7.00pm Finance &Personnel Committee 7.30pm CPC Main meeting
1st November	Condover Village Hall	7.00pm Finance &Personnel Committee 7.30pm CPC Main meeting
6th December	Ryton Village Hall	7.00pm Planning Sub-Committee 7.30pm Finance & Personnel Committee

SHREWSBURY COMMITTEE

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Services - Details about all Services in the Benefice are on the centre pages in the magazine.

The APCM was held on Thursday 7th April, thank you to everyone who attended.

Thank you to everyone who helped at the Church and Churchyard clean-up on or around Saturday 2nd April.

The grass was mowed on 14th April

We would like to congratulate the McVittie family on the recent baptism of baby Ivo, we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers and hope to see you all again soon.

100 Club - May results

1st prize number 80 Christine Farmer

2nd prize number 32 Cheryl Kettle

Dates for your Diary

Saturday Market 14TH May

Jubilee Party 5th June more details to follow soon but it will be in the Churchyard – bring your own food

Bookfest and Breakfast 25th June

Summer Party 9th July

St Michael and All Angels Woolstaston

Church Flowers.
May 1st Neil & Mary Cadman
June 1st Allison Rodenhurst.

The next service will be on May 1st at 10am.

We would like to say a big thank you to all who decorated the Church for Easter, it all looked fantastic.

It's good to have Laura back with us, and we hope that she continues to make good progress. We send her all our love and good wishes.

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The trustees will meet again in April and if you feel that you, someone you know, or your organisation may be eligible and would benefit from a grant then please feel free to contact the Clerk to the Trustees, Miss Sophie Forbes (07890 149383) or any of the trustees direct. Your application will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Report from Dan Morris – Shropshire Councillor for the Ward of Burnell - Fly-tipping and Ukraine

Fly-tipping

A dedicated fly-tipping response team has taken to the roads from the start of April as Shropshire Council looks to clamp down on unsightly and illegally dumped waste. The team will be out and about five days a week in a new fly-tipping response vehicle, following up reports of fly-tipping on public land, and looking for cases that have yet to be reported. They will clear fly-tips – or arrange for them to be cleared – and will also look for and record evidence that will enable the offenders to be identified, and to pursue enforcement.

The use of smartphones will mean that information can be recorded and shared more quickly, easily and accurately, and using a new double-crewed vehicle with a tail lift they will be better able to remove heavy and larger items more effectively. The new approach – a partnership between Shropshire Council and Kier – will enable the council to respond more quickly to reports of fly-tips, and make sure they are removed more quickly. It will also help to save the council money, and mean that the council's environmental maintenance team can also spend more time dealing with vandalism, littering, graffiti and other issues.

Shropshire Council - response to the Ukrainian Crisis

Shropshire Council and our partners have quickly mobilised to respond to the Government's Ukraine resettlement programme. The council is working closely with Shropshire Supports Refugees, health teams and other key partners, and are now working with host families who have offered accommodation to those entering Shropshire.

Current figures on the Government's Foundry system (the official system that hosts the matches of refugees with host families) show that 147 have been matched in Shropshire at the time of writing. In addition, the council is aware that there are many hosts who have accepted refugees outside the scheme, and are asking those who have to contact the council so they can make the necessary checks and provide advice and support. Teams are now working with those host families who have matched with Ukraine refugees to support with:

- Ensuring host families have a DBS check
- Property checks
- Finance and welfare support
- Access to health services and education
- Access to transport, community services and support.

The Council is aware that 90% of the Ukrainians coming into the UK are elderly, or females with children, so safeguarding issues are a significant concern, and are being taken seriously by both the children's safeguarding and adult safeguarding teams. Although there are large numbers of people who want to help, there are people who will sadly take advantage of this situation, so the Council must ensure that everyone coming to Shropshire is safe.

Shropshire Council has also launched a dedicated website (https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/homes-for-ukraine/) for both host families and refugees, which includes advice and information on all the support available, in English, Ukrainian and Russian, to help Ukrainians resettle in Shropshire. The website will be updated as and when we receive further guidelines from the Government, and as the local scheme develops.

If there are any issues you feel I can help on, please do not hesitate to contact me by email dan.morris@shropshire.gov.uk, by mobile on 07902 408400, on Facebook dan4burnell or Twitter @dan4burnell.

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We're very much looking forward to our next Filling Station, on Wednesday 4th May, from 7pm at Leebotwood Village Hall.

Our guest speaker will be Chris Densham, who kindly spoke to us via Zoom recently. It'll be great to welcome him on-site.

Chris is married to Lyn and they have two adult sons and four granddaughters. Having worked in the Pharmaceutical Industry for ten years Chris responded to a call to Baptist Ministry and led Churches in Hoddesdon and then Dereham before taking up his current role as mission enabler for Churches Together in Shropshire and Telford Christians Together.

Very much looking forward to seeing you!

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If you're interested, please contact James on 07979474326, or just turn up.

1st Dorrington & Leebotwood Brownies

Dorrington Village Hall
6.30 - 8pm, Thursdays in Term Time

Brownies is for girls aged 7 -10 years old, we play games, make friends and have fun doing crafts and outdoor activities.

If your daughter would like to join us now or in the future, give us a ring and we'll tell you more.

Contact: Ruth Lawrence 07830 815071
Brownie Guider
Or email: dorringtonbrownies@gmail.com

Dorrington Bowling Club

Why don't you try bowling?

Bowls is a sociable sport played by people of all ages and abilities. We bowl throughout the year, outdoors in summer and indoors in winter. You need no special equipment to start, we will lend it to you.

To learn more about indoor bowling contact Tom Hewitt 01743 718420 or for outdoor bowling contact Peter Smith 01743 719294.

Stapleton Village Hall

Chat&Do

Dates For May 2022

Tuesday 10th & Tuesday 24th

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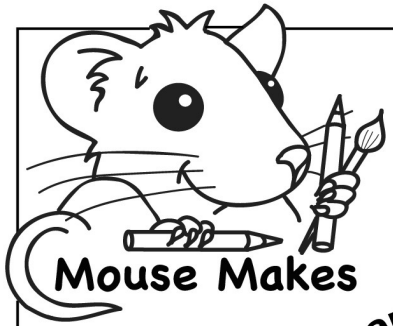
add your work to our wall hanging

Coffee Cake & Conversation

A group of Happy Crafters who would love to meet you



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"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love endures forever"
Psalm 136:1

Jesus said,
"This, then, is how you should pray:
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hallowed be your
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come,
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done, on
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is in __ __ __ __ __ __.
Give us this day our
daily __ __ __ __ __.
And
__ __ __ __ __ __ __
us our __ __ __ __ __ ,
as we also have
forgiven our debtors.
And __ __ __ __
us not into
temptation, but
__ __ __ __ __ __ __
us from the
__ __ __ __ one."

Read *Matthew 6:9-13*
to fill in the words.

"Never stop praying."
1 Thessalonians 5:17

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."
Philippians 4:6

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Services in May 2022—Lectionary Year C

Sunday		Dorrington	Leebotwood	Longnor
1st May 3rd Sunday of Easter (White) Acts 9:1-6 John 21: 1-19	**1**			
8th May 4th Sunday of Easter (White) Acts 9:36-43 John 10: 22-30	2	**All go to Stapleton**		10.30am Morning Prayer **Lay Leaders Team**
15th May 5th Sunday of Easter (White) Acts 16: 9-15 John 13: 31-35	3	10.30am All Age Worship **All Age Team** 1pm Baptism **Rev. Laura Hnatiuk**	**All go to Longnor**	10.30am CW Holy Communion **Rev. Laura Hnatiuk**
22nd May 6th Sunday of Easter (White) Acts 16: 9-15 John 14: 23-29	4		10.30am All Age Worship **Lay Leaders Team**	**All go to Leebotwood**
29th May 7th Sunday of Easter (White) Acts 16: 16-34 John 17: 20-26	5	**Benefice Service—10.30am @ Dorrington—Rev. Laura Hnatiuk** **(In Dorrington Rectory garden if weather good, in church if weather poor)**		

ALL SERVICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO COVID19

Smethcott	Stapleton	Woolstaston	Also this week
	10.30am All-Age Worship **Mike James**	10am BCP Holy Communion **Rev. Laura Hnatiuk**	**Filling Station – Wednesday 4th May – 7pm at Leebotwood Village Hall – with Guest Speaker – Chris Densham**
10.30am All Age Worship **Lay Leaders Team**	10.30am CW Holy Communion **Rev. Laura Hnatiuk**		
	6.30pm Evening Prayer **Mike James**		
10.30am CW Holy Communion **Rev. Laura Hnatiuk**	10.30am Communion by Extension **Mike James**		**Ascension Day Service—Thursday 26th May—6.30pm at Smethcott** (Outside, weather permitting)
			Filling Station – Wednesday 1st June – 7pm at Leebotwood Village Hall