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Whitby Abbey, Yorkshire

News from the Diocese of Hereford and the 17 Parishes aroundStottesdon, Ditton Priors and Highley

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Editorial

This month we are well into the harvest season and continue with the harvest thanksgiving celebrations in churches around the area. The farmers are hard at work ploughing and sowing the seeds for the next crop. This year we have had the problem of drought in some areas and excessive flooding in others.

Following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II the response of the people to come together to not only mourn our loss but to also celebrate her reign reflects how we can all join in to support and assist in times of change and face challenges which we all experience in some way or another.

There are many events being organised across the region to bring us together, not only to raise funds for local churches and charities but to encourage us to socialise and meet old friends but also make new ones. Put the dates in your diaries now!!!

This month the normal format of the magazine may not be evident as CJ who usually puts the publication together has left a less confident person in charge of the finishing touches. With apologies to the more technically minded there may be some omissions which will be rectified next month.

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Diocese of Hereford

October Parish Newsletter from The Ven Derek Chedzey

Harvest – in our rural Diocese harvest is and can be a very important time for our communities. When I was in rural Mid Devon Harvest activities began in the middle of August and ran all the way through to the end of October. It was often a real village celebration with Harvest suppers, church services and sporting challenges. I will never forget the Bishop of Exeter taking part in the sack race!

Different crops are ready at different times and for the farming community it can be a busy but also stressful time as everything is safely gathered in. As our climate changes the weather can make an enormous difference and the extremely hot dry periods of this summer will inevitably have reduced yields and caused many crops to fail. Whilst some will have rejoiced in the hot dry weather for the farming community drought is something to be feared because it destroys crops and creates problems for the coming season. If nothing else harvest is a time not just to give thanks but to pray for those who work on the land and help provide food for our tables. This year there is much uncertainty because the hot dry summer and war in Ukraine have both impacted our communities creating a perfect storm for those living and working on the land. The bible has a great deal to say about harvest and it is worth reflecting on how we view this celebration.

"Six days you shall work, but on the seventh day you shall rest. In ploughing time and in harvest you shall rest. You shall observe the Feast of Weeks, the first fruits of wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the year's end." Exodus 34:21-22

For the Old testament writers harvest was associated with the rhythm of life and even at harvest time days of rest were not to be ignored. More importantly God's law required the people to give thanks and to celebrate by bringing the first crops harvested into the temple and given to God in celebration. Whilst we cannot imagine the church year without these celebrations it has only been part of the church calendar since Victorian times. The present tradition of celebrating Harvest Festival in churches began in 1843, when the eccentric priest Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service at Morwenstow in Cornwall. The idea quickly spread and many of the well-known harvest hymns we sing today came from the Victorian hymn writers who saw the opportunity that harvest offered to share the good news of Jesus. Jesus himself often used farming themes in his parables and made the link to the mission of God in the world to create new disciples.

"Later the Master selected seventy and sent them ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he intended to go. He gave them this charge: "What a huge harvest! And how few the harvest hands. So on your knees; ask the God of the Harvest to send harvest hands. Luke 10: 1-2

Whilst we celebrate the physical harvest and enjoy the fruits of our labours, we should not forget that we are called to work to make disciples and join with God in building the Kingdom. The church is not a passive bystander but an active participant in sharing the good news of Jesus and the Harvest God calls us to join in is the one that leads to eternal life. By all means we should celebrate with our communities but never lose sight of God's purpose for the church.

Message from the Rural Dean

For the cover pictures over the last few months I've been working through a series of photos of monasteries that I've taken over the last several years, and the picture of Whitby Abbey this month comes from 2013. These days, Whitby seems to be most famous for associations with Dracula – an appalling thought, but good for the tourist trade, I suppose.

Much more important is that it was where the Synod of Whitby was held in 664, hosted by the Abbess, St Hilda. The reason why this is important is that it was the occasion when the English Church, following the decision of King Oswy of Northumbria, elected to follow the Roman traditions and practices, rather than the Celtic. This allowed the English Church to be unified and organised during the following years, and become a part of the wider European Christian communion – and also illustrated a very different relationship between church and state from that exemplified by our late Queen!

But the picture has another importance. Whitby Abbey fell into disrepair on the dissolution of the monasteries during the reign of Henry VIII, and what is left is a dramatic ruin. This serves as a reminder that all our parish churches are maintained by the efforts of volunteers and from donations: neither 'The Church' nor 'The State' maintains those church buildings that are central to our villages and hamlets, it is all down to the devoted work of those who use them, whether often or occasionally.

We might, perhaps, see a link here with the story of St Francis, who is our Saint of the Month for October. Once again, I salute the loving service of those who are looking after our churches and church communities during vacancies.

Mark Daborn

Readings for October

October 2nd–The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)
Lamentations 1: 1-6; Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1: 1-14; Luke 17: 5-10

October 9th – The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (Green
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-11; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17: 11-I9

October 16th – The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity (Green)
Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97=104;2 Timothy 3:14-4; Luke 18:1-8

October 23rd – The last Sunday after Trinity (Green)
Joel 2:23-end; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Or, as Bible Sunday
Isaiah 45: 22-end; Psalm 119: 129-136; Romans 15:1-6; Luke 4:16-24

October 30th – The Fourth Sunday before Advent (Green)
Isaiah 1:10-18; Psalm 32:1-8; 2 Thessalonians 1; Luke 19:1-10

Or, as All Saints (White)
Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1: 11-end; Luke 6: 20-31

November 6th – The Third Sunday before Advent (Green)
Job 19: 23-27a; Psalm 17: 1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-end; Luke 20: 27-38

Saint of the Month for October: Francis of Assisi

Franciscan spirituality is famous for its concern for the whole of God's creation, expressed in the *Canticle of the Sun*, from which we get our hymn 'All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia!' This creation-wide focus is shared with Celtic spirituality, and there may well be a connection.

Assisi is in central Italy, a little south of Tuscany; just north of Tuscany is Bobbio, where a great monastery was founded in the seventh century by St Columbanus, an Irish missionary. It became very influential, and it is at least credible that the love of creation shown by the Celtic monks of Ireland fed into the tradition of these parts of Italy.

Francis was born in 1181 or 1182 to a wealthy merchant family, enjoyed a fairly riotous youth, and served as a soldier in the endemic local wars. But his soldiering experience and a serious illness caused him to take serious thought, and he experienced a vision in the church of San Damiano, in which God said to him 'Francis, repair my falling house'. Taking this literally, Francis sold a bale of goods from his father's warehouse to pay for repairs to the building. [NB This is a very relevant part of his story for those who belong to St Mary's in Stottesdon!]

The upshot was that his father disinherited and disowned him. Francis went away with nothing to 'wed Lady Poverty'. In 1210, Pope Innocent III authorised Francis and eleven companions to be itinerant preachers, the foundation of the Order of Friars Minor. People flocked to join the order, which had its headquarters near Assisi, and then built a further Friary at Bologna. The Friars called people to repentance and faith; they owned no property personally or corporately, avoided human learning or church office and had a special ministry to the very poorest and most needy.

Francis was eager to end the crusading movement, and went with a crusading force in 1219 to Egypt to appeal to the Sultan in person but met with no success. After visiting the Holy Land, he returned to Italy in 1221.

By this time the movement was developing into a formal Order, being divided into provinces around Europe and developing structure and organisation. Francis revised the rules of the Order, but kept humility, poverty and evangelical freedom at its heart, and then resigned his leadership.

In 1224, Francis was praying when he received the *stigmata*, the physical wounds in his body corresponding to the five wounds of Christ on the cross, and these he kept until his death in 1226. St Francis is one of the patron saints of Italy, and is patron saint of animals. His feast day is on October 4th.

By the Revd Mark Daborn

Rector: ***vacant***

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Brown Clee Group News

Services in Brown Clee Churches during October

Sunday 2nd October–Trinity 16

10:00	Harvest	Ditton Priors
18:00	Harvest	Aston Botterell

Sunday 9th October –Trinity 17

09:45	HC	Ditton Priors
11:30	HC	Chetton
18:00	Harvest	Loughton

Sunday 16th October –Trinity 18

09:45	HC	Ditton Priors
16:00	Harvest	Neenton

Sunday 23rd October –Last after Trinity

08:30	HC	Ditton Priors
09:45	HC	Chetton
11:30	HC	Cleobury North

Sunday 30th October – All Saints

10:15	GpHC	Neenton

Sunday6thNovember –3rd pre Advent

09:45	HC	Ditton Priors
11:30	HC	Aston Botterell

HC	*GpHC*	*Harvest*
Holy Communion	*Group Holy Communion*	*Harvest celebration*

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 Hubpage, to see what is going on in all the parishes.

Group Choir

The choir meets for practice on Thursday evenings at 7pm in Ditton Priors church. For more information please contact Mike Teague on: 01746-789592.

Brown Clee Parishes

Peter Rowland

1947 – 2022

Jenny, Ruth and Helen wish to thank everyone who sent kind messages of condolence and support and for their prayers at this sad time.

Peter was diagnosed with Multiple System Atrophy in 2019, a rare neurological disorder which results in problems with movement, balance and autonomic functions of the body. There is no known cause or treatment and Peter faced the challenge with courage and determination. He is greatly missed by all his family and friends.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Ditton Priors News

Marjorie Jones writes:

A very moving service was held yesterday (18th September) commemorating the long life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The amazing love and joy she brought to so many, her strong sense of duty, her steadfast faith, and her diplomacy in reaching out to all were commended to Almighty God. May everlasting light shine upon her.

Looking forward, we pray for our new King, Charles III and wish him a long a happy reign, supported by the Queen Consort Camilla and all his family.

Cleaning Rota for October:

- Sunday 2nd October — Mrs Jutta Langham & Mr Steve Allen
- Sunday 9th October — Mrs Carole Hancox & Mrs Maureen Lloyd
- Sunday 16th October — Mr & Mrs Graham Russell
- Sunday 23rd October — Mrs Shirley Wall & Mrs Anita Casswell
- Sunday 30th October — Mrs Jennifer Lowe & Mrs Debbie Jones
- Sunday 6th November — Mr & Mrs Dennis Griffiths

Open The Book

We had our first visit since 'covid' to Brown Clee School, when we presented the bible story of the creation. It was well received and our next visit will be on 12th October. It is so good to be involved again with the children!

Ride & Stride

Several of us took part. Pam and myself walked from Ditton to Neenton via the gated road; followed by a car visit to Cleobury North, Loughton and Wheathill. We await news from later participants and thank all who have sponsored us.

Coffee Mornings

Our first Saturday was a success and we are happy to follow this up each month. The next dates are- Saturday, 1st October; Saturday, 5th November and Saturday, 3rd December.

Harvest Supper

Saturday 8th October in Ditton Priors Village Hall at 7pm for 7.30 pm meal. Most tickets are already sold but please contact Marjorie (712423) just in case there is still room.

Ludlow Male Voice Choir

Friday 4th November in Ditton Priors Village Hall 7.30pm start.

Tickets at £12 to include refreshments available from Marjorie (712 423) Licensed bar available.

Ladies Choir 'One Accord'

Christmas concert on Friday, 16th December in Ditton Priors church organised by our local Brown Clee Community Choir. Details next month – please book the date.

St John the Baptist 100 Club results for September 2022

- £20 Ben Jones
- £10 Becki Ratcliffe
- £5 each Jackie Garratt, Chris Lewis, Bobbie Jarvis
- £ 5 names

Wheathill & Loughton News

On Sunday, 18th September our rural dean, Mark Daborn, celebrated Holy Communion with us when we also paid tribute to our late Queen, Elizabeth II. Mark provided the music and we sang 3 of the Queens favourite hymns.

- **Harvest Festival** will be celebrated at **Loughton** church on Sunday 9th October at 6pm.
- **Remembrance Service** will be at **Wheathill** church on Sunday 20th November at 2.30 pm.
- **Christingle Service:** Sunday 27th November(Advent Sunday)

Aston Botterell News

Anne Preece writes:

Tote winners for September

- £20.00 Rob Whiteman
- £10.00 each Pat Warren, Ian & Janet Preece
- £5.00 each Alan Watkins, Vera Jones

Burwarton and Cleobury North News

Sunday 11th December – Our **Christmas social event** will be held in **Burwarton Church** by very kind invitation of David Croft. Come along and enjoy the festive season in the company of friends with carol singing and light refreshments.

Tickets: Adults £5 Children £2 (refreshments included). Tickets are available from PCC members: Jane Bufton 07716877421 Carol Radnor 787463 Penny 787206

Cleobury North & District Village Hall

CNVH remains open and available for hire. For enquiries about booking and using the hall, please call 01746-787093 and leave a message or send a TEXT MESSAGE to 07483-879763 (or both!)

Chetton News

From Pam Downing

St Giles's Church and Parish

Services for October

- Sunday.9th October 11am - Holy Communion
- Sunday 23rd October 9.45am – Holy Communion

Flowers and cleaning

- Sue B and Jill

100 Club

- £15.00 Rita Lewis - no 11.
- £10.00 Bill Pugh - no 50.

In Memorium

- We have all been saddened by the death of our wonderful Queen, Elizabeth II. Many of us were born after her coronation and have grown up and watched her all our lives. We thank God for her long reign and wish our new King, Charles III well.
- We were sad to hear also of the death of Peter, husband of Revd Jenny Rowland . Whilst Jenny was with us, Peter would often be quietly supporting in the background.

Forthcoming fundraising events

Saturday 8th October Fish & Chip supper & quiz will be held in **Chetton Village Hall, 7.30am.** Teams of four, bring your own drinks & glasses, home made puddings included. £13.50 per person

Saturday 29th October - 9am.**The Down** following a successful breakfast held last month, we have another to put in your diaries, Let Sheila or Lisa know if you wish to come along.

Chetton Village Hall

Flicks in the Sticks

Our next showing of 'The Duke' is on **Wednesday 19th October** at 7.30pm. Admission £4.00, refreshments will be available.

Exercise classes

- Pam's Pilates Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning - 9.30am
- Chetton Active Friends - from 2pm on Monday.
- Zumba with stretch and tone - 2.30pm on Tuesday

Craft sessions

These resume on **Thursday 6th October** at 2pm, with instruction provided for the making of a summer bag.- for more details please contact Sue on 789239.

We are holding a **Barn dance** on Saturday 15th October at 7.30pm. Dancing to the 'Boys of Oak Hill' with Jim Thomas calling. Tickets available from Sue on 789239 and Marilyn on 789666. Adults, £10.00, Children £8.00 to include a buffet supper, there will be a licensed bar.

Neenton News

Bobbie Jarvis writes:

All Saints' service in October

- Sunday 16thOctober, 4.00pm, Harvest Festival followed by refreshments at The Pheasant

We have all been saddened by the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II who has been the only monarch most of us have known. As a child I followed the story of the time when she was Princess Elizabeth, who, with her sister Princess Margaret, had many photographs taken of their childhood and time spent with their parents King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. A special service to commemorate her life was held at Ditton Priors on Sunday 11th September when we remembered her long and memorable reign fulfilling the promise she made on her 21st birthday.. A truly remarkable person.

The church bell was tolled by Alan and Charlie Venables before the funeral on Monday 19th September

We send our thoughts and prayers to Lizzie following the death of her mother Sally Coppen.
May she rest in peace

Ride and Stride – Shropshire Historic Churches Trust

Due to the period of mourning the Ride & Stride was postponed from September 10th until Saturday 24th September. People still visited the churches on both days and we thank Dot Cartwright who was sponsored for the event and travelled to the churches in our benefice.

Tote results

August – Melvyn Stackhouse, Caroline John

September – Paul Garbett, Pam Pickup

October – Rachel Banks, Mel Bryan

Neenton Fete and Duck Race

We were blessed with fine weather for this annual event and had sufficient water in the Rea Brook to allow the ducks to take their long awaited swim, most have been recovered but a few still made a break for freedom and are travelling further for more adventures!

A huge thankyou to all who helped in any way; donating prizes, setting up and running the stalls and BBQ, to Julie and her ponies, Dave Busby for entertaining us with his music and for the use of his microphone, to the team at the Pheasant and all the people who supported us. Over £1550 was raised for church funds and two charities to be decided.

A minutes silence was held before the prize giving to remember Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11.

The Pheasant at Neenton

Opening times – except as shown for the special events:

- Wednesday/Thursday – 12 noon – 3pm, 6pm – 11pm
- Friday / Saturday – 12 noon – 11pm
- Sunday lunch 12 noon – 4.30pm

To discuss times and your requirements please email info@pheasantatneenton.co.uk, telephone 01746-787955 or book direct on the website.

Diary Date – Thursday 3rd November – Fireworks at 7.30pm, open at 5.30pm BBQ

Fri	6	Dec	Ladies Choir 'One Accord' Ditton Priors
Sat	1	Oct	Coffee Morning – Ditton Priors Church
Sat	8	Oct	Quiz, and Fish & Chip Supper at Chetton –
Sat	8	Oct	Harvest Supper Ditton Priors
Sat	8	Oct	Coffee Morning Middleton Scriven
Sat	15	Oct	Daddy's Hat ' The Blue Hills Choir, Much Wenlock Parish Church
Sat	15	Oct	Barn Dance – Chetton Village Hall
Wed	19	Oct	Flicks in the Sticks – Chetton Village Hall
Sat	29	Oct	Breakfast at The Down - Chetton
Wed	19	Oct	Coffee Morning, Damson House, Middleton Scriven
Fri	21	Oct	Harvest Supper, Middleton Scriven
Thu	3	Nov	Fireworks at The Pheasant - Neenton
Fri	4	Nov	Ludlow Male Voice Choir – Ditton Priors Village Hall
Sat	15	Nov	Daddy's Hat – Rockers and Bluesbreakers –
Sun	11	Dec	Christmas Social Event, Burwarton Church

Daddy's Hat Music and Poetry

Dates for your diary!

Saturday October 15th, 3.00pm at the Parish Church inMuch Wenlock. The Blue Hills Choir from Diddlebury, conducted by Ros Crouch, bring their special genre of music. This is a ticket event - £5 each – sold by and in aid of Cuan Wildlife Rescue – contact Deb Bulger 07749-428871. Cuan costs £1000 a day to continue its work, and very much needs our help.

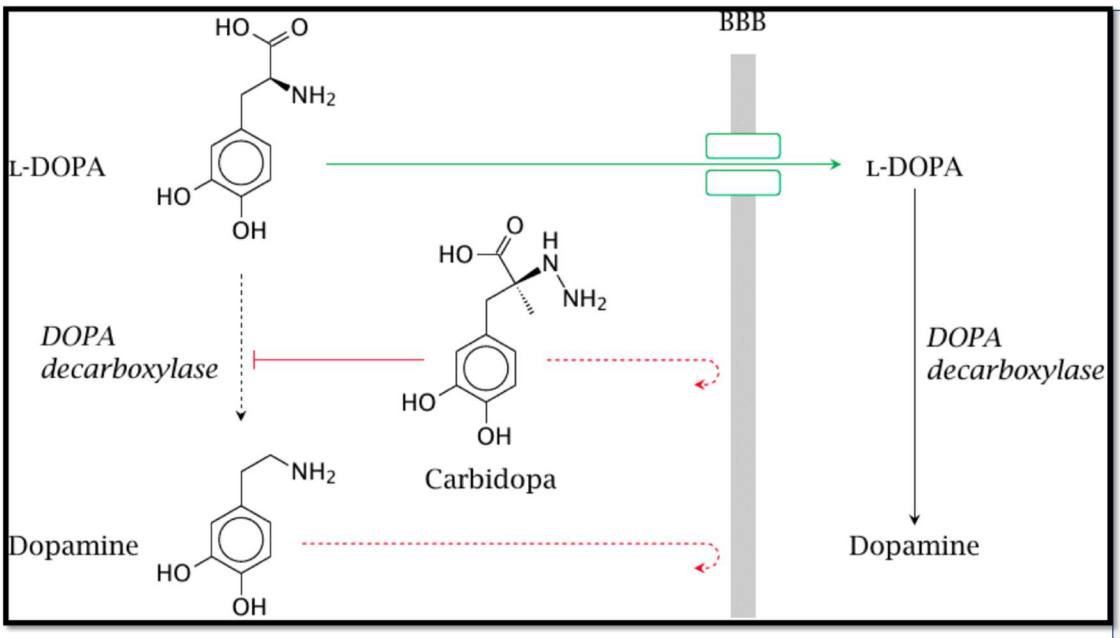
Saturday November 19th – Rockers and Bluesbreakers!!! A lively DH concert to remember "Moz" Mosley. Starting at Aston Botterell Church at 3.00pm, and finishing later at the Three Horseshoes, Wheathill. Full details in the November WN – just keep this date in your diary!

October Molecule of the Month
Levodopa and Carbidopa

By David Poyner

Many readers of the Wheatland News will know about Parkinson's Disease. Those who suffer from this have problems with making movements, due to a problem in a part of the brain called the basal ganglia. When we decide to walk or pick up an object, it is important that all our muscle movements are co-ordinated. To do this, the brain sends a signal to nerves in the basal ganglia that effectively act as an "on-switch", to begin the series of movements that will result in us taking a step or moving an arm. However, in people who have Parkinson's disease, the nerves that form on the key connections within the basal ganglia have died and so the individual can no longer make the movement, much as they would wish to. However, there are treatments that can slow the progression of the disease. The nerves that have died work by releasing a chemical called dopamine; this activates another set of nerves that set the movement in motion. By supplying the brain with the missing dopamine, it is possible, at least for a time, to correct the problem. This has transformed the lives of people with Parkinson's Disease.

The simplest option might be just to give people tablets containing dopamine. However, this will not work (see diagram below).



Source: http://watcut.uwaterloo.ca/webnotes/Pharmacology/DrugDelivery.html

DOPA is converted to dopamine by an enzyme called DOPA-decarboxylase. This is blocked by carbidopa. Dopamine is made in the brain from L-DOPA; dopamine itself cannot get into the brain as it cannot cross a "seal" around blood vessels in the brain called the blood-brain barrier (BBB), neither can carbidopa. However L-DOPA can pass through this and so can be given as a drug to restore dopamine in the brain.

Firstly, the dopamine is unlikely to ever reach the correct cells in the brain. The brain is very careful about what substances can reach it; the blood vessels that serve the brain are impermeable to many chemicals, including dopamine.

Secondly, dopamine has many unpleasant side-effects, activating cells outside the brain; giving dopamine would trigger all of these. Instead, a drug called l-DOPA or levodopa is given. This is what nerve cells use to make dopamine. It can cross into the brain, be taken up by surviving nerve cells in the basal ganglia and turned into dopamine. Thus, when the person decided to walk or pick up an object, the circuits in the basal ganglia can work again.

Levodopa is good, but it still has problems. There are cells outside of the brain which can also turn it into dopamine, and this will then be able to cause the same unpleasant side effects as would occur by simply giving dopamine. So typically, the patients are also given a second drug alongside levodopa, called carbidopa. Carbidopa inhibits the enzyme that converts levodopa to dopamine; in simple terms, it stops cells making dopamine. However, if carbidopa acted all over the body it would stop nerve cells in the brain from doing, defeating the very point of giving the levodopa in the first place. Fortunately, this does not happen. The trick is in the way blood vessels in the brain will only allow a very few substances to cross through them to get into the brain itself. Unlike levodopa, carbidopa cannot cross the “blood-brain barrier”, the technical term for the shield that stops all and sundry from getting into the brain through blood vessels. Thus carbidopa will only stop the production of dopamine outside the brain, preventing side effects whilst allowing it to be made where it is needed, in the basal ganglia.

Levodopa is far from the perfect answer to Parkinson’s disease; it will help reduce symptoms but is not a cure. There is much research into ways of reversing or compensating for the process of cell death, the ultimate cause of the disease.

DRP

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Benefice news and services

Church services for October

During the interregnum please check service times in the parish sections below, or with your churchwardens.

Glazeley

The Revd David Poyner writes:

Glazeley church had a busy service on Sunday 18th September. It was harvest festival but also it was a year since our former organist June Davenhill died. June was the wife of Harry Davenhill of Picklesbatch; together they were dedicated to keeping the church open. June's great passion was music; she was a founder of Pelsall Ladies Choir, who she often brought to sing at Glazeley and she also regularly played our organ. Daughter Rachael now follows in her footsteps and her grand-daughter read music at University. The family wanted a memorial for June and so at our service we dedicated a photo of her and a table; ultimately we want to place this next to the organ where we will put a plaque to June. We were joined by June's daughters, grand-daughters, sister and brother-in-law; Rachael played the organ for us whilst younger daughter Gill spoke about June's life and service to the church. We had a congregation of over 20 and enjoyed cake, pork-pie, tea and sherry after the service; Glazeley knows how to enjoy itself... We also had a lovely turn out at our monthly “Breakfast at The Down”; 38 turned up for the fabulous breakfast put on by Steve & his team. There were plenty of raffle prizes thank you to all who donated them £130 was raised for the church funds.

The **evening Billingsley/Glazeley** walks concluded this month with a walk from Highley Church around Netherton. Fittingly we had one person each from Billingsley, Glazeley and Highley. We will resume these next year when the evenings start to get light again.

Services

The **next service** will be on **Sunday 16th October at 10.00am**

The Act of Remembrance on **Sunday 13th November** at the war memorial will this year be led by

Laura Jones. **Carol Service** - details to follow.

Billingsley

The Revd David Poyner writes:

Harvest this year at Billingsley took the form of two events. On Thursday the 8th September, a group met in the orchard opposite the church to celebrate the fruit and "wild harvest". We were picking up on a number of traditions connected with orchards, that start with "wassailing" immediately after Christmas when a crowd would gather to drink and shout loudly to scare away evil spirits from the trees, through Easter and May to harvest itself. We listened to the Gloucester Wassail Carol, read a collection of apple-themed verses from the Bible, sang a hymn, scattered bread for the birds and blessed the trees by pouring cider over their roots. We drank the rest of the cider and retired to church to eat apple-cake and apple tarts. Ellen also provided the equivalent of the corn-dolly, the "apple Queen"; a doll with a crab-apple for a head (see photo). This was followed on the Sunday by the traditional harvest festival in church, again with refreshments afterwards. We did hope to have a guest preacher but she had to cancel as she was needed to take prayers for the Queen in Bridgnorth; we hope she can come in October. We had almost 20 people at our two services.

The orchard service took place only a few minutes after the news was released of the death of the Queen. We tolled the bell just before the service and said prayers for the late Queen and King Charles during the service; these were repeated at Harvest itself.

Our final evening service this year will be on **Sunday 9th October at 6pm,** when we hope Jane Peeler will be able to talk about her work as an Anna Chaplain. This is a form of ministry that specifically looks to the spiritual needs of the elderly; it takes its name from Anna, the old woman and prophetess who acknowledged the infant Jesus as Messiah when he was taken to the temple to be circumcised. Anyone interested in pastoral care for the elderly is welcome to attend.

From the register:-

Our thoughts and prayers go to Paul Day and his family, on the loss of his wife Jan. Paul and his family live at The Manor, Glazeley.

Also to Ruth Honeybourne on the loss of her husband Alan. Ruth led many of our services at Glazeley before she retired recently.

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https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10533/

Billingsley: St Mary - A Church Near You https://www.facebook.com/BillingsleyChurch/ or our websites, www.st-marys-billingsley.org.uk , https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/10415/

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October Message

I'm writing this on the day after the late Queen's funeral, and I guess that, even when this issue goes to press, that will still be an event that is prominent in our thoughts. There were two particular things that struck me in all that was said during that day – one from the funeral service in Westminster Abbey, the other, I think, from the committal at St George's Chapel, Windsor.

The first comes from Archbishop Justin Welby's excellent sermon in the Abbey. In it he said words quoted this morning on the front of the Financial Times: 'People of loving service are rare in any walk of life. Leaders of loving service are still rarer.' At a time of international tension and internal wrangling, it would be comforting to think that some leaders would think about the late Queen's example. Bearing in mind that an estimated 63% of the world's population watched the funeral, this is a message that has had good media coverage!

The second comment was made, I think, by the Dean of the Chapel Royal in Windsor. He described the Queen as having an 'uncomplicated but profound faith'. This, I would hope, may be a message to 'The Church'. How complicated we sometimes make matters of faith! How complicated and obscure our language often is! How incomprehensible our debates and discussions so often are! And yet how simple the central message of Christianity really is! Faith does not have to be complicated to be profound and life-guiding.

Perhaps this is the advantage of having our sovereign as Supreme Governor of the Church in England: not a scholar, not a theologian, not even a member of the clergy, but an ordinary man or woman of faith, practising that in their everyday lives of loving service. And a man or woman who is in the spotlight so much of their life, so that the loving service is clear and visible to all, and the source from which it springs is open and apparent.

So many people have given thanks for Her Majesty's life and service; so many people pray for the same strength to be given to King Charles III as he begins his reign.

Mark Daborn

Stottesdon Benefice Group News

St Mary, Stottesdon CHURCHWARDEN Clare Tibbits: 01746-718007	***St Giles, Farlow*** CHURCHWARDENS Nigel Savage-Bailey - 07989-308599	***Holy Trinity, Sidbury*** CHURCHWARDEN Andrew Sierakowski - 07934-714149
St Mary, Cleeton St Mary CHURCHWARDEN Sue Dolphin: - 01584 890583	***St John, Middleton Scriven*** CHURCHWARDEN vacant – so your contact is Revd Mark Daborn - 01746-718127	***St Michael, Silvington*** CHURCHWARDEN Annette Metcalfe: - 01584 890161

Services in Stottesdon Benefice Churches in October

Sunday 2nd October – 16th after Trinity

10.30	MP	Stottesdon
18:30	HT	Farlow

Sunday 9thOctober – 17th after Trinity

O9.00	HC	Cleeton St Mary
10.30	HT	Stottesdon
18.30	HT	Silvington

Sunday 16th October – 18th after Trinity

10:30	IW	Stottesdon
10.30	HC	Sidbury

Sunday 23rd October – Last Sunday after Trinity

09.00	HCE	Silvington
10.30	HC	Stottesdon
16.00	HT	Cleeton St Mary

Sunday 30th October – All Saints

10.30	GS	Sidbury

Sunday 6thNovember – 3rd Sunday before Advent

09:00	HC	Farlow
10:30	MP	Stottesdon

HC *Holy Communion*	*GS* *Group Service*	*IW* *Informal Worship*
MP *Morning Prayer*	*HCE* *Holy Communion by Extension*	

From the Stottesdon Benefice Registers

There are no new entries to report as this edition went to press

If you are, 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 churchwarden to help you to arrange this.

The **deadline for the November 2022 edition (**Stottesdon Benefice and Parishes) is to get copy to Chris by first thing **on Thursday 20th October**.Thanks!

Stottesdon News

Clare Tibbits writes:

St Mary's 100 Club:

Congratulations to our September winners:

- Julie Whitehouse, Janet Williams, and Mary Overton

Wednesday 2nd November a special All Souls service

6:30 pm Commemoration of All Souls - Everybody very welcome!

St Mary's Church, Stottesdon "Past, Present and Future" Heritage Project

Chris Tibbits writes:

'Behind the scenes preparation'finished in late August and the main roofing and stonework repair contractis are well in hand. If you've not ventured around the tower to the north side of the church, then a real treat awaits!

A good few of the 21,000 new handmade clay tiles have been laid on the newly re-battened north facing roofs and the excellent progress is only slowed by delays to the erection of the next lengths of scaffolding….

We're not going to spoil the surprise with photographs this month – do please pop round and have a look for yourselves!

Stottesdon & District Womens Institute have resumed their monthly meetings at 7.30pm on the third Wednesday each month, generally at either Farlow or Chorley Village Hall. A new and varied programme of entertaining talks, crafting and events is being arranged – contact Helena 01746 718012 or Clare 01746 718007 for more details.

Silvington News

Annette Metcalfe writes:

Our services this month

Sunday 23rd October – Holy Communion by Extension at 9am

Sunday 9th October - Harvest Thanksgiving at 6.30pm

Farlow News

Our Services

Sunday 2nd October - Harvest Thanksgiving at 6.30pm

Sunday 6th November - Holy Communion will be celebrated at St Giles church..

Sidbury News

Service

Sunday 30th October - **Group Service for All Saints** 10.30 Come along and join us.

Cleeton St Mary News

Gill Jordan writes

Our services this month

Sunday 9th October - Holy Communion at 9am

Sunday 23rd October – Harvest Thanksgiving at 4pm

100 Club results August

- £20 Pam Philips No 106;
- £10 Heidi Robinson No 113;
- £10 Erin & James Lewis No 77;
- £5 Ron Jordan No 43; £5 Madeline Hamilton No 5.

Many thanks to everyone for their support over the last year. A big welcome to the newcomers who have joined us. Good luck to you all.

Middleton Scriven News

Ann Constable writes::

On behalf of Middleton Scriven, we would like to express our deepest condolences to the Royal Family on the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. We are deeply saddened to hear the news. May she rest in peace. We are truly thankful for Her Majesty's remarkable seventy years of dedication and service to the nation, and the unfaltering example she set to us all. Her loss will be felt by every community, as we join together in mourning our longest reigning monarch. She has been such a steadfast and endearing figure in all of our lives. Our beloved Queen leaves a wonderful legacy and she will remain in our memories and hearts for generations to come. She has been an inspiration to so many, and her Christian faith was so important to her. Her love of the countryside and the outdoors, plus of horses and dogs, will be forever remembered especially in rural communities across the world.

Church services - **Harvest Festival** service on **Sunday 23 October at 6.30pm**. Donations for Bridgnorth Food Bank will be collected at this event and any items please leave at the back of church. They need more of:Tinned meat, Pasta sauces, Rice, Coffee, Biscuits, Squash, Shampoo and Bags for Life

Date for your diary: **Harvest Supper** in church: **Friday 21 October at 7pm**. £15.00 each for 2 course supper. Raffle. Please bring your own drinks. To book your places please contact Ann: 01746 789420.

Coffee morning on **Saturday 8 October 10-12** in church. Any fresh produce welcome or homemade foods. Do come and catch up with friends and maybe meet new neighbours as we start to welcome several new families to our community.

Welcome to Norman and Rachel Whiting who have moved into Dingle House. We wish them every happiness in their new home and in our community.

Catherine Mary Preece – 1924 – 2022

The oldest person with strong links to our community and church, **Mary Preece**, died on 12 July, aged 98 years. Mary and her late husband, Eric for many years gave great service to our church and community and we are indebted to them.

A service of celebration and thanksgiving for Mary took place on July 26 and from that her daughters' Ruth and Bronwyn have given permission to us to share these extracts from the tribute.

"Catherine Mary Preece was born at Sutton House, Chelmarsh in 1924. She weighed in at two and a half pounds, and was dressed for months in doll's clothing! Her parents, Fred and Eva Breakwell, were farmers. The family moved for a while to Tenbury Wells then, along with brother John, returned to Tedstill farm, near Middleton Scriven.
Mary attended Deuxhill School where she met Eric Preece; they were married for over 60 years, and had two daughters, Bronwyn and Ruth. Their home was at Walkhamwood Farm at Faintree, where Eric and Mary farmed for 55 years before retiring to Chorley. Mary was a busy farmer's wife, working alongside Eric: she milked cows, drove tractors and lambed sheep.

During the war, she was in the Land Army and drove lorries collecting Prisoners of War to take to work on local farms. She always wanted to drive a tank, but had to settle for a quad bike instead! There was something of a driving theme through Mary's life: when she and Eric were fixing up their bungalow to retire to, Mary went to Montgomery to buy a cooker, and came back, much to Eric's surprise, with a car.

Mary loved horses, and attended all the local shows. Her hobbies were to do with craftwork: spinning, weaving and rug-making, all good traditional cottage industries. Mary had a long and busy life, but always found time to help wherever she could, and she and Eric are remembered here as strong supporters of this church. She passed away peacefully at the grand age of 98."

South East Shropshire Community Noticeboard

Cleobury Country Farmers Market

…is "under and around the crooked spire" at St Mary's Church, Cleobury Mortimer, on the THIRD SATURDAY of each month from 09.30-12.30. Features local producers of plants, meats. cheeses, vegetables, rapeseed oils, gins, cookies, crafts and more.

Free town centre car parking and very well worth a visit. Details: Clare 01299-272300.

Community and Mobile Library Services

FREE membership, access to Books, DVDs, Computer workstations and more!

- HIGHLEY at The Severn Centre 01746 860000. Open 7 days a week from 9am.
- CLEOBURY at The Cleobury Country Centre 01299 272301. Open 6 days a week.

Brooks Mobile Library also serves our villages direct – see Shropshire Council website and social media.

Our Local Food Banks

Both of these are ***always*** in need of donations of foodstuffs and other goods, of money to sustain their services, and of volunteers' time. Find them on Facebook or call 07960 285520 for BRIDGNORTH or 07519 885943 for CLEOBURY MORTIMER.

Stottesdon's NEW 'Bloom 'n' Blender' Refills and pop-up Café

Ian and Pixie have recently moved from Bewdley to Hardwickforge, Stottesdon and are offering a wide range of Eco-Leaf cleaning stuffs and Faith in Nature products for personal use … in handy "refill" form – along with a Friday pop-up café, yoga and more.

Call to support them 07305 715521 – Ian07306 618191 – Pj& for more information.

Useful Community Contacts

Brown Clee Walkers	Meeting Place for walks - Ditton Priors Church. 01746-712662
Burwarton & District WI	Meets in Cleobury North Village Hall. The 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2.30pm. Contact 01746-712466
Little Explorers Pre-School, Ditton Priors	Open Monday to Friday 9.00am – 3.00pm. Contact Wendy Lloyd 01746-712506 / 787549
Burwarton & District Garden Club	Meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 8.00 pm. Contact 01584-823723 for details of topic and venue
Burwarton & District Wives Group	Meeting 8pm 1st Wednesday of the month. Contact Debbie Jones 01746-712421or Gill Severn 01746-712231
Chelmarsh Crown Green Bowling Club	Welcomes old and new members. Contact Sue Jackman 01746-862850
Chelmarsh Indoor Short Mat Bowling	Welcomes old and new members. The sessions are every Tuesday evening from 7.30-10.00pm. Further details Sue Jackman 01746-862850
Chelmarsh Parish Hall	Available for hire - booking@chelmarshparishhall.co.uk
Chelmarsh Jubilee Club	Parish Hall 01746-86525 Jean Davis
Chelmarsh Walking for Health	Monday 10.00am except Bank Holidays. Parish Hall. Eleanor Haddon 01746-862884. 2 levels of walking available
Chelmarsh Friends	Meet every 2nd Wednesday 7.30pm Chelmarsh Parish Hall. Jenny Green 01746-862191
Cleobury North Village Hall	Enquiries to 01746-787093 please
Tae kwon-do	Chelmarsh Parish Hall Tuesday evening. Suitable for children & Adults. Neil Morris Thursday 5.45pm. 07969-996055
Chelmarsh Parent & Toddler Group	Every Tuesday during term time 9.30 – 11.30 Chelmarsh Parish Hall. Contact Pam Baker 07846-692323
Chetton & Gazeley WI	Meets in Chetton Village Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of the month 7.30pm Sam O'Sullivan 01746-868225
Chetton Folk Dance Club	Meets Chetton Village Hall, last Wednesday of month except August Tel. Janice Burton 01584-823802
Chorley Village Hall	Available for Hire (fully equipped kitchen, digital projection equipment and large screen) contact Jenny or Charlie on 01746-718437
Short Mat Bowling	Every Monday & Thursday 2.30 – 4.30pm at Cleeton & Silvington Village Hall, October to end of April. Pam 01584-89261
Cleeton & Silvington V H	Zumba - Thursdays 6.30pm 7.30pm all year Ula 01584-890200
Fun & Fitness for 50+	Cleobury North Village Hall - low impact fitness programme working the whole body every Tuesday 10.00 – 11.15am. Contact 01584-823640
Ditton Priors Art Group	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 or Bob Williams on 01746-712662
Short Mat Bowling	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
Ditton Priors Local History Group	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
Ditton Priors Parent & Toddlers Group	Meet in the Pavilion, Playing Fields, Ditton Priors Thursday 9.30 -11.30 am everyone welcome for a coffee and play.
Ditton Priors Book Club	Jenny -01746-712665
Knowle Sports Club	Second-hand sales held every first Saturday of the month, 7.30am – 11am proceeds to Children's Football Field 01584-890644
Stottesdon Gateway Nursery	Pre-school, holiday club and wraparound sessions. An integral part of Stottesdon Primary School, Contact 01746-718769
Stottesdon & District W.I.	Meets in various venues on the 3rd Wednesday in each month details from Helena Hale 01746 718012 or Clare Tibbits 01746-718007
Stoke St Milborough Dance	Mike 01746-712774 - Betty 01746-77515
Domestic Abuse Hotline	Telephone Number 08448-044999

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