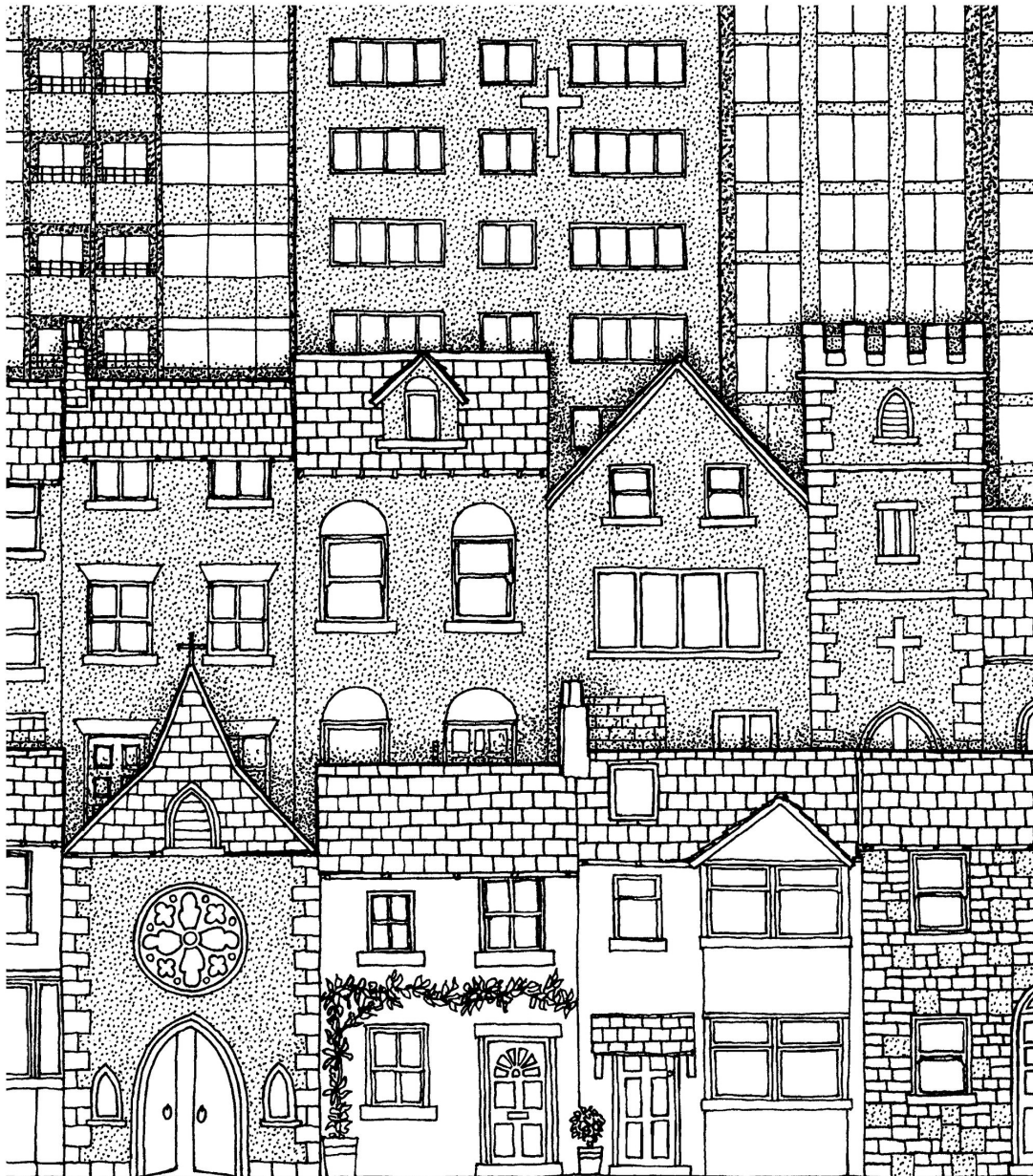


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May 2025



*Church in the community* Matt 5:14-16, Acts 2:44-47, Phil 2:3-5

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## Events Round Up



### Community Litter Pick



Above and right  
Litter pick 20 bags were collected. Many thanks  
to those who took part.

Below far right

Elaine Moore addresses the Parish Council

Below

Highley Companions see p 22



### Visit of the Easter Bunny to Billingsley Church



Don't forget to send your photos of any events which have taken place in and around the villages. Please make sure that you have permission from anyone in them and their agreement for the pictures to be published. - Ed.

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### The Severn Valley Group of Churches:

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## *The Wonders of BBC i-Player!*

On Easter Sunday, just before 'Songs of Praise' began on BBC1, I happened upon 'Gareth Malone's Messiah' on the television. (I want to make it clear that I don't consider myself to be a couch-potato and we *had* just come back from an Easter Day service **and** 'Songs of Praise' is a Sunday staple ..... .) Since we were expecting visitors and it was almost over, I didn't get to see much but thanks to modern technology, I was able to return to it another day. It was well worth it.

We're often told that singing is good for the soul. It lifts our spirits, releases endorphins around our bodies and enables us to look at life from a better perspective. I'm a child of the 50s and 60s so my first interest in (pop) music began with Frank Ifield and Cliff Richard! Gareth Malone, a gifted musician, is well known for roaming the countryside looking for community choirs. This time he was looking for eight people who had no previous experience of formal choral singing, with the intention of training them to sing with a professional choir and orchestra within a few weeks. He encouraged any one to apply who loved to sing, whether it was in the car, in the shower or dancing around the kitchen or bedroom with a wooden spoon or hairbrush for a microphone. Do you remember those days?

I have to confess to being a bit of a dunce when it comes to classical music—my experience being mainly from school days, when I was in the School Choir. I'm not sure how I made the cut, because I can't read music, but the audition was to belt out the school song to the music teacher one lunchtime and somehow I squeezed in. My claim to fame was that we recorded Handel's Messiah on vinyl record. Sad to say that cash wasn't abundant at home and my parents felt it was a waste of resources to purchase said recording. However, I've always been drawn to Handel's Messiah. It tells the story of Jesus, from the prophecies of a coming Messiah, through his birth and resurrection and final return as prophesied in the book of Revelation. I agree with Gareth Malone that you can't help but be touched by both the words and the stirring music.

Whilst hymns and modern worship songs cover a wide spectrum, they contain words and themes taken directly from the Bible—the Holy Scriptures. Musicians and songwriters have been inspired by the words, often from the Psalms, and have written hymns and composed music which have lasted for generation after generation.

On the opposite page is the story behind a more recent hymn, 'Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord', most appropriate for this Easter season as we move onwards from Christ's resurrection, through his appearances to more than 500 people and finally to his return to heaven (Ascension Day) and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. So much to look forward to!

Whatever our taste in music, there is no doubt that there is a spiritual element to singing, whether it is alone in privacy or together in a group or choir. Psalm 98:4-6 says, "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth—let your cry ring out and sing praises."

So keep on singing, wherever and however you do it!

*Val Smith*



## The Story Behind The Hymn

### 'Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord'

Not many university students are able to write Christian songs which become worldwide hits, but Don Emry Fishel managed it with his hymn, 'Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord', known as 'Alleluia No. 1'. Nearly 50 years on, it is loved and sung by millions of Christians worldwide. Fishel wrote it in 1971, while he was a student at the University of Michigan and also music leader of a Roman Catholic charismatic community based in Ann Arbor, Michigan. These were the days of folk songs and guitars, and Alleluia No. 1 fitted the prevailing mood perfectly. Written in E Major, it is ideal for guitar accompaniment.

Mr Fishel became a freelance flutist, flute instructor and composer. He was publications editor for the Word of God and Servant Music for a number of years and then worked in computers for 25 years. In 2008 he moved to Nashville and returned to music, teaching the flute. Alleluia No 1 was Fishel's first song, written "rather quickly, in about an hour." It had four verses to begin with, but a fifth verse (which became the third verse) was added later, as he prepared for baptism. As Fishel explained, he wanted the line 'We have been crucified with Christ; now we shall live forever' "to be the centre of the song."

The hymn was first published in the UK in Sound of Living Waters, in 1974.

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(Chorus)

*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation.

*Chorus*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth.

Jesus has died and has risen.

*Chorus*

We have been crucified with Christ.

Now we shall live for ever.

*Chorus*

God has proclaimed the just reward.

Life for all men, alleluia.

*Chorus*

Come, let us praise the living God,

Joyfully sing to our Saviour

*Chorus*



Highley St. Mary	Billingsley St. Mary	Chelmarsh St. Peter	Glazeley St. Bartholomew
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## St Mary's Highley

Easter is always a joyful time, whether it falls early or late . This year our Lent Study course covered the Creeds. We hope that all who attended the various gatherings found the time useful and faith-building.

During Easter week we held a Maundy Thursday Communion service with the opportunity to join in with foot-washing. Thanks to Rev'd Richard Law for offering this.

On Good Friday a team gathered at the Co-Op car park to bless passers-by with Hot Cross Buns and a hot drink—much needed due to the bad weather! This was followed in the afternoon by a time of quiet meditation marking Jesus' last hour on the cross.

Easter morning saw services around the Benefice, kicking off at 6.30am here in Highley. There is something very special about gathering around a make-shift fire in the early morning, just as dawn is breaking.

All is not yet finished as we are still in what is referred to as 'Easter season'. This will continue until Pentecost, which falls at the beginning of June. Ascension day is late this year, on May 29th. Look out for information about our Ascension Day service.



### From the Registers

#### Funerals:

03.4.25 Marie Carmela Santarsiero

11.4.25 Jacqueline Walford




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## Some perks of getting old

There is nothing left to learn the hard way.

Things you buy now won't wear out.

You can eat supper at 4 pm.

You get into heated arguments about pension plans.

You can sing along with lift music.

Your eyes won't get much worse.

Your secrets are safe with your friends - because they can't remember them either.

## Chelmarsh News

The month of April opened with glorious weather. God's way of showing us the constancy of the seasons and the beauty of his creation. It is a welcome lift to our spirits.

On Good Friday we held our usual Meditation in church in remembrance of the last hour of Christ's suffering on the cross and on Easter Sunday Rev'd Richard Law led our Easter Day service in celebration of Jesus rising from the dead and what that means for us today.



We have to say farewell to two people who will be sadly missed in Chelmarsh, Glenys Webb and Cherry Hughes. Glenys and Ted were married for 64 years and for most of that time lived in Church Cottage raising their 3 children who all went to Chelmarsh School. Cherry Hughes, although she lived in Bridgnorth, was Tower Captain of the bellringers at St Peters Church for many years and was a gentle, patient and encouraging teacher when the ladies of the WI were learning to ring the bells at Chelmarsh.

We are pleased to announce that the PCC have secured 2 grants towards repairs to the louvres in the tower.

### **Advance notice**

Fundraising will continue with a Rummage Sale in the Parish Hall on Saturday 7th June at 1pm, and a Plant Sale on the Saturday 28th June in Church starting at 10.30am.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Sunday May 18th after the service.



## Smile Lines

### ***Sharing your faith at work***

After his local church had done a week of outreach training, the local barber felt guilty. When had he last shared his faith with anyone? So, the next morning he prayed: "Lord, today I promise to witness to the first man that walks through my door."

Soon after he opened his shop the first man came in and said, "I want a haircut and a shave, please." The barber said nervously, "Sure, just sit in the seat and I'll be with you in a moment."

The barber rushed into the back of his shop and sent up a desperate prayer: "Dear God, give me the wisdom to know just the right thing to say to him. Amen." Then slowly the barber came back to his customer with his razor knife in one hand. He laid a shaking hand on the man's shoulder, stared at him in the mirror, and said: "I am glad you came to see me this morning...are you ready to die?"

## *St Mary's, Billingsley*

The first of our evening services took place at the beginning of April, when we demythologised the Easter Bunny. Nobody really knows how the bunny became associated with Easter (come to that, we do not really know where the word "Easter" comes from), but perhaps the bunny stands as a symbol of how everyday objections can be given an extra meaning and used as pointers to God. Rabbit-themed refreshments were served after the service. I am hoping we can theme our next evening service (Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 6pm) around VE day, with a contribution from a serving army chaplain. Watch the Billingsley Church website and Facebook page for details!



On Easter Day 5 of us celebrated Christ rising from the dead.

Our Annual Parish meeting will be held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 11am in the church. As for Glazeley, we need a churchwarden and also we would welcome extra members to join us on the PCC. I am very grateful to Ellen, Donna and Bob our current PCC members and Di our treasurer; we are very sociable so please come and join us!

## *St Bartholomew's, Glazeley*

I am pleased to write that our Easter Day service saw 22 people in attendance. This was most encouraging as we continue to grow.

As I write I am anticipating the Annual Parish Meeting (APM), this year being held on Thursday 8th May at 7.30pm in the church. The Annual Parish Meeting is important as it gives everyone in the community a chance to hear what the local church is doing. We are currently revising the electoral roll which is the list of those who are entitled to vote for the PCC and the churchwarden. It is open to anyone who is baptised and either lives in the parish or regularly attends the church; please contact me for an application form or pick one up from church.



Sadly we are having to say goodbye to two of our key people, Andrew Jones our treasurer and Laura Jones, our churchwarden. After much valuable service, they have both decided they want a break from their duties. I am very grateful for what both have done for Glazeley. I am delighted that one of our regular church members, Richard Thomas, will be taking over as treasurer. Richard has much experience of church business and will be a real asset to us at Glazeley, following all the hard work done by Andrew.

We are looking both for a new churchwarden, to continue Laura's work and also new PCC members to join our team. The PCC meets formally 4 times a year, but there is no need to attend every meeting as a lot of our business is done informally, by email, telephone or passing conversations. The most important qualifications are to have an interest in the church in Glazeley and also be prepared to tell me I'm wrong! Please consider joining us; I am happy to talk informally to anyone who is interested ([d.r.poyner@aston.ac.uk](mailto:d.r.poyner@aston.ac.uk)/0980 100 9693).

### **Important Dates**

**Saturday 14th June 2025** Open Gardens at Woodlands Hall—'In Memory of Casper'

**Sunday 15th June 2025** 10.30am Visit of Bishop Richard of Hereford to celebrate 150 years since the rebuilding of the Church at Glazeley.



## *James the Least of All*

### *On why you should never encourage your congregation*

The Rectory  
St James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren,

I have to say that the couple who complained that you never noticed they had been missing from church for a month had a point. There is a simple way of noticing when someone is absent: everyone sits in the same pew. Every Sunday. Always.

Little Miss Margison sits in the pew after the third pillar on the right here at St James the Least. As she walks up the aisle, you can sense her counting the pillars until she reaches the right one, which then allows her to sit in front of it. I have speculated that if I ever had that pillar removed, then the following Sunday, she would have a complete mental collapse.

One Sunday a visiting family arrived early and sat down; three people in an empty church seating 200. Colonel Wainwright and his wife were the first of our regulars to arrive and froze in horror. The Colonel said in a deafening whisper to his wife: "There's someone sitting in our pew."

At least they had the grace – no matter how reluctant – for one week, to sit somewhere else. Unlike the Prentice family of husband, wife and three children, who arrived to discover that a visiting family of husband, wife and four children were sitting in their pew; six people in a pew that held eight. Or, it normally holds eight. That Sunday, it held thirteen.

We at least have one iconoclast in Miss Pemberton, who makes a point of sitting in a different place every week. This thoroughly unsettles the rest of the congregation, who fear she may sit in their seats during her nomadic wanderings. I sometimes wonder if she has a chart at home with all the pew spaces marked on it and she strikes one off each week as she returns home after Mattins.

Occasionally the unexpected can happen. Mrs Cholmondeley arrived one week in good time, settled herself in her accustomed place, but half-way through the Service suddenly ran out of the building. Ten minutes later, she was back and in her usual place once again. When the church filled with the smell of burned bacon, we understood.

That is why replacing pews with chairs in your church was a mistake. Pews can never be moved. You know where everybody is – or should be!

Your loving uncle,

*Eustace*

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Do you have something that is broken, torn, blunt, wobbly, stopped working, almost end of life? Well bring it along and we will try and fix it for you or give repair advice. On average repairs take about 40 minutes. If it needs longer, we can discuss the options available.

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Toys

**Date - Time - Place:-**  
**Saturday 10th May 2025**  
**All day 10am - 4pm**  
**at Highley Primary School**  
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Contact us via email:- [Repaircafehighley@gmail.com](mailto:Repaircafehighley@gmail.com)

The volunteer service is free, but you'll need to cover the cost of any parts. Donations for successful repairs will help keep the Café running.

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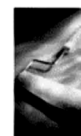


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## *Letter from Westminster*

The increased costs being faced by everyone this April is a serious challenge. I continue to raise with the Government the need to support our hospitality businesses with a VAT cut and warn about the dangers of tax increases on businesses. Many constituents have also got in touch with me to explain how the welfare reforms will affect them and their loved ones. I am launching a survey to collect more views and pass them on to Ministers. We must encourage people back to work while properly supporting those who are unable to do so.

I spoke with the BBC about the campaign being run by local constituent Rachel Baker on family access to mortuaries. Rachel's son, Joe, an accomplished aircraft engineer, tragically lost his life in a road traffic accident in November 2023. The family were denied access to his body for 10 days despite many desperate appeals. I am supporting Rachel's heroic campaign and petition to improve the support offered to families in this most tragic of circumstances. After my initial enquiry, Ministers said there were no plans to change these rules, so I have requested a meeting with Ministers to explain the hurt this policy causes families.

Potholes blight rural areas like South Shropshire, costing the owners of damaged vehicles almost £400 each year. So, I was delighted when the last government committed £8.3 billion towards resurfacing 5,000 miles of road as part of a decade long repair scheme. I am calling on Ministers to stand by the previously announced investment for Shropshire. It would equip the Council with the certainty needed to plan ahead. I am also urging residents who have experienced potholes and other problems with road surfaces to tell me about it as part of my new Pothole Patrol initiative.

Backing our farmers is a key part of my plan for South Shropshire. They are the backbone of our rural economy. So, I was delighted to welcome Shadow Farming Minister Robbie Moore to South Shropshire recently. We met with local farmers and representatives from the National Farmers Union at a third-generation family farm near Craven Arms. We discussed the impact of government policies and how farmer confidence can be restored. Shropshire has the highest number of farms per county in England, so this is an issue that is very important for our rural economy.

South Shropshire is, in my view, the most beautiful constituency in the country. It was great to celebrate this in my photo competition - there is still time to vote for a winner on my website. Our countryside is cherished by us all and must be protected for future generations to enjoy. It is critical residents have the confidence that any new applications which come forward for development are judged fairly and openly, while guarding against encroachment on our precious countryside and the farmland that is vital for food security. I will continue to advocate for local consent in the planning system.

I have been visiting many local schools recently, from Stottesdon to Newcastle on Clun to Dorrington and Clee Hill. It is really great to meet with students who always have excellent questions. One issue that comes up often are financial constraints. In a recent announcement South Shropshire missed out on funding for nursery provision within primary schools. This is a significant rural challenge that I will be raising on behalf of constituents.

It was great to visit Clickingmad, a digital services company celebrating their 25th anniversary, and launch their '25 Acts of Kindness in 2025' initiative in Bridgnorth. Our small businesses are a cherished part of South Shropshire, so I was also delighted to recognise Ludlow Nutrition as the winner of my Small Business Awards, alongside 85 other nominated businesses. I continue to encourage businesses to take part in my small business survey.

***Stuart Anderson MP***



## Highley Parish Council

*An extract from my annual report, presented at The Annual Parish Meeting:*

It has been an honour to spend another year as Chairman of the Parish Council. It can be a challenging role but it is very fulfilling to assist with improving our village and making sure every penny of your council tax which goes to Highley Parish Council is spent wisely. The Parish Council has changed significantly since I first joined over four years ago and I am proud of how we currently operate, getting things done and actually making a difference within our rather tight remit.

The Parish Council has been incredibly busy since I was stood here a year ago. Last year I spoke about our focus on liaison with the police and the formation of our Police Working Group. We have continued to work closely with our local Safer Neighbourhood Team and I have been very pleased to see a high level of co-operation, co-ordination and police presence in Highley with the local officers being based out of the Police Station in the Severn Centre whenever they are on shift. Since then we have increased our focus on young people in the village. We have always been involved and supportive of the Highley Reach youth club, but we took the decision to also form a wider Youth Working Group to allow us to address the requirements of the younger members of our community. It was great to see some teenagers actively involved in this, including attending meetings. I also convened an Anti Social Behaviour Task Force to address a rise in Anti Social Behaviour in the village. It was great to hear about all of the work already going on to address Anti Social Behaviour, not just from the police but also from the staff at the Severn Centre where a lot of the behaviour was taking place.

The last year has seen significant public participation in some Parish Council activities especially when they revolve around what may be seen as controversial planning applications. Whatever the result from the planning department at Shropshire Council I've been pleased with the level of community involvement in these issues, as a village far from Shrewsbury it's vital Shropshire Council remember we are here and that we will be heard! There is a national housing shortage and because of that it would be foolish to think we could prevent new houses being built in the village but we must ensure what ever is built here is suitable for the village and is accompanied by infrastructure improvements. The roads are falling apart with the amount of cars which are on them now let alone adding more.

As a new year in local government approaches I'm feeling positive about the effectiveness of Highley Parish Council, our current councillors are all fantastic and are all fully motivated to drive the village forward. We will continue to represent the people of Highley as they deserve to be represented, to operate professionally in all we do and to continue to instil a sense of pride in everyone living in the village.

**Tom Quinn**  
**Chair – Highley Parish Council**



## *Why you should draw your curtains at night (especially if you live in the country)*

Most of us draw our curtains at night, in order to ensure privacy. But there is another very valid reason: to help protect local wildlife.

It seems that insects who live in the countryside are very susceptible to bright lights, which can badly disrupt their overall health and general behaviour.

As one scientist explained: "We don't know exactly how fatal it is, but one estimate is that 33 per cent of all the insects attracted to light die before morning. And even if they don't die, they're spending all their time at the light instead of doing the things they're supposed to be doing."

Light pollution is now seen as adding to what some scientists have called "insect Armageddon", with a 75 per cent decline in insect populations in 30 years. As one scientist said: "Small individual actions such as drawing curtains can make a big impact to our smallest creatures."

(source—Parish Pump)

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## *An unexpected way to cut violent crime*

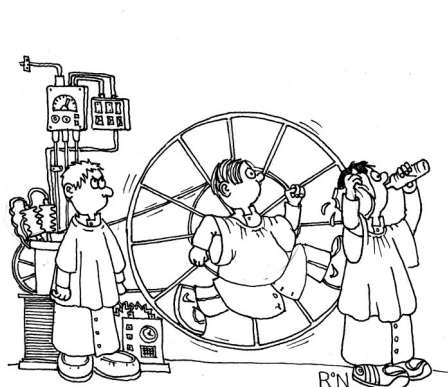
How to get children to behave better? Feed them better. It seems that providing children with healthy diets and regular nutritional supplements can help reduce anti-social behaviour.

The charity Youth Endowment Fund (YEF) puts it this way: improving the nutritional diets of a child is 'low cost', but 'likely to have a high impact on violent crime.'

A violence-reducing diet would include more fish, green vegetables and nuts, and fewer processed foods. Recent government-backed research has even found this may reduce violence in children by as much as 50 per cent. Just two examples: Iron, found in shellfish, red meat, liver, beans, broccoli and green leafy vegetables, improves cognition, memory and mood. Zinc, found in shellfish, legumes, meat and nuts, helps grow the brain. Regular nutritional supplements are also very helpful.

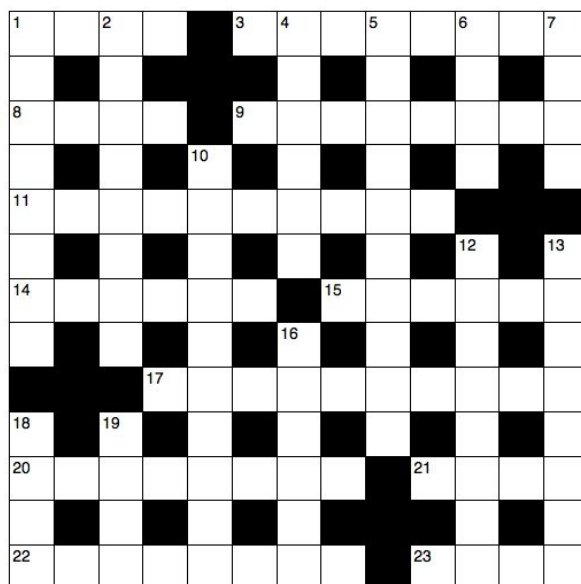
Perhaps the old saying is true in a new way: when it comes to behaviour, 'you are what you eat'.

Source—Parish Pump



*When the solar panels weren't working,  
there was Plan B*

## Crossword



### Across

- 1 Infant (Luke 2:12) (4)
- 3 Luis must (anag.) (8)
- 8 What Jesus called the devil (John 8:44) (4)
- 9 'My God, my God, why have you — me?' (Matthew 27:46) (8)
- 11 Anglican form of church government (10)
- 14 'Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like — ' (Isaiah 40:31) (6)
- 15 Ministers of religion (6)
- 17 Make stronger (1 Thessalonians 3:13) (10)
- 20 Devoutness (1 Timothy 2:2) (8)
- 21 The father of Jesse (Ruth 4:22) (4)
- 22 Pool where Jesus healed a man who had been an invalid for 38 years (John 5:2) (8)
- 23 '[Jesus] said to them, " — here and keep watch"' (Mark 14:34) (4)

### Down

- 1 Follower of Christ (Acts 16:1) (8)
- 2 One of the punishments endured by Paul (2 Corinthians 6:5) (8)
- 4 Soldiers (Exodus 14:9) (6)
- 5 Scholarly study of melody, harmony and rhythm (10)
- 6 'I am God, and there is none — me' (Isaiah 46:9) (4)
- 7 'And how can they preach unless they are — ?' (Romans 10:15) (4)
- 10 Favourable reception (1 Timothy 1:15) (10)
- 12 Hip orbit (anag.) (8)
- 13 End of life (Isaiah 22:14) (5,3)
- 16 'About midnight the sailors — they were approaching land' (Acts 27:27) (6)
- 18 He married Jezebel (1 Kings 16:30–31) (4)
- 19 'According to your great compassion — out my transgressions' (Psalm 51:1) (4)

## *All in the Month of May*

It was:

150 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1875 that Alexandra Palace in London was officially opened. It became the home of BBC television in 1935.

125 years ago, on 17<sup>th</sup> May 1900 that during the Second Boer War, the 217-day Siege of Mafeking was relieved by 2000 British forces and South African volunteers. Colonel Robert Baden-Powell, who led the forces defending Mafeking during the siege, became a national hero, and later founded the Scouting movement.

90 years ago, on 19<sup>th</sup> May 1935 that T. E. Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia) died in a motorcycle accident, aged 46. A British Army officer, military strategist, archaeologist and writer, he is best known for his activities in the Middle East during WW1.

Also 90 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> May 1935 that Sir Frank Watson Dyson, British Astronomer Royal (1910-33) died. He introduced the Greenwich time signal (the 'pips') and also, helped to prove Einstein's theory of general relativity.

80 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1945 that German radio announced the death of Adolf Hitler. It was reported he had died a hero's death fighting, but in fact he had committed suicide.

Also 80 years ago, on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945 that VE Day took place – marking Victory in Europe at the end of WW2. It was celebrated as a public holiday.

75 years ago, on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1950 that the first Formula One World Championship race was held, at Silverstone. (Also known as the 1950 British Grand Prix.)

50 years ago, on 27<sup>th</sup> May 1975 that Dibble's Bridge Coach Crash in Hebden, North Yorkshire took place. 32 people were killed and 13 injured when a coach's brakes failed on a steep hill. It remains the worst road accident in the UK, by fatalities.

40 years ago, on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1985 that the pop album *Brothers in Arms* by Dire Straits was released. It became the world's most successful album released on compact disc, and the first CD album to sell over a million copies.

Also 40 years ago, on 29<sup>th</sup> May 1985 that the Heysel Stadium Disaster took place in Brussels. 39 football fans were crushed to death during rioting at the European Cup Final between Liverpool and Juventus.

Also 30 years ago, on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1995 that British mountaineer Alison Hargreaves became the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest unaided (without bottled oxygen or Sherpas.) She died later that year, in August, in a storm, while attempting to climb K2.

25 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2000 that Ken Livingstone became the first Mayor of London.

Also 25 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2000 that Vladimir Putin was inaugurated as President of Russia.

15 years ago, on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2010 that during the Greek debt crisis, the European Union, European Central Bank and International Monetary Fund authorised a three-year 110 billion Euro bailout loan to Greece.

Also 15 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2010 that the British General Election resulted in a hung parliament. A coalition government was formed on 11<sup>th</sup> May by the Conservative Party leader, David Cameron, and the Liberal Democrat party leader, Nick Clegg.



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# Wordsearch

Answers on Page 23

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# Have a go at Sudoku — answers on page 23



Easy

Medium

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## UCB Word for Today

### Do you Believe This?

*Anyone who believes in me .... Will never die*

*John 11:25-26*

Author Chuck Swindoll tells about a couple whose marriage had been a fifty-year battle. The husband died, and it fell to the wife to choose a gravestone. She contacted a stonemason and told him, 'I don't want to be fancy or spend a lot of money. Just engrave the words: "TO MY HUSBAND" in a suitable place on the stone.' She went to visit his grave and, to her horror, read these words: 'TO MY HUSBAND...IN A SUITABLE PLACE.'

Swindoll writes: 'A humorous story helps mask the pain and confusion surrounding death, but in the end, the laughter stops because death still comes. Humour, as good as it makes us feel, is powerless to stop the grim reaper. Remember the bumper sticker: "Don't take life too seriously, you won't get out alive"? Well, the truth is, we *should* take life and death seriously because we *do* get out alive. We all face life after death because we all have eternal souls. We'll live forever somewhere. The question is where. And the "where" depends on how we answer this question of Jesus: "Anyone who believes in me...will never ever die. Do you believe this...?"

Jesus alone has the power of resurrection. And our assurance of spending forever with Him in heaven depends on our response...If we say, "Yes," by asking Jesus to forgive our sins and commit to following Him as Lord – then and only then do we have His power for living at our disposal... only then can we face life's end with a calm...joyous expectation.

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## What's the Big Idea?

### *An introduction to the Old Testament Book of Ecclesiastes*

*'Meaningless! Meaningless!'* This is how the book of Ecclesiastes begins (1:2), as it examines the futility of human experience *'under the sun'*. The author is named as *'The Teacher'* (1:1, Hebrew *qoheleth*), traditionally identified with King Solomon. Although focusing on life in the physical world, the book ends with, *'Fear God and keep his commandments'* (12:13).

Ecclesiastes reminds us of the limitation of human wisdom, which cannot find meaning and purpose without God:

**Our strivings** *'under the sun'* can only lead to disillusionment (1:5–11). Therefore, we need to accept the life God gives us and enjoy it to the full.

**Wisdom** is given to those who please God (2:26). Such wisdom cannot solve all problems (1:16–18), or secure enduring reward (2:12–17). We cannot control our immediate future, resulting in uncertainty (6:12), and there are difficult questions about life and death itself (9:1–3). In response, we need to understand our human limitations before God.

**God has ordered all things in their time**; things we cannot change or fully anticipate: *'There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven'* (3:1–15).

However, the world is not fundamentally chaotic or irrational, as it is ordered by God: *'He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end.'* (3:11). We should remember our Creator when we are young before the infirmities of advanced age stop us from enjoying the good things of life (12: 1-8). In summary, Ecclesiastes shows us how to live meaningfully and joyfully by placing God at the centre of our life, while trusting and obeying our Creator.

*by Canon Paul Hardingham*

*(Ed—below are some well-known verses from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 These words are often used at funerals, particularly in the countryside. Sometimes they are referred to as 'the farmers' verses' because they reflect the rhythm of life and the seasons.)*

There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens:

a time to be born and a time to die,  
a time to plant and a time to uproot,  
a time to kill and a time to heal,  
a time to tear down and a time to build,  
a time to weep and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn and a time to dance,  
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,  
a time to search and a time to give up,  
a time to keep and a time to throw away,  
a time to tear and a time to mend,  
a time to be silent and a time to speak,  
a time to love and a time to hate,  
a time for war and a time for peace.





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## *Highley Companions*

Well the months seem to be flying by don't they? How lovely has it been to be blessed with some lovely warm weather as well?

Our Companions had a visit from "The Fossils" recently who are one of our favourite groups to visit us. Three guitarists accompanied by their wives singing all sorts of songs from the 60's, 70's 80's and more. Their repertoire is amazing! It was lovely to see the joy on our Companions faces as they joined in with the singing and clapping along to the beat! One of our members said she knew all the songs when asked by the band! Not sure if she did but she does love her music. We even had a few dance moves from one of our gentlemen.

A fish and chip lunch was heartily enjoyed by everyone followed by homemade cake. After lunch Lesley led our Companions in some gentle exercises before they left for home having had a lovely time.

Look out for reports of our Easter activities next month.

**Elaine**

## *Hi from the W.I.*

March saw us having a lovely evening, following on from the usual business side of things. Our speaker for the evening was Jane McNaughton a local girl who is a physiotherapist at Bridgnorth Hospital and also a Pilates instructor in the village.

Jane gave us such an interesting and light hearted talk on how to deal with "women's problems" especially when we reach a certain age – like most of us in the room! She gave us exercises and tips and she made everyone smile when she demonstrated some of the techniques. A really lovely evening and thank you Jane.

We held our first Rummage Sale of the year and raised approximately £400 and we thank those who supported us,.

Our plans for our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary are moving along nicely.

Please come along to one of our meetings which are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month in the Library at the Severn Centre at 7.15pm to find out more about us.

**Elaine**

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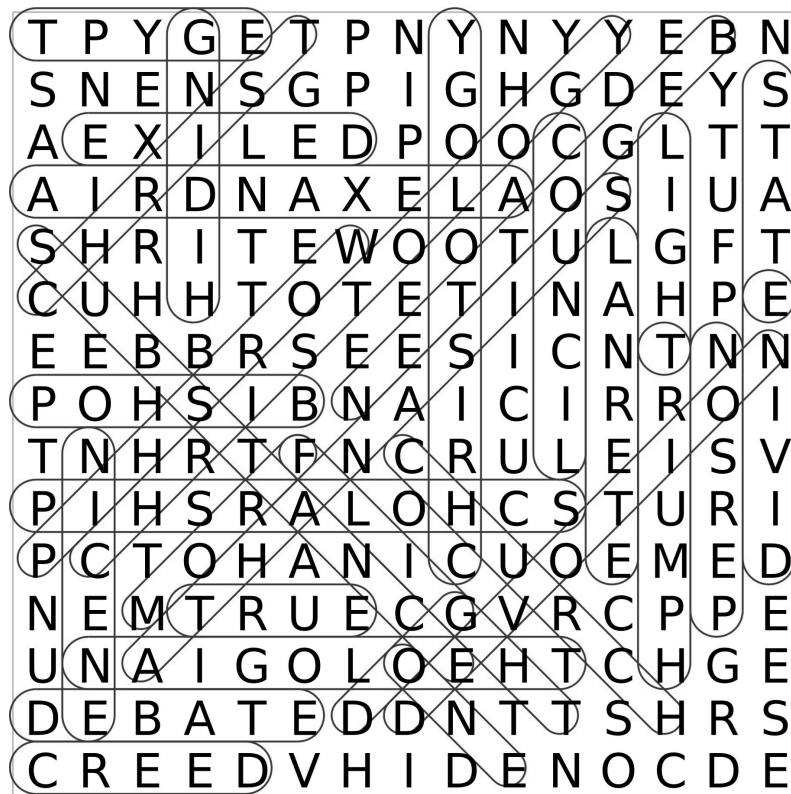
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## Answers to Wordsearch (from page 18)



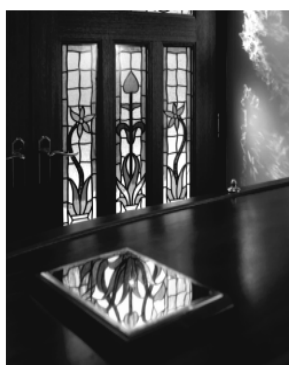
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Easy

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### **Eggs in the oven - Charmaine**

Whenever we used to put eggs in the compost heap, they always resurfaced, looking fairly intact. If you leave them overnight on a baking tray in the oven, after using it, they will go brittle. If you grind them up or crush them, they break down quicker and provide your compost with more calcium. Plants need calcium for strong cell walls, especially tomatoes and squash. The worms like them too (they help prevent the soil from becoming too acidic). Don't bin them - use them!



### **Chemicals in the water - David**

If you are doing some painting in the dry weather, then think carefully about where your paint ends up. If you are using a roller tray or a paint kettle, don't spend time rinsing all the leftover paint down the drain and into our sewers. Leave it out to dry. When it builds up so much, you should be able to simply peel it off (especially if it is a plastic pot) and throw it in the bin. If you are doing more painting in the next month or so, get rid of the excess paint on the brush by painting something like a scrap of wood. Then submerge the bristles of the brush in a pot of water. This way, the air won't be able to dry the paint, and it will be ready to use (with a wipe on a cloth) next time!

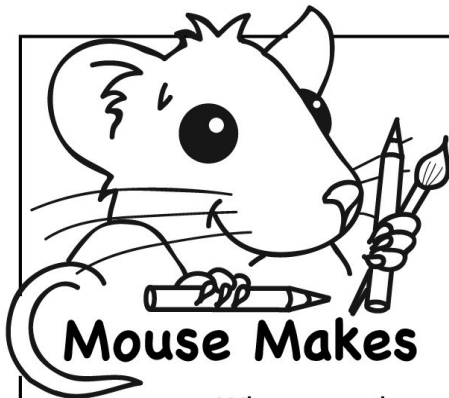
### **Tree planting on the Orchard - Alastair**

As part of our local nature recovery strategy in Highley, a few volunteers from the Parish Council's environmental group managed to plant a strip of native woodland on the Orchard in Garden Village. About 35 whips were planted, including rowan, hazel, wild cherry and silver birch. There was plenty of interest from residents, and they appear to be growing well. Not only will they provide a perfect habitat for local birdlife, they will (in time) offer some protection and shade to children playing on the field. The grass around the trees will be cut manually in September, and the arisings removed, in an attempt to reduce the fertility of the soil, and encourage more wildflowers to grow. It will be great to see these trees grow in our community, and attract more flora and fauna to the area!

### **Soaked oats - Aubrey**

In the winter time sometimes we have porridge for breakfast. When it is warmer, and when we go on holiday we have soaked oats instead. Just pour the milk on the oats and leave them to swell up. You can eat them straight away, but the longer you leave them, the more it soaks in! Add some dried fruit and you won't be hungry until lunch time. Also, oats normally come in a paper bag, which is easy to recycle and avoids using any





## MIRACLES OF PETER

At which temple gate  
did the crippled man lay?

Acts 3:1-10



Who were the man and wife  
who lied to God?

and

Acts 5:1-11

People carried the sick into  
the streets so that when Peter  
came by at least his

might fall on them.

Acts 5:12-16

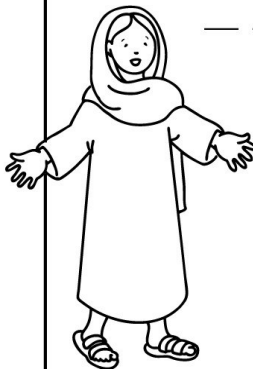
How long had Aeneas  
been paralysed for?

years

Acts 9:32-35

Where had Tabitha's body been laid?  
in the

Acts 9:36-42



"And the word  
of God  
continued to  
increase,  
and the number  
of the disciples  
multiplied  
greatly."  
Acts 6:7

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Highley Medical Centre	Dr J Tatton	Highley Medical Practice, Bridgnorth Road	767121 (option 0)
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Kidderminster to Bridgnorth via Habberley, Bewdley, Highley, Chelmarsh

### New Route and Timetable from 20th April 2025.

#### Monday to Friday

(except Public Holidays)

Kidderminster Bus Station	0615	0730	0830	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1630	1730	1830
Kidderminster General Hospital	0623	0738	0838	0938	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438	1538	1638	1738	1838
Habberley, Canterbury Road	0628	0743	0843	0943	1043	1143	1243	1343	1443	1543	1643	1743	1843
Bewdley, Load Street	0639	0754	0854	0954	1054	1154	1254	1354	1454	1554	1654	1754	1854
Buttontoak, Wyre Cottage	0647	0802	0902	1002	1102	1202	1302	1402	1502	1602	1702	1802	-
Highley, Bache Arms	0706	0821	0921	1021	1121	1221	1321	1421	1521	1621	1721	1821	-
Chelmarsh, Church	0715	0830	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1630	1730	1830	-
Bridgnorth, Sainsbury's	0729	0844	0944	1044	1144	1244	1344	1444	1544	1644	1744	1844	-

#### Saturday

(except Public Holidays)

Kidderminster Bus Station	0615	0730	0830	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1630	1730	1830
Kidderminster General Hospital	0623	0738	0838	0938	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438	1538	1638	1738	1838
Habberley, Canterbury Road	0628	0743	0843	0943	1043	1143	1243	1343	1443	1543	1643	1743	1843
Bewdley, Load Street	0639	0754	0854	0954	1054	1154	1254	1354	1454	1554	1654	1754	1854
Buttontoak, Wyre Cottage	-	0802	0902	1002	1102	1202	1302	1402	1502	1602	1702	1802	-
Highley, Bache Arms	-	0821	0921	1021	1121	1221	1321	1421	1521	1621	1721	1821	-
Chelmarsh, Church	-	0830	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1630	1730	1830	-
Bridgnorth, Sainsbury's	-	0844	0944	1044	1144	1244	1344	1444	1544	1644	1744	1844	-

#### Monday to Friday

(except Public Holidays)

Bridgnorth, Sainsbury's	-	0655	0755	0855	0955	1055	1155	1255	1355	1455	1555	1655	1755
Chelmarsh, Church	-	0709	0809	0909	1009	1109	1209	1309	1409	1509	1609	1709	1809
Highley, Bache Arms	-	0718	0818	0918	1018	1118	1218	1318	1418	1518	1618	1718	1818
Buttontoak, Wyre Cottage	-	0738	0838	0938	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438	1538	1638	1738	1838
Bewdley, Load Street	0625	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bark Hill, Merricks Lane	0626	0745	0845	0945	1045	1145	1245	1345	1445	1545	1645	1745	1845
Habberley, Canterbury Road	0638	0800	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800	1900
Kidderminster General Hospital	0644	0806	0906	1006	1106	1206	1306	1406	1506	1606	1706	1806	1906
Kidderminster Bus Station	0654	0816	0916	1016	1116	1216	1316	1416	1516	1616	1716	1816	1916

#### Saturday

(except Public Holidays)

Bridgnorth, Sainsbury's	-	-	-	0855	0955	1055	1155	1255	1355	1455	1555	1655	1755
Chelmarsh, Church	-	-	-	0909	1009	1109	1209	1309	1409	1509	1609	1709	1809
Highley, Bache Arms	-	-	-	0918	1018	1118	1218	1318	1418	1518	1618	1718	1818
Buttontoak, Wyre Cottage	-	-	-	0938	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438	1538	1638	1738	1838
Bewdley, Load Street	0647	0747	0847	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bark Hill, Merricks Lane	0648	0748	0848	0945	1045	1145	1245	1345	1445	1545	1645	1745	1845
Habberley, Canterbury Road	0700	0800	0900	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800	1900
Kidderminster General Hospital	0706	0806	0906	1006	1106	1206	1306	1406	1506	1606	1706	1806	1906
Kidderminster Bus Station	0716	0816	0916	1016	1116	1216	1316	1416	1516	1616	1716	1816	1916

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### Waste / Recycling Collections

#### Black bins:

Friday 9th May & Thursday 22nd May

#### Crates & green bins:

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10:30 / 11:00	Severn Centre
(Contact: Barbara Skilton: 01746 862003)	
<b>Women's Institute</b>	Tuesday Severn Centre
<b>Badminton Club (Seniors)</b>	Tuesday 19.00 SC
<b>Housing Support</b>	Community Room, Rhea Hall, 9-12noon Mon—Friday 862442

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## Program of events 2025

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6<sup>th</sup> May....Eating for energy & vitality, with Paula

3<sup>rd</sup> June ..Cream tea & entertainment

1st July....Surprise!

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### June workshops

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Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Crafty companions – 2 hours – Bring your own craft or join in with mine (For a small fee).

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June – “Make your own...” club – 2 hours - £20

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June – guest tutor - Enamelling workshop - 3 hours - £50

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Crafty companions – 2 hours – Bring your own craft or join in with mine (For a small fee).

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June – “Make your own...” club – 2 hours - £20

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Shop closed - craft fayre at the Flaxmill in Shrewsbury

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Crafty companions – 2 hours – Bring your own craft or join in with mine (For a small fee).

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June – “Make your own...” club – 2 hours - £20

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 10am – guest tutor – Felting picture – 3.5 hours - £40

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Crafty companions – 2 hours – Bring your own craft or join in with mine (For a small fee).

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June – “Make your own...” club – 2 hours - £20

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Shop closed - craft fayre at Sunnycroft NT House

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## Church Services in May 2025

Sunday 4th May	9.30am Morning Worship	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh
	10.30am Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Highley
Sunday 11th May	9.30am Holy Communion	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh
	10.30am Morning Worship	St Mary's Church, Highley
	6pm Evening Service	St Mary's Church, Billingsley
Sunday 18th May	9.30am Morning Worship	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh
	10.30am Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Highley
	10.00am Holy Communion	St Bartholomew, Glazeley
Sunday 25th May	8am Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Billingsley
	9.30am Holy Communion	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh
	10.30am All Age Service	St Mary's Church, Highley
Sunday 1st June	9.30am Morning Worship	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh
	10.30am Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Highley

*Information at the time of going to print. Please check times on weekly sheet for any changes.*

### Mid-week Groups

**Tuesday Evening Bible Study 7.30pm** contact Liz and Mervyn

**Wednesday Prayer and Study Group** 11am—1pm held in Parish Hall unless notified otherwise.

**Wednesday Zoom 7pm** Contact David Poyner email [d.r.poyner@aston.ac.uk](mailto:d.r.poyner@aston.ac.uk)

**Thursday evening Prayer Meeting @ St Mary's Church** Contact Canev Clayton for details

**Friday Event Youth Club 7.30pm** @ Parish Hall (term-time only) contact Rachel Williams

**Friday Night Prayer 9pm** Zoom contact David Poyner as above



**For enquiries regarding Weddings, Christenings, Funerals or Churchyard memorials**

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**Christenings/baptisms:** Rev'd Kina Robertshaw email [revkinarobertshaw@gmail.com](mailto:revkinarobertshaw@gmail.com)

**Funerals:** Contact your funeral director, who will liaise with clergy

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