

## FORUM

August 2025



See how the wild flowers grow! They don't work to earn, or craft their own clothes, but even King Solomon with all his wealth was not dressed as well as they are. Lk 12:27-28



## Events Round Up—Chelmarsh Plant Sale



A lovely sunny day, beautiful surroundings, refreshments, plants, flowers, jams, cakes, bric-a-brac. Once again St Peter's Church excelled themselves in raising funds towards the repair of the church tower. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make it a success and to everyone who came and supported them.

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### The Severn Valley Group of Churches:

St. Mary, Highley  
 St. Mary, Billingsley  
 St. Peter, Chelmarsh  
 St. Bartholomew, Glazeley with Deuxhill

## Living in Community

Those of us who were children of the 60s and 70s will remember Simon and Garfunkel's song '*I am a Rock*'. (Check out the lyrics if you don't know it. It speaks of loneliness and withdrawal from friendships; of isolation and fear of rejection.) Obviously written from a place of sadness and pain, it may well speak of how we may sometimes feel, but isn't a healthy place to remain. It was John Donne who said,

**"No man is an island entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main."**

Donne wanted to illustrate that each individual is connected to others and the loss of one person affects the whole community, highlighting the importance of human relationships and the shared experience of life.

As you may have noticed, each month we try to set aside a couple of pages in the magazine for photos showing what has been happening both in our churches and around the village. It's a 'feast or famine' situation. Some months I don't receive any at all and then occasionally, like this month, I am deluged by them! I've tried my best to include a variety and as many as possible. Please accept my apologies if I haven't included every single one—and do keep sending them. (see P2)

Photos are a reminder of (usually) happy times when there was fun and laughter and general well-being. In church we call that '*fellowship*' - just enjoying being together. We have photos of friends and family, some whom we see every day and some who are sadly no longer with us in person, but the memory lives on. We put photos in frames and place them around our homes. Whoever would have thought not so very long ago that we would be able to take photos with our mobile phones at the drop of a hat! Some of us who can remember a long way back can recall the telephone (black Bakelite) being attached to the phone socket by a cord, usually sited in a cold hallway near the front door! No privacy there. (Actually my sister still uses a corded phone!) Telephones were for brief calls. No such thing as Facetime or video-calls. That was in the realms of Sci-Fi!

Of course, cameras and photos have been around all of our lifetimes, first invented in the early 19th century, which is quite recent really. Before technology, even in its raw form, raised its head, events and images were recorded through drawings and art. We recently went to Italy and visited Pompeii where, despite having been buried by molten lava for many hundreds of years, the buildings still reveal wall paintings and etchings from the original Roman town. We know that all over the world there are similar, even older, pictorial historical 'documents', showing how people lived in the past.

Photos evoke memories, as do stories and tales, including family 'legends'. They enable us to nurture a sense of belonging, which is part of our human DNA. One of our core needs is to feel



that we belong somewhere. Community is important, especially in an age where isolation is prevalent, despite the increasing population. We were created to be connected to others, yet since Covid-19 struck, many even work from home and miss out on that daily interaction with colleagues. Zoom meetings don't provide that same warmth and sense of personal connection. Personal contact is how the world works at its best. Some of us are more gregarious than others, but human contact in some form or another is essential to our well-being.

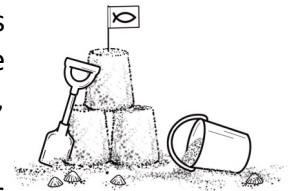
God created families. The word '*church*' (in Greek '*ekklesia*') means '*God's people gathered together*'. If you feel you'd like some human contact, come and join us at St Mary's. You are welcome to come and find out more about what it means to be to be a part of God's family here in Highley.

*Val Smith*

From next month I'm inviting a few other members of the Leadership Team to contribute to writing the Editorial, so next month's offering will be written by Keith Smith. We hope you enjoy the variety of thoughts and styles.

## *Prayer for August*

Heavenly Father, August – summer holidays and sunny skies. All should be well and yet, around the world all is *not* well! Every day, it seems, new wars begin, catastrophes occur, world politicians play power games - and people suffer. It can feel overwhelming and we want to bury our heads in the sand, rather than build sandcastles on the beach.



Help us Lord, to look up; to see things with Your perspective; to remember that Jesus warned us that in this world we will have trouble. Then help us to remember that He told us to take heart, because He has overcome the world.

Father, help us to savor the summer, as we put our trust in You - our strength, our hope, our ultimate and unfailing security. In Jesus name, Amen.

*By Daphne Kitching*

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## *Being bored is good*

This will cheer you up this summer when your children mope around the house saying that they are bored: apparently a bit of boredom is *good* for them.

So says a senior educationalist, Julia Robinson, who has encouraged parents NOT to force their children into too many activities. Instead, they must be allowed to become bored, so that they can have time to be reflective and calm. Too many pursuits such as music lessons, sport and online learning could result in a generation of manic, anxiety-ridden adults, she warns.

Writing in *Attain*, the IAPS magazine, she has pointed out that happiness does not come from a "regime of unrealistic multitasking, running oneself ragged with an exhausting programme of endless activities."

*From The Parish Pump*

Highley St. Mary	Billingsley St. Mary	Chelmarsh St. Peter	Glazeley St. Bartholomew
Roy Adlington 07865064063	Vacancy	Vacancy	Vacant

## St Mary's Highley



.On Saturday 5th July Rev'd Angie Forster was ordained as a priest at Hereford Cathedral. The road to this is long and hard (with a few joys thrown in along the way! ) Angie has now finished her first year as Assistant Curate and is now licensed to lead services of Holy Communion within the Benefice. Congratulations Angie.

Many readers will also remember Mary Carter (previously Nelson) who was a Reader here in Highley several years ago, having trained at WEMTC in Ludlow. Mary spent time as a missionary in Africa, where she was ordained. After her return, she moved to Shrewsbury and then to Church Stretton, where she is now a Curate at St Laurence's Church. Congratulations Mary!



On 22nd July over twenty intrepid travellers from our Benefice made the journey to Worcester Cathedral to attend a service of Celebration for the Life and Ministry of Rev'd Canon Rose Lawley, who retired to Highley from Kidderminster 7 years ago. Many of you may have wondered why you haven't seen her walking around the village recently. Rose was sadly diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease last November. Rose's granddaughter organised the service to celebrate Rose's ministry and to let her know how loved and appreciated she is. It was very special to see Rose there, with her family surrounding her. Rose gave the final blessing through her IPAD voice.

On a practical note, please be aware that most of the weekly groups will be taking a break over the summer. Check with the group leaders for dates for recommencing in September.

### From the registers

#### Funerals and interments:

4.7.25 Trevor David Gould





## Chelmarsh News

### Chelmarsh Fete

A very successful afternoon in blazing sunshine raised approx £2000 towards the upkeep of the Parish Hall on Fete Day. Thanks to everyone who helped and all who attended the event.

### Ride and Stride Saturday September 12th

This is the biggest upcoming event in which St Peters Church is involved. English Heritage's annual Churches Open Day raises the money to provide grants to small rural churches struggling to meet extensive repairs (eg roof or pipework). This year we received £960 towards the louvres in our tower, so joining in would be a contribution in appreciation of this grant. If you would like to include yourself, Sponsor forms are available in church.

### Congratulations

On 29<sup>th</sup> June, Michelle, one of our Local Ministry Team, preached her first formal sermon at the Benefice service at Highley. She brought her specially sincere approach to the theme of thanksgiving for God's love, care and protection of all people. It was very encouraging and comforting and we thank God for inspiring Shell to step up to the challenge. Congratulations Shell on a great achievement.

### Results of the 100 Club draw:

**£100** Barbara Theobald

**£50** Linda Jones

**£25** Alastair Rogers

**£25** Anita Manley

### Afternoon Tea

The PCC are thinking of holding an Afternoon Tea in the churchyard on one of the Sundays in August. Please keep an eye on Facebook and look out for posters with details.

### Church Cleaning Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2.30pm (approx.)

Thank you Janet for helping last month. A bit of help is worth a lot of pity!



As always, the refreshment tent offered a huge range of cakes and goodies, which kept the ladies busy and on their toes!

## *St Mary's, Billingsley*

The Caring for God's Acre Team paid us a visit to scythe the grass in the churchyard. The encourages wild flowers, insects and birds so our churchyard is a place for the living as well as a resting place for the dead. The dry, hot weather this year has held back the grass; good news for us, not so good for farmers trying to make hay.



At our last Sunday evening service, Ellen McConnell and Donna Adams spoke about visits to Peru; in the case of Ellen it was a trip made by Bob, her late husband in the 1950s, for Donna it was a more recent trip. Both also showed us various objects from these trips; an Alpaca skin rug and the brightly coloured shawls.

Donna noted on her visit how the traditional dress is being replaced by western fashions, perhaps a rather sad comment. I did the "God slot", about Paddington Bear, a visitor from Peru who shows some very Christ-like features in the books and films. As at Glazeley, the socialising after the formal event is all part of the occasion; we finished the service at 6.45 and an hour later we were still talking.

Next month, we welcome back Sue and Phil Bates; Sue will be talking about a recent trip she and Phil have made to Easter Island. Come and find out more at 6pm on Sunday August 10<sup>th</sup>. We also have communion at 8am on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.

## *St Bartholomew's, Glazeley*

The celebrations to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the rebuilding of Glazeley church are continuing. Last month, we had splendid entertainment from the Cleve Liberty Band, performing for a Daddy's Hat Concert. The most telling part of the event for me was that the concert itself formally finished at 4pm, when we had refreshments; at 5pm most people were still around and there was more, totally unplanned, music, performed simply for joy by our musicians.



Church is, amongst other things, about building a community and that is what was happening. Much the same can be said about the local history exhibition put on by Lyn Parnaby. This was intended just for the same weekend as Daddy's Hat; it is still in church, still being visited and people are still telling me how much they enjoy it.



Our regular communion services continue on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 10am. We are fortunate that Rachael Davenport is able to get to most of these to play the organ; that greatly enriches our worship.

The service is followed by refreshments; we have much sherry and other fine beverages left over from our celebration last month. We may even manage some superior communion wine....

Next service Sunday 17th August



# *James the Least of All*

## *On the annual war of pumpkin growing ...*

From The Rectory

St James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren

Anyone who thinks that the English are a peaceful race has obviously never organised the annual pumpkin growing competition. Very regrettably, one of the Pilgrim Fathers sent a handful of pumpkin seeds to a relation in this parish in the 17th century and ever since, the church has been obliged to hold an annual competition to see who can grow the largest. I suspect some of the original recipients of those seeds still compete. There is a certain irony that the church, which is supposed to promote peace and harmony, sponsors the most war-like activity in the annual calendar.

Mobilisation starts at the beginning of the year when seeds are planted. From that moment on, every other potential entrant is regarded as the Enemy. Once seedlings are planted out, then heavy armaments are placed at boundaries to deter possible invasion. By late Spring paranoia has taken over and rumours begin to circulate of espionage and sinister undetectable herbicides. Anyone in the village with a beard is looked on with deep suspicion.

In the weeks before the competition, homes, partners and children are abandoned, as contestants talk to their pumpkins by day and snuggle up with them at night. Should bad weather arrive at this point, then I am blamed for not having prayed sufficiently fervently for sunshine and light rain. If only I had such influence.

On the day before the show, tables are put out and woe betide anyone who places their cake stand where Mrs Cholmondeley has put her tea urn for the past 25 years; she now believes she has squatters' rights to that place and any challenge to that would probably result in litigation. I find this competitive spirit a little bemusing, as for the last 25 years, the Earl of Stowe has always won first prize. That his mother, the Dowager Countess, is the judge, is surely pure coincidence. That she has arrived for the past three years with a white stick and accompanied by a golden labrador does, however, raise doubts.

It has been tentatively suggested that another judge should be appointed, but no one has so far had the courage to step forward. They may have the privilege of nominating the winner, but they would also have to face a 12 month period of hatred from all those who were not successful. Christmas card lists will be amended. Families may have sat next to them in church for generations, but would suddenly find it more congenial to worship in another part of the church. Letters would be strangely mis-delivered, and the butcher's boy would suddenly deliver lamb when pork had been ordered. Who could dare to take on such a poisoned chalice?

Your loving uncle,

*Eustace*

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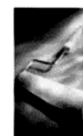
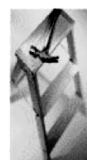


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## *Smile lines*

- ◇ "Did the play have an unhappy ending?" "Oh no – everyone was glad when it was over."
- ◇ The foreign student fell in love, and wanted to say: "I am bent on seeing you..." but he wrote: "the sight of you doubles me up."

## *Letter from Westminster*



On 4th July, I celebrated my first year as the Member of Parliament for South Shropshire. I am grateful to the thousands of residents who have contacted and supported me in my first year as our community's champion in Westminster. Together, we have successfully opposed restrictions to winter fuel payments, prevented the closure of post offices, and supported local assets like our community pubs, historic churches, and village halls.

In June, I welcomed the government's climbdown in its restrictions on winter fuel payments. The decision means that those who reach State Pension Age by 21st September 2025 and have an annual income of £35,000 (or below) will benefit from the payments. In Parliament, I voted against botched plans to reduce welfare support, sharing in the debate my experiences of receiving welfare support. Ministers should adopt an approach that will deliver a welfare system that is affordable, sustainable, and helps people back into work wherever possible.

Last month, the Chancellor Rachel Reeves delivered her Spending Review. She set out how the government will spend around £600 billion in each of the next few years. I am concerned that decisions in the Spending Review do not pay enough attention to the needs of people living in rural areas like South Shropshire. The government's spending plans, which include an extra £113 billion for infrastructure, are mostly focused on urban areas. I do not believe that rural areas like ours, which contribute £250 billion to the economy each year, are receiving enough support.

I have consistently championed investment in our community hospitals as an integral part of rural healthcare provision. Yet, I am concerned that hospital capital maintenance budgets could be cut by up to a fifth next year. As such, I have urged the Chancellor to extend funding for rural healthcare provision. This would enable further upgrades in South Shropshire, such as the immediate need for upgrades at Ludlow Hospital and for a new, rebuilt hospital at the Eco Park.

As a veteran, I was proud to support Armed Forces Week in Shropshire. It was a vital opportunity to pay tribute to the selfless service of the Armed Forces community. Together with other charities, the Royal British Legion has transformed the prospects of veterans for the better. I was delighted to meet with them to celebrate the Armed Forces Covenant (AFC). I also attended Shropshire Armed Forces Family Fun Day at Shrewsbury Castle. Home to over 4,000 veterans, they represent nearly a tenth of households in South Shropshire. I am asking local businesses, charities, and organisations to pledge their support for our veterans and salute our forces by signing the AFC.

Despite their huge impact, small charities are often under-funded and struggle for visibility. Nearly half have said that rises in employment costs, including April's hikes in National Insurance Contributions, will negatively impact them. I am committed to supporting our local communities and so I have launched a Community Support Finder tool on my website. This details the latest support available for charitable organisations in South Shropshire and beyond. Village halls play an integral role in rural communities like South Shropshire. Last August, I called on Ministers to unlock funding the last government had committed to upgrade these venues, many of which were built after the First World War. I am glad that Ministers have accepted my request to provide further funding for upgrades at more venues. More details are available on my website.

***Stuart Anderson MP***



## The Forum



It was brilliant to be involved with another fantastically success Highley Carnival this year. The whole day went so smoothly with interesting activities for young and old alike on offer. I began the day listening to the children of Highley School sing, which was so good I found myself tapping my feet and almost breaking in to a little dance!

Having quickly changed my daughter from school uniform to Brownie uniform (to help staff the 'Brownies selling brownies' stall) I was able to browse some of the stalls, try my luck on a tombola or two and chat with all the organisations represented on the day. My son got a chance to scale the climbing wall before I did my small part of the day - announcing the winner of Highley in Bloom and the Christmas Light Competition.

It was an honour, as always, to take to the microphone and show some appreciation for all the effort which goes in to the various planters and flower beds around the village. *Highley in Bloom* was very well timed this year too as the judges for *Shropshire's Best Kept Village* will be visiting Highley next week, my fingers remain crossed! I was very pleased to see the amount of people attending the Parish Council's stall and making a wildflower seed bomb or a homemade birdhouse – both very positive for the environment and I'm always happy to see people interacting with Highley Parish Council and our fantastic Councillors.

August is traditionally a quiet month for Highley Parish Council as we don't have a meeting during the month and many of us are away on holiday (I'm looking forward to my week Inter-railing round Europe and a few family days in Tuscany this year) but before the break we will be meeting with Shropshire Council's Head of Highways to discuss some of the concerns we have including potholes/highway maintenance and how road closures are handled.

I hope you all enjoy your summer and have a chance to get out and about in the beautiful surroundings we are so lucky to live amongst.

Tom Quinn

Chair – Highley Parish Council

## *In Praise of Olive Oil*

Olive oil is surprisingly good for you. It has been found to be able to ward off chronic disease and to boost your brain health. So, when those ancient Greeks praised it as an aid to staying young and healthy, it seems they were right.

While the Mediterranean diet can include up to four tablespoons of olive oil per day, a recent study at Harvard has found that even just half a tablespoon of olive oil per day helps protects your heart and brain from disease. It may even slash your risk of Parkinson's or Alzheimer's by 29 per cent, and cancer by 17 per cent.

Olive oil is packed with mono-unsaturated fats, and even has anti-inflammatory properties, which have been compared to Ibuprofen. The best way to eat it? Add it as a dressing to your salads. Frying with it can degrade some of its properties.



## Crossword Clues

### Across

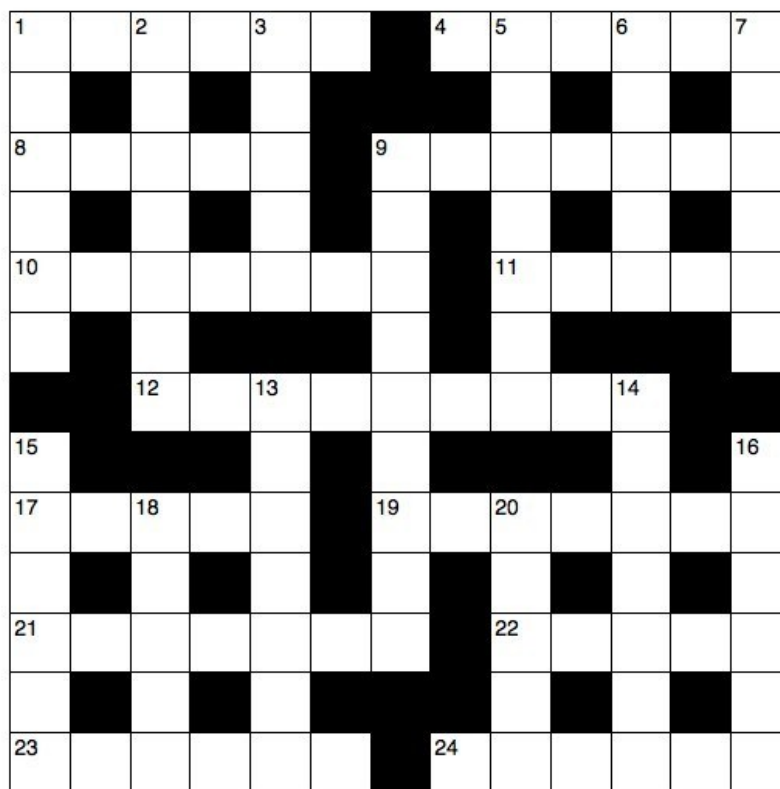
- 1 'The people were — at his teaching' (Mark 1:22) (6)
- 4 'He saved —; let him save himself' (Luke 23:35) (6)
- 8 He addressed the crowd in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14) (5)
- 9 Father of James and John (Matthew 4:21) (7)
- 10 One who charges another with an offence (Job 31:35) (7)
- 11 ' — thy ministers with righteousness' (Book of Common Prayer) (5)
- 12 and 15 Down 'All — is God-breathed and is — for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness' (2 Timothy 3:16) (9,6)
- 17 'No — of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up' (Genesis 2:5) (5)
- 19 Made to feel embarrassed (Isaiah 24:23) (7)
- 21 This man built his house on sand (Matthew 7:26) (7)
- 22 David's hypocritical message to Joab on the death in battle of Uriah: 'Don't let this — you' (2 Samuel 11:25) (5)
- 23 Detest (Job 10:1) (6)
- 24 'God made two great lights, the greater light to govern the day and the — light to govern the night' (Genesis 1:16) (6)

### Down

- 1 To make a serious request (1 Corinthians 1:10) (6)
- 2 Launches an assault against (Genesis 32:8) (7)
- 3 'The wicked man — deceptive wages' (Proverbs 11:18) (5)
- 5 Tuba ale (anag.) (7)
- 6 'The day thou gavest, Lord, is — ' (5)
- 7 Old Testament measure of weight, equivalent to about 12 grammes (Exodus 30:13) (6)
- 9 Where Elijah restored life to the son of a widow with whom he lodged (1 Kings 17:10) (9)
- 13 Paul said of whatever was to his profit, 'I consider them — , that I may gain Christ and be found in him' (Philippians 3:8) (7)
- 14 City visited by Paul, described by the city clerk as 'the guardian of the temple of the great Artemis' (Acts 19:35) (7)
- 15 See 12 Across
- 16 Rioted (anag.) (6)
- 18 She had a surprise when she answered the door and found 8 Across outside (Acts 12:13) (5)
- 20 Maltreat (1 Chronicles 10:4) (5)



## Crossword



*Answers on page 33*

## The Vicar who won Wimbledon

Ninety years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> August 1935, John Hartley, the British tennis player, died. He was the only clergyman ever to win Wimbledon and was World Number One in both 1879 and 1880 – winning Wimbledon both years.

The Revd John Thorneycroft Hartley was born in 1849 in Wolverhampton and was well connected: his parents were both from Staffordshire industrial business families, and he married Alice Lascelles Murray, daughter of the 4th Earl of Mansfield and a granddaughter of Henry Lascelles, 3rd Earl of Harewood. They had no children.

He won the 1879 Gentlemen's Singles title against Irish champion Vere St Leger Goold in three sets on 15<sup>th</sup> July, retaining his title the next year. But in attempting the hat-trick in 1881 he lost the shortest ever men's final, 0-6, 1-6, 1-6, in 37 minutes. He was said to have been ill at the time.

Hartley had become a priest in 1873. He was firstly curate of Christ Church, Southwark, and then became vicar of Burneston, a village in North Yorkshire, from 1874 to 1919. In 1891 he became Rural Dean of East Catterick, and later he was Honorary Canon of Ripon Cathedral.

As an amateur, he received no cash for his Wimbledon wins, and in the course of his first finals win he caught a train to Yorkshire so that he could do his duty and take his services at Burneston on the Sunday. Not only that, but he stayed with a dying parishioner until he passed away on the Monday – the day of the semi-finals. A rain delay helped him to get back to London in time.

At the Golden Jubilee Championships in 1926 he received a silver medal from Queen Mary as one of 34 surviving champions.



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## News from Shropshire Council



Thank you to everyone who's been in touch with local issues—your input really does shape what I focus on.

Since being elected, I've launched a dedicated website to keep you updated on my work and provide easy access to reports, documents, and contact details. I also monitor the Highley Community Facebook Group and my inbox daily so I can respond quickly to concerns. I've now completed my formal induction and committee training at Shropshire Council, which means I'm fully equipped to represent Highley's interests at county level.

Several local issues have already been raised and acted on. I've escalated long-standing drainage and sewage concerns—particularly the odour problems around Kinlet View—and these are now under investigation. I'll continue pressing until a proper resolution is in place.

I've also supported individual residents with a range of problems, including housing queries, road safety concerns, and questions around new developments. If you're stuck and not sure where to go, I'm more than happy to help move things forward.

Behind the scenes, I've set up a system to log every concern raised with me and track what's being done about it. That way, nothing falls through the gaps, and I can chase things properly.

Thank you for your continued support. Please do get in touch if you spot something that needs attention—I'll always do my best to help. My contact details can be found on my website.

**Sharon Ritchie-Simmons**

**County Councillor for Highley**

## Dogs and heatstroke

An over-hot dog is a serious matter – if they can't cool down, they are in trouble. So when is a dog too hot? Vets warn that in temperatures of 20-23C, you need to be careful not to exert them. At 24-27C you are well into the danger zone, and over 27C is life-threatening for them.

Dogs who suffer early on are those with short noses, flat faces, or heavy coats. Small dogs suffer worse than large ones, as do all older and overweight dogs. Dogs cannot sweat through their coats, but only through the pads on their feet. They cool themselves by panting, which releases heat through the evaporation of their saliva from their extended tongues.

Here are the signs of heatstroke. If you see these in your dog, take action FAST, and call a vet: ***Excessive panting, drooling, increased heart rate, very red or very pale gums and tongue, vomiting, diarrhoea, bloodshot eyes, increasing lethargy.***

Get your dog out of the sun and into the shade. Stand it in a tub of cool water, and splash its tummy, between its legs and under the tail – not just on the back. But cool it gradually - don't use very cold water, to avoid causing shock. Let your dog lie on wet towels.

As for Walkies, in hot weather, go before 8am and after 7pm. Hot pavements and roads can seriously burn a dog's pads. Try holding your palm on the pavement for 15 seconds - if it is too hot for you, it is too hot for your dog. **NEVER** leave your dog in a parked car. A car left in the sun can heat up to 47C within an hour. And your dog enters the life-threatening zone at 27C.

## Wordsearch



The story of the Transfiguration is told in Matthew (17:1-9), Mark (9:1-9) and Luke (9:28-36). On that day, high up on a mountain, Peter, James and John were given a glimpse of Jesus' true glory. For Jesus' face began to shine as the sun, and his garments became white and dazzling. Then Elijah and Moses, suddenly appeared, talking with him.

Overwhelmed, Peter offered to build three tabernacles on that holy place, one for each. A bright cloud covered them, and a voice spoke, saying that Jesus was his beloved son, whom the disciples should 'hear'. God's dwelling with mankind depends upon our *listening* to Jesus.

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MOSES	TRANSFIGURATION	PRESENCE	MOUNTAIN	SHRINE
APPEARED	JESUS	GLORY	TABERNACLES	SHINE
MANKIND	DAZZLING	BRIGHT	CLOUD	DWELLING

## Have a go at Sudoku — answers on page 23



Easy

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## UCB Word for Today

### ***Be willing to change***

*'Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.'* 1 Timothy 4:15

**Recognise that without change, there can be no progress.** Now, we're not advocating change for its own sake. That can be a characteristic of restlessness and a symptom of inner conflict. Change can represent great opportunities as well as potential losses. Although all progress produces change, not all change produces progress. But as leadership expert Max DePree observed, 'We cannot become what we need to be by remaining what we are.' If you want to grow, you must be willing to change.

General Douglas MacArthur, hero of the Pacific War, said, 'Life is a lively process of becoming. If you haven't added to your interests within the past year, if you are thinking the same old thoughts, relating the same personal experiences, having the same predictable reactions, rigor mortis of the personality has set in.' Did you get that last sentence? Rigor mortis is the physical rigidity that sets in after death. And it can happen to you relationally, career-wise, and spiritually.

In 1 Timothy 4, Paul is mentoring his spiritual son Timothy to take over leadership in the church when Paul is no longer around. And he was letting Timothy know he couldn't *inherit* the mantle of leadership simply because Paul loved him; rather, he would have to *work* for it. And that meant working on himself! 'Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all.'

Opportunities in life come to all of us, but they're only recognised and grasped by those who are prepared. And that means being willing to grow, adapt, and change.

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*If you would like a free booklet of these daily meditations, they are available from St Mary's Church*



## All in the month of August

150 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> August 1875 that Hans Christian Andersen, Danish writer, died. Best known for his fairy tales, such as *The Emperor's New Clothes*, *The Little Mermaid*, *The Princess and the Pea*, *The Snow Queen*, *The Ugly Duckling*, and many more.

100 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> August 1925 that the Welsh nationalist political party Plaid Cymru was founded. Today it holds four of the 32 Welsh seats in the UK Parliament, 12 of the 60 seats in the Senedd, and 202 of the 1,231 principal local authority councillors.

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80 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> August 1945 that the US Army Air Forces dropped an atomic bomb on the city of Hiroshima in Japan; also on 9<sup>th</sup> August, the US Army Air Forces dropped an atomic bomb on Nagasaki, killing 40,000 immediately and more than another 33,000 by the end of the year.

75 years ago, on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1950 that Princess Anne, the Princess Royal, was born.

70 years ago, on 28<sup>th</sup> August 1955 that Emmett Till, an African American teenager was mutilated and killed in Mississippi, after flirting with a white woman. His death was one of the key events to motivate the Civil Rights Movement.

65 years ago, in August 1960, the following countries gained independence: Central African Republic, Chad, Cyprus, Dahomey (Benin), Gabon, Ivory Coast, Niger, Republic of the Congo (Brazzaville), Senegal, and Upper Volta (Burkina Faso),

Also 65 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> August 1960 that the Twist became a national sensation in the US, and triggered one of the biggest dance crazes, when singer Chubby Checker performed the song on the show American Bandstand.

60 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> August 1960 that the Beatles' Album *HELP!* was released.

Also 50 years ago, on 20<sup>th</sup> August 1975 that NASA launched its Viking 1 space probe on a mission to Mars. It became the first spacecraft to land successfully on Mars, and to complete its mission.

40 years ago, on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1985 that the Manchester Air Disaster took place when a British Airtours Boeing 737 burst into flames after an engine caught fire and a fuel tank ruptured. 55 people were killed.

30 years ago, on 24<sup>th</sup> August 1995 that Microsoft released both Windows 95 operating systems and also Microsoft Office 95.

25 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2000 that Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. (She died in March 2002, aged 101).

15 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2010 that the Copiapo Mining Accident in Chile took place. A cave-in at the San Jose copper and gold mine trapped 33 workers 700 metres underground, and an international rescue operation was launched. The workers were brought to the surface on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 69 days later. Around one billion people watched their rescue on TV.

10 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015 that Cilla Black, pop singer and TV presenter died. Known for her hit song *Anyone who had a heart* and for presenting *Blind Date* and *Surprise Surprise*.



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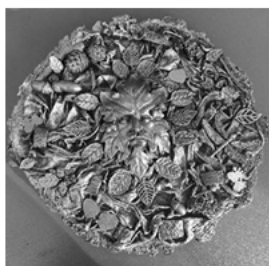
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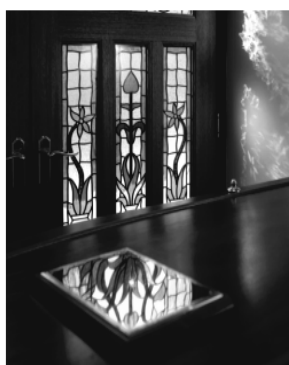
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Easy

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**Marches Energy Agency** came to the carnival last month and gave out some great advice for improving the way our buildings perform. If you are on a retrofit journey in your own home (in an attempt to reduce your energy bills and carbon footprint and make your home more comfortable and healthier), then check out the Future Ready Homes directory; [futurereadyhomes.org.uk](http://futurereadyhomes.org.uk) for a wealth of useful resources.

If you have medicines that have gone out of date, make sure you take them to the pharmacy and they will dispose of them safely.

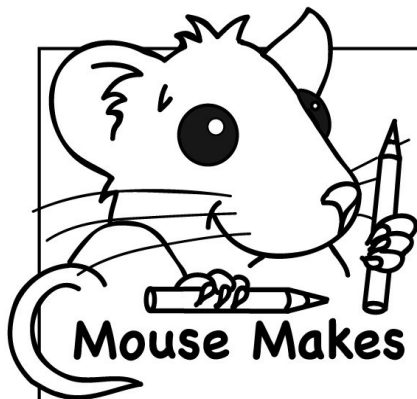
The Welsh parliament have unanimously banned plastic wet wipes. This is a result for our planet, the fauna we share it with and the sewerage system. If you buy them in England then make sure you choose the plastic free ones (just whilst our government get their act together). Alternatively, a more sensible option is to use a flannel.

If you are fed up of getting mould on top of your opened jar of pesto, then pour a layer of oil on top to create an air barrier and stop mould growth. I use that left over oil that you might find in a jar of sundried tomatoes. Keep it cold and air tight and it will last much longer!

If you have comfrey or nettles growing in your garden, then you can make some excellent fertiliser without having to go to the shops. Comfrey is rich in potassium and nettles are rich in nitrogen. Stick 3kg of comfrey leaves in 45 litres of water from the water butt or 1kg of nettle leaves in about 20 litres of water. Leave for a few weeks. It might get a bit smelly, but that is the time to use it!

If you are finding that your garden is drying out, try to keep water in the soil by mulching. Mulches can improve soil fertility, suppress 'weeds' and reduce watering. Biodegradable types include garden compost, wood chippings, leaf mould, and well rotted manure.

Now that we have had a rather large dose of sunshine, we desperately need some rain. However it sometimes arrives torrentially, and can overwhelm our drains. We can all try to slow the rain down in our gardens. Install a soakaway, a swale (a vegetated channel to temporarily slow water), a rain garden or water butts. You can even get permeable paving slabs!



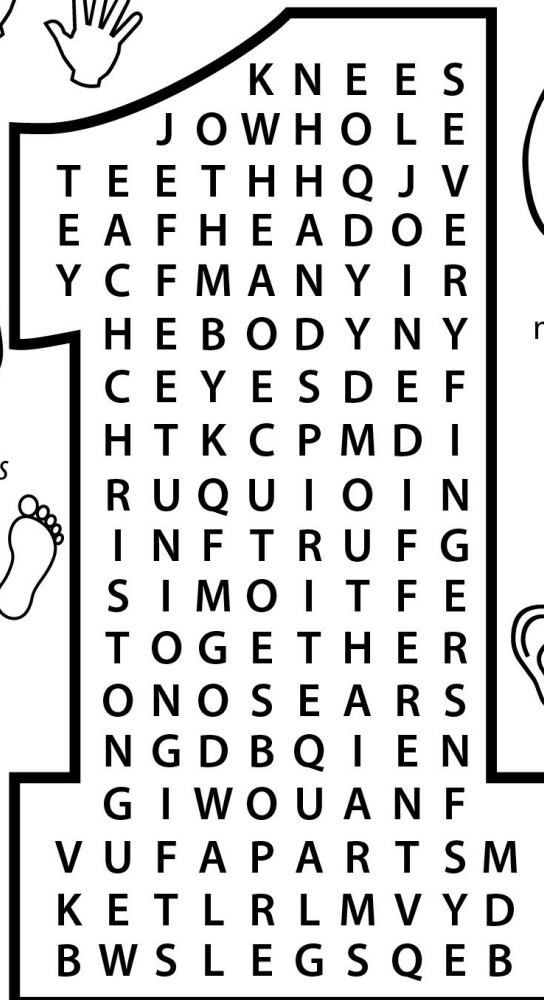
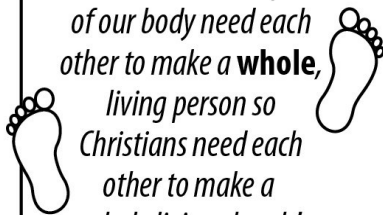
" Just as a **body**, though **one**, has **many** parts, but all its many **parts** form one body, so it is with **Christ**. For we were all baptised by one **Spirit** so as to form one body... Even so, the body is not made up of one part but of many...

...Now you are the body of Christ, and **each** one of you is part of it."

from 1 Corinthians 12:12-27



Just as the different parts of our body need each other to make a **whole**, living person so Christians need each other to make a whole living church!

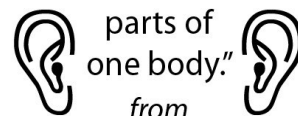


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**NOTE: TIMETABLE:** If you know of a more up to date version of this timetable, please email the Editor.

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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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### Crossword Solution from page 15

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P	E	T	E	R			Z	E	B	E	D	E
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### Regular Events

<b>Severn Strollers</b>	Mondays (not Bank Holidays) Severn Centre 10:30 / 11:00 (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
<b>Highley Bowling Club</b>	Richard Green 01746 861052

### Waste / Recycling Collections

#### Black bins:

**Thursday 14th August & Friday 29th August**

#### Recycling & green bins:

**Thursday 7th & 21st August**

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Boden & Son (Milk Delivery)	28	Highley Minors	29	Second Sense Hearing	21
Cleobury Country Centre	11	Holford, CE (Electrical)	11	Shropshire Registration Services	25
Cost Cutter	13	Irena Foot Clinic	31	That's Nice Creations	20
David Dexter (Motor Repairs)	10	Ince, B (Funeral Directors)	25	Tele - Satt Aerials	10
Edwards A J Decorating Services	28	Kinlet C of E School	24	Vivians Mobile Hairdressing	33
Halo Leisure (Severn Centre)	17	Martin, Tony (Plumbing etc.)	31		
Harris, Edwin & Sons (Funerals) Ar-	25	Northwood & Sons (Funerals)	25		
Arc Tree Care	31	Ovenclean	28		
		Perry & Phillips (Funerals)	24		
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Program of events 2025

1<sup>st</sup> April....Revd Suzan Williams, surprised by hope

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

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

1<sup>st</sup> July....Surprise!

5<sup>th</sup> Sept...Revd Val Smith, Shoe boxes, Samaritans  
Purse



Highley Carnival





## Church Services in August 2025

Sunday 3rd August	9.30am Morning Worship	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh
	10.30am Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Highley
Sunday 10th August	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 17th August	10.00am Holy Communion	St Bartholomew, Glazeley
	9.30am Morning Worship	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh
	10.30am Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Highley
Sunday 24th August	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 31st August	9.30am Morning Worship	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh
	10.30am Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Highley
Sunday 7th September	9.30am Morning Worship	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh
	10.30am Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Highley

*Groups may pause for a Summer Break Please check times on weekly sheet for any changes.*

There will be a coffee morning on the second Tuesday of every month, alternating between the homes of Gill and Alun Rees and Sue and Clive Williams. Do join us for a drink and a chat between 10 am and 12 pm. Please see the Weekly Sheet for venue.



**Mid-week Groups:**    **Monday Evening Post-Alpha Group**    contact Stewart and Shirley Page  
**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  
**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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