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November 2025



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Events Round Up

Yet another successful Quiz!



Despite a clash of dates with another quiz in the area, the Parish Hall filled up with over 30 people who dug deep into both their mental capacities and their pockets for another successful quiz, kept in order by quizmaster extraordinaire, Arthur Painting, ably assisted by Dale Gould. It came down to a tie break (several times!) but was eventually won by the team 'US'.

Kathryn Painting and Moira Gould provided the refreshments and £197 was raised for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal. Grateful thanks to Highley Butchers who generously donated the sausages.

Thanks to everyone who helped and participated and especially to Arthur for putting it all together.



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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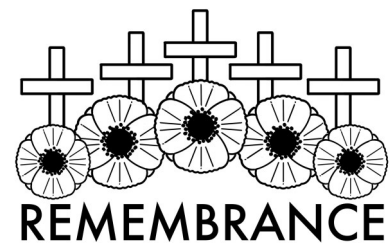
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Remembering

November is a month for remembering. At the very start we have the twin festivals of All Saints and All Souls, when we remember the Christian heroes and then those who were special to us. Within the benefice we have in times past had a special service to remember all locally who had died within the previous year. Whilst we no longer do this as a special service, we will still remember the departed in our prayers during our normal

Sunday services. Then we move to Remembrance Sunday, with its ceremony, when we recall the sacrifice of those recorded on our war memorials as well as those who have died in the service of our country in more recent conflicts; we also will remember those who currently serve.



REMEMBRANCE

Remembering is important. The 18th century political philosopher Edmund Burke wrote "Society is indeed a contract ... it becomes a participant not only between those who are living, those who are dead, and those who are to be born." By this he meant that those of us who are currently living have a duty to learn from past generations and pass their wisdom on for the sake of future generations. Burke may have been thinking about the great moral and social choices that societies have to make, but it can equally be applied to our personal lives. We remember those close to us, to learn from their lives, to mirror what they did well and avoid what was not so good in them.

The Christian church does remembrance in at least two ways. Historically, the church building was surrounded by the burial ground; physically it was a place where the living were surrounded by the community of the dead. Today, even if the graveyard is no longer used, it remains consecrated ground, a place where people can spend time to think and ponder. Equally, the interiors of all of our local churches also have memorials to the departed. These were humans just like us, a mixture of good and bad. But, if we but let them, they speak to us about our living, our inevitable dying and our legacies.

The Church also does remembrance in another way. Sunday by Sunday, a priest will lift bread and wine, to follow Jesus's command that we eat and drink these things in remembrance of him. She or he will pray that they may be for us the body and blood of Our Lord. At that moment, the past from 2000 years ago becomes our present; remembrance turns into living presence to sustain us in our future.

David Poyner

Operation Christmas Child

If you have put together a shoebox for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal, could you please ensure it is delivered to 20 Yew Tree Grove, Highley, WV16 6DG before 6th November. All the boxes will then be delivered to the collection point in Bridgnorth the following week.

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in this. We will have an update in the New Year and find out where in the world the boxes have been delivered and hopefully also some more photos of the children's delighted faces as they open them.

Thank you again.



Prayer for November 2025

Heavenly Father,

Here we are in November – the month of short, dark days. A dreary, difficult month, unless you have a birthday! Lord, it seems as if the world is permanently in November at the moment. So much is so difficult for so many people, through no fault of their own. And it seems to go on and on.

Lord, would You bring your healing light into the world's darkness. Bring transformation, compassion and a softening into the hearts of those with responsibility for the conflict and the suffering, that they might work for peace for all people. We know that nothing is Impossible for you, Lord, so we pray in faith – and in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

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

The month kicked off to a great start with a mega 80th birthday party in the Parish Hall. Well, actually it was on the 28th September, but let's not quibble!

It must be the generation (!) but several of our congregation reached that milestone this year. Amongst the guests were Roy Adlington, Jim Lilley, Clive Williams and Bev Bevan. There may well be a few more before the year is out! See page 35 for photos.



October is a time for Harvest Festivals and St Mary's was no exception. Items and money raised went to Bridgnorth Food Bank.

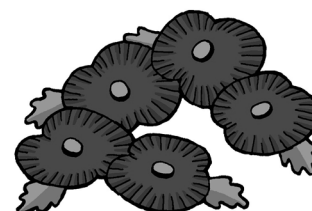
Arthur Painting held another successful quiz on 18th October. In aid of the charity Samaritan's Purse—Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal. £190 was raised and will be used to fund shoeboxes and transport for this worthy cause. Thank you Arthur for organising this event and for all those in the background who helped or brought raffle prizes.



Several people in our congregation have been poorly recently and we hold all in our prayers who are suffering in any way. Our condolences go to all who have lost loved ones. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

If you are looking to attend a home group, please note that the Post Alpha Group is now open to all. Get in touch with Stewart or Shirley Page if you would like more information.

The Remembrance Day Parade will take place this year as usual. Meet at the Severn Centre at 10am for a 10.15 am start. The procession will walk from there to St Mary's Church where the Act of Remembrance will take place around the War Memorial. All are welcome.



Chelmarsh News

Harvest would not be Harvest at St Peter's Church without the Farmers' Service—this year held on Thursday 25th October—followed by the Harvest Supper in the Parish Rooms on Friday 26th September. As always the food was great, the company was also great and the raffle and auction brought in much needed funds. Thank you to all involved in any way in making this event possible.



St Mary's, Billingsley

Ellen McConnell held a very successful coffee afternoon in early August for the church. This raised £520 which is most welcome money. However, equally important was that it attracted a lot of people from Billingsley and the neighbouring parishes, as well as former congregation members Bonnie and Mike Garvey and Sue Bates, who came from further afield. It is very important that we bring people together.



The PCC met in September; this was mostly to discuss routine business but we are planning to hold a social event in the orchard next to the church in the Spring, involving refreshments and a local history exhibition.

I hope there will be a brief commemoration of Billingsley's fallen in the church on Remembrance Sunday, 9th November at 11am. Otherwise our next service by the time this is published will be our 8am communion on the 4th Sunday of the month, 23rd November.

St Bartholomew's, Glazeley

We have pencilled in the next Down breakfast at the end of November, but at the time of writing the date is to be confirmed. Please check with Marion (marion.corfield@talktalk.net) for the date and also if you wish to attend so we can give the correct numbers to Steve at the pub.



The new heating in church was used for the first time at our September service and it made a big difference to the building; it is a novel experience to be warm in church! This was also our harvest festival; the church was beautifully decorated and we had over 25 people in the congregation, with fine refreshments afterwards. Many thanks to all who helped. By the time this article appears we will have had our October service, so our next service will be Remembrance on the 9th November, starting in church and then moving to the war memorial at 10.45 for the 11am silence. Because of this, there will be no communion service the following Sunday. The normal pattern of services on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 10am resumes on 21st December, which will also be our carol service.

David Poyner



James the Least of All

On What it takes to be an Ordinand

The Rectory
St James the Least



My dear Nephew Darren

I was intrigued that you have been nurturing someone called Dave who is considering ordination. Since Dave had never travelled outside the city, your decision to send him to me was understandable. Sadly, I don't think he is cut out for the ministry.

We did our best. In a fit of hospitality, the Colonel invited this Dave to stay at the Lodge, and to join his Saturday pheasant shoot as a beater. But Dave said firmly that he was against beating any kind of bird and abhors all kinds of murder. It seems young Dave is a vegetarian! You might have warned us. The Colonel is now concerned that Dave is connected in some way with the Green Party. You cannot be too careful these days.

Then Miss Saxby and Miss Tarby stepped in. They enjoy mushrooming, and kindly took young Dave off to the woods. It is not their fault that they are a bit deaf and so did not hear his cries of distress when he lost them among all the trees. They just assumed he had gone back to the Colonel's, and so of course they did not organise a search party until much later. Fortunately, the church warden's spaniel has a keen nose and found Dave before midnight. During all that time, Dave seemed to have had nothing better to do than slide about on fallen leaves and trip over hidden logs in the dark. He was even babbling about having heard a crying ghost. We feared he might be delirious but then realised he meant the local owl. He also seemed surprised by the darkness and asked how we manage without any streetlights at all in the parish. We explained the obvious - we simply follow the example of the well-refreshed when leaving the pub, and feel our way along the walls.

On Sunday morning Dave rushed into the church to warn me that there were several loose sheep in the churchyard. I decided then that he should return to the safety of the city. There was no point in letting him near most of our church ladies, who would have savaged him on sight.

The visit only proves the obvious: potential ordinands should be carnivorous, cricketing fly-fishers, most at home in well-worn tweeds and preferably accompanied by a muddy dog. How else will they get along with normal folk?

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

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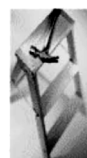


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Letter from Westminster

As Autumn arrives, the warmest summer on record has been replaced with more unsettled weather – raising the prospect of flash flooding in the months ahead. Unlike other parts of the country, water and flood rescue capability is not a statutory function for fire services in England, so they do not receive government funding. I have urged Ministers to change this so local communities receive the support they need to respond to and recover from these events.



8th September was Armed Forces Pension Awareness Week, which is organised by the Forces Pension Society Charitable Fund. I want South Shropshire to become the best place to be a veteran.

This month also marked Back British Farming Day. Farmer confidence has dropped to its lowest-ever level and more than 6,000 farms have already closed since the last General Election. The agricultural sector is the single biggest industry in South Shropshire and it is home to some of the best farms in the country. My constituents can be assured that I will continue to do all I can to stand up for our farmers in Parliament.

In Parliament, I was pleased to attend an event that focused on the future of the Post Office. Since my election, I have successfully opposed the planned closure of post offices across South Shropshire, including in Clunton and Clunbury. I have also campaigned for the resumption of services in Cleobury Mortimer, which I am still working on and hope to have a further update soon. With services like accessing cash and paying bills seemingly becoming more difficult every day with the closure of high street banks and other community assets, it is vital that we protect our rural post offices which allow South Shropshire residents to still access these important services. Rest assured, I will always support our postmasters and their customers.

As a parent, I want to ensure that every child gets the very best start in life. The last government provided funding for every local authority to deliver highly impactful school holiday provision, providing hundreds of thousands of children from low-income families with healthy meals and enriching activities. In Parliament, I called for an extension of this funding. I am pleased that Ministers have accepted this as well as my request to extend the provision of free breakfast clubs to schools across South Shropshire.

As Shropshire Rural Housing Association celebrates 40 years of providing affordable housing, I was thrilled to attend the official opening of their latest housing development in Chirbury called “The Orchard”. I met with residents who have recently taken up tenancy there and with organisations that have been involved with the development of this fantastic project.

It was also excellent to visit Imperial Bricks new headquarters at Crowgreaves Farm in Bridgnorth. The developers have sympathetically modernised the site to enable the expansion of businesses like Imperial Bricks, with more than fifty people now working on the site. Hailed as a great rural employment opportunity, it will help to unlock economic growth and rural prosperity in South Shropshire, supporting new jobs and training opportunities across the region.

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Stuart Anderson MP

Highley Parish Council



It gives me great pleasure to be writing this month's article from Shropshire's Best Kept Village (South)! I attended the award ceremony for Shropshire's Best Kept Village with Highley Parish Council Clerk Alison Palmer and Vice Chair Tracy Pinches. We were excited, optimistic but frankly just glad to be there. We were very proud of our entry, but had presumed as newcomers it'd be a big shock if we won. Shocked is exactly what we were when "Highley" was announced as the winner of the South category! Fortunately I had prepared a speech just in case so I was able to take

to the microphone to say a few words to the other villages in attendance, the sponsors of the awards and representatives from the organisers, The Community Foundation for Shropshire. The trophy and accompanying certificate are back in the village and have already been photographed with a few of the many people who contributed to how well kept Highley is and helped us to win such a prestigious award. We'll be back next year with an eye on the big one - Best in County.



Due to the awards ceremony our October meeting had to be brought forward by a day meaning we were convening on a Monday evening for a change. It was nice to begin the meeting with the accompanying sounds of Dynamics Taikwando in the sports hall doing their training (especially as my son was in there practising his punching and kicking amongst other things). It was a relatively quiet meeting with only a few things on the agenda but the mention of raffle prizes for the Christmas Light Switch On raffle reminded us all of how close it is to what is always a highlight of the village year. The event this year will be slightly shorter than it has been previously, to allow people to stay for the duration rather than only attending for parts. I hope to see as many of you there as possible on November 29th at The Severn Centre between 4pm and 7pm. We'll have our Christmas Light Competition winner turning on the lights themselves (including a real life version of their winning design!) and we will be hosting the annual Civic Awards as usual to celebrate those who have contributed to village life through the year.

The annual Remembrance Day Parade will also take place in November, an event which makes me very proud of Highley as we come together to remember those who gave their lives in service of their country. We will be parading from The Severn Centre to the church as usual, where I will have the honour of laying a wreath on behalf of The Parish Council. I sure I will see many of you there.

Tom Quinn Chair – Highley Parish Council



Crossword Clues

Across

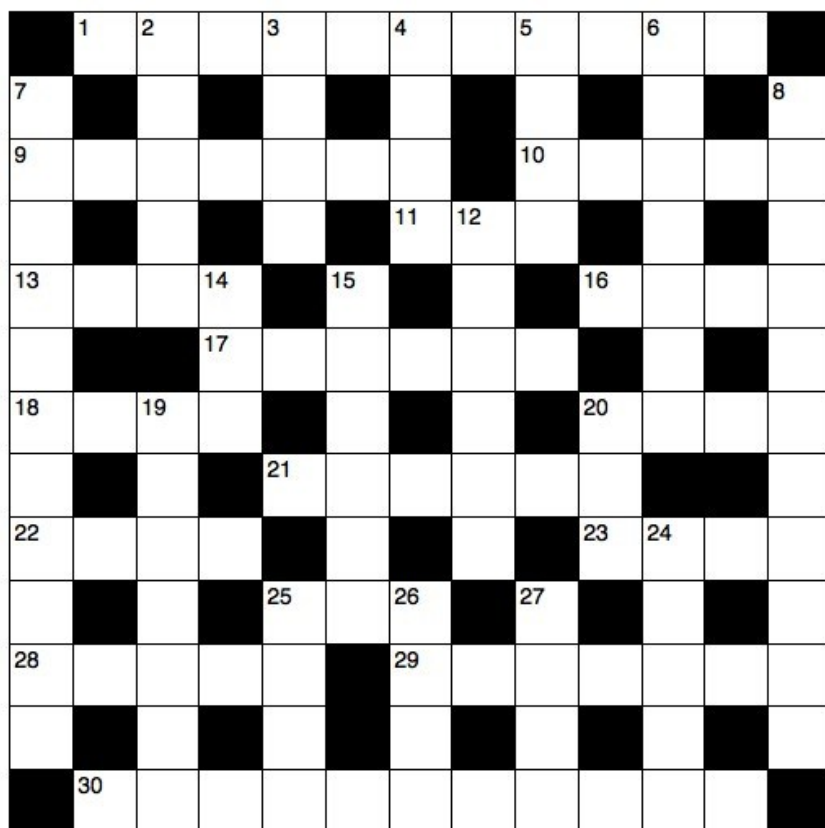
- 1 The sixth disciple (Matthew 10:3) (11)
- 9 'And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the — — ' (Matthew 6:13) (4,3)
- 10 Love intensely (Song of Songs 1:4) (5)
- 11 From Mt Carmel to Jezreel, Elijah — all the way (1 Kings 18:46) (3)
- 13 One of the Midianite leaders who was captured and killed after Gideon's victory in the valley near Moreh (Judges 7:25) (4)
- 16 Metallic element (4)
- 17 At line (anag.) (6)
- 18 'Cursed is everyone who is — on a tree' (Galatians 3:13) (4)
- 20 Where Samson killed a thousand Philistines with a donkey's jawbone (Judges 15:14) (4)
- 21 He succeeded Moses (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
- 22 'When he saw him, he took — on him' (Luke 10:33) (4)
- 23 'For — is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction' (Matthew 7:13) (4)
- 25 'The god of this — has blinded the minds of unbelievers' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (3)
- 28 Fear or terror (Psalm 31:22) (5)
- 29 'We, who are many, are one body, for we all — of the one loaf' (1 Corinthians 10:17) (7)
- 30 Assyrian ruler assassinated by his sons while worshipping his god Nisroch (2 Kings 19:37) (11)

Down

- 2 'For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made — ' (1 Corinthians 15:22) (5)
- 3 'After supper he — the cup' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (4)
- 4 The request of a man of Macedonia in Paul's vision: 'Come — to Macedonia and help us' (Acts 16:9) (4)
- 5 He disobeyed his father Judah by refusing to impregnate his dead brother's wife (Gen. 38:9) (4)
- 6 I veto me (anag.) (7)
- 7 Fourth king of Judah (1 Kings 15:24) (11)
- 8 Priest of God Most High, who blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18) (11)
- 12 'I have made you — — for the Gentiles' (Acts 13:47) (1,5)
- 14 Implore (1 Samuel 15:25) (3)
- 15 'Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the — , something sweet' (Judges 14:14) (6)
- 19 'I am the most ignorant of men; I do — — a man's understanding' (Proverbs 30:2) (3,4)
- 20 'Sin shall not be your master, because you are not under — , but under grace' (Romans 6:14) (3)
- 24 Native of, say, Baghdad (5)
- 25 The last word in the Bible (Revelation 22:21) (4)
- 26 Heroic tale (4)
- 27 'Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you — ' (John 8:32) (4)

Crossword

Answers on page 33



Have a go at Sudoku



Easy

Medium

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UCB Word for Today

'Think about it First!'

The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways.' Proverbs 14:8

Solomon writes: 'The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways.' 'The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty' (Proverbs 22:3 NIV). 'The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty' (Proverbs 21:5 NIV). What you are today was determined by decisions you made in the past. If you want to change your future, learn to make better decisions. Let these ten principles guide you:

- 1) Never make permanent decisions based on temporary circumstances. If you do, when things change, you may regret it.
- 2) Don't let your emotions blind you to reason. Pray, weigh things carefully, and base your decisions on mature judgement.
- 3) Surround yourself with sharp people, then draw on their gifts without being intimidated by their expertise.
- 4) Take time to consider all your options. What looks good to you today may not look so good tomorrow.
- 5) You can't fight successfully on every front, so choose your battles carefully. Some things are not worth fighting for.
- 6) Take time to get all the facts; otherwise, you can end up in trouble.
- 7) Consider the consequences of each action. Ask yourself, 'Am I ready to handle this right now?'
- 8) Make sure your expectations don't exceed your potential and your resources. Focus on what God has gifted you to do, for that's where you will succeed.
- 9) Time is your most valuable resource; use it wisely.
- 10) Never give up. Be willing to make mistakes, learn from them, and start over as often as necessary in order to succeed.

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Smile-lines

Exam

In the examination paper, the professor wanted us to sign a form stating that we had not received any outside assistance. Unsure of whether he should sign the form, a student admitted that he had prayed for the assistance of God. The professor carefully studied the answer page and then replied, "You can sign it with a clear conscience. God did not assist you."

Careful!

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing the old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

The lady thought for a moment. "Only the Ten Commandments."

Wordsearch

Answers on Page 23



November is a wistful month, tinged with sadness and good-byes. The last of the leaves are falling, as the trees go to sleep for winter. It is a month of remembrance, of poppies, of remembering lost loved ones, and of letting go. It is a month of bonfires for the 'Guy', and Thanksgiving for Americans. It is a month of remembering Saints and looking forward to triumph - the church year ends with the joyful Sunday of Christ the King. And then Advent begins...looking forward to a very special Baby!

REMEMBRANCE

BRAVERY

IRAQ

PEACE

ELIZABETH

ALL

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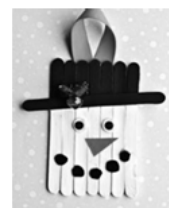
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Sat 13th Dec – Traditional Christmas wreath workshop – 3 hours - £35

Sunday 14th Dec – Bewdley Museum Christmas fair and meet Father Christmas

Wed 10th Dec – Craft and chat session – Bring your project/join in with mine (for a fee)

Thursday 18th Dec – Christmas tree table decoration – 2.5 hours - £25

Friday 19th Dec – Robin wall hanging workshop – 3.5 hours - £35

Sat 20th Dec – shop closed – The Lions festive celebrations, St Leonards church Bridgnorth

Sun 21st Dec - shop closed – The Lions festive celebrations, St Leonards church Bridgnorth

Mon 22nd Dec – Christmas tree bauble/ornament – 2 hours - £10

Tues 23rd Dec – Christmas clay painting canvas – 2 hours - £10

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100 years ago, on 10th November 1925 that Richard Burton, Welsh stage and film actor was born. Known for Cleopatra, Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? And many more. Fifth and sixth husband of Elizabeth Taylor. Died 1984.

Also 100 years ago, on 27th November 1925 that Ernie Wise, TV comedian and actor, was born. Best known for his comedy partnership with Eric Morecambe (Morecambe and Wise) Died 1999.

90 years ago, on 6th November 1935 that Britain's Hawker Hurricane fighter plane made its first flight. It played a major role in WWII, especially during the Battle of Britain.

80 years ago, on 16th November 1945 that UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, was founded.

75 years ago, on 2nd November 1950 that George Bernard Shaw, Irish playwright and literary critic, died. Best known for Pygmalion; Winner of the 1925 Nobel Prize in Literature and Co-founder of the London School of Economics.

65 years ago, on 2nd November 1960 that a British jury cleared Penguin Books of obscenity for publishing D.H. Lawrence's novel Lady Chatterley's Lover. This is often considered the beginning of the permissive society in Britain.

Also 65 years ago, on 8th November 1960, that John F Kennedy was elected as the 35th President of the USA.

60 years ago, on 9th November 1965 that the death penalty was abolished in the UK

50 years ago, on 3rd November 1975 that Britain's first North Sea oil pipeline was officially opened.

40 years ago, on 15th November 1985 that the Anglo-Irish Agreement was signed by the Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Irish President Garret Fitzgerald. It gave the Irish government a consultative role in the affairs of Northern Ireland.

30 years ago, on 20th November 1995 that Princess Diana admitted that she had committed adultery, and spoke openly about her separation from the Prince of Wales in a frank interview with the BBC. In 2021, BBC journalist Martin Bashir was accused of using deception, including fake bank statements, to persuade her to give the interview.

20 years ago, on 30th November 2005 that John Sentamu became Archbishop of York (until 2020). He was the first black archbishop in the Church of England.

10 years ago, on 13th November 2015 that the Paris Attacks took place when suicide bombers and armed terrorists from Islamic State (IS) attacked a football stadium, rock concert, cafes and restaurants. 130 people were killed and 416 injured. IS said the attacks were in retaliation for French air-strikes on IS targets in Syria and Iraq.



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Don't the months fly past when you're enjoying yourself? Well, our Companions have had a wonderful time, partying and what a party it was! Even we cannot believe its been 8 years since we started with just four people!!

We celebrated our 8th birthday party in style with music from Tom Wenlock, who never fails to deliver and our ladies certainly enjoyed him holding their hands and serenading them. Lots of lovely smiles and joining in with the songs. Everyone was clapping away and some dancing. There is nothing like music and singing to see our Companions having so much fun and we truly believe that music is so good for soul and makes them happy and helps with their memory.



We had some “posh nosh” making it a bit more “special”. Veronica, one of our volunteers, made a beautiful celebration cake for us – which tasted as good as it looked. She also made a card which all of our Companions signed as a memento of the occasion. Everyone went home as usual in good spirits having enjoyed themselves and probably ready for a snooze. Photos of our boat trip coming next month

Please do contact me in complete confidence on 0780262944 if you want to know more about what we do if you have a family member or someone you know struggling with memory problems whether diagnosed or not or age related. Pick up one of our leaflets from the Surgery, Severn Centre or Highley Pharmacy

On the last Friday of the month myself or one of our volunteers will be at the Drop in Session at the Severn Centre there so if there is anything you want to know about Highley Companions please come along from 9am to 12pm.

Hi from the W.I.

Last month we held another one of our Rummage sales which always go down well and are part of our fundraising efforts for the year. As usual it was a success but at the time of going to press I do not have the final figure which was raised. A big thank you to our members who helped collect jumble and also to those who made the delicious cakes! We would also like to thank those who came and supported us. We couldn't do it without you!



Final arrangements have now been made for our 100th Anniversary on 4th November in the afternoon when we will be entertained by Tom Wenlock, an exceptional singer and entertainer. Its certainly a special milestone in the history of Highley W.I.

Elaine

Answers to Wordsearch (from page 18)



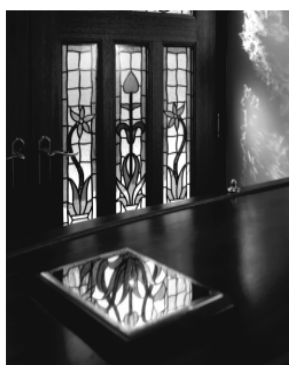
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Easy

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Pasta in the microwave - Rosie

Microwaves are extremely energy efficient, and cooking pasta in the microwave can save you time and money, as well as saving water (you can use a lot less water than if you were using the hob). You create less wasted heat, as the microwaves focus on heating water molecules instead of the air around a pan on the hob.

If you have a deep enough microwaveable bowl, then it's easy to achieve perfect pasta. Just submerge the pasta in water in a deep bowl. Short pasta types are perfect for microwaves (like penne, macaroni or fusilli). Cook it on high for 5 minutes, give it a stir to stop it sticking, and then keep checking it every minute after that until al dente. Yum!

Best kept village in South Shropshire! - Alastair

It's great news that Highley won the award for South Shropshire's Best Kept Village. Judges praised the village's floral displays, litter-free public spaces and a strong sense of community spirit throughout the area. Environmental initiatives also contribute to the overall score, and for next years competition, the Parish Council are committing to planting the hanging baskets with peat free compost and native, pollinator-friendly plants. The materials will be sourced as sustainably as possible, with a commitment to pesticide free practices.

If you want to improve the environment around your home, then make sure you are using peat free compost for any winter planting. If you want to improve your garden for biodiversity, then consider building a pond, mowing as little as often or planting native, pollinator friendly plants. Don't sweep up the leaves in your borders, let them mulch down and provide a food source and habitat for all sorts of creatures!

Nature and Climate Change Workshop 22/11/2025 - Alastair

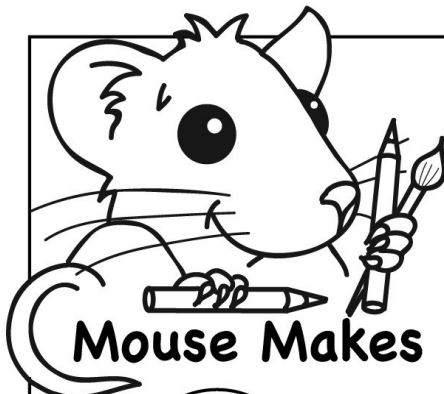
Marches Energy Agency are kindly sponsoring a 'Why Nature Matters' Workshop in the library at the Severn Centre on 22nd November from 1000 until 1300. It is being hosted by Sustainable Highley, and everyone is welcome!

Maybe you know a bit about nature and climate change, but aren't sure what you can do to help? Or maybe you just want to meet like-minded people? Refreshments will be provided (cakes, biscuits and hot and cold drinks).

All the information shared in the workshop is evidence-based and sourced from IPCC reports (The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change).

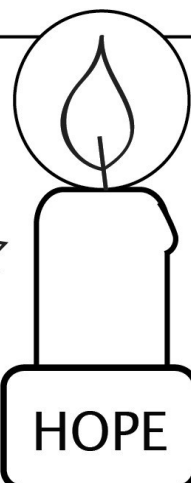
If you are interested, the link to book a place is tinyurl.com/naturemattershighley

Alternatively, email me at sustainablehighley@gmail.com. Hopefully see you there!

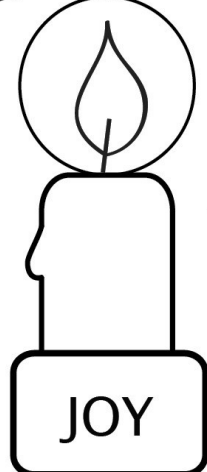


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LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS
 Advent Sunday this year falls
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 ADVENT is a time to celebrate
 the ARRIVAL of Jesus,
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 We look forward with HOPE,
 we give thanks for God's
 LOVE and the PEACE and JOY
 we have in Jesus.

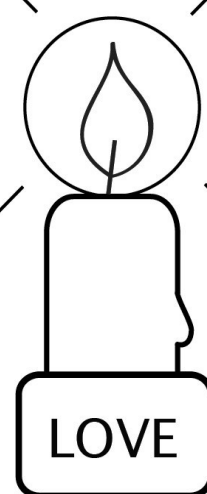


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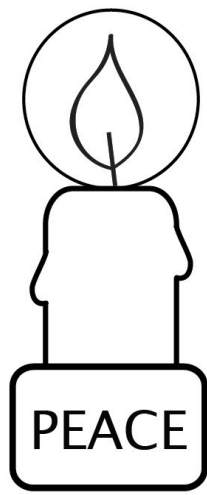
JOY

Read:
LUKE 2:10-11
 Who is 'God's news
 of great joy' for?



LOVE

Read:
John 3:16
 How did God show He loves us?



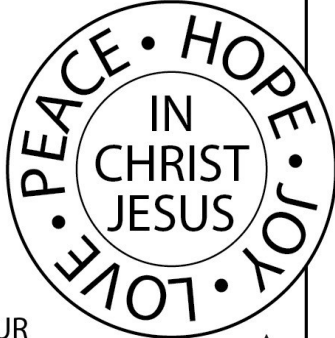
PEACE

Read:
Romans 5:1-2
 Through who do we
 have peace with God?

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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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Regular Events

Severn Strollers	Mondays (not Bank Holidays) Severn Centre 10:30 / 11:00 (Contact: Barbara Skilton: 01746 862003)
Women's Institute	Tuesday Severn Centre
Badminton Club (Seniors)	Tuesday 19.00 SC
Housing Support	Community Room, Rhea Hall, 9-12noon Mon—Friday 862442
Highley Bowling Club	Richard Green 01746 861052

Waste / Recycling Collections

Black bins:

Thursday 6th November & 20th November

Recycling & green bins:

Thursday 13th & 27th November

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All Round Property Maintenance	11
Boden & Son (Milk Delivery)	28
Cleobury Country Centre	11
Cost Cutter	13
David Dexter (Motor Repairs)	10
Edwards A J Decorating Services	28
Halo Leisure (Severn Centre)	17
Harris, Edwin & Sons (Funerals) Ar-	25
Arc Tree Care	31



Art Therapy Group

Mondays 2pm-4pm

Starting 2nd June 2025

Highley Parish Hall

No artistic ability required

£2 per session

A chance to relax and focus



Haycox, P & Son (Funerals)	25
Highley Minors	29
Holford, CE (Electrical)	11
Irena Foot Clinic	31
Ince, B (Funeral Directors)	25
Kinlet C of E School	24
Martin, Tony (Plumbing etc.)	31
Northwood & Sons (Funerals)	25
Ovenclean	28
Perry & Phillips (Funerals)	24
Piano Tutor - Francis Engelheart	10
Powell Clive - Gardening Services	10

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First Tuesday of the Month

2pm – 4pm in the Parish Hall

Program of events 2025/26

7th Oct...Councillor Quinn, Chairman Highley Parish
Council

4th Nov...Make Christmas cards/Social & cake

2nd Dec...Christmas meal

3rd Feb....Quiz with Arthur Painting

3rd Mar....Easter craft with Joan

St. Mary's Parish Hall Highley

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Church Services in November 2025

Sunday 2nd November	9.30am Morning Worship	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh
	10.30am Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Highley
Sunday 9th November Remembrance Day	Remembrance Service	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh
	10.30am Remembrance Service	St Bartholomew's, Glazeley
	10.30am Remembrance Service	St Mary's Church, Highley
Sunday 16th November	9.30am Morning Worship	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh
	10.30am Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Highley
Sunday 23rd November	8am Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Billingsley
	9.30am Holy Communion	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh
	10.30am Informal Service	St Mary's Church, Highley
Sunday 30th November	10.30am Group Benefice Service	St Mary's Church, Highley
Sunday 7th December	9.30am Morning Worship	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh
	10.30am Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Highley

Please check times on weekly sheet for when Home Groups are meeting during the Autumn

There will be a coffee morning on the second Tuesday of every month. Do join us for a drink and a chat between 10 am and 12 pm. Please see the Weekly Sheet for venue or ring Gill (862077 for venue.



Mid-week Groups

Tuesday Evening Bible Study 7.30pm contact Liz and Mervyn Re-starting in November

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

Weddings: Rev'd Kina Robertshaw: email revkinarobertshaw@gmail.com

Christenings/baptisms: Rev'd Kina Robertshaw email revkinarobertshaw@gmail.com

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

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