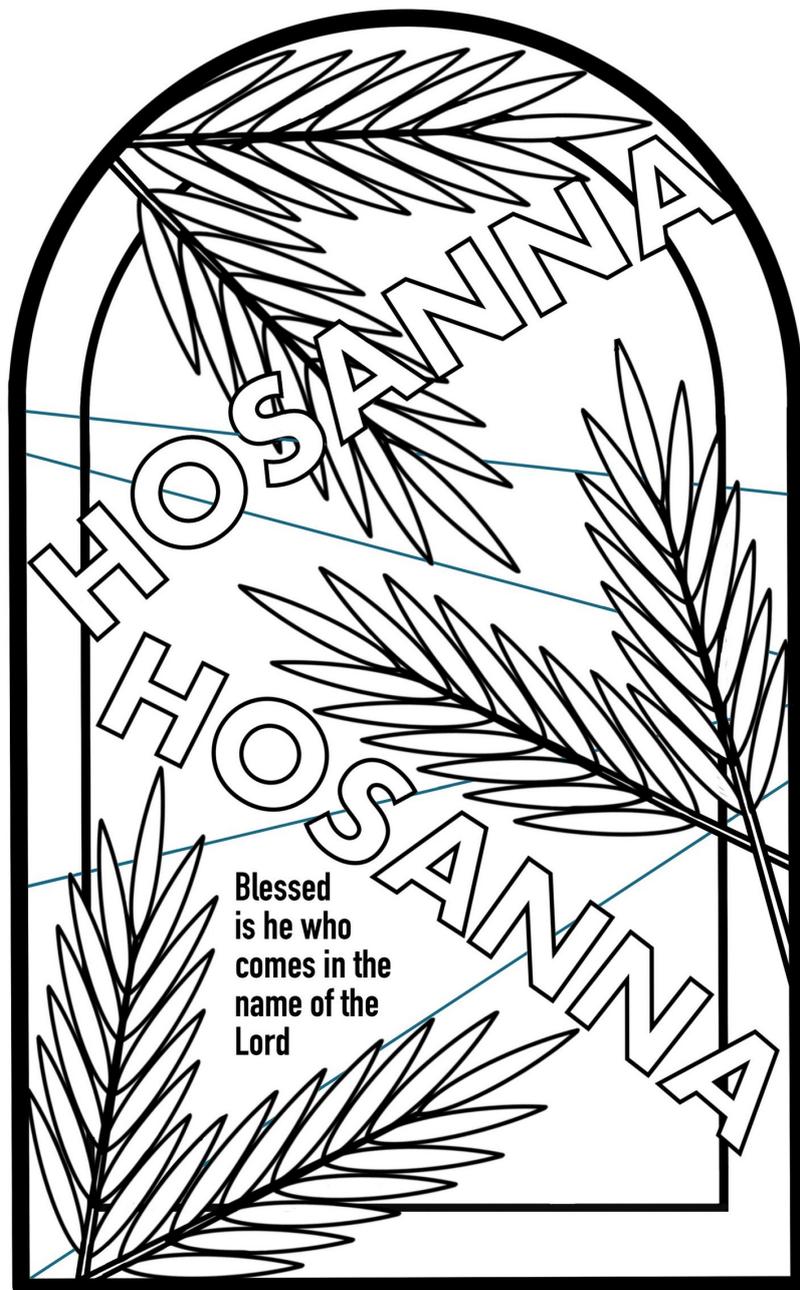


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## *Wet Rain*

As I sit here at the laptop, looking out of the window, the rain has just started to fall again. It's that very fine rain that soaks you through. Something my late mum used to call "wet rain", which always makes me smile fondly, for as a child I always used to tell her that all rain is wet rain, not fully understanding her humour.

But this got me thinking about the climate crisis and how it seems to have gone off the media radar recently. But this is still a very real problem and something we all need to be aware of.

Being a creative lover of the outdoors, I always want to learn more about what we could do both individually and as a church to help our planet and combat climate change. For as the artist and educator Camilla Klein writes, "Christian Stewardship is the responsible management of resources that God has entrusted to us - including time, talent, and treasure - for His glory and the betterment of others". In other words, what we do to the planet and how we treat the resources it gives us, can be a form of worship to God and I want everyone to realise this.

### Challenges

I feel the biggest challenge for me is getting this message out to those who don't come to church, as I could preach this on a Sunday morning but how would I tell everyone else? So, this is where the Forum comes in. Though I know not everyone one in Highley reads this magazine, my hope is that I can, at least, touch a few people's hearts and hopefully change their minds to this important issue.

I would love to see the village come together on a project or two that would benefit the environment and the things that live in it. For it is not just humankind that would benefit but the creatures that live here too.

The few ideas I have shared with people in our congregation, have been well received but I do wonder if this is just people humouring me and not really taking the issue seriously or whether they would be interested and more importantly willing to get involved.

The thing is, we wouldn't need to start with something big, it could be as simple as a litter pick around the village or something a little bigger like Muddy Church, where we can bring God's important message to more than just those in our regular Sunday congregation. We could then move on to tackle the bigger issues such as looking at how we bring energy into our homes and churches or how we might campaign about global warming worldwide.

One thing I have challenged my fellow Christians about is their attitude towards climate change, as it has been suggested that some Christians may have an attitude of complacency, believing we leave this world behind when we finally die, so it is not their problem to solve. But we must remember, whatever we do in this life leaves a mark on the world. For as Prof. Dewitt writes, "...all the things we use, all the things we make, everything we manipulate, everything we accumulate,

derives from the creation itself". Which suggests we need nature far more than it needs us.

For I believe that Christ did not die just for humankind but for the whole of creation, meaning we are not above any living thing – we are not superior. However, Scripture may have been misunderstood, as it says Genesis 1: 26, "Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground" (NIV). Nevertheless, the meaning of this passage has been lost in translation, for instead of "rule over" it should say "care for". So, in other words, it is our duty to look after the things God made.

So, I want to finish this article with another quote from Prof. Dewitt, "If we learn to seek godly contentment as our great gain, we will take and shape less of God's earth. We will demand less from the land. We will leave room for the other creatures", our equals on this earth, for we must remember, Christ died for all living things not just us humans!

Revd. Angie Forster

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## *Earth Hour 2026 – a time to turn off your lights*

The Earth Hour 2026 takes place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March, when at 8.30pm in their local time millions of people worldwide will turn off their non-essential lights for one hour.

Organised by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this global initiative will aim to raise awareness of the earth's climate crisis, and to encourage environmental action through sustainable, actionable lifestyle changes.

The first Earth Hour was held in Sydney, Australia, on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007, and has since become a global movement. The 2025/26 theme is 'Giving an Hour for Earth' is encouraging people to adapt sustainable habits in their daily lives.

And while our lights are off for an hour, Earth Hour will encourage us to spend the time in nature, or stargazing, or engaging in environmental, educational, or sustainable activities.

More info at: <https://www.earthhour.org>



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## St Mary's Highley

Last month Rev'd David Poyner gave thanks for the life of Rev'd Cannon Rose Lawley, who sadly lost her battle with Motor Neurone Disease in January. Rose's funeral was held at St Mary's Church, Kidderminster on Monday 16th February. Over 300 people attended the funeral. Les Hall remarks,



'Rose was a ray of light to all the people she knew—thoughtful and caring, never judgemental and always positive. She was a true follower of Christ and his teaching. I quite often met her when walking around the village. We would chat about everything under the sun. I always found her very warm-hearted and loving. She is now out of her suffering and at peace, united with God in heaven.'

We have also had to come to terms with the incredibly sad news that two men in our village have taken their own lives recently. We send our condolences to the families of both these men and we commend them to Father God's mercy and compassion. A special time was set aside in St Mary's Church, open to all who needed a place to pray or just be quiet as everyone found their own way to express their grief. See also Parish Council Chairman Tom Quinn's plans for more mental health provision in our village. If anyone would like support for in this way or any other pastoral issue, please contact one of the clergy or any other church leaders.



In November we sent over 50 shoeboxes of toys and gifts to children in third world countries as an expression and reflection of God's love and care for all of his creation. We recently had notice about where those boxes landed—Moldova, Albania and the Balkans. By the look of things, the children were delighted with their presents! Start collecting things now for the 2026 Shoe-box Appeal.

Lent is well underway as we move towards Easter. There's still time to join a home group studying Paul's letter to the Romans, if you'd like. (see page 36 for details.) Rev'd Kina has also recommended reading all four Gospels during this period. Contact Maggie or Kina if you would like to receive weekly emails about this.

Palm Sunday falls on 29th March this year. There will be a joint Benefice service at 10am at Chelmarsh this time. It is also the day that the clocks change and we lose an hour's sleep, so make sure you adjust your alarm!

### Notice for your diaries:

Arthur Painting will be putting us through our paces on Saturday 8th March at 7.00pm (for 7.30 start) in the Parish Hall as he comperes another quiz, this time in aid of the Sunshine Room at Highley School. The Sunshine Room is a respite facility for those children who find being in a classroom all day challenging. It is a vital resource for our local school. Come to the quiz, enjoy yourselves, and take this opportunity to bless that resource, as funding is very stretched. Contact Arthur or Kathryn Painting to book your place. The cost is £5 per person and includes hot dog and snacks. Bring your own drinks.



## Chelmarsh News

January opened with snow and ice; some of our local churches cancelled their services due to the condition of the local roads (although the rammed snow and ice did at least fill the potholes). However, the congregation at Chelmarsh is nothing if not resourceful and a small group were able to dig the church from out of the snow and spread grit on the paths so we could hold our usual Sunday Service.

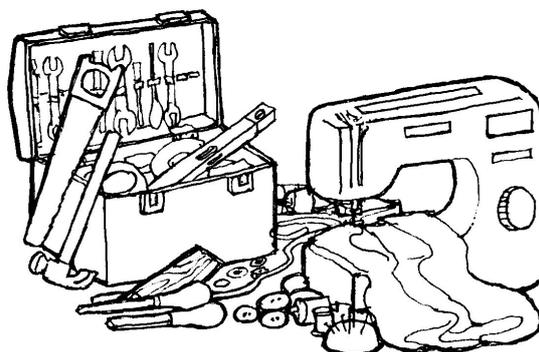


I do however have to report the appearance of a graven idol in the churchyard. We stoutly resisted the temptation to offer sacrifices to it and instead admired the work that had gone into making it; it was quite magnificent! Other Sunday services have seen less excitement but attracted good congregations; we are grateful for all who support us.

March services— I would particularly draw your attention to the Benefice service on Palm Sunday at 10am at Chelmarsh. This is the first time for some years that the service has moved from Highley; please attend if you can.

As reported last month, work has been completed (up to a point...) on the church tower. The church architect drew our attention to the state of the wooden louvres in the belfry; these are the “windows” with wooden slats at the top of the tower, in the room that has the bells. Some of the slats were in danger of falling out. Local builder Richard Poyner, assisted by Martin Preece, has now replaced these; Richard managed to do this without the need for scaffold. The new oak louvres were made by another local craftsman, Tim Bentley from Cleobury Mortimer. Richard also replaced the ladder in the tower, again as recommended by our architect. Unfortunately, we have now discovered that there is a leak in the tower roof, so we will need more work to mend this.

In February we held the funeral of Joan Owen, who was buried next to her late husband, Les. Joan was the daughter of Issac and Elsie Hatton; she was born in 1927 and was brought up in Chelmarsh where she went to school. Later the family moved to one of the remote cottages at Brooksmouth, where Joan walked to Deuxhill School and then they moved to Marlbook in Oldbury, where they kept pigs, goats and chickens. Joan would take the horse and cart to Bridgnorth to do the weekly shopping. Joan met Les when she went to work in the carpet factory in Bridgnorth and they were married at Highley in 1956, where they lived in Oak Street. Les died in 1996 but Joan remained active for almost all of the remainder of her long life. We send our condolences to daughter and son-in-law, Jan and Trev.



## *St Mary's, Billingsley*

We held our first service of the new year in January - the 8am communion. This service attracts people from both Billingsley and neighbouring communities who appreciate the early start. For the first time, we were able to enjoy the warmth from our new under-pew heaters; these really do make a difference at 8am on a January morning! The PCC is looking to instal a timer switch, so we can put these on well before people arrive in the church.



We are continuing to plan our programme of events for the coming year. Part of the job of the church is to serve the community by bringing people together and so we place a high priority on this. Our "spring" event has now been pencilled in for June, when we envisage mounting a local history exhibition in the church combined with a bric-a-brac sale and offering refreshments. If anyone has old photos of Billingsley and would allow us to copy them, please contact me (David Poyner).

We are looking at ways of brightening the churchyard and the drive. This is a balancing act, as we have a rich display of orchids and other wild flowers in the summer. Currently the snowdrops are in full bloom. Equally, we appreciate the need to keep the grass under control. To do this, we mow around the main paths, particularly at the front but use the Caring for God's Acre team for the rest of the churchyard. We are looking to plant spring bulbs in the mown areas.

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March we host a Daddy's Hat concert at Billingsley at 3pm; a free concert of classical and popular guitar music at Billingsley Church with Jonny and friends. Refreshments afterwards.

## *St Bartholomew, Glazeley*

We held our monthly service in January, when we again had a good congregation; we are particularly grateful to our friends from Chetton who regularly support us at Sunday services and who also share the organisation of the monthly breakfasts at the Down.



Our candles, along with one from Billingsley, were taken to Highley in February for Candlemas to be blessed. Candlemas marks the end of the Church's celebration of Christmas and Epiphany.

Since I last wrote we have had another storm which snapped a fir tree next to the church, leaving the top of the trunk dangling perilously over the next-door paddock. Fortunately our tree surgeon came quickly to deadwood the damaged tree and make it safe.

Words from a member of the congregation I never thought I would hear at Glazeley; "the new heating was good at Christmas, but the church was a bit too warm".....

The March church breakfast at the Down is being organised by Chetton on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 9am. Please contact Sheila Millington at Chetton (01746-789443) if you would like to come.

## James the Least of All

*Happily, the Church of England still retains some singular parish clergy. Take the parish of St James-the-Least-of-All, for example. Here the elderly Anglo-Catholic vicar, Eustace, continues his correspondence to Darren, his nephew, a low-church curate recently ordained... by the Revd Gary Bowness.*

### On how to run a church council meeting

The Rectory

St James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren

Clearly, the sight of your vicar running out of the room halfway through your last church council meeting, saying he should have stayed as a traffic warden, where he was universally liked, has unnerved you. It would have unnerved me too, since a universally popular traffic warden is an exceptional creature.

But perhaps it is necessary to give you some advice for the day when you do have to chair your first church council meeting.

1. Consider every agenda issue carefully beforehand and decide what you would like to do. Then, at the meeting, consult widely, listen to every opinion, weigh all the arguments, and then do precisely what you had decided before the meeting ever took place.
2. Never, ever, let council members discuss hymns, which avoids getting blood on the carpets.
3. Arrange the seating in rows, all facing the front, so that everyone must respond directly to you. The last thing you want is for council members to be able to discuss matters freely with one another.
4. Start smoking a pipe. At those times when you are faced with an issue when you really are unsure of how to respond, taking out your pipe, dismantling it, searching for a pipe cleaner, squinting down the stem to see if it is clean, mopping out the goo in the bowl, searching for your tobacco pouch, filling the pipe, tamping it down, asking if you can borrow matches and attempting to light it several times over, will give you more than sufficient time to formulate a reply. Once you have perfected the routine, the silence will have been so protracted, that most of the committee will have long forgotten what the question was anyway.
5. If someone is talking too long, consult your diary, noisily and obsessively, about next month's appointments, or write a note to a committee member who is at the back of the room and get it passed to him. The speaker should soon get the message.

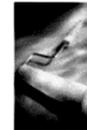
These are the simpler techniques of committee management. The advanced procedures must wait until you are strong enough to bear them.

Your loving uncle,

*Eustace*

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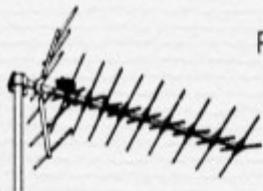
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## *Letter from Westminster*

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, I chaired a Westminster Hall Debate in Parliament on the state of postal services in rural areas. I was delighted to secure this debate, because I have seen over the last few months just how severely my constituents have been impacted by utterly unacceptable delays. I made clear in Parliament that residents in rural areas like South Shropshire deserve access to reliable postal services which keep family and friends connected, businesses alive, and people informed. I told the Minister that physical letters do still matter and stated loud and clear that my constituents are rightly angry, in fact they are livid, about Royal Mail's prioritisation of parcels over letters. Concluding the debate, I addressed Royal Mail directly, making it known without any doubt that 'I am an exceptionally tenacious person that will not accept no as an answer... I will not stop until every letter is delivered on time.'

My team and I help constituents every day who are struggling to access the local health and social care services they need. The rurality of Shropshire makes the delivery of health and social care complex, bringing with it a number of unique challenges. In spite of this, I am committed to ensuring that we have access to the highest quality of care, not only matching the standard of other parts of the country but exceeding it wherever possible. I have launched a major review into local healthcare provision to find out more about what can be done to improve it. Residents can share their views on my website or on the paper survey which will be making its way around South Shropshire in the coming months. I look forward to learning what residents think is going well and what I can do to improve services.

Churches play a central role in my life and in the lives of many of my constituents. Back in December, I spoke of my disappointment at the Government's decision to halve the budget for church conservation projects and impose a cap on how much could be claimed. Combined with an earlier decision to extend the scheme for only twelve months, this stalled progress on a number of important projects. So, I am glad to see that the Government have now confirmed a new £92 million Places of Worship Renewal Fund. This comes as part of a £230 million investment to preserve heritage buildings across the country. Full details, including specific requirements and application guidance, are not yet clear, but I will be paying close attention to this to ensure that our churches have access to the ongoing financial support they need to underpin their long-term sustainability.

Finally, I have been campaigning against the scourge of potholes across the constituency since I was first elected as the Member of Parliament for South Shropshire in 2024, and I have no intention of stopping until some meaningful progress is made. I was shocked to see recent data on this issue which revealed that a quarter more drivers fell victim to potholes last summer compared to the summer before; this is hardly surprising considering the Government have held back a quarter of the funding designated for highways maintenance. So, in a renewed bid for resources, I have challenged Ministers to unlock the frozen funding which should have been going towards fixing potholes this whole time. I have also told Ministers to get with the times and start pushing forward with a preventative approach that stops potholes forming in the first place. Since Christmas, the number of potholes on South Shropshire's roads seems to have increased astronomically. I share the anger that my constituents have told me they are feeling, and I assure you that I will not stop until this situation is turned around.



*Stuart Anderson*

## Highley Parish Council

February has turned out to be an incredibly sad month for the village of Highley. Two well known men from the village took their own lives within two weeks of each other. Both represent a great loss to the village and a devastating example of the unseen pain people can carry inside. The families and friends of both well known Highley Lads are in my thoughts and I wish them strength at this difficult time.

In response to our village's tragic loss Highley Parish Council has begun work to do what we can to provide additional mental health support locally and to investigate options specifically for men who may be struggling. The most likely way a man under fifty will die is by taking their own life and that heart breaking statistic has played out within Highley this month.

For any men reading this who may be suffering, please reach out to someone, anyone, and talk about it. I can be contacted directly via my Facebook page and will make time to talk to anyone.

For professional, non-judgemental support day or night The Samaritans can be contacted by calling 116 123, via email ([jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)) or on their website [samaritans.org](http://samaritans.org)

Don't suffer in silence, it's OK not to be OK and there is always a light at the end of the tunnel, however dim it might seem at times.

Tom Quinn  
Chair – Highley Parish Council



## Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal 2026 – 40 years

Throughout the month of March, the end-of-life charity Marie Curie will be holding its annual flagship fundraiser, the Great Daffodil Appeal.

There's only one chance to give someone the best possible end of life. And one chance for you to help give care that makes all that possible. Care that protects someone's dignity – instead of leaving them alone or in pain. This Great Daffodil Appeal is that chance.

Now in its 40<sup>th</sup> year, the appeal raises vital funds to help Marie Curie provide end of life care and support in homes, hospitals and hospices across the UK. By donating and wearing your daffodil this March, you can help Marie Curie Nurses bring expert end of life care when there's no cure, whatever the illness.

Money raised also funds the charity's free support line and webchat which is available to anyone with an illness they're likely to die from and those close to them. It offers practical and emotional support on everything from managing symptoms and navigating care to financial information, including how to get help with energy bills and bereavement support.

Whether it's taking part in a fundraising challenge, organising a bake sale or volunteering your time to collect donations, every penny will help Marie Curie deliver quality care to those who need it most.

The Great Daffodil Appeal only happens once a year. This is your chance to make it count. For information and to donate visit: [Mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil](http://Mariecurie.org.uk/daffodil)

## *Crossword Clues*

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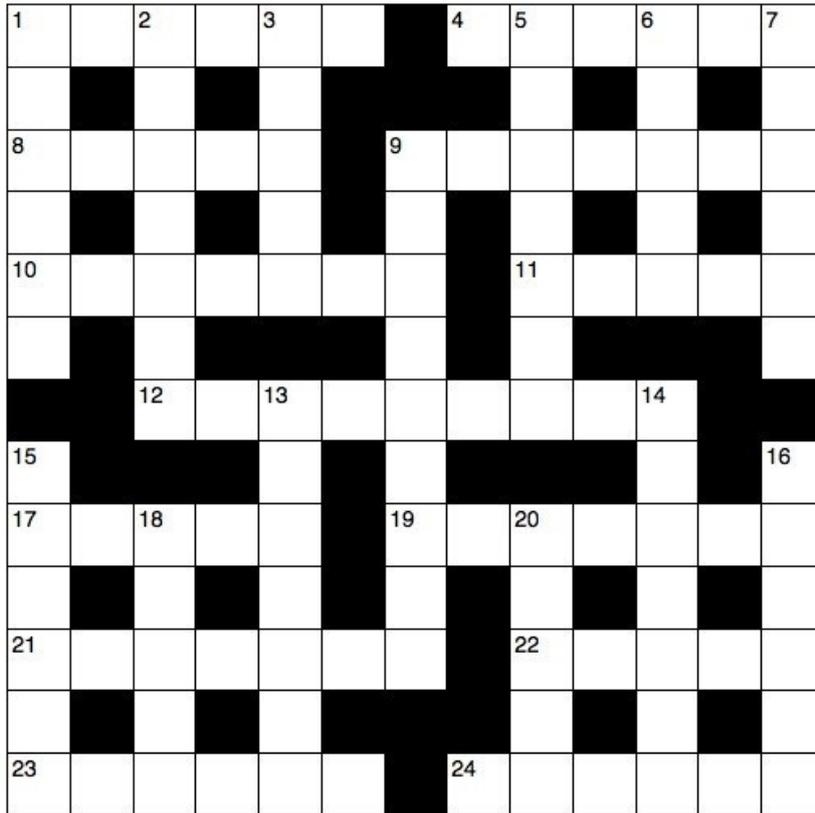
- 1 Arouse (Song of Songs 2:7) (6)
- 4 Extinguish (Isaiah 1:31) (6)
- 8 ““They — — ,” you will say, “but I’m not hurt!”” (Proverbs 23:35) (3,2)
- 9 Unhappiness (Nehemiah 2:2) (7)
- 10 Jewish (7)
- 11 Dirge (anag.) (5)
- 12 ‘A truthful witness gives honest — , but a false witness tells lies’ (Proverbs 12:17) (9)
- 17 Paul quoted from the second one in his address in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:33) (5)
- 19 ‘Do not use your freedom to — the sinful nature’ (Galatians 5:13) (7)
- 21 ‘As you can see, he has done nothing to — death’ (Luke 23:15) (7)
- 22 Name applied by Isaiah to Jerusalem (Isaiah 29:1) (5)
- 23 ‘All the people — — one man, saying, “None of us will go home”’ (Judges 20:8) (4,2)
- 24 Lazarus, who was carried by angels to Abraham’s side when he died, was one (Luke 16:20) (6)

### Down

- 1 Appalled (Job 26:11) (6)
- 2 ‘In an — to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea’ (Acts 27:30) (7)
- 3 Expel (Acts 18:16) (5)
- 5 ‘But I have a baptism to — , and how distressed I am until it is completed!’ (Luke 12:50) (7)
- 6 ‘Of the increase of his government and peace there will be — — ’ (Isaiah 9:7) (2,3)
- 7 Hurry (Psalm 119:60) (6)
- 9 ‘For I desire mercy, not — , and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings’ (Hosea 6:6) (9)
- 13 One of its towns was Sychar, where Jesus met a woman at Jacob’s well (John 4:5) (7)
- 14 Shouting (Acts 7:57) (7)
- 15 Arachnid (Isaiah 59:5) (6)
- 16 One of Paul’s first converts in Philippi was Lydia, a — in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (6)
- 18 Donkeys (5)
- 20 Raked (anag.) (5)

# Crossword

Answers on page 33



Have a go at Sudoku



Easy

Medium

7		9					8	3
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4	5			1		8	2	6
	6						3	
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## *Granny retired? You've got to be kidding....*

The idea that grandmothers retire into an unburdened world of gardening and tea-drinking, golf and knitting is no more than a pleasant fantasy these days.

Instead, nearly 63% of grandparents provide some sort of childcare to their under-16-year-old grandchildren. That amounts to around seven million older people, aged mostly between 55 - 74.

As many as one in three is doing the school run. Nearly one in five is spending more than 10 hours a week giving other childcare. America has a nickname name for them: the 'granny nannies.'

Granny nannies do it for good reason: to enable their own children to be able to work longer hours. But granny nannies not only care for their grandchildren, they may also be providing comfort for elderly relatives of their own – and hold down a part-time job at the same time.

Perhaps Super-Granny-Nannies is the correct name for them!

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## *UCB Word for Today*

***'Do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.'***     *Hebrews 13:16*

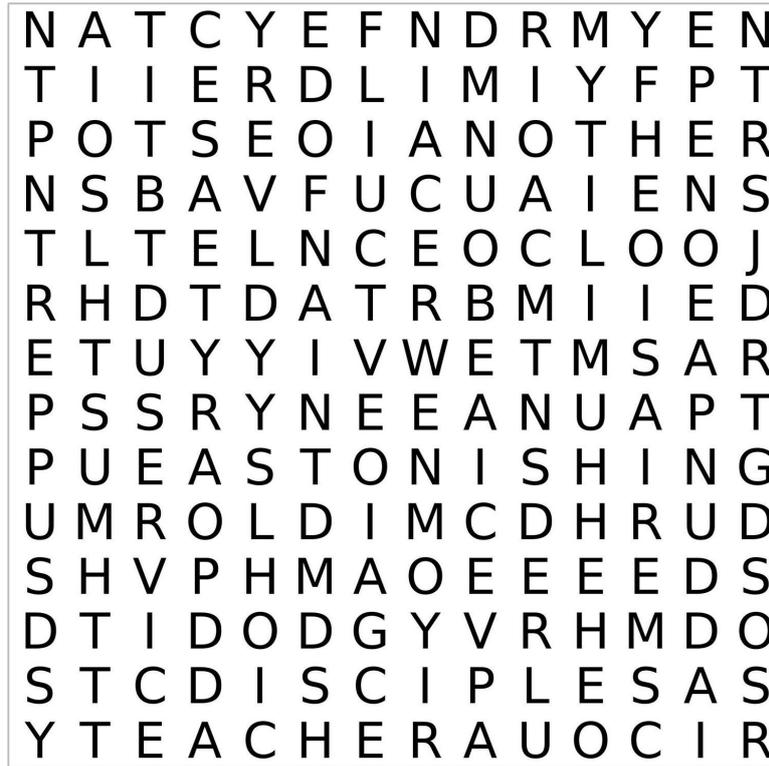
Hudson Taylor, founder of the China Inland Mission, prepared for missionary service by working among the poor in London. One night, a man asked him to come and pray for his sick wife. The man had already asked a priest but had been told he would have to pay him eighteen pence, which he didn't have. He didn't even have money to buy a loaf of bread. Taylor went with him but was conscience stricken. He was living on a starvation diet himself, but he did have one coin in his pocket – a half-crown. He thought, 'If only I had two shillings and sixpence instead of this half crown, I would give these poor people a shilling.'

Upon arriving at the man's house, he was overcome at seeing the sunken cheeks of hungry children and the exhausted mother who lay with a tiny infant by her side. Taylor spoke to them, trying to bring comfort and encouragement, but inside he cried, 'You hypocrite! Telling these people about a kind and loving father in heaven, yet not prepared to trust Him without a half-crown.' So he gave his half-crown to the man. Taylor recalled at that moment how the joy of the Lord came back into his heart.

The Bible says, 'Do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.' What pleases the Lord? Your willingness to share with those in need what God has graciously given you. The saying is true: 'You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.'

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## Wordsearch



On Maundy Thursday we recall the final command that Jesus gave to his disciples before his death. After the Last Supper, He rose and washed his disciples’ feet. This was astonishing for a ‘teacher’ to do, but He had a firm purpose in mind: “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” His disciples were to love through service, not domination, of one another.

In Latin, the opening phrase of this sentence is ‘mandatum novum do vobis’. The word ‘mundy’ is thus a corruption of the Latin ‘mandatum’ (or command). The ‘washing of the feet’ ceremony was an important part of the medieval church’s liturgy, symbolising the humility of the clergy, in obedience to the example of Christ.

**MAUNDY**

**MUST**

**FINAL**

**DEATH**

**DOMINATION**

**THURSDAY**

**ASTONISHING**

**DISCIPLES**

**ONE**

**PURPOSE**

**SUPPER**

**CEREMONY**

**LAST**

**LATIN**

**FEET**

**HUMILITY**

**WASHED**

**TEACHER**

**LOVED**

**COMMAND**

**JESUS**

**SERVICE**

**MEDIEVAL**

**ANOTHER**

**OBEDIENCE**

## Hi from the W. I.

Well our first session in January, planned by our new Committee, was a huge success with well over 30 with our current members and prospective new ones. It was wonderful to see so many coming through the door and hope you all enjoyed it. By the time you read this we will have smaller tables and chairs set out next time to give us more room.

Chris Stanley gave us a wonderful and interesting talk on using the internet both the good things and pitfalls. During his talk he mentioned "Alexa" and there was such a lot of interest in this as it is such a popular device. After our guest had finished speaking and taking questions we drew our raffle which had some lovely prizes.

On February 17<sup>th</sup> we hope you enjoyed the "craft" session with Angie from *That's Nice Creations* and had a go at making something. More on that next month.

**Future Dates:** Our Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March meeting is a Cheese and Wine Evening and as its St. Patricks Day please wear something GREEN.

Our April meeting on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April** which will now be our regular meeting night, we will have Jacqueline showing us how to make our own lovely cards.

Finally we have a coach trip to Black Country Museum on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June**. Once we know how many from W.I. want to go, we will open it up. If anyone would like to go, please ring me on 07870262944 . The cost for anyone who is NOT a W.I. Member is £30.25 (under 65) and £29.25 (over 65) and £13 (3-15 years) The cost includes both admission and coach. The cost of tickets is non-refundable

Elaine Moore

## Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday - the fourth Sunday of Lent- offers families an opportunity to honour the women who have nurtured them. Lots of different streams and traditions have come together to make today's Mothering Sunday the special day that it is.

In the Middle Ages it was an occasion for everyone to visit their 'mother' church - the place where they had been baptised. Later, an opportunity for those who worked away from home to visit their mothers became added to the mix of reasons to make it a special day.

Today we honour all women who have in one way or another been special to us, and in church this is shown by small bunches of flowers for each woman present.

Not everyone has enjoyed a wonderful or enduring relationship with their mum, so lest we get carried away on a wave of love and sentimentality, there is usually space in the Mothering Sunday church service to reflect on and pray for those whose relationships with their mother were not all they might have been.

Also, there are the families blighted by the lack of, or death of a child; families remembering a mum who died tragically young; women who never had a child but would have dearly loved the opportunity; all these and more are a recognition of the Imperfections of human love, human life. One thing is certain. God made us all in his image and loves us all, mothers or not.



## All in the month of March

300 years ago, on 26<sup>th</sup> March 1726 that Sir John Vanbrugh, architect and playwright died. Best known for designing Blenheim Palace and Castle Howard.

250 years ago, on 24<sup>th</sup> March 1776 that John Harrison, carpenter and clockmaker died. Known for inventing the marine chronometer, which enabled sailors to calculate longitude at sea.

150 years ago, on 10<sup>th</sup> March 1876 that the world's first telephone call was made. Alexander Graham Bell used his telephone to call his assistant, Thomas Watson, after spilling acid in his laboratory. The first words ever spoken on a telephone were: "Mr Watson, come here. I want you."

100 years ago, on 30<sup>th</sup> March 1926 that Ingvar Kamprad, Swedish businessman, was born. He founded IKEA, the furniture retail company, in 1943, when he was just 17 years old. (Died 2018)

90 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> March 1936 that the German airship *Hindenburg* made its first flight. It was the largest airship ever constructed, and was destroyed in a fire in May 1937, ending the era of airship travel.

80 years ago, on 11<sup>th</sup> March 1946 that Rudolf Hess, former Commandant of Auschwitz concentration camp, was captured by the British forces in Germany. At the Nuremberg tribunals in April, he admitted to being responsible for the deaths of the 2.5 million people who had been killed at Auschwitz. He was executed on 16<sup>th</sup> April 1947.

Also 80 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> March 1946 that London's Heathrow Airport first opened as London Airport. It was renamed Heathrow Airport in 1966.

75 years ago, on 15<sup>th</sup> March 1951 that Dennis the Menace first appeared in the British children's comic, *The Beano*.

70 years ago, on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1956 that Pakistan became the world's first Islamic Republic.

65 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> March 1961 that George Formby, the 'Ukulele King,' comedian, singer and actor died. Known for his comic songs.

Also 65 years ago, on 8<sup>th</sup> March 1961 that Sir Thomas Beecham, British conductor and impresario, died. He had founded several major orchestras and transformed the operative and orchestral scene in Britain.

40 years ago, on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1986 that Queen Elizabeth II signed the Australia Act, severing Australia's remaining legal ties with Britain and granting it full independence.

Also 40 years ago, on 17<sup>th</sup> March 1986 that Buckingham Palace announced the engagement of Prince Andrew, Duke of York, and Sarah Ferguson. They married in 1986 and divorced in 1996.

30 years ago, on 13<sup>th</sup> March 1996 that the Dunblane Massacre took place in Scotland. Thomas Hamilton, a former Scout leader, entered Dunblane Primary School, shot dead 16 children and a teacher, wounded 15 more, and then committed suicide. As a result, the private ownership of handguns was banned in the UK.

Also 20 years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2006 that Twitter, the online social networking/micro-blogging service, was founded. Its website went live on 15<sup>th</sup> July that year.

10 years ago, on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 that Ronnie Corbett, Scottish films and tv comedian, actor, screenwriter and broadcaster (*The Two Ronnies*) died.



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## Highley Companions

This month Highley Companions welcomed a couple of new members and it was so lovely to have them with us to join in with our fun and games and to meet our other members some of whom they knew.

Well, Lesley is back from her travels with her husband to visit their daughter and her husband and grandchildren in Australia. While we had rain, rain and more rain they enjoyed beautiful weather. We did envy you Lesley and Martin being lovely and warm! How lovely for you to spend some precious time with your little grandchildren doing the school run. Whereas we do it through the year you do it in one go. No wonder you needed a week's break to have a rest!

Anyway its lovely to have you back Lesley and you realised that we had probably been a bit relaxed with our exercise so you put us through some gentle fun exercises. Lots of smiley faces as we were doing them.

After everyone had got their breath back we enjoyed singing some favourite songs with our resident band Mick, Jack, Sian and Gay. We added "The Laughing Policeman" with four of our Companions wearing police helmets singing along with me and the band. What a laugh we had! We needed a drink and lunch by then so everyone had hot dogs followed by homemade cake.

Afterwards Mandy led everyone in a game of "Play your cards right" which is always fun, and then everyone went home with a smile on their faces, and a hug, having had a lovely time together

### Elaine

Please remember that you can contact me anytime at all in complete confidence on 07870262944 if you know of anyone who has dementia or age related memory loss which is the main objective of the group; but we also have a couple of spaces for those who have been bereaved too. We find Highley Companions soon make new friends amongst its members.

We have leaflets in the Pharmacy, Doctors and Severn Centre but also call and see myself and another one of our volunteers at the Drop- In every 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month in the Library from 9 a.m. Until 12 p.m. I can arrange to meet you another time to suit. We are not a drop in group.

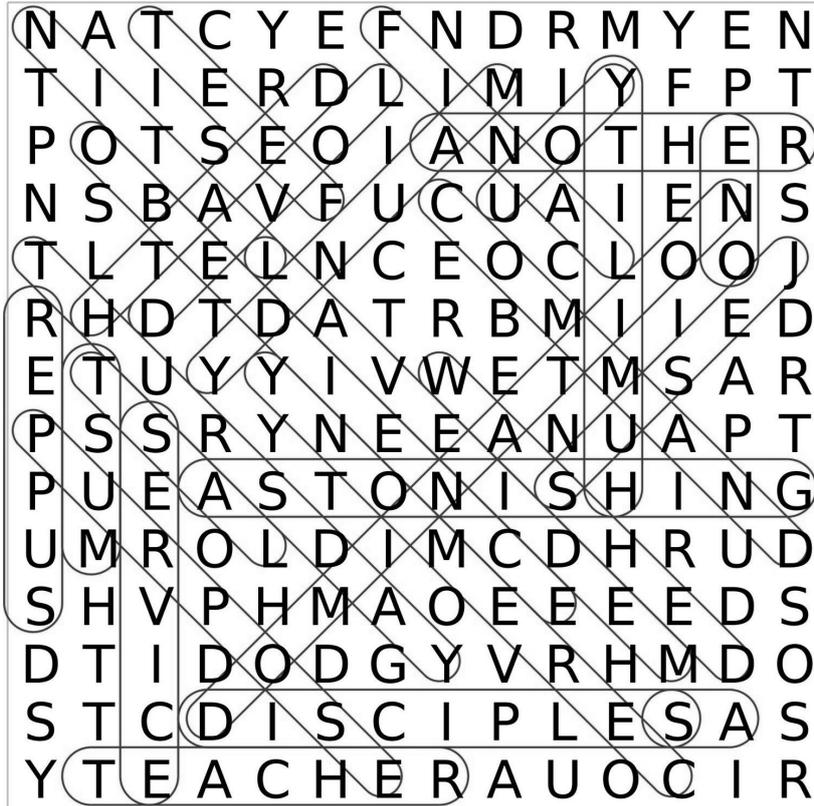
## Smile Lines— How God works

A grandmother was taking her young grandson for a walk in the park. The daffodils were in bloom, and it was a beautiful Spring day. Wanting to encourage her grandson's spiritual understanding of the world, she said: "Doesn't it look like an artist painted this scenery? Did you know God did all this?"

Her grandson replied: "Oh yes, and God did it left-handed, too." In astonishment, the grandmother asked what he meant. "Well, He must have done," said her grandson, "because we learned at church last week that Jesus sits on God's right hand."



### Answers to Wordsearch (from page 18)



### Answers to Sudoku (from page 15)

7	2	9	6	5	4	1	8	3
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9	8	5	1	2	3	4	6	7
2	7	4	5	8	6	3	1	9
6	3	1	4	9	7	2	5	8

Easy

2	9	8	7	5	3	4	1	6
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### **Thermal paper and receipts - Shelly**

I heard a podcast recently about receipts (which are printed on thermal paper) and how they often contain plastic coatings such as polyethylene (PE) and ethylene vinyl alcohol (EVOH). These contribute to microplastic pollution and do not easily decompose.

The thermal paper can be coated in bisphenol A (BPA) or bisphenol S (BPS) which can disrupt hormones and are easily absorbed through the skin.

The chemicals on the paper also prevent them from being recycled, because they contaminate the recycling stream and wastewater.

**What's the solution?** Switch to a digital receipt if possible, or ask for no receipt. Avoid recycling them and limit handling them to avoid exposure. If you are printing with them (they are also used in children's instant cameras), then try to use phenol and plastic-free paper alternatives.

### **The Big Plastic Count - Kat**

Sign up now for the big plastic count, which runs from the 9-15th March 2026.

If you make an effort to put your plastic into the correct bin, you trust that the council will take care of it. Previous big plastic counts have actually shown the opposite is true. A lot of our plastic is actually incinerated, whilst the rest is sent overseas or to landfill. This is a big problem. More and more research shows the damaging effect of microplastics on our health and on the environment around us.

Since the last count, we have a new government and one that has already promised to reduce waste. By giving decision makers the most up to date evidence possible, we can put that promise to the test. Sign up now, record your plastic waste, and help our country understand its big plastic problem!

### **Litter pick - Alastair**

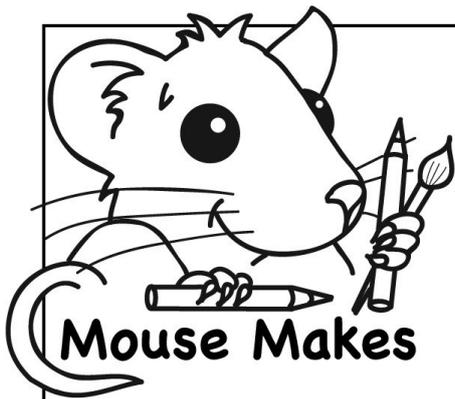
Highley Local Nature Recovery Strategy group did a litter pick on the 10/02/2026. We collected lots of bags of rubbish from the centre of the village. A win for the local wildlife!

Our next pick is on the 21st March at 10.00 at the Severn Centre. You can bring your own pickers if you like, but we have gloves, bags and bag holders to borrow.

### **Reusable pens - Tom**

Billions of disposable pens and biro's are thrown away every year. It is easy to get into a habit of using them. Why not ditch them for a metal, refillable pen? You can buy some pretty nice pens these days, that come with their own ink pots instead of disposable plastic ink cartridges, that are easy to use and mess free. Well worth it, when you think about how many pens are just binned! Check out the Wren pen or similar online.



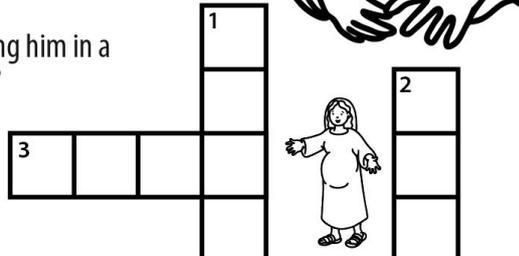


The Bible has many stories of mothers who had great faith in God. With their love, care, encouragement and prayers their children grew up to be great people of God.

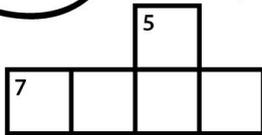


Who saved her baby by putting him in a basket in the river?

Exodus 2:1-3 and 6:20



Who was 90 years old when she had her son Isaac?  
Genesis 17:19



**Across**

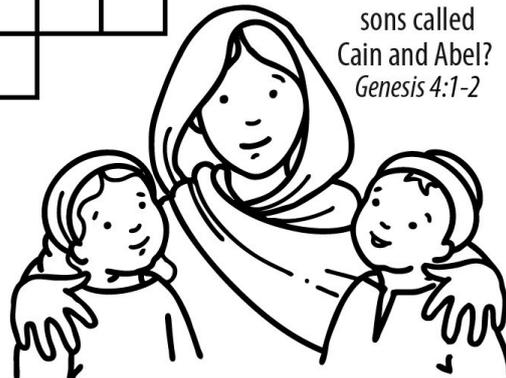
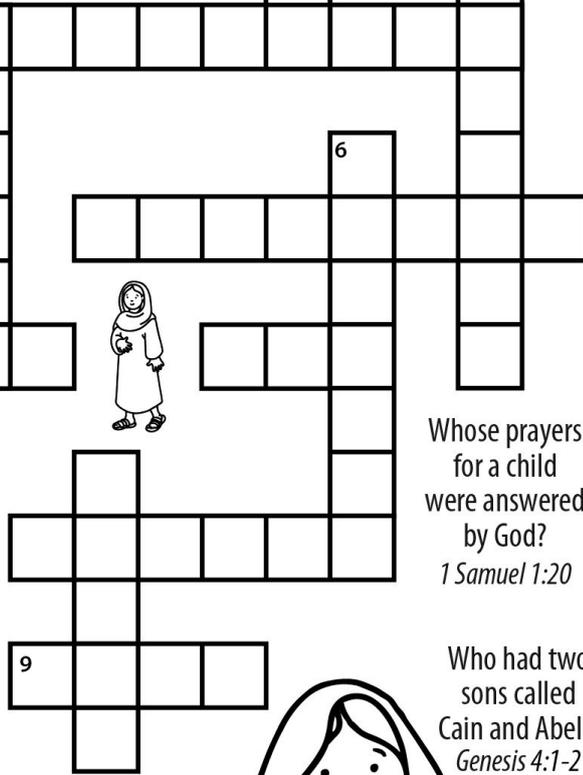
- 3. **Obed's** mother  
*Matthew 1:5*
- 4. **John's** mother  
*Luke 1:57-60*
- 7. **Reuben's** mother  
*Genesis 29:32*
- 8. **Joseph's** mother  
*Genesis 30:22-24*
- 9. **Jesus'** mother  
*Acts 1:14*

**Down**

- 1. **Boaz's** mother  
*Matthew 1:5*
- 2. **Solomon's** mother  
*1 Kings 1:11*
- 4. **Timothy's** mother  
*2 Timothy 1:5*
- 5. **Ishmael's** mother  
*Genesis 16:15*
- 6. **Jacob and Esau's** mother  
*Genesis 25:21-26*

Whose prayers for a child were answered by God?  
*1 Samuel 1:20*

Who had two sons called Cain and Abel?  
*Genesis 4:1-2*



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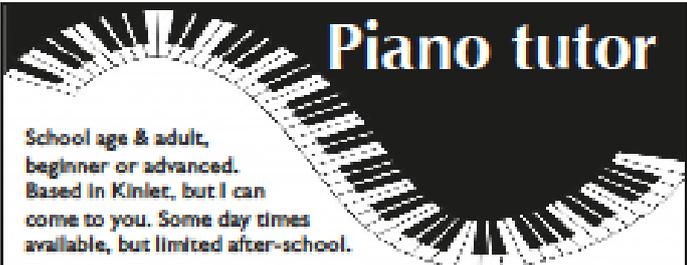


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**NOTE: TIMETABLE:** If you know of a more up to date version of this timetable, please email the Editor.

**Timetable as of 16.11.25**

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Kidderminster to Bridgnorth via Habberley, Bewdley, Highley, Chelmarsh

**Monday to Friday**

(except Public Holidays)

Kidderminster Bus Station	0605	0730	0830	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1630	1730	1830
Kidderminster General Hospital	0613	0738	0838	0938	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438	1538	1638	1738	1838
Habberley, Canterbury Rd Shops	0618	0743	0843	0943	1043	1143	1243	1343	1443	1543	1643	1743	1843
Bewdley, Load Street	0629	0754	0854	0954	1054	1154	1254	1354	1454	1554	1654	1754	1854
Buttonoak, adj Wyre Cottage	0637	0802	0902	1002	1102	1202	1302	1402	1502	1602	1702	1802	-
Highley, Bache Arms	0656	0821	0921	1021	1121	1221	1321	1421	1521	1621	1721	1821	-
Chelmarsh, opp Church	0705	0830	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1630	1730	1830	-
Bridgnorth, Sainsburys Superstore	0719	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 Rd Shops	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
Buttonoak, adj 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, opp Church	-	0830	0930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1630	1730	1830	-
Bridgnorth, Sainsburys Superstore	-	0844	0944	1044	1144	1244	1344	1444	1544	1644	1744	1844	-

**Monday to Friday**

(except Public Holidays)

Bridgnorth, Sainsburys Superstore	-	0655	0755	0855	0955	1055	1155	1255	1355	1455	1555	1655	1755
Chelmarsh, adj 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
Buttonoak, adj Wyre Cottage	-	0738	0838	0938	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438	1538	1638	1738	1838
Bewdley Load St	0625	0747	0847	0947	1047	1147	1247	1347	1447	1547	1647	1747	1847
Habberley, Canterbury Rd Shops	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, Sainsburys Superstore	-	-	-	0855	0955	1055	1155	1255	1355	1455	1555	1655	1755
Chelmarsh, adj Church	-	-	-	0909	1009	1109	1209	1309	1409	1509	1609	1709	1809
Highley, Bache Arms	-	-	-	0918	1018	1118	1218	1318	1418	1518	1618	1718	1818
Buttonoak, adj Wyre Cottage	-	-	-	0938	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438	1538	1638	1738	1838
Bewdley Load St	0647	0747	0847	0947	1047	1147	1247	1347	1447	1547	1647	1747	1847
Habberley, Canterbury Rd Shops	0658	0758	0858	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1500	1600	1700	1800	1900
Kidderminster General Hospital	0703	0803	0903	1006	1106	1206	1306	1406	1506	1606	1706	1806	1906
Kidderminster Bus Station	0710	0810	0910	1016	1116	1216	1316	1416	1516	1616	1716	1816	1916



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**Crossword Solution from page 15**

Many apologies for the error last month with the crossword solution. - Ed.

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Waste / Recycling Collections

**Black bins:**  
Thursday 12th & 26th March 2026

**Recycling & green bins:**  
Thursday 5th & 19th March 2026

**Regular Events**

- Severn Strollers**                      Mondays  
(not Bank Holidays)  
10:30 / 11:00                      Severn Centre  
(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



**ALLSORTS**

*Allsorts of topics for*

*Allsorts of ladies of*

*Allsorts of ages*

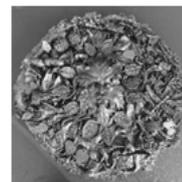
**First Tuesday of the Month**  
**2pm – 4pm in the Parish Hall**  
**Program of events 2025/26**

- 7<sup>th</sup> Oct...Councillor Quinn, Chairman Highley Parish Council
- 4<sup>th</sup> Nov...Make Christmas cards/Social & cake
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec...Christmas meal
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb....Quiz with Arthur Painting
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar....Easter craft with Joan





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### April workshops

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All workshops start at 1pm

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Come and join us for a hot cross bun and cuppa

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Craft fayre at The Malt House, Ironbridge – shops closed

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Shop closed

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Decorate your own picture frame – 1 hours - £10

Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> - Craft and Chat group – Bring your project/join in with mine (for a small fee)

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Decorate your own journal 2 hours - £25

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Gecko wall hanging workshop – 3.5 hour - £35

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Shop closed

Wed. 15<sup>th</sup> - Craft and Chat group – Bring your project/join in with mine (for a small fee)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Toadstool statue workshop – 3 hours - £30

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Powertex Retreat Weekend – Shop closed

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> – Craft and Chat group – Bring your project/join in with mine (for a small fee)

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Green Man wall hanging 3-3.5 hours - £40

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Charity shop fashion show at the Parish Hall 4pm

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> – Craft and Chat group – Bring your project/join in with mine (for a small fee)

All workshops are suitable for adults and children (children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Payment is required before the session to secure your place as these are limited to four people per session.

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## Church Services in March 2026

Sunday 1st March	9.30am Morning Worship 10.30am Holy Communion	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh St Mary's Church, Highley
Sunday 8th March	9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Morning Worship	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh St Mary's Church, Highley
Sunday 15th March	9.30am Morning Worship 10am Holy Communion 10.30am Holy Communion	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh St Bartholomew, Glazeley St Mary's Church, Highley
Sunday 22nd March	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Informal Service	St Mary's Church, Billingsley St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh St Mary's Church, Highley
Sunday 29th March Palm Sunday	10am Benefice Communion	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh
Thursday 2nd April	7pm Maundy Thursday Communion	St Mary's Church, Highley
Sunday 5th April Easter Day	8am Easter Communion 9.30am Easter Communion 10 am Easter Communion 10.30am Easter Communion	St Mary's Church, Billingsley St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh St Bartholomew, Glazeley St Mary's Church, Highley

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

**Monday Evening Home Group 7.30-9.00pm** contact Stewart & Shirley

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