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.... while some others dispensed refreshments from the (relative) warmth inside the church!

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Come and Celebrate!

As I write this on a overcast morning in late March, May seems a long time away. But it will come, hopefully with some bright and dry weather. Despite Flanders and Swann (“Farmers fear unkindly May, Frost by night and hail by day”), I always think it marks the changing of seasons and start of warmer weather. I usually try and take some holiday in this month; in Scotland you can sometimes catch a brief period between the winter winds and the summer midges.

May is also a turning point in the Church year. From Advent, at the end of November, through to Easter we focus on the life of Jesus; literally from cradle to grave but of course also with the resurrection. However, those events occupied just a few years in history, now 2000 years distant from us. However important an historical figure might have been, they are inevitably rooted in the past and the time they lived. One of the big challenges I face as a vicar is trying to explain why someone who lived 2000 years ago still provides strength and guidance for me. In May, we celebrate three festivals that provide clues to this.

We start with Ascension Day, this year on Thursday 19th May. This marks the final end of Jesus’s physical ministry on earth. St Luke, in the book of Acts, gives a description of how Jesus ascends skywards until he is out of sight of the disciples. It is easy to parody this with phrases like “vertical take-off”. Perhaps this is not helped by Christian art. The scene is often painted on church ceilings, with feet being prominent and robes carefully folded to maintain the dignity of the ascending Christ and the assorted members of the heavenly host who accompany him. It is easy to lose the bigger message in these attempts to show the technicalities; that for Christ to help us, in our age, he had to be released from the constraints of a time and place so he can be in all places and at all times.

To reinforce the message, St Luke links the Ascension with the coming of the Holy Spirit, 50 days after Easter (Pentecost, from the Greek for 50) and always 10 days after the Ascension. What Ascension started, with the liberation of Christ from time and place, this completes. The presence of God, the Holy Spirit, now comes back down from heaven to fill all believers. Luke compares this to fire; John, in his Gospel picks another image from the Bible and describes it as the breath of God. They are the same thing; that experience of a power from beyond our normal experience that can lift and inspire us. I would suggest it is something that everyone knows, whether they call it God or something else.

Finally, on the last Sunday of May we have Trinity Sunday, where we celebrate the different persons of God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This can get very complicated; I usually try to be clever and end up preaching heresy as I have to fill the time for a sermon. But behind it is something that on one level is very simple. The one God reveals himself to us in different ways. It is of course, also a mystery; but if we could reduce God to simple facts and figures, that would not be God. God is glorious mystery and in May we celebrate this.

David Poyner

Ever thought about wearing a cross as a necklace?



“Good morning, sir, madam. You’re interested in a cross and chain I believe? Very wise, sir, if I might say so. So modern, so chic. Never out of fashion. Will you be interested in one with the little man on it, or without?”

“Let us see both, please.”

“Very wise sir. Now here we have the traditional model, but with a small diamond in the centre. Let’s people know you’re not without means, just a gentle hint there. Discreet size too, sir, not too pushy if you see what I mean. No?... Okay, what about this one... you look like a sporty-type sir, this one is lightweight, comes in various colours, to blend with your track suit or gym wear....or this one sir..... the ‘Weekend’ model - slightly larger so you can project well, particularly on Sundays, sir..... Or we have this one sir, imported from Jerusalem, so it’s very authentic, made of olive wood, I think there’s a special something about that don’t you sir?... Or here’s our very latest model, just come in, it’s recyclable, so when you get tired of it you can happily recycle it and know it’s not going to landfill. Very ethical sir.

“Now madam, here’s one of our high-end models, which I think madam will like; encrusted with small rubies, very appropriate I’m sure you’ll agree. Again, it gives just that little hint you’re a discerning person, yes? Or this one, it’s in plain gold, but rather larger because it plays ‘There is a green hill far away’ if you touch it, which is very sweet, don’t you think? “

‘We were looking for something more traditional, plainer.’

“Well, we can do that sir, if you wish. I just thought that madam might like something more in keeping with the times, if you see what I mean. Right, so two plain cross and chains. I’ll wrap them up right away...”

If you wear a cross and chain, or have a cross as a tattoo, what do you want it to say about you?

What does the cross of Jesus mean to you?

If you were asked *why* you wear a cross, how would you respond? And would it be an easy, or embarrassed response? Talk to God about this.

Prayer for Pentecost 2026 *by Daphne Kitching*

Loving Father and giver of all gifts,

This month we thank You for the gift of Your Holy Spirit which You promise to all who call on Your name, turn away from self-centred living and put their trust in Jesus.

Help us to do that, Lord. Then, when events in the world and the circumstances of our own lives are difficult to understand, we have Your Holy Spirit who brings life and power. He is faithful and constant. He will lead us into all truth and give us the words and thoughts we need to experience Your peace in the midst of turmoil.

At this time when we remember the birth of Your church, may we open our hearts to receive Your Spirit afresh and move into each new day confident that we are yours and that in You is our true security.

In Jesus’ name. Amen.

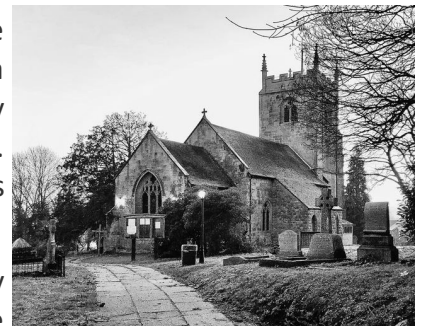
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St Mary's Highley

Pentecost 



As we move into May, with a bit more sunshine and warmth, Easter seems a distant memory. It's always a busy time, with extra services and events. (See page 2 for photos of the children's Easter Treasure Hunt.)



On Saturday 25th April St Mary's Charity Shop held their Fashion Show at the Parish Hall, where brave models donned a carefully curated selection of pre-loved clothes for the discerning buyer! Prosecco and nibbles were also on offer to help proceedings along! Funds raised went towards for the upkeep of the Churchyard, which benefits all the village.

The APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) will be held on Sunday 17th May after the morning service. This is an opportunity to hear about the plans for the church both over the past year and into the future and also to elect Churchwardens and new PCC members. Anyone is welcome to attend, although only those on the Electoral Roll are able to vote.

The 'Easter Season' of our church calendar continues until Pentecost, which this year falls on Sunday 24th May, ten days after Ascension day on Thursday 14th May. These services, although barely recognised in society today, are still very important in Church life. Times of services marking these events are on page 36. The last Sunday in May is a fifth Sunday and there will be a Benefice service in Highley at 10am, with a Bring and Share lunch afterwards.



Chelmarsh News

Our Easter Services went well. On Palm Sunday, we began with a procession outside the church, with lusty singing of “All Glory, Laud and Honour”. The end of the procession was a verse behind the front and by the time we all got into church we decided to skip the last two verses. But otherwise it was a great success. On Good Friday we held a meditation on the cross in the church. The cross was the shrouded in a purple sheet and taken to Billingsley to place in its Easter Sepulchre. There was a good attendance on Easter Sunday morning and in the afternoon Glenys Williams revived the Easter Egg hunt, held in her garden.

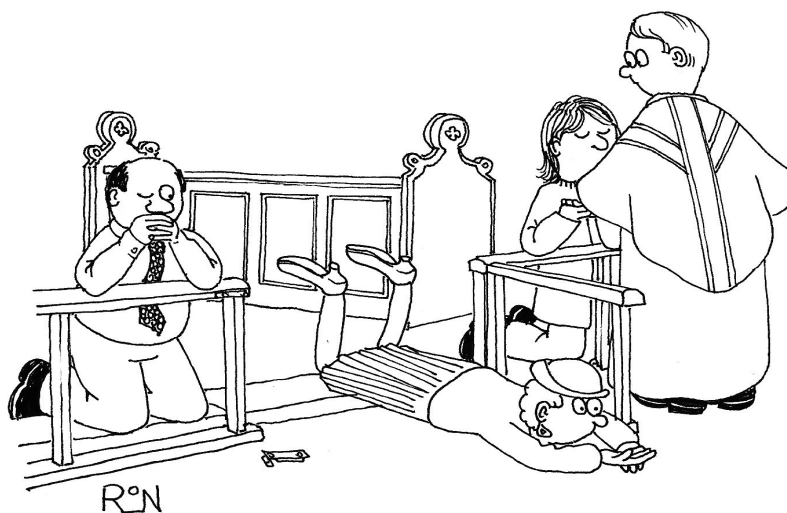


The annual parish meeting took place on April 12th, We are delighted to welcome David D’Arcy to the PCC. Anita Manley has now stood down as electoral roll officer after a number of years of service; we are very grateful to her. Please speak either Anita or myself (David Poyner) if you might be able to help; you do not need to join the PCC and the work is mainly checking there are no changes to the roll before the annual parish meeting. The church finances are stable; whilst there has been heavy expenditure on the building and the churchyard, we have been able to claim back much of the money spent on the new louvres for the bell tower by grants. We are particularly grateful to the Shropshire Historic Churches



Last month I reported on the work to tune the organ. This involved some gymnastics on the part of the organ tuner and his assistant, as can be seen in the adjacent photograph. However, I am pleased to report it was worth the trouble, At our service for Passion Sunday in March we were pleased to welcome as organist Rachael Davenhill, who normally plays at Glazeley. She expertly played our newly in-tune instrument.

David Poyner



Terry made a note to fix the bolt

St Mary's, Billingsley

Our Easter services went well. On Good Friday we received a shrouded cross from Chelmarsh, to be placed in our Easter Sepulchre. This represents the body of Christ, laid in the tomb on Good Friday evening to rest there until Easter Sunday. Then, at our 8am communion, the shroud was removed and the empty cross was restored to the altar, to symbolise the resurrection. The Easter Sepulchre dates from the early 14th century, when these ceremonies would have first been performed.



We have had two musical events of note at Billingsley. The first was in March, with the Daddy's Hat concert. We welcomed guitarist Jonny Owen who specialises in Spanish music and Marcy and Ami, from the Clee Hill Liberty Band, who combine the piano accordion and banjo. So we had very different musical styles. We had 24 people attend; the most we have ever had for a Daddy's Hat at Billingsley. Then, our first evening service of the year was on Sunday 12th April, when Michael Timms put together an hour of recorded sacred music with an equally good attendance. Music is a place where all can meet and feed their own spiritualities, regardless of whether they identify those with God.

In May, we have our usual 8am communion service on the 4th Sunday of the month. In addition, our 6pm evening service on the 10th May features the new vicar of Stottesdon, Sally Wallace-Jones. Sally started her working life as archaeologist, specialising in Ancient Egyptian pottery. After marrying and tiring of spending 6 months each year in Egypt, she retrained to become a teacher, before experiencing the call to ordination. Sally will be talking about her journey and how it has now brought her to Shropshire.

We are continuing to organise our June 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).

St Bartholomew, Glazeley



Our Mothering Sunday service back in March went very well, with a good congregation. We also had a good turnout for Easter Day; particularly notable were the chocolate Easter eggs, brought specially from Italy for refreshments and the shortbread Easter Bunnies, surplus from Billingsley.



The windows and gutters at Glazeley Church have been cleaned by David Crook. The wonderful stained glass in our windows now glows with their original colour in the morning sunlight.

Our next breakfast at the Down will be on Saturday 23rd May at 9am. All are welcome. The cost is £10. Please let Marion or Sheila know if you want to

come marion.corfield@talktalk.net; skm268@hotmail.co.uk 07918 559043

Our next service is Holy Communion on 14th May at 10am.

James the Least of All

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

written by the Revd Dr Gary Bowness

The Rectory

St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren



On dealing with summer fetes

So, you are beginning to plan your first Summer Fete in your new parish. That you appear to be looking forward to it shows how little you know about them.

Parishes hold Summer Fetes so that their clergy can preach more meaningfully on purgatory. Their ostensible purpose is to raise money for the church - which is wholly illogical. The parish could double the money raised if the Fete were dropped, none of the endless preparations made, if everyone spent a pleasant afternoon in their own gardens and each person simply donated £20 to the church instead. But we still feel obliged to go to endless trouble, making ourselves miserable so we can show each other what a good time we are having. That it generally pours seems to make the entire event even more grimly satisfying.

No, the real reasons for a Summer Fete are twofold. First, it gives the entire parish the chance to inspect the Rector's garden. Whatever state it is in, it will cause disapproval. If it is poorly kept, then I am clearly being ungrateful for having three acres of lawn to enjoy. Mowing it each week should be one of my delights; what else would I do with a whole day off each week anyway? The hand mower, kindly given by Colonel French is assumed to be quite adequate - and rumour has it that I need to lose weight anyway. The mower was presented to me when the Colonel bought his own gardener a sit-on motor mower - which is of a size and opulence that makes me assume it has a drinks cabinet and satellite navigation.

The second reason for a Fete comes as a special perk for the organisers. It gives them a chance to inspect the inside of the Rectory. Under the pretence of looking for a little more sugar, they can systematically inspect all the kitchen cupboards and comment on their contents. By the end of the day, the whole parish will know what marmalade I spread on my toast, that I use unnecessarily expensive washing powder, and where I have unsuccessfully tried to hide the gin.

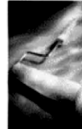
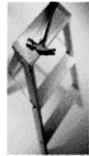
The details of what then happens while the Fete is in progress must wait until my next letter, when we will have had our own. It is now time for Evensong, drinks with Major Mallet and his wife, and then a quiet evening with a good book, while I toy with other possible hiding places for the gin this year.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

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Letter from Westminster

I have stepped up my campaign to improve postal services in South Shropshire by meeting with Royal Mail bosses in Ludlow. Talking face to face, I expressed urgent concerns about the huge impact that missed delivery rounds and late letters are having on rural communities, which completely rely on a reliable postal service to stay connected and well-informed. You may remember that back in February, I led a Debate in Parliament on the unacceptable state of postal services in rural areas and stated 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.' I remain committed to this promise.



South Shropshire is home to so many beautiful stretches of river, including the Clun, the Onny, the Severn, and the Teme. No doubt because of this, hundreds of constituents have contacted me in recent weeks to express deep-rooted concerns about the prevalence of waste and sewage in waterways across the nation. I have spoken publicly about this issue on a number of occasions since I was elected as the MP for South Shropshire in 2024, but following this renewed expression of interest from constituents, I have raised it again. The latest classifications show that one in seven English bathing sites are still polluted, including the bathing site upstream of Dinham Bridge at the River Teme in Ludlow. So, I have urged Ministers to intensify efforts to improve the quality of our bathing waters as a matter of urgency.

In other news, it is my privilege to enthusiastically endorse the competitive applications made by both Ludlow and Bridgnorth to the Town of Culture Competition. The winning town will receive £3 million to deliver a programme of cultural renewal and growth in 2028, so I want to make sure our worthy candidates have the best possible chance at success. It has been inspirational to see communities in both Ludlow and Bridgnorth coming together in recent months to prepare their detailed bids. I have endorsed both in letters sent to Culture Secretary Lisa Nandy and will be working hard to advocate for our towns in the corridors of Westminster over the coming months.

Finally, in London, I recently enjoyed meeting with Shropshire residents at the Parliamentary Repair Cafe event. There are a number of fantastic repair cafes dotted around our constituency, including in Bridgnorth, Ludlow, Highley, Bishops Castle, and Church Stretton. Supported by a growing network of volunteer repairers, these groups help people fix broken items for free to avoid unnecessary waste. I fully support this mission, and I was grateful for the opportunity to learn more about how repair cafes bring people together whilst helping to protect our environment.

I continue to hold regular advice surgeries across South Shropshire, offering residents the opportunity to raise personal problems and get support on a wide range of issues. I am also holding monthly 'MP Coffee Mornings' which provide a relaxed chance for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake. Come along, say hello, and raise any local or wider issues you'd like to discuss. Dates and locations are advertised on my website or you can phone my constituency office .

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Highley Parish Council



An adaption of my Chairman's Report, presented at The Annual Parish Meeting 2026.

It is always an honour to present this report and to let you know of all the exciting things Highley Parish Council has been up to over the last twelve months. It was a privilege last May to be re-elected as Chairman of the Parish Council, my third year as Chairman. Highley Parish Council continues to evolve both as part of our own continual improvement but also in reaction to external changes both locally and nationally.

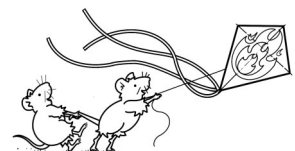
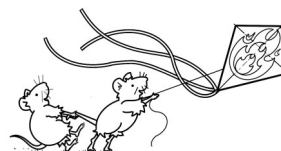
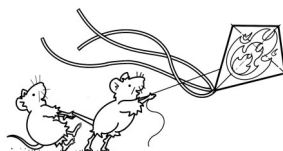
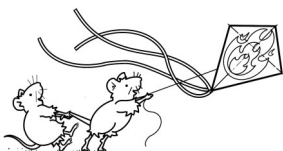
Reflecting on the highlights of the last year – all our usual events went as well as they ever have, some would say they were the best yet! Regular dates in the diary like the Carnival, the Remembrance Day Parade and the Christmas Light Switch On were all great successes. I was honoured to be able to represent the Parish Council at all these events.

I also had opportunities this year to talk to groups such as The Allsorts and to the children at the school about Highley Parish Council and my role as Chairman. We welcomed some high profile visitors to the village this year, the most important of which was Sir Chris Whitty, Chief Medical Officer who visited to see our redeveloped medical centre here at The Severn Centre, it was a proud moment to show a national figure that Highley is leading the way in rural healthcare provision.

The highlight of the last year for me was attending the awards ceremony for Shropshire's Best Kept Village. Hearing Highley read out as the winner of "Best Kept Village – South" filled my heart with pride and it was an honour to say a few words at the ceremony. We will be entering the competition again this year with an eye on "Best in County" .

As we look forward to the rest of 2026 and beyond we will continue to do our best for the people of Highley, to ensure Highley's voice is loudly heard by Shropshire Council in Shrewsbury and to fight for our services. As I mentioned earlier these are challenging times but not without opportunity. We are optimistic about the potential to do more within the village and to deliver more services locally; we are exploring ways to take more local control, delivering services which are not only better quality but also offer greater value for money. With the support of my Vice Chair, Clerk and fellow councillors I am confident we can continue to do a great job for the people of Highley.

Tom Quinn
Chairman – Highley Parish Council



Crossword Clues

Across

- 1 Overpowered (Deuteronomy 11:4) (11)
 9 'The — are mantled with corn' (Psalm 65:13) (7)
 10 'Each man—a sword to his side' (Exodus 32:27) (5)
 11 On the death of Jesus the curtain in the temple was torn from— to bottom (Matthew 27:51) (3)
 13 Stagger (Isaiah 28:7) (4)
 16 'Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought— and doesn't do it, sins' (James 4:17) (2,2)
 17 Stir up or provoke (Acts 13:50) (6)
 18 Burden (Luke 11:46) (4)
 20 'As far as the east is from the—, so far has he removed our transgressions from us' (Psalm 103:12) (4)
 21 Sign (Luke 23:38) (6)
 22 'After that, Jesus poured water into a basin and began to—his disciples' feet' (John 13:5) (4)
 23 The nature of the seven ears of corn which swallowed up the good ears in Pharaoh's dream (Genesis 41:23) (4)
 25 Has (anag.) (3)
 28 'This is the account of Shem, Ham and Japheth, —sons' (Genesis 10:1) (5)
 29 'I will...make them drunk, so that they...sleep for—and— awake' (Jeremiah 51:39) (4,3)
 30 Paul said of him, 'he often refreshes me and is not ashamed of my chains' (2 Timothy 1:16) (11)

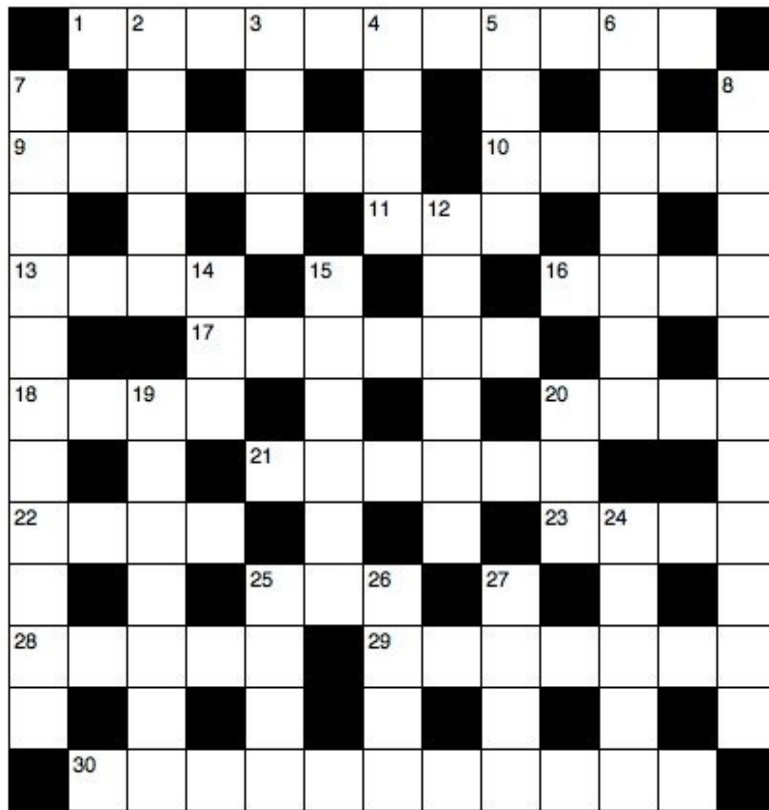
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- 2 Worth (Matthew 13:46) (5)
 3 'A bruised — He will not break' (Matthew 12:20) (4)
 4 'Suddenly a great company of the heavenly — appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (4)
 5 Slip (anag.) (4)
 6 'Take an awl and push it through his — — into the door, and he will become your servant for life' (Deuteronomy 15:17) (3,4)
 7 Bountiful (2 Corinthians 8:2) (11)
 8 'Therefore, as we have —, let us do good to all people' (Galatians 6:10) (11)
 12 Acquire (2 Timothy 2:10) (6)
 14 Container cover (Numbers 19:15) (3)
 15 'He...became obedient to death, even death on— —!' (Philippians 2:8) (1,5)
 19 Refrain (1 Peter 2:11) (7)
 20 'She began to—his feet with her tears' (Luke 7:38) (3)
 24 One who worships Brahma, Vishnu or Shiva (5)
 25 'Give to everyone who—you' (Luke 6:30) (4)
 26 'I lift up my eyes to the hills; where does my—come from?' (Psalm 121:1) (4)
 27 One of those whom the Lord said would be taken from Jerusalem and Judah as judgment on them (Isaiah 3:2) (4)



Crossword

Answers on page 33



Have a go at Sudoku



Easy

Medium

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UCB Word for Today

Healing for Anxiety

'Cast all your anxiety onto Him, because He cares for you.' 1 Peter 5:7

Paul wrote: 'Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand' (Philippians 4:6-7 NLT). Jesus said: 'Don't worry about these things, saying, "What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?" These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need' (Matthew 6:31-33 NLT).

Instead of meditating on our problems, we need to meditate on how good and loving our God really is. When we keep our minds on our problems, we create anxiety. But when we keep our minds on the promises of God, we get infused with His peace. So allow the promises of God to heal your soul of worry and stress by focusing on His goodness and willingness to show Himself strong on your behalf. 'The eyes of the LORD search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him' (2 Chronicles 16:9 NLT).

Our heavenly Father loves us dearly and already knows everything we need. When we take hold of that truth, fear and doubt fall by the wayside. Don't give in to needless worry. Pray about problems rather than complain about them. God hears our prayers, so let us thank Him for all He has provided for us. We experience God's peace because we know He hears us and has already answered our prayers in Christ.'

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"Whilst I appreciate the thought, would whoever it is please stop tweeting, 'So far, so good...?'"

Smile Lines

Sometimes it's a case of 'more haste, less speed' when writing notices!

- ◇ Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married last weekend in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their schooldays.
- ◇ Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- ◇ Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- ◇ Ladies are requested not to have children in the church kitchen.
- ◇ For those who have children and don't know it, we have a crèche and nursery in the crypt.

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Wordsearch



Our world is being torn apart by wars. In Matthew’s Gospel Jesus speaks of the end of time. ‘We hear of wars and rumours of wars’ (Matt. 24:6], yet God promises to ultimately deliver his people—those who believe in His Name.

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| MIDDLE | SPEARS | PRAY | MILLIONS | EAST |
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| CONFLICT | DELIVERER | MANY | BURN | EARTH |
| HOPE | SHATTER | SHIELDS | FIRE | MERCY |
| CRISIS | BREAK | DAMAGE | LIVES | LORD |

Highley Companions

Hope you have all had a wonderful Easter, either celebrating as a Christian and remembering how Jesus died and his glorious resurrection on Easter Day or you spent time with your family celebrating with Easter Egg hunts and of course eating them! I remembering saying to my children when they were younger and my grandchildren now "Don't eat too much chocolate as you won't eat your dinner!! A wonderful glorious day for us all.

Well, Easter Sunday wasn't the only day we celebrated Easter as our Companions when they arrived were greeted by our lifesize Easter Bunny who gave everybody a big hug. (Thank you Janet for changing into our Easter Bunny! We spent most of the time making some wonderful Easter bonnets and Easter cards. Everyone beavered away, with a little help from some of our volunteers, to create some wonderful creations. The ladies enjoyed making their hats beautifully but some of the men surprised us by absolutely filling their whole hats with lots of colour, rabbits, carrots, chicks, flowers, feathers and anything else they could find. We have some budding milliners in our group.

Following a lovely lunch and lots more chatting and laughter it was time to go home. With a couple of small Easter Eggs each their hats and cards everyone was well loaded up and happy.



Please remember that if you or a loved one are struggling with memory issues whether diagnosed or not please contact me on 07870262944 for a confidential chat about our friendly group. We are not a drop in group. Also leaflets are available in the Pharmacy, Doctors Surgery and Severn Centre.

We are also at Highley Drop-In from 9 a.m. Until 12pm on the 4th Friday of each month. We would love see you and tell you more about us.

Elaine

Hi from the W. I.

How this year is flying past. Can't believe we are a third of the way through the year! We continue to welcome new members and also welcome back former members.

Last month we had a lovely cheese and wine evening as part of our social programme. Lots of variety of cheese, crackers, grapes, wine (for those not driving) and non-alcoholic wine, lemonade and orange for the drivers! What a choice! Everyone seemed happy by the end of the evening!

By the time you read this we will have held our Jumble Sale in April. Our planned trip is going ahead to Black Country Museum on Saturday 13th June and those who are going should be booked on by now.

We have a really varied programme to look forward to so hopefully see you at our next meeting on Monday 18th May in the Library at the Severn Centre from 7pm to 9pm. You will get a warm welcome.

All in the month of May

400 years ago, on 4th May 1626 that the Dutch explorer Peter Minuit arrived on the east coast of what is now the USA. He negotiated the purchase of Manhattan Island from the Lenape Native Americans for \$24 worth of cloth and buttons. (Equal to about \$1,150 today.)

300 years ago, on 25th May 1726 that the world's first Circulating Library (lending library) was launched by Scottish poet and bookseller Allan Ramsay at his bookshop in Edinburgh.

250 years ago, on 4th May 1776 that Rhode Island became the first of the Thirteen Colonies to renounce allegiance to the British Crown and instead, to declare independence.

175 years ago, from 1st May to 15th October 1851 that the Great Exhibition was held in The Crystal Palace, Hyde Park. More than 10,000 exhibitors attended what is regarded as the first World's Fair.

100 years ago, on 4th to 12th May 1926 that the UK's General Strike was held. The Trade Union Congress (TUC) called a General Strike in support of 1.2 million coal miners. The strike lasted nine days, and had little effect.

90 years ago, on 7th May 1936 that British aviator Amy Johnson made the fastest-ever (at that time) solo flight from England to Cape Town.

Also 90 years ago, on 27th May 1936 that the RMS Queen Mary began her maiden voyage, sailing from Southampton to New York.

75 years ago, on 3rd May 1951 that the Festival of Britain and the Royal Festival Hall in London were opened.

Also 75 years ago, on 9th May 1951 that the Lake District National Park was established as Britain's second national park.

Also 75 years ago, on 25th May 1951 that British spies Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean fled to Moscow. They were members of the infamous Cambridge spy ring.

70 years ago, on 24th May 1956 that the first Eurovision Song Contest was held in Lugano, Switzerland. It was won by Switzerland.

65 years ago, on 31st May 1961 that Michael Ramsay became Archbishop of Canterbury (until 1974).

60 years ago, on 6th May 1966 that the Moors Murderers Ian Brady and Myra Hindley were sentenced to life imprisonment for killing five girls, aged 10 to 17.

Also 60 years ago, on 30th May 1966 that British racing driver Graham Hill won the 1966 Indianapolis 500. He was the only driver in history to win the 'triple crown of motor racing': the Formula One World Championship, the 24 Hours of Le Mans, and the Indianapolis 500.

40 years ago, on 9th May 1986 that Tenzing Norgay (Sherpa Tenzing), died. This Tibetan/Nepalese mountaineer had been with Sir Edmund Hillary of New Zealand when in 1953 they became the first people to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

10 years ago, on 31st May 2016 that Carla Lane, TV screenwriter, died. Best remembered for creating the sitcoms *The Liver Birds*, *Butterflies*, and *Bread*.



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National Biscuit Day – 23rd May

Did you know that Britain is the country with the highest biscuit consumption in the world?

According to industry research, we each eat about 500 biscuits a year. And the great biscuit dunking debate - over which biscuit holds up best when dipped in tea – can spark surprisingly passionate discussion.

Biscuits have been part of our daily lives for centuries. Their dose of sweet, tasty comfort is loved by 2-year-olds and 90-year-olds, and every age in between.

And so National Biscuit Day is held each year to honour this beloved snack. Our national favourite seems to be the chocolate digestive, followed by shortbread and chocolate fingers. But don't underestimate the appeal of custard creams, hobnobs, chocolate chip and oatmeal cookies!

The McVitie's Digestive, first produced in 1892, is one of the most iconic biscuits in British history. Today, it remains a bestseller alongside other classics like the Rich Tea, the Bourbon, and the Jammie Dodger.

The word 'biscuit' comes from the Latin *panis biscotus*, meaning 'twice-cooked bread'. In Roman times, flour-based provisions were baked twice, to remove moisture, making them durable enough for long journeys. Ancient Egyptian sailors and Roman soldiers relied on these early biscuits as a portable, long-lasting food source.

The transformation from practical sustenance to sweet treat began around the seventh century, when Persian bakers added eggs, butter, cream, and eventually sugar and honey to their recipes, creating some of the earliest cookies in history. By the Middle Ages, biscuits had spread across Europe, with each region developing its own favourite.

The Industrial Revolution brought mass production to the biscuit world. British firms like McVitie's, Huntley and Palmers, and Carr's produced biscuits on an unprecedented scale. In 1831, Huntley and Palmers even invented the decorative biscuit tin, which not only kept biscuits fresh but also made them an attractive gift item.

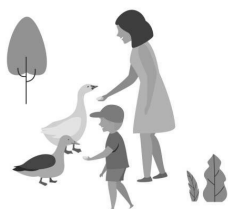


Did you know.....?

Beware bread for ducks

The Canal & River Trust, which looks after Britain's waterways, has warned that bread is 'junk food' for ducks. It can lead to excessive droppings, which spread disease.

If bread is left to rot, it can trigger noxious odours which can kill fish and encourage algae, as well as rats and mice. So – what DO ducks eat? Try corn, peas, lettuce and seeds.



Answers to Wordsearch (from page 18)



Answers to Sudoku (from page 15)

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Litter picking - Alex

I really enjoyed the litter picking in Highley last month. Thanks to all who turned up and cleared up the streets and verges. Hopefully, by removing rubbish, we have reduced the chances of animals getting injured, and reduced the amount of micro-plastic in our natural environment. It was great to do something as a community, and whilst I don't live in Highley, it has inspired me to do more litter picking in my home town.

Changes to recycling - Alastair

As of the 13th April, Shropshire Council will recycle food and liquid cartons (sometimes called Tetrapak) if you put them in your purple lidded bin (or boxes). This includes milk cartons (longlife, oat, almond, soy), juice, smoothie, protein shake cartons, soup, stock and broth cartons and sauce cartons. There is also new recycling legislation in the pipeline, as the technology to detect black plastic in the recycling stream has improved. We might be able to recycle black plastic plant pots soon. Watch this space!

Feed seasonally, feed safely - Robin

The latest bird feeding guidance from the RSPB aims to reduce disease in our garden bird population. There is a decline in our garden birds due to a disease called trichomonosis. It is highly contagious and spreads easily at flat bird tables. The risk of disease is higher in the summer and autumn, but natural food sources are higher during these seasons, so stop filling bird feeders with seeds and peanuts between 01st May and 31st October.

Other tips to reduce spreading disease include:

Place your bird feeders in a different spot each week.

Clean your bird feeders and water baths at least once a week.

Avoid putting feeders under places where birds roost.

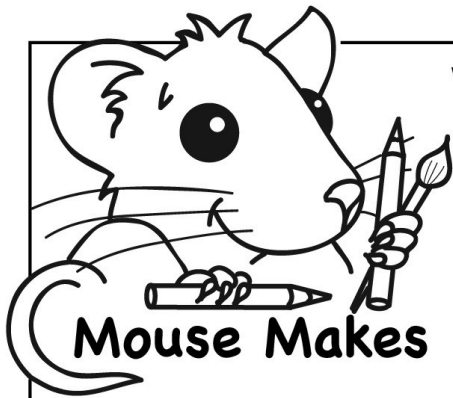
Don't use bird feeders with flat surfaces, where contaminated food collects.

Feed in moderation, and keep it dry.

Remember that the best way to help birds is to help them find their own food. If you have the space, instead of buying peanuts, spend your money on bird friendly plants like sunflowers, teasels, common knapweed, guelder rose, crab apple and ivy.

Baking bread - Dave

I made bread the other day using my sleeping bag (I was on holiday). I added warm water in the dough so it would rise, and put the dough in my sleeping bag (in a bowl of course). Before, I used to pop the oven on for a few minutes to get it warm, as I don't have an airing cupboard. I don't need to now, as the sleeping bag is highly insulated. Make sure your bowl is big enough, as you don't want dough to escape in the bag!



WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Spirit of

_____ *Genesis 1:2*

The

_____ of the Father.

Acts 1:4

The Spirit of

A _____ *Romans 8:15*

H _____ *John 14:26*

The Spirit of

_____ *John 16:13*

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The Fruit of the Spirit
Galatians 5:22-23

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What happened when the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost?

read *Acts 2:1-41*

How many believers were baptised that day?

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- Saturday 6th June – guest tutor – felting workshop (Mouse) - 3 hours - £30
- Wed 10th June - Craft and Chat group – Bring your project/join in with mine (for a small fee)
- Friday 12th June – Cat wall hanging workshop - 2.5 hours - £25
- Saturday 13th June – Book a workshop of your choice
- Wed 17th June - Craft and Chat group – Bring your project/join in with mine (for a small fee)
- Friday 19th June – Toadstool Garden ornament – 3 hours - £30
- Saturday 20th June - Book a workshop of your choice
- Wed 10th June - Craft and Chat group – Bring your project/join in with mine (for a small fee)
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(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


Highley Repair Café

Saturday 9th May
10:00am - 1:00pm at
Highley Community Primary School
(Grasmere Drive, WV16 6EH)

email:- Repaircafehighley@gmail.com web:- Repaircafehighley.org.uk

Bin it? No Way!!!

Don't bin it - Bring it!
 Our friendly volunteers are here to help fix your household items. Pop down to the Repair Café and let's see what we can do!



Our volunteer service is free, however you will need to cover the cost of any parts needed. A financial donation for items that are successfully repaired will help ensure the Repair Café can continue. **Thank You!**
 Highley Parish Council, Shropshire Grass Roots & Enfinium LTD have provided financial support which helped us start our "Repair Café Highley"

Crossword solution from page 15


	O	V	E	R	W	H	E	L	M	E	D	
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Piano tutor

School age & adult,
 beginner or advanced.
 Based in Kinlet, but I can
 come to you. Some day times
 available, but limited after-school.

Francis Engleheart
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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 2026

7th Apr..A talk from Sue Williams
 5th May..Alison from the Food Hub.
 Helping local groups & charities.
 2nd Jun.Selina Graham, Deputy to the
 High Sheriff of Shropshire
 7th Jul..Richard Churchley, Folklore & Folk songs
 1st Sept.Dawn Jones, How to look after your skin

Waste / Recycling Collections

Black bins: May 2026
 Friday 8th May & Thursday 21st May

Recycling & green bins:
 Thursday 14th May & Friday 29th May

www.shropshire.gov.uk/recycling-and-rubbish/

Regular Events

Severn Strollers	Mondays (not Bank Holidays) 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

All Round Property Maintenance	10	Haycox, P & Son (Funerals)	25	Severn Edge Vets	10
Boden & Son (Milk Delivery)	28	Highley Minors	29	Second Sense Hearing	21
Cleobury Country Centre	11	Irena Foot Clinic	10	Shropshire Registration Services	25
Cost Cutter	14	Ince, B (Funeral Directors)	25	That's Nice Creations	35
David Dexter (Motor Repairs)	11	Kinlet C of E School	24	Tele - Satt Aerials	11
Edwards A J Decorating Services	10	Martin, Tony (Plumbing etc.)	28	Vivians Mobile Hairdressing	11
Halo Leisure (Severn Centre)	16	Northwood & Sons (Funerals)	25		
Harris, Edwin & Sons (Funerals) Ar-	25	Ovenclean	28		
Arc Tree Care	28	Perry & Phillips (Funerals)	24		
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**No transport for essential journeys?
We may be able to help...**



**COMMUNITY
CAR SCHEME**

*For further information, or
to book a car, please contact:*

**Richard Dudson
(co-ordinator)
(01746) 861817**

**Andrew Powell
(01746) 861716**

**Daniel Humpage
(01746) 862794**

Reasonable charges

The scheme is managed by Shropshire Council's
passenger transport services

**St. Mary's
Parish Hall
Highley**

Kids parties
Wedding Receptions
Baptism Celebrations
Funeral wakes
£20.00 for the first hour
£12.50 per hour from then on

A multi-purpose main hall, comfortable lounge area
and a professional kitchen giving you all of the
facilities that you might need.

Chairs, tables and kitchen equipment are all
available for your use
and there is good disabled access and toilets

Contact: Maggie Ritchie
Email— secretaryhighleypcc@gmail.com
Please make booking payments to
St Marys PCC

Highley Companions get stuck in to creating their Easter bonnets at the meeting in the Parish Hall. As well as hats, there were some beautiful hanging decorations being made.



Highley Bowling Club is now open

- ◆ **New members welcome**
- ◆ **No experience necessary**

Contact: Richard Green for more details

richard.green1945@hotmail.co.uk

The Bowling Green is situated at the rear of the Severn Centre. Social bowling is on Thursday morning 10am - 12.00.

We are holding an open morning 10am—1pm on Saturday 9th May with free tea, coffee and biscuits. Please wear flat shoes.

All equipment will be provided.



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



Church Services in May 2026

Sunday 3rd May	9.30am Morning Service	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh
	10.30am Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Highley
Wednesday 6th May	10am Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Highley
Sunday 10th May	9.30am Holy Communion	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh
	10.30am Morning Worship	St Mary's Church, Highley
	6pm Evening Service	St Mary's Church, Billingsley
Thursday 14th May Ascension Day	7pm Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Highley
Sunday 17th May	9.30am Morning Worship	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh
	10am Holy Communion	St Bartholomew, Glazeley
	10.30am Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Highley
Sunday 24th May Pentecost	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 31st May	10.00am Benefice Communion	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

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