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Daddy's Hat comes to Highley

For those who don't know, Daddy's Hat was set up a couple of years ago, organised by Sally Russell to bring communities together through music using our beautiful country churches as venues. Throughout the spring, summer and autumn an informal concert takes place somewhere in this part of South Shropshire on the third Saturday of the month from 3-4pm. The name was coined because there is no charge for this event, just a donation into The Hat at the end. Proceeds cover costs and any expenses in bringing the musicians together. Ed

Daddy's Hat made its first visit to Highley on Sunday 16th May. A little under 20 people forsook the Cup Final to hear Ragni, Bob and Sophia from Abdon perform a variety of mainly folk songs and Fleur playing her oboe. As ever, the music was wonderful. Out of respect to the Cup, we finished with a stirring rendition of Abide with Me, sung much better than it usually is at Wembley. There was time for me to catch the last 15 minutes of the final; it was not a classic, unlike Daddy's Hat. Many thanks to all our performers and Sally for organising it.



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The Severn Valley Group of Churches:

St. Mary, Highley
 St. Mary, Billingsley
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Rays of Hope

I have just emerged from taking three services on Pentecost Sunday. For me, Pentecost is a day representing hope for the future. What seemed dark and uncertain has suddenly become fresh and new and full of possibilities. The world is our oyster.

As we enter the month of June, the sun begins to shine and the dark days of winter are shaken off. Life changes shape and changes gear. Some of you will be looking forward to holidays, whether in this country or abroad. Organisations begin to plan their summer programmes—trips out, summer carnivals and fetes. If you have young children you might be planning picnics or other outdoor activities to let them run off all the pent-up energy that



has accumulated over winter. Here in Shropshire, we are certainly spoilt for choice of places and opportunities to move our activities to the outdoors. Even mundane daily events like meal-times take on a new look as we eat in the garden or let the men take charge of the barbeque. (I have my own personal opinions on the success or otherwise of that, but I'll keep them to myself!)



Traditionally, most church weddings take place between May and September and so throughout the coming months we may hear church bells ringing out their message of joy; two lives joining together and looking to the future together. The Church also notices a rise in requests for baptisms as families take advantage of the good weather to plan celebrations after a service of thanksgiving and commitment. Large gatherings are certainly easier when the crowds can spill outside!

I shall be entering into my 'garden nurture' phase as I attempt to grow a few tomatoes and strawberries. I have confessed before that I am a fair-weather gardener and so often don't get the seedlings going early enough. I do, however love the wonder of watching nature as my seedlings begin to grow and flourish. I feel that in some way, I am also flourishing. More and more I find that pottering around in my garden gives my mind space and relaxation to ponder on the amazing world that God has created. It's far too detailed and intricate for that to be chance.

I know that God values all of his creation but I have to say I am greatly affronted that trays of my tomato seedlings, just beginning to germinate and little green shoots appearing, were eaten overnight by some dastardly invader, a gate-crasher in my small greenhouse! At first I thought it was my brain imagining the budding shoots—perhaps they'd been little weeds from the compost—but then I saw a familiar silvery trail. I realised that the same had happened to some trays of sunflowers I am tempted to set a trap and keep watch one night so that the perpetrator can be caught in the act and brought to justice!



But despite these little set-backs, I still repeat the process year after year, with growing (excuse the pun!) success. Last year we didn't have to buy tomatoes for months and we were eating tomato soup well into the New Year.

We can so easily overlook the blessings which God has placed around us, especially when we are in a 'winter' season. I try to begin each day with short prayers of thankfulness. You might call them thoughts. I'm thankful for a roof over my head, for food in my cupboards, for clothes to wear. I'm grateful for a warm home, whether heated by the sun or electricity; for my garden and the pleasure it brings me. I'm grateful for my friends; for opportunities to spread God's love through preaching and interactions with people I meet.

If you are finding it hard to move out of your 'winter season' into spring and summer, try writing a thankfulness list each day. You'll be amazed at how it lifts your spirit and brings hope for the future. Enjoy the weeks ahead as summer unfolds!

Val Smith

Chelmarsh News

Our picture this month shows the Easter Egg hunt, organised by Glenys Williams and attended by around 20 people, including parents and helpers. (Note permission has been obtained from parents for the photo to appear).



Work has been done in the churchyard to create a new flower bed by the main path to the church; this will add a welcome patch of colour. Work on the church itself continues. When the new louvres were being fitted to the belfry, we discovered that the tower roof was leaking. We now have a quote to repair this and the work will be done over the summer.

We held a bring and buy sale on Saturday May 16th. Our main financial pressure comes from work to keep the churchyard safe by attending to trees; this is expensive and, unlike for work on the building, we cannot claim grants to help. Thus fund-raising continues to be important for us. Additionally, the events are a way of reaching out to the community, bringing people together.



Welcome though the money is that we raise, this aspect is at least of equal importance. Our next fundraising event will be on Saturday 27th June, when we have our annual plant sale in the church. We try to have this as close as we can to St Peter's Day, the patron saint of our Church. Petertide, the Church name for the days around this is when new ministers are ordained; for us it can also serve as time to remember our calling to be the body of Christ in Chelmarsh.

We were all saddened to hear of the tragic death of Fraser Russon, whose funeral took place on Friday 29th May. Our thoughts and prayers are with Nic, Michelle and Xander. May Fraser rest in peace and rise in glory.

All our June services are listed on page 36. We typically have around 20 people attending services, which is a healthy number and the trend is for this to increase.

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St Mary's Highley

"Our Pre-Loved Fashion Show on Saturday 25th April was a joyful, vibrant, and truly memorable evening, filled with music, laughter and a wonderful sense of community spirit.

To our amazement and delight all 60 tickets sold out and we even had people standing, such was the enthusiasm and support for the event, which raised a fantastic £817.20 towards keeping the churchyard a tidy and peaceful place for all our community to enjoy.

Thank you to all our models, who brought confidence, style, and great fun to the runway, and to everyone who came along to be part of the evening. What began as a simple idea to showcase the work of our charity shop became something really special, with thanks to Amie Round, who took the lead in organising it so brilliantly.

We are deeply grateful to the many volunteers working behind the scenes, especially Lin and Toni, whose dedication made the evening possible. Thanks also to Mel Evans for the delicious canapés, Mark Williams for the lighting, and Simon Round for the music, all of which added so much to the atmosphere. Grateful thanks must also go to the lovely local businesses, who kindly donated some wonderful raffle prizes to everyone's excitement.

A very special and heartfelt thank you goes to Gay, who has overseen the charity shop with tireless dedication for the past 12 years. Her faithfulness, care, and commitment have been an enormous blessing to our community. We also give thanks for all the volunteers in the shop, whose ongoing service keeps it running week by week.

Finally, we are so grateful to the people of our village, whose generosity in donating clothes and items makes the work of the charity shop possible. This shared effort is a powerful reflection of community life at its very best.

It was also a joy to welcome Lin Evans, who takes on the overseeing of the shop from 1st May, and we wish her every blessing in this new role.

Thank you to everyone who played a part in making the evening such a success.

Rev. Kina Robertshaw

Rector



A big *shout-out* to our sponsors:

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St Mary's Fashion Show



Preparation was key

And then they strutted their stuff!

Thank you to all who gallantly took part as models for the evening!



St Mary's, Billingsley



Our May evening service was well supported with the new vicar of Stottesdon, the Rev Sally Wallace-Jones. Sally started life as an archaeologist; she did her PhD on ancient Egyptian pottery. In response to changing family circumstances, she retrained as a school teacher but she retained a keen interest in archaeology and particularly Egyptology and has worked on excavations in Egypt. She told us something of her journey, including her latest incarnation, as a vicar serving in Stottesdon. Our picture shows Sally talking to the congregation at the end of service.

In June we will be having our local history exhibition in the church over the weekend of the 13th/14th. We have accumulated numerous photographs, maps and documents that we hope people will find interesting. In addition, on the Saturday afternoon we will be serving refreshments in church as well as having a bric-a-brac and plant sale. On Sunday evening, at 6pm we will be having a talk from the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust. All our local churches are members of this and they have helped us a lot with grants, most recently at Billingsley with the new heating. This will fit in well with the theme of local history. After the service, refreshments will be served.

The annual parochial church meeting took place in May. I am very grateful for all those who serve on the PCC, both as elected members and also nominees. Their work is essential to keep the church going and at the centre of the community. Also in June we have our usual 8am service of Holy Communion on the 4th Sunday, June 28th.

St Bartholomew, Glazeley

In April, we unusually had two Sunday services; one early in the month for Easter and then a second on our usual 3rd Sunday. Whilst numbers were somewhat down, largely due to people on holiday, it was still a respectable turnout and we were delighted that Rachael Davenhill joined us to play the organ.



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In previous years, we have always benefited from the generosity of the Gabb family who have opened their gardens at the Woodlands. This year, the family have decided to take a well-deserved break; we wish them a restful and enjoyable month! We hope that we can put on a social event in the Autumn.

In June we will have the usual 9am breakfast on a Saturday at the Down. This is provisionally on 20th June, but please look at our website on A Church Near You for details ([Events - Glazeley & Deuxhill: St Bartholomew - A Church Near You](#)). All are welcome. The cost is £10. Please let Marion or Sheila know if you want to come (07918 559043, marion.corfield@talktalk.net; skm268@hotmail.co.uk).

We invite all to come to the local history exhibition on 13/14th June at Billingsley. (see Billingsley News above). There will be refreshments and a table top sale from 2-4pm on Saturday 13th June and a talk by the Historic Churches Trust at 6pm on Sunday 14th June. This charity has been very helpful and generous in our searches for grant funding for repairs.

James the Least of All

Happily, the Church of England still retains some singular parish clergy. Take the parish of St James-the-Least in the county of C- 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 Dr Gary Bowness

On the struggle for life in a rectory

The Rectory
St James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren

Ah, the joys of June! At last, I can return to the Rectory without putting on my overcoat before going inside. For the next four months, all windows and doors are left open, in order to let the heat *in*. If anyone else tells me how lucky I am to live in a 10-bedroom Queen Anne house, I shall have them excommunicated.

You will soon stop complaining about your one-bedroom flat should you ever have to live in a rural rectory; the days of wandering about your home in shirtsleeves will become a distant memory. In my first winter here, I had the central heating on full blast 24 hours a day. The house was almost warm, even if the boilers sounded like the Queen Mary coming into port. But that quarter's gas bill needed a substantial grant from the International Monetary Fund to cover it, so ever since, for six months of the year, I live in the kitchen. Parishioners find it either touching or sad that I sleep with my Labrador. It never occurs to them that I need her for extra heat.

It does mean that evening meetings at the rectory on winter evenings can be un-Christianly satisfying. Watching committee members fighting – with infinite politeness - to get nearest to the one-bar electric fire is highly entertaining. They hold on to their coffee cups less for refreshment, more for a little extra warmth. At least it means that meetings are short.

My predecessor was a model railway enthusiast and so several bedrooms were taken up with a system of such complexity that it made Crewe Junction seem trivial. He also found it helpful to put his teenage son in the turret bedroom, where he could play his drums without anyone else in the house being able to hear a thing.

Nowadays, all these extra rooms are filled with cribs and nativity play costumes, Easter gardens and spare choir cassocks. It is remarkable how all these things used to be stored quite satisfactorily in the church vestry until the parish acquired a single priest; now the empty rooms in the rectory have become vital storage space. I so hope my successor has a plethora of children, so that the parishioners have to find alternative accommodation for all the detritus vital to church life.

No, dear boy, cherish your centrally heated, dry, draft proof, mice-free, bat-less, modern-plumbed accommodation. It will not be ever thus.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

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Letter from Westminster

Littering in our beautiful constituency is unacceptable. My Shop Local Survey last year received thousands of responses, many of which mentioned the urgent need for this problem to be tackled. As a result, I have committed to working with local groups in the coming months and years to clean up our high streets. However, litter does not only occur in our towns. More than 1.2 million cases of fly-tipping were reported across the UK last year, including in South Shropshire. So, in Parliament, I am glad to have secured new measures from the Government to punish fly-tippers by placing penalty points on their driving licence. We must send a clear message that those who fly-tip will face severe consequences.



In Parliament, I have also been pushing for support for those in South Shropshire struggling with heating oil costs which have risen exponentially since the beginning of the Iran War. In a recent Westminster Hall Debate on this issue, I declared that: 'Shropshire council has more than 53,000 off-grid households, of which more than half are in my constituency, yet it has been allocated only £750,000. That equates to £14.29 per house, whereas the average across the country is £35...I want the minimum order level to be addressed, and I want future provision to ensure that my constituents, particularly the hardest hit, can have heating oil without having to choose between that and food.' I will continue pushing for long-term measures and meaningful support.

Since I was first elected as the Member of Parliament for South Shropshire in 2024, I have been constantly fighting to improve connectivity within the constituency. I recently met with Digital Economy Minister Liz Lloyd to demand the acceleration of Broadband delivery in our area. When she previously visited Stottesdon in March, Baroness Lloyd promised that we would not be left behind in the rollout of reliable broadband, yet only 350 connections have been built so far under Project Gigabit. I know how frustrating poor connection can be, particularly in rural areas. Be assured that my campaign to improve Broadband provision across the constituency is ongoing and I will keep pushing Ministers to act faster to improve matters.

I have also been busy in recent weeks meeting residents and businesses across South Shropshire to listen, support, and deliver on the issues that matter most to them. My team and I are now working alongside the relevant local authorities to secure long-term solutions. This follows the recent debate I led in Parliament on the state of roads in rural areas to again stress the need for urgent action.

I recently held advice surgeries in Ludlow and Bridgnorth where I discussed a wide range of issues with local residents. I would also like to thank everybody who attended my recent MP Coffee Mornings in Much Wenlock and Cleobury Mortimer. These events provide the perfect opportunity for an informal chat about local or national issues over a cup of tea or coffee and a cake. Upcoming dates and locations are advertised on my website or you can phone my constituency office at 01746 555025.

Stuart Anderson

Highley Parish Council

Following the great success of our Annual Parish Meeting in April where I presented a report to those gathered and spoke about the previous year, May saw our Annual Parish Council Meeting. The Annual Parish Council Meeting is the first meeting of the municipal year and includes a variety of administrative items on the agenda, most important of which is to elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman for the upcoming year. I was honoured to be re-elected as Chairman of Highley Parish Council for 2026/27. This will be my fourth year in the role and whilst it is challenging at times, especially around a full time job and family commitments, it is immensely fulfilling and I enjoy contributing to life for everyone in Highley. I will also be joined again this year by my fantastic Vice Chairman Tracy Pinches without whom I would find this job an awful lot harder!

With the weather brightening up and Summer now almost upon us I am looking forward to enjoying all the area has to offer. I will be trying to spend as much time as I can outside, will be visiting plenty of Shropshire towns and am sure to get a family camping trip or two in before the summer is over. In between all that I'm looking forward to a highlight of the warmer months: Highley Carnival! The carnival this year is on Saturday 4th July from 12pm at The Severn Centre, I look forward to seeing lots and lots of you there.

Tom Quinn
Chairman – Highley Parish Council



Feed the birds – but thoughtfully

Up to 60% of all households in the UK regularly feed their wild birds, according to UK Pet Food. It all adds up to an estimated £250 million in sales annually, with roughly 150,000 tonnes of seed being sold. When feeding wild birds, here are five mistakes to avoid:

Not keeping the feeders clean. This can spread disease. The RSPB advises cleaning bird feeders once a week with a mild soap such as washing-up liquid. Do it outside, using brushes that you keep for this job alone.

Leaving too much food out. It attracts rodents. Instead, the RSPB advises that little and often is best but keep them topped up. When birds are nest-building and raising broods, they need a lot of energy. Feed peanuts in a rigid mesh feeder, so that large piece of nut cannot choke baby birds. Avoid putting out fat in hot weather – it can go rancid.

Feeding bread. This can lead to malnutrition. Bread is high in carbohydrates, while garden birds require a protein-rich and high-calorie diet. A chick with a stomach full of bread can freeze to death overnight. Ideally, feed a combination of mealworms, seeds, sunflower hearts, dried fruit, peanuts and fat.

Forgetting to provide water. Birds need to drink and bathe daily, especially in hot weather. Change the water every day and keep the basin clean.

Putting feeders in the wrong place. Place your feeders near to shrubs, trees and bushes, to provide cover. Blackbirds and robins are ground feeders, whereas tits and sparrows prefer to feed from hanging stations. Using an array of feeders will attract a wide range of birds.

Crossword Clues

Across

- 1 Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)
 7 Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)
 8 The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer: 'Lord, — us to pray' (Luke 11:1) (5)
 10 'We are hard pressed on every—'(2Corinthians4:8)(4)
 11 Fraud (2Corinthians6:8)(8)
 13 'His troops advance in force;they build a siege ramp against me and — around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6)
 15 Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)
 17 'Now about spiritual gifts,brothers,I do not want you to be—' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)
 18 Nomadic dwelling(Genesis26:25)(4)
 21 'As for man,his days are like—,he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5)
 22 Or I live (anag.)(7)
 23 Those guilty of 1 Across(Romans13:4)(10)

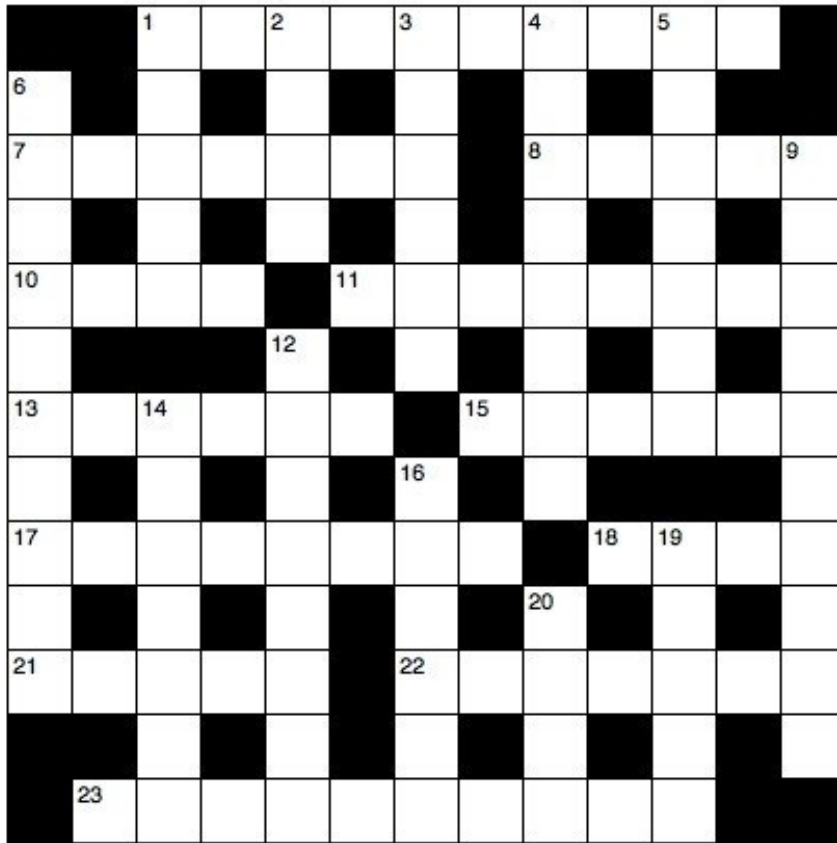
Down

- 1 'God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16) (5)
 2 'Away in a manger, no — for a bed' (4)
 3 Mob ten (anag.) (6)
 4 'Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8)
 5 Began (Luke 9:46) (7)
 6 Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)
 9 Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10) 12 Put in jail(Acts22:19)(8)
 14 Aceturn(anag.)(7)
 16 Discharge(Acts21:3)(6)
 19 'All these—come from inside and make a man "unclean"' (Mark 7:23) (5)
 20 'Let us rejoice and be glad and — him glory!'(Revelation19:7)(4)



Crossword

Answers on page 33



Have a go at Sudoku



Easy

Medium

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UCB Word for Today

The Worst failure Is failure to try

***'Be strong and of good courage...for the LORD your God is with you.'* Joshua 1:9**

It's impossible to live successfully without taking risks. Leo Buscaglia wrote: 'To laugh is to risk appearing the fool. To weep is to risk appearing sentimental. To reach out to another is to risk involvement...To place your ideas, your dreams, before the crowd is to risk being called naïve. To love is to risk not being loved in return. To live is to risk dying. To hope is to risk despair, and to try is to risk failure. But risks must be taken because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing... Only the person who risks is truly free.'

Franklin Roosevelt spent much of his life battling illness and was confined to a wheelchair. Yet he became one of America's greatest presidents. He said: 'It is common sense to take a method and try it. If it fails, admit it frankly and try another. But above all, try something.'

In *The Pursuit of Excellence*, Ted W. Engstrom gives this advice about the importance of trying: 'Starting today, you can begin to enjoy using and developing your gifts...If you've always wanted to write, then write something, a short article, a poem, an account of your vacation. Write it as if you were going to be published; then submit it somewhere. If you're a photographer, gather your best pictures together and submit them as entries in a contest. If you think you're a fair tennis player or golfer, enter some tournaments and see how you do. You may not win the top prize but think how much you'll learn and experience just by trying. The worst failure...is failure to try!'

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Remembering G K Chesterton

Ninety years ago, on 14th June 1936, G K Chesterton died at his home in Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire. Novelist, short story writer, journalist, essayist, poet, social/literary critic and theologian, he is remembered for his stories about the priest-detective Father Brown.

Gilbert Keith Chesterton was born in Kensington, London, to an estate agent father and a Swiss-French mother. He was educated at St Paul's School before studying art at the Slade School and literature at University College, London. He did not get a degree, and his earliest ambition was to be an artist.

A conspicuous figure in both height and girth, he eventually took to writing, producing in all about 80 books, several hundred poems, 200 short stories, 4000 essays (mostly newspaper columns), and several plays. His literary preoccupations were initially journalism and social commentary, then literary criticism and lastly religion. He was an apologist who spoke out for orthodox Christianity, initially from an Anglican standpoint, but after 1922 as a Roman Catholic. Using paradox, a sense of wonder and imaginative wit, he described the Christian faith as the one logical answer to life's mysteries. His seminal book, *Orthodoxy*, written when he was an Anglican, was a key factor in the conversion of C S Lewis.

His most widely known invented character was Father Brown, kindly protagonist of a series of detective novels later televised and recently re-run. Father Brown is an unprepossessing figure with a sharp mind who understands the intricacies of evil through hearing many confessions.

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Wordsearch

In God’s huge tableau of time we meet many individuals. Some have many references, others appear only a few times and yet play leading roles. Mary, mother of Jesus, is one who only makes a few appearances. We meet her when she is visited by an angel who announces that she will bear God’s son. After Jesus is born, when the family visits Jerusalem, she loses her son on the way home. At a wedding party in Cana, she urges Jesus to help with its wine problem. Finally Jesus gives her into the keeping of the beloved disciple when He is dying on the cross. Mary’s last appearance is in Acts, just before Pentecost.



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The Story behind the Hymn

*Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord for the years, we bring our thanks today.*

*Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the Word, receive your people's praise.*

*Lord for our world, when we disown and doubt you
Loveless in strength and comfortless in pain
Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you;
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.*

by Timothy Dudley Smith

This well-loved hymn was written in 1967 by the Revd Timothy Dudley Smith, who later became Bishop of Thetford. He later confessed: "I wrote it on a train when I was very pressed for time. I'm thankful if something I write gets picked up, but I suspect anyone who does something in a rush later regrets that they didn't find time to apply the sandpaper a bit more!"

Dudley Smith had been asked to write a hymn for the centenary service of the Children's Special Service Mission, now Scripture Union, in St Paul's Cathedral. His commission was to write words that could be fitted to Jean Sibelius's *Finlandia*, as it was to be accompanied by an orchestra with this tune in their repertoire. And so – 'Lord for the years' was written.

Dudley Smith need not have worried about lack of time – his lyrics were a 'hit' in the cathedral on the day, and went on to become so well-loved that George Carey chose the hymn to be sung at his consecration as Bishop of Bath and Wells, and then again later, in 1991, on his consecration as Archbishop in Canterbury Cathedral.

The hymn continued to be widely sung and loved, until in 2002 Timothy Dudley Smith was asked to write an extra verse for it so that it could even be sung around the time of the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

Many of the words in the hymn were true for Queen Elizabeth herself. She would have celebrated her 100th birthday this April, and her 'official' birthday on the second Saturday in June. She did indeed thank God 'for the years Your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way'... . And so indeed the 'extra' verse added for the Queen also held true:

*Lord for our hopes, the dreams of all our living,
Christ and his kingdom one united aim,
Rulers and peoples bound in high thanksgiving,
Lord of our hopes, our trust is in your Name.*

All in the month of June

It was:

250 years ago, on 11 June 1776 that the Second Continental Congress appointed John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Robert R Livingston and Roger Sherman to create the first draft of the Declaration of Independence.

Also 250 years ago, on 11th June, that John Constable, British landscape artist, was born.

150 years ago, on 19th June 1876 that Nigel Gresley, railway engineer, was born. He designed some of the best-known steam locomotives in Britain, including the Flying Scotsman.

100 years ago, on 1st June 1926 that the American film actress, model and sex symbol Marilyn Monroe was born. Remembered for Gentlemen Prefer Blondes, The Seven Year Itch, and Some Like it Hot, among others. Died 1962.

90 years ago, on 14th June 1936 that G K Chesterton died. Novelist, short story writer, journalist, essayist, poet, social/literary critic and theologian, and remembered for his stories about the priest-detective Father Brown.

80 years ago, on 8th June 1946 that the London Victory Celebrations following WW2 took place. Allied forces paraded through London, cheered by crowds that stretched from Buckingham Palace to Regent's Park. Countrywide, an estimated 12 million people joined in various celebrations.

65 years ago, from 4th June to 9th November, that the Berlin Crisis of 1961 took place. It led to Berlin being partitioned into East Berlin and West Berlin and the erection of the Berlin Wall on 13th August.

50 years ago, from 23rd June to 27th August, the 1976 British Isles Heat Wave took place. One of the hottest and driest summers on record, it dried up rivers and evaporated reservoirs. Domestic water supplies were rationed, and public standpipes were installed in some areas. September and October both saw very heavy rainfall.

40 years ago, on 22nd June 1986 that the 'Hand of God' goal took place during the quarter-final of the 1986 FIFA World Cup in Mexico City. Argentine football player Diego Maradona scored a goal against England using his hand, which the referee mistakenly thought was his head, and allowed the goal. England was knocked out of the World Cup as a result and Argentina won it.

30 years ago, on 4th June 1996 that the Second Severn Crossing was officially opened. The bridge spans the River Severn and links England and Wales via the M4 motorway.

Also 30 years ago, on 15th June 1996 that the centre of Manchester was devastated by an IRA bomb. 200 people were injured and the city centre had to be redeveloped because of the immense amount of damage.

10 years ago, on 3rd June 2016 that Muhammad Ali, American world heavyweight boxer, died. He was regarded as the greatest heavyweight boxer of all time.

Also 10 years ago, on 16th June 2016 that Jo Cox, Labour MP for Batley and Spen, was murdered by a far-right extremist. She was 41.

Also 10 years ago, on 23rd June 2016 that the UK European Union (EU) membership referendum was held. 52 per cent of voters voted to leave the EU, and 48 per cent voted to remain. The UK left the EU on 31st January 2020.



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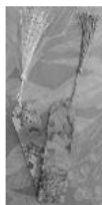
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Sunday 19th July – Riverside Bewdley craft fair – shop closed

Monday 20th July – Iris Card making – 2 hours - £8

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Wednesday 22nd July – Pointillism painting – 2 hours - £10

Thursday 23rd July – wizard hat light – 2 hours - £25

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Saturday 25th July – Shop closed – contact me to book your workshop

Sunday 26th July – The Shropshire craft fair – Shop closed

Monday 27th July – Create your own door sign – 2 hours - £10

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Drying your hair - Emily

With really fine hair, I don't like to dry my hair with a hair dryer, and I also don't like the associated costs (environmental and monetary) with it. I have started to use a hair drying towel, which basically wraps around my hair, and can be tied up out of the way. Its very thin, but really good at wicking the water away. Better than a normal towel and it saves a big tangle after a swim or a shower!

Washing your car - Davey

I've managed to get a couple of free water butts from Severn Trent. Now that I've installed them, and the heavens have filled them up, I have used the water to wash my caravan. I used a watering can and a step ladder to get some height for pouring. It didn't take as long as I thought. You use a lot less water, and it costs nothing!

Toothpaste tablets - Emma

Toothpaste tablets are a great, eco-friendly way of cleaning your teeth. Just chew, brush and spit. They avoid the plastic waste from tubes (often coming in glass jars or compostable pouches), and provide just the same amounts of fluoride as normal toothpaste.

Pest control tricks (that don't kill your allies) - Alison

If you want to discourage cats in your garden, try putting down some chopped citrus peel in their favourite spots. If you have too many aphids on your roses, try spraying them with garlic infused water. You could try putting egg shells around your favourite seedlings to stop slugs, and put some copper tape around your plant pots to stop snails destroying your pot plants.

Worms in my compost bin - Marty

If you are struggling with worm numbers in your compost bin, consider reducing how much you are turning over the heap. A small heap makes it easier for the worms to reproduce. Keep it moist, and if you are putting cardboard, make sure it is damp. Keep the heap in a cool shaded place, so it doesn't dry out. Use crushed egg shells to keep the pH optimum to help digestion and reproduction. If you want to learn more about composting, check out lots of resources online, including some free online courses.

The Secret Garden - Ben

I watched the BBC series Secret Garden, which is David Attenborough's latest wildlife series. It opens your eyes to the wildlife around us, even in the city. If you have a television licence, then make sure you watch it. It might make you change your gardening habits, and inspire you to make more changes to benefit wildlife in your local community. The cinematography is amazing!

Mouse Makes

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JESUS CHRIST and the
 love of **GOD** and the
 fellowship of the
HOLY SPIRIT be
 with you all."

2 Corinthians
 13:14

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We know that none of us is perfect like that, but we can aspire to that perfection and use it as our measure.

If you have/had a less than perfect father, then know and be thankful that God is there to be a good father to you always and wants to heal the hurt and the pain. If you have/had a great father, then again be thankful for that relationship and continue it with your own children, grandchildren and in fact, anyone who would benefit from a bit of support and encouragement.





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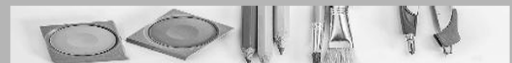
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Kidderminster General Hospital	0613	0738	0838	0938	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438	1538	1638	1738	1838
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Saturday

(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


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Based in Kinlet, but I can
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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
Thursday 4th & 18th June

Recycling & green bins:
Thursday 11th & 25th June

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
Cleobury Country Centre				Second Sense Hearing	21
Cost Cutter	11	Highley Minors	29	Shropshire Registration Services	25
David Dexter (Motor Repairs)	14			That's Nice Creations	35
Halo Leisure (Severn Centre)	16	Irena Foot Clinic	10	Tele - Satt Aerials	11
Harris, Edwin & Sons (Funerals) Ar-	10	Ince, B (Funeral Directors)	25	Vivians Mobile Hairdressing	11
Arc Tree Care	16	Kinlet C of E School	24		
	25	Martin, Tony (Plumbing etc.)	28		
	10	Northwood & Sons (Funerals)	25		
		Ovenclean	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:*



**Andrew Powell
07368557716**

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
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Chairs, tables and kitchen equipment are all
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Contact: Maggie Ritchie
Email— secretaryhighleypcc@gmail.com
Please make booking payments to
St Marys PCC



Billingsley Local History Weekend, 13th-14th June

At St Mary's Church, Billingsley

Church open all weekend.

Displays on all aspects of local history; objects, documents, maps, reminiscences and photos

Refreshments served on Saturday 13th from 2-4pm with table top sale

A talk from the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust on Sunday 14th at 6pm with refreshments afterwards

All proceeds to Billingsley Church.



Back row , left to right: Adrian Speke, Rob Bood, Steve Bennett, Mel Mitchell. Front row, left to right: Qian Zhang, Rob Powell, Steve Brown, Trevor Davies

Highley table tennis club have pulled off a unique triumph with their A & B Teams, winning the Telford Table Tennis Association League's 1 & 2 respectively. Both teams amazingly remained unbeaten throughout the season.

Highley also performed well in the Kidderminster League with the A Team retaining their first division status at the first attempt and the B Team narrowly missing out being crowned second division champions. In the final game of the season they claimed the runners up spot.

Rob Powell who runs the table tennis club, is hoping to introduce a third team in the Telford League, making five teams in total. The club is going from strength to strength and we would like to thank Alison and the Parish Council, and the Staff at the Highley Leisure Centre for all their support.

Church Services in June 2026

Wednesday 3rd June	10am Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Highley
Sunday 7th June	9.30am Morning Service	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh
	10.30am Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Highley
Sunday 14th June	9.30am Holy Communion	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh
	10.30am Morning Worship	St Mary's Church, Highley
	6pm Evening Service	St Mary's Church, Billingsley
Sunday 21st June	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 28th June	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



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