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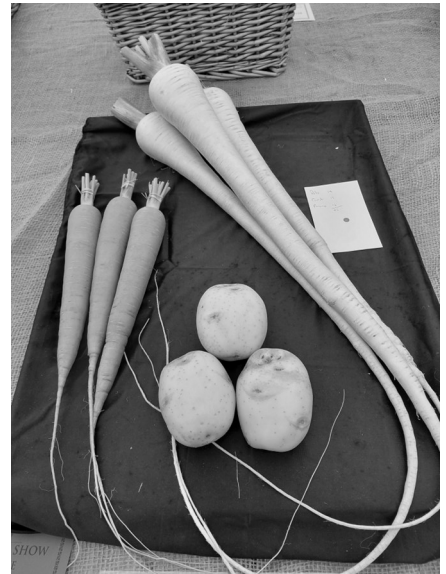
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## *Changing Seasons*

September marks the changing of the seasons; we move from summer to autumn, famously described as the time of “mists and mellow fruitfulness”. The “mellow fruitfulness” is why we usually celebrate harvest festival in September or early October. I usually worry about us holding harvest too soon; I recall John Britain one year decided to have harvest in August with the result that the church was accused of hypocrisy for singing “All is safely gathered in” when the combines had barely started. But not this year. I can never recall the combining being finished so soon as this year; more significantly, not a single farmer who I have spoken to can remember such an early harvest either.

Despite the early grain harvest, we will still be holding our harvests in September. The modern harvest festival was largely the invention of an eccentric vicar in Cornwall, the Rev Robert Hawker. He seems to have had many foibles, but I can overlook them all for his vision in reviving the harvest celebration in church. We may not decorate our churches with the vigour of his day, we may not be quite sure what to do with the harvest produce, but the places still have a special beauty decorated with local crops, vegetables and flowers; I can even forgive the odd tin of processed food.

There was a time when many farmers, busy on most Sundays, would make a special effort to attend the harvest. With the general decline of Christianity, that is less so, but I always find they are willing to support us with gifts of produce. There is a tendency in many churches, particular in towns and cities, to focus on the natural world, the planet and all the problems caused for it by human activity. I understand this, but I believe here we should never lose sight of the farmers; those who work the land and provide our food.

It seems to me that farming is a business like no other. On paper, many farmers appear wealthy, but almost all that is tied up in the land, livestock and machinery. The overall return on their investment is often very small. Perhaps even more importantly, farmers are not masters of their own destiny; they are at the mercy of the weather and they have no control over that. We have had a very wet winter and spring but mostly the crops were sown. Then came the drought. Yields were good for early ripening crops and the grass; not so now. I hear tales of contractors starting work at 3am before the heat of the day turns the grain to dust; we now have more grass in our churchyards than in the pastures and thirsty animals do not flourish or give milk.



There is something elemental about working the land; those who do this have exactly the same emotions of the farmers from two or three thousand years ago in Biblical times. Then and now, we are not in control; we can do more than the psalmists who prayed that God would cover the grassland with flocks and mantle the valleys with corn. We must remember our farmers, we should pray and care for their welfare and above all, we must also share what they know; the earth is the Lord's and we are not its master. Harvest should remind us to be humble.

*David Poyner*



...I take it our local supermarket has a rather good offer on tinned peas at the moment!

### **Orange Button Information Training**

**Monday 14 September Chorley Village Hall 10am -12pm**

Shropshire County Council Orange Button information training will take place on 14 September. The Orange Button Community Scheme helps people feel more confident to listen, talk, and signpost safely when someone may be struggling with suicidal thoughts or worried about someone else. Orange Button holders are not counsellors, but they are trained to offer a compassionate listening ear and help people find appropriate support. This is such a vital community initiative and is open to anyone who is interested. Do consider whether it's something you could engage with. To book a place or discuss this further, please contact Rev Sally Wallace-Jones [revsamwj@gmail.com](mailto:revsamwj@gmail.com) tel 01746 599076

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## *St Mary's Highley*

### **Ride n Stride - Saturday 12th September**

As the holidays come to an end, don't forget the **RIDE n STRIDE** event on 12th September. Churches around the area will be open for visitors. The aim is to walk or ride a bike or even travel by car to visit as many churches as possible throughout the day. Many churches will have refreshments available to help you recover from the lap just gone and energise you for the next one!

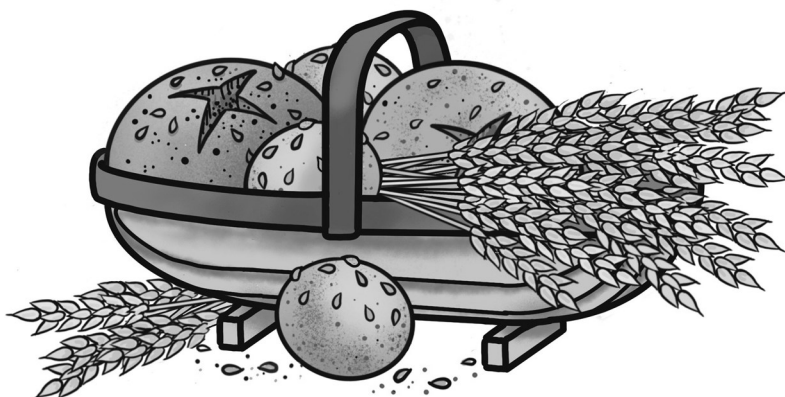
The event is promoted by Shropshire Historic Churches Trust, who provide grants towards the restoration and upkeep of our local churches. Sponsorship and donations taken covering the day are shared between SHCT and the home church of the participants. It's a win-win!

### **Harvest**

Summer is drawing to a close and autumn days lie ahead. That means Harvest Festivals. Look out for information of when and where across the Benefice and start to think about what you might want to offer in thanks for the blessings you have received this past year. Don't leave it to a late-night rummage through the cupboards. This year make it a truly reflective offering to God for His goodness.

### **Bible Study / Home Groups**

Most groups took a break over August, as many took time out to go on holiday or just rest at home. If you belong to a group or would like to join one, contact the Group Leaders (see page 36) to find out when they are going to resume.



## Chelmarsh News

Despite the exodus for summer holidays, attendance at our services is being well maintained. We were particularly pleased to welcome Alan Dudley's grandson, who sometimes brings Alan and must bring the average age of the congregation down by two decades.



All our September services are listed in the table at the start of our section for the Wheatland News; we alternate every Sunday at 9.30 between Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

We are working on a new cleaning rota for the church; with weekly services it is good to ensure the church looks well cared-for. We would particularly welcome new volunteers from the village to help with this. There is also work to maintain the churchyard. Marie Ellis and Les Hall have done good work planting flower beds (Marie) and removing ivy from ivy from gravestones (Les). We also need people to help with the harvest supper as, at the moment, all the work is done by a few of "older" years.

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## Planes crashing into skyscrapers

Many of us will remember where we were 25 years ago this month, on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September, when reports began to come in of planes crashing into skyscrapers in New York. For those of us who were at work, the shock was such that little work got done the rest of that day. Instead, we gathered round the nearest television we could find, watching the news unfold, watching the loop of film as the planes flew into the Twin Towers.

For an earlier generation it was, 'I remember exactly where I was when President Kennedy was shot'. These moments are ones which stay with us. They could be called 'hinge moments' when something changes, a new direction is taken, a moment that has such a profound effect on the world that history sets off in a new direction. Those horrifying scenes on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2001 led to many of the troubles we see in the Middle East today, and the West's responses to them.

But hinge moments do not *have* to result in wars and loss. As Christians we can say that the life, death, resurrection and teaching of Jesus was one such pivotal moment. Christians were accused of '*turning the world upside down*', such was the effect of their radical and transformative message.

For one thing, we no longer throw unwanted babies out onto a rubbish heap - as Romans did - because the Christian message proclaims all have value before God, and there are better ways to deal with unwanted souls. It took a great deal longer, but slavery was abolished because of the tireless work of Christians. Western society is underpinned in all its fundamentals by the precepts of the Christian faith and that influence is felt around the world in such proclamations as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. We are not just economic units, not just parts of a machine; we are individually loved and valued since we stand in the image of God.

So, in spite of all the destructive forces that we may meet, may we be able to say with St Paul, '*I am convinced .....that nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*' May God bless you as you discover more and more of that infinite love.

## *St Mary's Billingsley*

In August, for our 6pm service we welcomed back Sue and Phil Bates. Sue gave invaluable service to Billingsley when she and Phil lived here, both to the church and also to the parish council. They return from their home in Cheshire so Sue can entertain us with tales of her trips to exotic places, as befits a retired geography teacher.



This time it was “Vietnam and Cambodia, a tale of two countries”. Those of us of a certain age remember these two countries from the Vietnam War in the 1960s and early 1970s. In Vietnam it is known as the American War. Vietnam remains a one party state, but it is prosperous and is ranked 46<sup>th</sup> on the world happiness scale. Cambodia fell under the indescribably evil regime of Pol Pot, who murdered two million of its inhabitants; it still bears the scars. Sue spoke very movingly of her visit to the “Killing Fields”, where the executions and murders took place. She took no photos; I do not think she needed them to remember what she saw. We prayed for the peoples of the two lands.

In September we will celebrate Harvest at our 6pm evening service, helped by Astley Abbotts Choir, who visited us two years ago, to great acclaim. We are very much looking forward to hearing them again.

## *St Bartholomew, Glazeley*

I am writing this before our August service, but we are looking forward to welcoming Rachael Davenhill from Knowbury to play our organ. Rachael follows in the footsteps of her mother June as organist; she tells me she learnt to play the organ to stave off boredom during school holiday. It is truly an ill wind that blows no good.



We have our Harvest Festival on the 20th September and the monthly breakfasts at the Down also resume, on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 9am. Please let Sheila Millington, Marion Corfield or myself know if you want to attend.

The much-heralded (by me) resurfacing of the drive to the church is now scheduled for late August, to allow the contractor to recover from injury; we hope he is now better. David Crook, our window cleaner, has turned his attention to the inside of the church, removing high-level cobwebs and dust. This has made cleaning much easier for our team of volunteers.

Our local Women's Institute—Chetton and Glazeley— won first prize in the WI competition at the Burwarton Show. We send them our congratulations. The WI's expert cake-maker, Ellen McConnell, always provides the refreshments at Billingsley services, where she lives.

## James the Least of All

*Happily, the Church of England still retains some singular parish clergy. Take the parish of St James the Least of All 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 what clergy should wear on their feet*

The Rectory

St James the Least



My dear Nephew Darren,

Thank you for sending me the photograph of you having your face painted at your parish's 'Fun Day' - although I can't help feeling that to label an event 'fun' is the most effective way of draining it of all amusement whatsoever. Why on earth can't parishes continue with the traditional title of 'Crowning of the Rose Queen and Fete', grimly enjoyed to the accompaniment of thunder and torrential rain.

However, the one thing that caused me the greatest concern in your photo was the fact that you were wearing sandals. Sandals are *only* to be worn by Franciscan monks (without socks) and holidaymakers on Blackpool promenade (regrettably, generally with socks). I know that you will argue that Jesus wore sandals. This was mainly because reliable pairs of brogues had yet to be invented, but also because He lived in a hot, dry country. We live in a cold, wet one.

The only appropriate colour for footwear for a parish priest is black, and the only appropriate material is leather - although I will concede that can create difficulties. Wet leather shoes and polished marble sanctuary floors are a potentially lethal combination.

I well remember as a curate when old Canon Griffith entered the Sanctuary, having just got drenched coming from the Rectory. His feet moved across the marble floor some miles per hour faster than the rest of his body. Had he landed face down, the congregation may have assumed he was reverently prostrating himself before the altar. But lying in a supine position, staring in a dazed state at the rafters, only conveyed inappropriate indolence, when he should be at work.

However, do not take the alternative of wearing crepe soles. I suspect your present church will be fully carpeted - it seems to go with your sort of theology - and there will be no problem. But crepe soles and any sort of polished stone floor are a truly disastrous mixture. The slightest movement will make it sound as if you are being followed by a swarm of demented frogs.

Your loving uncle,

*Eustace*

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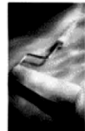
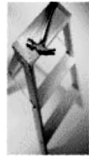
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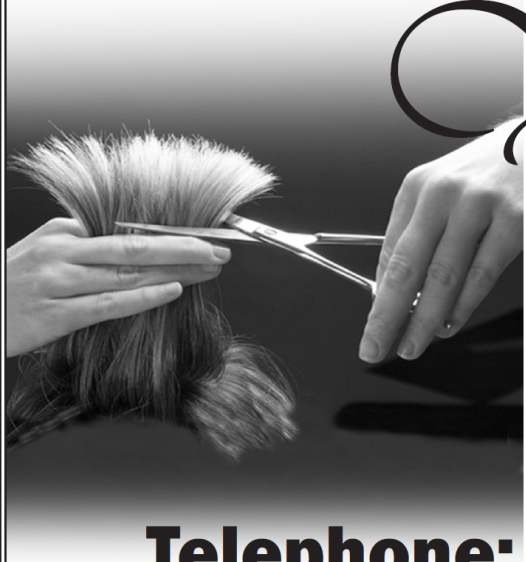
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## *Letter from Westminster*

As Parliament has wound down for summer recess, I have seized the opportunity to get out and about across the constituency, meeting with residents and listening to their concerns. In July, my Summer Tour took me all over South Shropshire. I met with hundreds of constituents in and around Ditton Priors, Church Stretton, Broseley, Bridgnorth, Claverley, Alveley, Lydbury North, Much Wenlock, Ludlow, Onibury, and Rushbury who raised matters ranging from farming and crime to defence and mental health. This has always been one of my favourite aspects of my multi-faceted role.



My team and I respond to emails, phone calls, letters, and social media comments every day, but nothing truly beats an in-person discussion and an opportunity to meet with constituents face-to-face. I have been particularly glad in recent weeks to meet a number of constituents who I had never met before, including some who had never met with any MP. I will be continuing with my usual schedule of visits, surgeries, and MP Coffee Mornings in the months ahead, and I would love the opportunity to meet with you. Upcoming dates and locations are always available on my website.

In less positive news, some of our best farmland is being threatened by the Government's pledge to triple solar by 2030. Under their Land Use Framework, 1.6 million hectares of land across the UK will be taken out of food production for environmental schemes and energy projects. For a constituency like South Shropshire, where 84% of our land is agricultural, the impact of this policy could be detrimental. One community which is already facing this stark reality is Walton, near Craven Arms, where proposals for a 130-acre ground-mounted solar farm have left residents outraged. The proposed site lies on Grade 1 and 2 land, meaning the soil is some of our most productive. Local environmental groups have raised further concerns about the potential threat to skylarks, barn owls, ancient oaks, and hedgerows in the area. Unbelievably, Shropshire Council have said an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required for this project.

So, I was glad to recently have the opportunity to join residents at Upper Walton Farm to say enough is enough. My constituents at the very least deserve a full and proper assessment before any decision is made, and I will continue fighting to protect this precious farmland from any such development. If the Government wants more solar production in the United Kingdom, they should focus on rooftops, car parks, warehouses, and brownfield sites. Research has shown that half of our 250,000 hectares of commercial, south-facing roof space could power every other home in the country. It is quite frankly ludicrous that South Shropshire's prime agricultural land should be sacrificed before this has route has been pursued. Rest assured, as the MP for South Shropshire, I will stand with local communities who wish to protect our cherished countryside.

Finally, I was delighted to graduate recently from the Royal College of Defence Studies, having completed their Global Strategy Programme. This is a prestigious course attended by leaders in military and civilian domains from the UK and allies around the world. It was over 30 years ago that I joined the Army as a junior soldier, so to have completed this world-leading course brings me great pride. This experience will equip me well as I continue to speak on issues of defence and security in Parliament and as part of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.



As has become somewhat of a tradition, I am writing my article this month while on holiday, this year in Norway. There is no Parish Council meeting in August and this always makes it a quieter month albeit with plenty of activity still going on in the background!

There are a couple of really interesting events coming up in the village in September. Free Cardiac Arrest Training will be taking place on September 30<sup>th</sup> in The Severn Centre. Tickets need to be booked in advance but there is no cost and Highley Parish Council will be providing refreshments. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> September we will be showing a screening of National Climate Emergency Briefing. This is also free to attend and will be a really interesting evening. I hope to see many of you there.

Finally I'd like to appeal to anyone who may be able to assist Highley Brownies. They are drastically short of volunteers and could really do with some help to keep such a valuable group going. If you're interested please get in contact with the Parish Council and we'll pass your details on to Brown Owl.

Tom Quinn Chairman – Highley Parish Council

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## *Those new Royal Mail solar-powered digital post-boxes*

Royal Mail has converted about 3,500 of the old trusty red post-boxes into digital affairs, out of the 115,000 post-boxes in the country.

The new solar-powered digital post-boxes feature a solar panel roof, a built-in barcode scanner, and an extra-large drawer that accepts parcels up to shoebox size.

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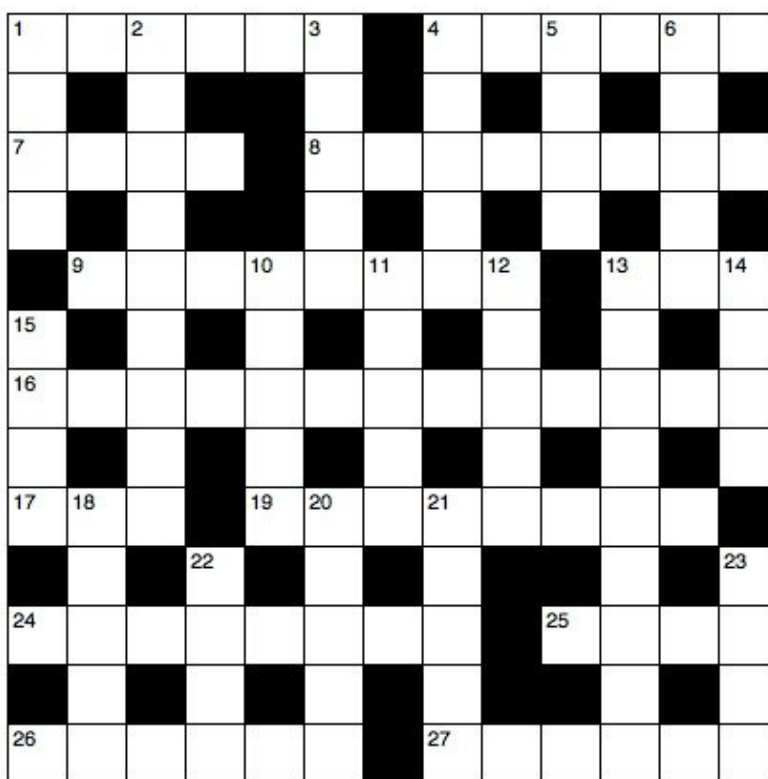
- 1 'Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders — in vain' (Psalm 127:1) (6)
- 4 Season of the year (Psalm 84:6) (6)
- 7 'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. — here and keep watch with me' (Matthew 26:38) (4)
- 8 It came over the whole land from the sixth to the ninth hour on the first Good Friday (Luke 23:44) (8)
- 9 Paul invariably did this in the synagogues he visited on his missionary journeys (Acts 17:2) (8)
- 13 'It is God who works in you to will and to — according to his good purpose' (Philippians 2:13) (3)
- 16 Members of the Church of Scotland (13)
- 17 'Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountain side and — down' (Matthew 5:1) (3)
- 19 Mock(Luke14:29)(8)
- 24 Disgrace(Psalm44:13)(8)
- 25 First month of the Hebrew calendar (Exodus13:4)(4)
- 26 Christianity of the Britons before Augustine arrived from Rome(6)
- 27 Mean (Numbers 35:23)(6)

### Down

- 1 'Whoever finds his life will — it' (Matthew 10:39) (4)
- 2 'My lord the king, let the — — on me and on my father's family, and let the king and his throne be without guilt' (2 Samuel 14:9) (5,4)
- 3 O raid (anag.) (5)
- 4 'If two of you on earth — about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven' (Matthew 18:19) (5)
- 5 Take care of (1 Samuel 17:15) (4)
- 6 What the older son heard as he came near the house the day his prodigal brother came home (Luke 15:25) (5)
- 10 'Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with — judgment' (Romans 12:3) (5)
- 11 Do ten(anag.)(5)
- 12 Architectural style first used in Greek temples in the sixth century BC (5)
- 13 Capable of being used(1Kings7:36)(9)
- 14 'Each one should — his own actions'(Galatians6:4)(4)
- 15 Among the items imported by Solomon's fleet of trading ships (1 Kings 10:22) (4)
- 18 'But I am afraid that just — — was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray' (2 Corinthians 11:3) (2,3)
- 20 Outstanding 18th-century hymn writer, — Watts(5)
- 21 One of the four sons of Asher(Genesis46:17)(5)
- 22 Be distressed(Proverbs24:19)(4)
- 23 He was the father of Gaal, who threatened rebellion against Abimelech (Judges 9:28) (4)

## Crossword

Answers on page 33



Have a go at Sudoku



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## UCB Word for Today

### ***Prayer makes all the Difference***

*'Pray for one another, that you may be healed' James 5:16*

Christian cardiologist Dr Randolph Byrd had a great interest in knowing if prayer had a 'scientifically measurable' impact on healing. He has said, 'After much prayer, the idea of what to do came to me.' Over a ten-month period, a computer assigned 393 patients in the coronary care unit at San Francisco General Hospital to one of two groups. The first group was prayed for by home prayer groups. The second group was not remembered in prayer.

The home prayer groups were from various Christian denominations. They were given only the first names of the patients and brief descriptions of their diagnoses and conditions. They were prayed for each day. The prayed-for patients differed from those not prayed for in these ways: 1) They were five times less likely to need antibiotics. 2) They were three times less likely to develop fluid in the lungs. 3) None required an artificial airway attached to a ventilator. 4) Fewer died.

If the technique being studied had been a new drug or procedure, it would have been heralded as a breakthrough. Even Dr William Nolan, the author of a book denouncing faith healing, said, 'It sounds like this study will stand up to scrutiny...Maybe we doctors ought to be writing on our order sheets, "Pray three times a day."' In the Old Testament, we read: "'For I will restore health to you and heal you of your wounds," says the LORD' (Jeremiah 30:17 NKJV). In the New Testament, James wrote: 'The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up...Pray for one another, that you may be healed' (James 5:15-16 NKJV).

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## Wordsearch

Ever wonder why there is both good and evil allowed in this world? Jesus told a parable that touched on this subject – it is called the Parable of the Weeds. It runs like this: Consider the world as if it were a field where a Farmer has sown good seed. But then an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat. So, when the wheat came up, so did the weeds. What to do? Instead of destroying the weeds, and thereby risking the wheat, the Farmer tells his reapers to wait and let both wheat and weeds grow together until the harvest. At the harvest he will instruct the reapers to gather up the wheat, but to discard the weeds. So do not despair when evil seems to thrive in this world – there is a reckoning still to come, and justice will be done.



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SEED

WEEDS

TOGETHER

SERVANTS

## Highley Companions

In early July a group of companions and volunteers spent a day on the narrow boat "Ernest Thomas". It was a glorious day filled with laughter and smiles and everyone had a wonderful time. We enjoyed our lunch of fish and chips, followed by a lovely cuppa and some of Lesley's homemade cake. We couldn't have asked for anything more. Water levels permitting, we are hoping to fit in a second canal trip In September.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> July Jack, one of our Companions, told us of his recent visit to his home city of Belfast, after a gap of over fifty years. He originally moved to England to escape the Troubles and never returned. During his visit he spent quality time with several generations of family members and had a fantastic time, visiting some of Northern Ireland's famous landmarks, including the Giant's Causeway. He hopes to return there next year.

At the same session Dale Schnelting entertained the Companions with tales of his career in the police force. We were invited to try on a variety of helmets and most of us did!

On 6<sup>th</sup> August we had a return visit from George Buckley, who made all of us work hard at improving our mobility and coordination. George invariably succeeds in getting the best out of every Companion and Volunteer and we always look forward to his visits.

On a sad note, we recently had to bid farewell to Lesley Rowe, one of the original Volunteers who, with her husband Martin, emigrated to Australia to join their daughter and three grandchildren. Its been a long time coming but they are there at last. A few memories of the lovely times we had will be in next months issue. It was a long time she was with us as we celebrate our 9<sup>th</sup> birthday this year.

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

### Highley Companions



**Left:** Farewell to Lesley Rowe and wishing her every happiness in Australia



**Right:** George Buckley entertains us again.



**Left:** Enjoying our annual Narrowboat trip.



**Right:** Dale Schnelting tells of his days in the Police Force.

## *All in the month of September*

250 years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> September that the Second Continental Congress adopted the name United States, which replaced United Colonies.

200 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> September 1826 that John Wisden, British cricketer was born. Founder of *Wisden's Cricketers' Almanac*. Launched with 112 pages in 1864, it now runs to 1500 pages and is the bible of cricket.

175 years ago, on 19<sup>th</sup> September 1851, Wiliam Lever, 1<sup>st</sup> Viscount Leverhulme, was born. Co-founder of Lever Brothers with his brother James. Now called Unilever, this global consumer goods company operates in more than 190 countries.

125 years ago, on 29<sup>th</sup> September 1901 that Enrico Fermi, Italian-born American physicist was born. Creator of the first nuclear reactor, he became known as the 'architect of the nuclear bomb.'

90 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> September 1936 that Buddy Holly, the American rock and roll singer and hits was born. Killed in a plane crash in 1959.

Also 90 years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> September 1936 that Frank Hornby, British inventor, died. Remembered for Meccano, Hornby Model Railways and Dinky Toys.

Also 90 years ago, on 30<sup>th</sup> September 1936 that Pinewood Studios in Buckinghamshire were officially opened.

80 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> September 1946 that Freddie Mercury, Zanzibar-born British rock singer and songwriter was born. As lead singer of Queen, he sold more than 250 million records worldwide. Died of bronchial pneumonia resulting from AIDS in 1991.

70 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> September 1956 that the world's first transatlantic cable, TAT-1, went into service. It could carry 36 simultaneous calls, later increased to 72. It was retired in 1978.

65 years ago, on 11<sup>th</sup> September 1961, that the World Wildlife Fund (now the World Wide Fund for Nature) was founded in Switzerland. Nowadays it is the world's largest conservation organisation, operating in nearly 100 countries with over 35 million supporters.

60 years ago, on 8<sup>th</sup> September 1966 that the Severn Bridge was officially opened. Linking Wales and England over the rivers Severn and Wye, it carries about 32,000 vehicles a day.

50 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> September 1976 that the first episode of the Muppet Show was broadcast on ITV in the UK. It attracted 15 million viewers and ran for five series until March 1981.

40 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> September 1986 that Desmond Tutu became the first black Archbishop of Cape Town. Retired in 1996.

30 years ago, on 27<sup>th</sup> September 1996 that the Taliban seized control of Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan. Mullah Omar was installed as Head of the Supreme Council and ruled until 2001.

25 years ago, on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2001 that the terrorist attacks on America took place. Al-Qaeda terrorists hijacked four planes and crashed them into the World Trade Centre's Twin Towers in New York, into the Pentagon, and into a field in Pennsylvania (following a passenger revolt – the intended target was Washington DC). 2,973 people were killed.

20 years ago, on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2006 that Andre Agassi announced his retirement due to back problems. He was 36, a former world number one in tennis, and the 1996 Olympic champion.



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## Remembering Buddy Holly



Ninety years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> September 1936, Buddy Holly, the American rock and roll singer, was born Charles Hardin Holley in Lubbock, Texas. His career was cut short when he was killed in a plane crash in 1959 – an event remembered as “the day the music died”.

Holly was raised by a devout Southern Baptist family and was baptised at the Tabernacle Baptist Church in his hometown. His widely recognised talent as a musician and singer led him into the emerging country rock scene, where performers were often exploited by those working behind the scenes.

His influence has been acknowledged by many top singers and guitarists, including Bob Dylan, the Beatles, the Rolling Stones and Eric Clapton.

The plane crash happened during a poorly organised winter tour of the Mid West where the buses supplied were hopelessly inadequate in terms of reliability and heating. Temperatures well below freezing led Holly to hire a small private plane to take three of them to the next venue. The inexperienced pilot crashed the plane shortly after take-off near Clear Lake, Iowa, killing everyone on board: himself, Holly, J P “The Big Bopper” Richardson, who was given his seat because he was suffering from flu, and Ritchie Valens, who won it on a coin toss.

Holly’s pregnant wife Elena heard of his death on the radio and the shock of it led to a miscarriage. This resulted in the convention of not broadcasting the sudden death of anyone without close relatives being informed.

The disaster was immortalised by singer/songwriter Don McLean, who said he had idolised Holly and felt his death marked a watershed between the innocence of the 1950s and the changes brought about by the Vietnam generation. His song, *The Day the Music Died*, was a long and brilliant solo performance.



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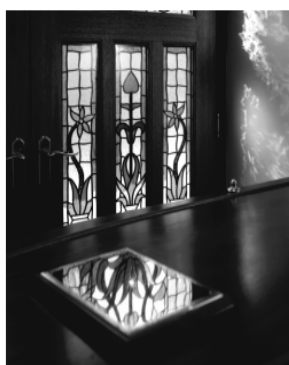
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### **Reef safe suncream - Jo**

When I went swimming in the sea the other week, I noticed an oily film that came off my skin and went into a rock pool. Apparently some suncreams have chemicals like oxybenzone, octinoxate and octocrylene in them which can damage corals and other reef life. In large concentrations, this could be quite a problem at popular beaches. It makes you think; can I choose an alternative? There are lots of other suncreams available, with mineral filters like non-nano zinc oxide and titanium dioxide, but they can be a bit more pricey. A cheaper alternative would be to wear a rash vest when swimming, or a wet suit if you have one!

### **Insect protein - Francis**

I went to a bug farm on holiday, where they promoted eating insects as a sustainable, highly efficient source of complete protein (all the 9 essential amino acids). They provide 60-70% protein by dry weight, they produce less CO2 and use 2000 times less water than beef. I ate crickets and they were crunchy and delicious! If you are trying to reduce your meat intake, and don't want to be a vegetarian, then consider insects. Obviously, you want to choose ones that have been reared near by, so do some research.

### **People's Emergency Briefing - Alastair**

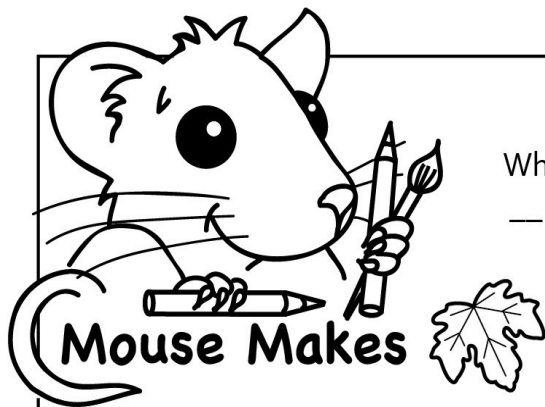
Don't forget the People's Emergency Briefing on 23/09/2026 at 1830. People are signing up using this link: [www.tickettailor.com/events/sustainablehighley/2312977](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/sustainablehighley/2312977)

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### **Create a wormery - Helen**

If you haven't got a garden, or a compost heap, or if you know someone interested in worms, why not create a wormery? All you need to do is add thin layers of sand and thick layers of soil alternately to a large jar. Leave a good space at the top. Then collect some worms and add them along with leaves, veg peelings and maybe an old teabag. Create some small holes in the lid and place it in a cool dark place for a few weeks. Then observe! Make sure to keep giving them fresh material when it has broken down.





## THE TRUE VINE

Who is the vine?

— — — — —  
John 15:1

What does Jesus ask us to do?

"Go and bear

— — — — —"  
John 15:16

What happens to the branches that do not remain in the vine?

Thrown into the

— — — — —  
and

John 15:6



READ  
John 15:1-17

How many times does Jesus use the word **FRUIT**?

What does Jesus command?

To — — — — —  
one another.  
John 15:12,17

How many times does Jesus command us to **LOVE** one another?

H T H R O W N A W A Y  
I R A B I D E W I S B  
D U F R U I T F U L U  
N E R A J S I A M J R  
C V U N F C U T V P N  
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## *Duke of Edinburgh's Award celebrates 70 years*

It was back in February of 1956 that Buckingham Palace released a press announcement outlining plans for a trial period of 'The Duke of Edinburgh's Award'.

It was the post-war era, and His Royal Highness wanted to help boys bridge the gap between leaving formal education at 15 and starting National Service at 18. He also wanted them to build self-confidence and a sense of purpose to support them into their future. A youth programme, he believed, would improve their skills and equip them to make valuable contributions to their communities and society.

In 1956, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award pilot was launched to national voluntary youth organisations. It soon expanded to include Local Education Authorities, the Armed Forces and some schools across the UK.

After the first year, 7,000 boys had started a programme and 1,000 Awards had been achieved. Girls were allowed to join the programme in 1958. Since that first year, millions have joined the DofE Award programme.

The DofE continued to evolve, and programmes took on their current format of Volunteering, Physical, Skills, Expedition, and Residential at Gold level in 1980.

In 2020, DofE participants stepped up in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The volunteering efforts of 330,000 young people equated to an investment of almost £8.5 million in a time of need.

The DofE says: "It hasn't been the easiest few years for young people. From the ongoing aftermath of the pandemic to the anxieties of the cost-of-living crisis, the future doesn't always feel certain.

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| Highley First Responders             |                              |                                           |                   |
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## What's on?

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## Highley Repair Café

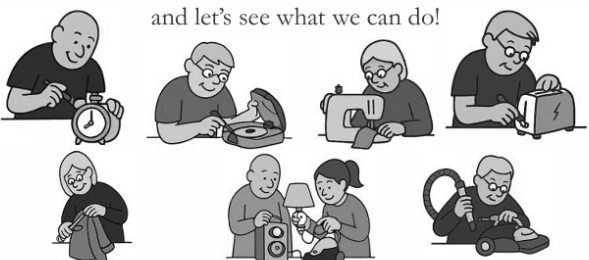
*Bin it?  
No Way!!!*

**Saturday 12th September**  
**10:00am - 1:00pm at**  
**Highley Community Primary School**  
**(Grasmere Drive, WV16 6EH)**

email:- [Repaircafehighley@gmail.com](mailto:Repaircafehighley@gmail.com) web:- [Repaircafehighley.org.uk](http://Repaircafehighley.org.uk)

**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"

## Community Drop-ins

**How can we help you?**

Come along to:  
Highley Library, Halo Severn Centre, Bridgnorth Road,  
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**The fourth Friday  
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**NOTE: TIMETABLE:** If you know of a more up to date version of this timetable, please email the Editor.

### Timetable as of 16.11.25

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## Kidderminster to Bridgnorth via Habberley, Bewdley, Highley, Chelmarsh

### Monday to Friday

(except Public Holidays)

|                                   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Kidderminster Bus Station         | 0605 | 0730 | 0830 | 0930 | 1030 | 1130 | 1230 | 1330 | 1430 | 1530 | 1630 | 1730 | 1830 |
| Kidderminster General Hospital    | 0613 | 0738 | 0838 | 0938 | 1038 | 1138 | 1238 | 1338 | 1438 | 1538 | 1638 | 1738 | 1838 |
| Habberley, Canterbury Rd Shops    | 0618 | 0743 | 0843 | 0943 | 1043 | 1143 | 1243 | 1343 | 1443 | 1543 | 1643 | 1743 | 1843 |
| Bewdley, Load Street              | 0629 | 0754 | 0854 | 0954 | 1054 | 1154 | 1254 | 1354 | 1454 | 1554 | 1654 | 1754 | 1854 |
| Buttontoak, 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 |
| Buttontoak, 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 |
| Buttontoak, 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 |
| Buttontoak, adj Wyre Cottage      | -    | -    | -    | 0938 | 1038 | 1138 | 1238 | 1338 | 1438 | 1538 | 1638 | 1738 | 1838 |
| Bewdley Load St                   | 0647 | 0747 | 0847 | 0947 | 1047 | 1147 | 1247 | 1347 | 1447 | 1547 | 1647 | 1747 | 1847 |
| Habberley, Canterbury Rd Shops    | 0658 | 0758 | 0858 | 1000 | 1100 | 1200 | 1300 | 1400 | 1500 | 1600 | 1700 | 1800 | 1900 |
| Kidderminster General Hospital    | 0703 | 0803 | 0903 | 1006 | 1106 | 1206 | 1306 | 1406 | 1506 | 1606 | 1706 | 1806 | 1906 |
| Kidderminster Bus Station         | 0710 | 0810 | 0910 | 1016 | 1116 | 1216 | 1316 | 1416 | 1516 | 1616 | 1716 | 1816 | 1916 |



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### ALLSORTS

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**First Tuesday of the Month**

**2pm – 4pm in the Parish Hall**

Program of events 2026

7<sup>th</sup> Apr..A talk from Sue Williams

5<sup>th</sup> May..Alison from the Food Hub.

Helping local groups & charities.

2<sup>nd</sup> Jun.Selina Graham, Deputy to the  
High Sheriff of Shropshire

7<sup>th</sup> Jul..Richard Churchley, Folklore & Folk songs

1<sup>st</sup> Sept.Dawn Jones, How to look after your skin

Crossword Solution

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## Waste / Recycling Collections

**Black bins: 2026**

**Thursday 10th & 24th**

**Recycling & green bins:**

**Friday 4th & Thursday 17th**

[www.shropshire.gov.uk/recycling-and-rubbish/](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/recycling-and-rubbish/)

## Regular Events

**Severn Strollers**

**Mondays**

(not Bank Holidays)

10:30 / 11:00

Severn Centre

(Contact: Barbara Skilton: 01746 862003)

**Women's Institute**

**Tuesday**

Severn Centre

**Badminton Club (Seniors)** Tuesday 19.00 SC

**Housing Support**

Community Room,

Rhea Hall, 9-12noon Mon—Friday 862442

**Highley Bowling Club**

Richard Green

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| All Round Property Maintenance      | 10 |
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| Arc Tree Care                       | 16 |
|                                     | 25 |
|                                     | 10 |

|                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| Haycox, P & Son (Funerals)       | 25 |
| Highley Minors                   | 29 |
| Irena Foot Clinic                | 10 |
| Ince, B (Funeral Directors)      | 25 |
| Kinlet C of E School             | 24 |
| Martin, Tony (Plumbing etc.)     | 16 |
| Northwood & Sons (Funerals)      | 25 |
| Ovenclean                        | 16 |
| Perry & Phillips (Funerals)      | 24 |
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**No transport for essential journeys?  
We may be able to help...**

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*For further information, or  
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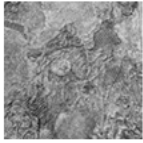
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St Marys PCC



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All workshops start at 1pm

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Ocean themed Mixed media canvas – 3 hours - £30

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October – shop closed - Mixed media Owl – Broseley Victoria Hall

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 7pm – Come and paint a toadstool – 2 hours - £20

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Vase/water pot workshop – 2 hours - £15

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Shop closed

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Fairy house workshop – 2 hours - £7

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Paint your Own pumpkin or moneybox – 1.5 hour - £6

Saturday 24/25<sup>th</sup> October – Shop closed - The SVR craft fayre at the Engine House

All workshops are suitable for adults and children (children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.)

Payment is required before the session to secure your place as these are limited.

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## *Church Services in September 2026*

|                         |                          |                               |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Wednesday 3rd September | 10am Holy Communion      | St Mary's Church, Highley     |
| Sunday 6th September    | 9.30am Morning Service   | St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh  |
|                         | 10.30am Holy Communion   | St Mary's Church, Highley     |
| Sunday 13th September   | 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 20th September   | 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 27th September   | 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 4th October      | 9.30am Morning Service   | St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh  |
|                         | 10.30am Holy 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)



Please note that midweek prayer and study groups have paused over the summer. Check with Group Leaders for when they are restarting in September.

### 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