

Parish News

Kington, Huntington & Titley

June 2021



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Letter from the Archdeacon of Ludlow

This is the first time I've written one of these articles since I moved to south Shropshire and was collated as Archdeacon of Ludlow at the end of April, so I'd like to begin by thanking you for the very warm welcome my family and I have received among you here in the archdeaconry and the wider diocese. Moving house during a pandemic was a challenge, but we were well supported all the way, not least by the prayers of those in both dioceses: St Albans and Hereford.



Like you, I'm hopeful that we may now be entering a time where the necessary restrictions under which we've lived for the past year will ease, and I can get out and about more to visit parishes, beginning to get to know the clergy and people in our schools, churches, and wider communities.

You may be wondering what my hopes and prayers for the coming years are. In many ways they're summed up in the reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians which was read at my collation:

"I pray that out of his glorious riches God may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

- Ephesians 3:16-21

I long that each of us in the churches across the diocese may know the fullness of the love of God in Christ ourselves, and may be equipped and inspired to share that love with those around us in our homes, families, schools, workplaces, and places of leisure. I pray that this faith and love will fill you, and our churches, villages, and towns.

A tall order? Maybe. But at the end of the passage we're reminded that God can do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us. That's the grounds for my confidence as, together, we move on and out in faith, filled with hope, to share the love of Christ with our lips and our lives.

AD Fiona

View from the Vicarage

Trusting in the Trinity

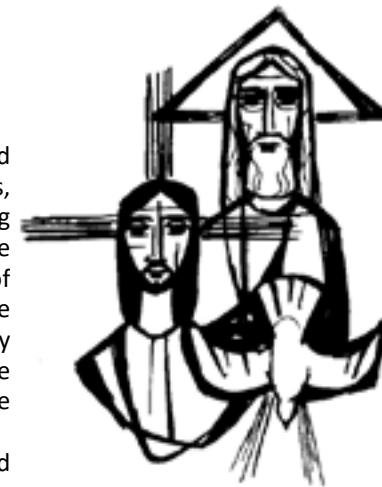
Dear Friends

As I write this, Coronavirus restrictions are being eased on both sides of the border and for the majority of us, life is beginning to return to something approaching normality, although with some considerable distance still to travel. We are, therefore in a time of considerable transition in which the future even the immediate future seems very unclear and it's very difficult to predict which of the changes we've become accustomed to over the past months will prove to be transitory and which permanent.

It seems to me entirely appropriate that this period of transition coincides exactly with the moment when the Christian calendar takes a dramatic change of tempo. Over the past months since the middle of February we've spent the long days of Lent, not just waiting for another Lockdown to ease but also preparing to accompany Christ through his passion and death. We've walked with him as we recalled those astounding Spring days in Jerusalem so long ago and we've celebrated another Covid-19 Easter. In the past few weeks alongside celebrating the relief of hair cuts and shopping for non-essential items we've also celebrated Christ's triumphant return to glory at Ascension. More recently while also perhaps enjoying some indoor hospitality we've been alongside Jesus' first followers in their self-imposed quarantine ending in the revelation of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The emotional high wire act that is the Christian year strangely in step with the Governments' lockdown escape plan.

The conclusion of all of this busyness is the great festival of Trinity Sunday, the only occasion during the year when our celebration is focussed upon a doctrine rather than an event. Not just any old doctrine either: the most mind numbingly complex theological conundrum of them all. The one Christian truth which draws a clear distinction between Christianity and our Jewish and Muslim brothers and sisters. In common with them, Christianity is monotheistic, all three faiths believe that there is but one God. Unlike Jews and Muslims, Christians following the revelation of Jesus Christ believe that the one God reveals himself in three different and distinct forms. That, in brief is the Doctrine of the Trinity; three persons but one God. St. Patrick, famously used the shamrock to illustrate the Trinity. I, somewhat less famously, use water to do the same. However you explain it, understand it or struggle to do either; the fundamental truth is that we believe in one God who reveals himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit or Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer to be non-gender specific.

It seems to me that as we wait in hope for the final easing of lockdowns and prepare to emerge from the dark shadow of the Covid-19 pandemic that we will depend on all three persons of the Trinity perhaps more than at any other moment in our lifetimes. We will depend on the reassurance of the Creator that the fundamental forces of creation including the human intellect will enable us as global citizens from the scourge of



Coronavirus, doubtless with the knowledge that it will not have been eliminated but that following the sacrifices of these turbulent months and supported by the global vaccination programme, Coronavirus' worst impacts and its ability to mutate itself will, have been neutralised.

We need the reassurance of the Redeemer that despite how bleak and uncompromising circumstances may seem, there is and always will be a more hopeful tomorrow in the same way that the gloom of Good Friday was transformed through the triumph of Easter. Let's not forget that the resurrected Christ of Easter still bore the scars of crucifixion. In the same way and in God's good time, we too will emerge blinking into the glorious sunshine of the post Covid world but all of us and some more than others will carry with us the scars of the experience we have all endured in this tumultuous months. These scars are real and for some acute and they will need gentle, compassionate care and above all, time to heal. Finally, of course, we need the reassuring presence of the Holy Spirit, the Sustainer, present alongside us through the good times, the bad times, the indifferent times and all of the times in between. The one who gives all of us the strength to endure when we just feel like giving up, the one who's been alongside all of us during all of the ups and downs of this past year and a bit.

As we celebrate the Trinity and give thanks for the dance at the heart of creation may you be strengthened, sustained and guided through whatever life and Coronavirus still have to throw at us.

With my love and prayers, as always

Ben.

Welcome Back

It's been a great joy over the past few weeks to welcome back into our churches, those who've been having to shield during the Coronavirus pandemic. We know that the pandemic is not finished and caution is still very much the watchword of our times. It would be a great shame if we squandered the gains that we've made so far through our own cautious approach alongside the success of the vaccination programme. Nonetheless, it's a real delight to see in person those we've only seen or spoken to remotely.

Morning Prayer: Mondays-Saturdays at 9.00am

Alongside our regular schedule of services there are also occasions during the week when people gather for prayer - not all of which is formal worship.

A small group gather via Zoom from Monday to Saturday at 9.00am for about half an hour for Morning Prayer. Anybody is more than welcome to join us, please send an email to either Rev Linda or me for the link.

Silence and Prayer: Wednesdays at 3.00pm: Huntington Church

For details please see the kingtonparishes website.

Prayer Group: Thursdays at 3.00pm: Kinnerton Church

On alternate Thursday afternoons, generally in the week when there's no Wednesday Group in Huntington, a group of us meet at Kinnerton Church for a prayer time lasting about 45 minutes. We normally choose a theme and select Bible readings based upon it. We each bring our own Bibles and one of the loveliest features of our time together

is reading a psalm using the different translations people have brought with them. The meetings have no formal structure at all, with free prayer, Bible readings and silence all featuring in our time together. It would be lovely to conclude with some fellowship over the coffee cups but Coronavirus has prevented us from exploring that option thus far.

If you'd like to think about joining us, even if only occasionally, you'd be very welcome, all that you need is a Bible. David Miller is happy to answer any questions, you can contact him on 01547 560406.

Coming Soon: Meandering through Mark

Following the success of our Lent Course this year, we've decided to offer a Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark. This will have no formal structure or agenda and will be just a discussion group focussing on a chapter at a time of St. Mark's Gospel. The plan is for it to take place fortnightly and initially at least via Zoom. If you'd be interested in joining us please email the office office@kingtonparishes.org.uk for the link. If you can also indicate what days/times are best for you that would be a great help. *Ben.*

Introduction to Preaching

Have you ever wondered about preaching?

We are holding an informal and relaxed preaching workshop, where we will explore:

- What a sermon is
- Tips for research and writing
- Ideas for delivery
- Opportunity to practise

Come along and see what it's all about. Whoever you are, you are welcome.

Thursday 10th June, 7.30 – 9pm, St. Mary's Church, Kington

For more information, email or call:

Revd. Linda MacDermott. (contact details on front page)

Memories of Anne Crowther

We first met Anne, and her husband Ken, on the very day that we moved to Kington in November 2003. We had been in touch with Gwen Sampson, captain of St Mary's Handbell Ringers, and knowing that we were fellow members of the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain, Gwen invited us to her handbell practice, and that's where we met Anne and Ken as well as Henry, Beryl, Irene, Ray and other members of St Mary's congregation.

Just a few days later, we joined in a Churches Together Jumble Sale at the Market Hall, and Alison helped Anne on the bookstall and I assisted Mary Whittall on the Cake Stall.

Anne seemed to be into everything - WI, Save the Children, Churches Together and many more. She was a very competent Handbell ringer, and often helped us out by joining in with our own team, Fandango, when we were a ringer short. She was a good musician and continued to lead the St Mary's handbell team until she was well into her eighties.

We are sure that many people in Kington will miss Anne very much with her good sense of humour, sound common sense and her willingness to join in so many Kington activities. *Freda and Alison*

Kington Parishes Service Schedule for this month

Dependant on Government announcements,

please see our website for up to date information.

All services in Kington marked * below will be available via livestream at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCho108zE6VUpNGQAmmfA9OA>

Sunday, 30th May:	Trinity Sunday:	White	
<i>Isaiah 6.1-8</i>	<i>Psalms 29</i>	<i>Romans 8. 12-17</i>	<i>John 3. 1-17</i>
10.00am:	*Group Eucharist:	Kington	
Thursday, 3rd June:	Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion (Corpus Christi)		
<i>Genesis 14: 18-20</i>	<i>Psalms 116: 10-end</i>	<i>1Corinthians 11: 23-26</i>	<i>John 6: 51-58</i>
7.00pm:	Group Eucharist:	Kinnerton	
Sunday, 6th June:	Trinity I:	Green	
<i>Genesis 3: 8-15</i>	<i>Psalms 130</i>	<i>2Corinthians 4:13-5:1</i>	<i>Mark 3:20-end</i>
8.30am:	Holy Eucharist:	Titley	
10.00am:	*Holy Eucharist:	Kington	
11.30am:	Holy Eucharist:	Kinnerton	
6.00pm:	Evening Prayer:	Old Radnor	
Sunday, 13th June:	Trinity II:	Green	
<i>Ezekiel 17: 22-end</i>	<i>Psalms 92: 1-4, 11-14</i>	<i>2Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17</i>	<i>Mark 4: 26-34</i>
8.30am:	Holy Eucharist (BCP):	Huntington	
10.00am:	*Holy Eucharist:	Kington	
11.30am:	Holy Eucharist:	Old Radnor	
6.00pm:	Evensong:	Kinnerton	
Sunday, 20th June:	Trinity III:	Green	
<i>Job 38: 1-11</i>	<i>Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32</i>	<i>2Corinthians 6:1-13</i>	<i>Mark:35-41</i>
8.30am:	Holy Eucharist:	Kinnerton	
10.00am:	*Morning Praise:	Kington	
10.00am:	Holy Eucharist:	Titley	
5.00pm:	*Evensong:	Kington	
6.00pm:	Junior Praise:	Old Radnor	
Sunday, 27th June:	Trinity IV:	Green	
<i>Wisdom 1:13-15, 23-23</i>	<i>Lamentations 3:23-33</i>	<i>2Corinthians 8: 7-end</i>	<i>Mark 5:21-end</i>
10.00am:	*Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptisms	Kington	
11.30am:	Holy Eucharist:	Old Radnor	
6.00pm:	Evening Prayer	Huntington	
6.00pm:	Evening Prayer:	Kinnerton	

* Denotes a live-streamed service.

St. MARY'S CHURCH, KINGTON



Work on the roof at St. Mary's is progressing steadily despite the recent weather which has not been ideal for roof work. By the time you receive the June Parish News the scaffolding will have progressed from the north side to the east and south sides of the Church. While every care is being taken to protect the Garden of Remembrance part of it, together with the steps on the east side, have had to be out of bounds hopefully not for much longer. While the scaffolding is in situ in that area the Vaughan Chapel door will be locked at all times and so access will be only via the south door. We apologise for any inconvenience this may be causing.

We were sad to hear that Anne Crowther has died. Anne has been a faithful, hardworking member of St. Mary's for many years and we will miss her as will her many friends.

Normality is slowly returning but it behoves us all to remain vigilant and to obey the rules.

Best wishes to you all.

Ann Edwards and Rodney Bowdler

Notice of Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 2021

A meeting for the election of churchwardens and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for St Mary's Church, Kington, will take place at 7pm on Tuesday the 15th of June 2021 in the Church.

The annual meeting receives reports on changes to the electoral roll, general parish activities and financial matters. At the annual meeting new members to the PCC are elected.

Everybody whose name is included on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish is entitled to vote at the election of lay members to the PCC.

If you would like to stand for election as a lay member of the PCC, nomination forms will be available from the Vicar or churchwardens in the Church, or from the PCC secretary.

They are also available online:

www.parishresources.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/nom-pcc-2020.pdf

The above nominations should be returned to the Vicar, sent by email to the PCC secretary (p.s.halcrow@gmail.com) or alternatively sent by post to her via the Parish Office Address: The Vicarage, Church Rd, Kington HR5 3AG

Message from the editor

Once again I've been able to put together a Parish News full of interesting accounts that have been sent in to me, and I thank all the people who have done so. However, we still need to know what is going on in Kington, so please, if you have any activities planned during the summer months such as fetes, garden parties, jumble sales, car boots etc, I'd be really pleased to hear from you.

If you have a favourite recipe - particularly if it uses fruit or vegetables that have been grown locally and are in season - I'd be very pleased to publish them. Perhaps we could have a Kington Cookbook

Freda (Editor)

Plants for Good - Plants stall in Cutterbach lane, all proceeds to St Marys and Yemen's children

At the moment we have lots of perennials, a few herbs and tomatoes. Anyone having spare plants at home please do drop off labeled at the stall. Ring me if you'd rather I collected from you. Thank you. 01544 231848
Trish MacCurach

Kington Kangeroo alert – Praying the alphabet

As spring turns to summer we would love you to pray through the alphabet with us. We have a loving and powerful God who longs to hear our prayers and for us to get to know Him better. I'm sure some of you have been praying all through Lockdown. Please don't stop, just add on some of the alphabet prayers.



We will start with the letter A. A is for ambulance people, aunties, angry people, Argentina and agriculture around the world. Do think of some of your own things to pray for beginning with A.

If you want someone to pray for you or with you contact:

Rev Ben 01544 230525 Rev Linda 01544239395 or Trish 01544 231848

Kington Medical Practice Newsletter

The good news is that the Practice has agreed to produce paper copies of the newsletter again, and we hope these will be available in the next couple of weeks. Paper copies will be available in Pembridge/Shobdon, New Radnor and Eardisley. In Kington they can be picked up at the following places: Border Bean Cafe, The Coop, Kington Market Hall and St Mary's Church.

Kay Birchley

Teddy Bear Jumpers

Following on from sending over 60 jumpers to St Michael' Hospice, I received their reply as follows.

"Thank you for the time you have spent making the jumpers for our teddy bears. Over the past 12 months and despite the challenging situation that we find ourselves in, we have still been able to give teddies to children and families connected to our patients in that time.

For these children and young people, the teddies become a comfort and a way of feeling close to the person who is ill.

After death, the teddies become even more special - a token of love, something to cuddle and take comfort from, a way of staying connected to a loved one.

We have received a fantastic response to our appeal and the teddy wardrobe is full of wonderful jumpers and outfits.

Thank you again for your dedication, time and support to our children, young people, patients and families."

Lesley Walters

Reader Writes

"Holy Mother of God, here we go again!" as Ted Hastings might put it. But at last a headline to hang on to: yes, the 'cash for curtains' scandal! We have sleaze and snobbery and the disquiet of the powerful all combined to cause both entertainment and serious questions. As the Prime Minister keeps saying in Prime Minister's Questions, surely to goodness there are more important things to be talking about, such as Brexit (sorry, perhaps not) or the economy or the pandemic. Yet opposition members of all stripes, again and again, raise the issue of dishonesty, lies and sleaze in the government. They and their voters do think it is important. I was recently complaining about this issue to some friends, not UK citizens, who said with one voice "Oh, but all politicians lie!" But do they? Should they? Is it acceptable, and importantly, does it handicap effective government in a complex world?

In the vortex of the pandemic storm just now there is India with a tragic (scandalous?) Covid death rate. You could also point to South America, especially Brazil, and at Trump's America last year. Populism appears to have fostered national exceptionalism with risky decisions and fatal results. The leaders of these nations had plenty of power, but it didn't provide effective pandemic strategy. The evidence is that sound government requires transparency and integrity, and both foster consent to be governed, whether democratic or not. A 'vacuum of integrity' at the heart of government, as some have called it, erodes that consent with dysfunctional results.

So there is ample argument for the importance of integrity in government, even though, according to elections, voters seem to have little time or energy to complain much when sleaze bush fires are burning out of control. But it's a perennial issue. Many are pointing to the Nolan principles adopted 25 years ago for guidance of those in public service. Prominently, among the 7 principles, are honesty, openness, selflessness and integrity. This came out of another scandal around the use of power in return for cash. Ministers and senior civil servants may argue that the boundaries between government and business are unavoidably porous, and the rules for negotiating them are a minefield. But the Nolan principles are set in tablets of stone and, actually, work on a different operating system called morality. It should be possible to discern in a moment that some exchange or interaction transgresses ethical boundaries. Someone entrusted with power on our behalf needs a conscience to go with it.

I'll turn to the Apostle Paul for guidance and for the provision of a clear and beautiful moral compass. He wrote to the church in Philippi "*Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.*" Let's remember the context; Philippi was an important Roman colony guarding key sea routes and a road into Asia. The church in Philippi had little if any power beyond their reputation as believers and citizens; and Paul himself was a prisoner in Rome. Yet, God used Paul and these tiny churches, to change the world. Rule by service and integrity, and the radical humility of Jesus, overturned Greek rule by the hero.



Robert MacCurrach

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APC + PCC Meetings:

The APC & PCC Meetings will be held in church on Wednesday 16th June 2021, commencing at 7:00pm. Anyone who wishes to do so is welcome to attend.

Susan Maiden



Apart from the above notice about the annual church meeting, there is no specific Huntington news this month but here is a very interesting article from Bryan Giddings (former Tower Captain at St Mary's church, Kington) about his grandfather. If anyone else has similar memories from the past, I'd love to print them.

Editor

Memories of My Grandfather – Arthur Giddings – Head Gardener at Huntington Park

I was born in 1936 in what had been a turnpike bungalow, on the New Radnor Road out of Kington. When I was three weeks old my parents moved across the road to Ferndale and I lived there for nearly forty years until I got married. It was from there my sister, Dorothy, and I used to cycle to Huntington to visit grandfather, Arthur Giddings, who was Head Gardener to the Romilly family at Huntington Park.

My grandfather moved to 'The Park' during or just after the First World War. Before that he lived and worked at Lynhales in Lyonshall, where I believe he had also been Head Gardener.

My father, Tom, an only child, was born in Lyonshall in 1909. I think he attended Mahollam School, from where he won a scholarship to Lady Hawkins Grammar School. He met my mother after my grandfather took the Head Gardener job at The Park. My Mother, Annie, was 'in-service' there at the big house, but came from Didley, seven miles from Hereford. They got married in 1933.

When we were young, my sister and I spent quite a lot of time there in the holidays and at weekends, and more so after my grandmother died in 1940.

As Head Gardener, one of his jobs was to decorate the screen and pulpit at Huntington Church for Easter and Christmas. He and I walked through the fields to Huntington, carrying flowers and foliage in wooden trugs. It was quite a task for a 10-year-old boy. The Romilly's were the main family in the parish and I think it was a tradition for The Park to decorate the church.

The Park had a large walled vegetable garden, which was built around 1857. It was about two acres and grew everything the big house needed. The glasshouses were heated by coal fired boilers and had large pipes under the staging. I remember the peach and greengage house, and of course the grapes greenhouse. It was very nice to go into the glasshouses and pick some of the fruit, especially when no one was around. The taste and smell were lovely.

There was a long walk known as 'Lady Arabella's Rose Garden', near the main house to a summerhouse at the end of the main garden with wide rose bed borders either side. The long walk was used by the Romillys and their guests, and there were large yew hedges

behind the borders, which made it very attractive. It was Lady Arabella who funded both the restoration of Huntington Church in the 1890s and the addition of the entrance porch and chancel screen.

The lake was also looked after by the garden staff. Its edge was covered with daffodils, as were the borders of the main drive to the house. (It is traditional for daffodils to be picked from The Park each year and distributed on Mothering Sunday in the local churches).

There were seven under-gardeners employed by the estate, who were kept busy all year round. At least two of the men were from the Morris family who lived at Gilbert, just off the Brilley road. One of the seven gardeners married my cousin Doris who, like my mother before her, was one of the in-service girls at the house.

On one occasion I stayed with my grandfather, when my mother was away, and for one week I attended Mahollam School. On the Monday I heard the Vicar was coming to school the following day, so I stayed away. I think I was a little afraid of him. Miss Marshall, the Headmistress, came across to the Park to see where I was. My grandfather told her I was poorly in bed, but in fact, I was just round the corner in the Potting Shed.

During the Second World War the American army were stationed there. The 'top brass' occupied the main house and many of the rest camped in the woods, opposite grandad's house. I became friendly with some of the soldiers and it was the first time I saw a person of colour.

Some of the Head Nurses from the American camp hospital used to visit my grandfather for supper, and they supplied my sister and I with boxes of 'candies', and when the army left, we were given novelties like rubber torches.

The hill which runs from The Park gates up to the top bend was known as 'The Park Pitch'. When my sister and I were young teenagers, we decided to ride our bikes from Kington to Huntington to put flowers on the graves. Before we left our mother instructed us to get off our bikes and walk down the pitch on the way back. When we got home, mother asked if we had done as instructed to which our reply was, 'we didn't see a pitch'. There was not so much traffic in those days.

In later life my grandfather married a widow, Mrs Oxley, and went to live at Piccadilly, Bredward. He died in 1963.

The 'big house' was demolished in 1966, I think after a fire. Grandfather's house, buildings and walled garden were all demolished by 'Demolition Dick'- Dick Morgan of Kington - and later fir trees were planted over the site.

Across the drive from the main house, was a small cottage, probably a two up two down, which was accessed by a flight of stone steps. This cottage was occupied by a Miss Pamala Little and a Mrs Muir Mackenzie. I don't know of their connection with the Romilly family, but the cottage was later extended to become the main house today.

At Huntington Church the most prominent Romilly grave is on the left of the path leading to the field and is marked by a large, inscribed stone naming Bertram Romilly.

My grandfather is buried together with my grandmother, Ada, to the right of the path leading to the kissing gate on the north side of the church. Next to them are my father and mother, Tom and Annie and beside my parents is my beloved wife Phyllis who died in December 2016.

Bryan Giddings

COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITIES

A compassionate community scheme (an example of social prescribing) is being developed in Kington. Compassionate Communities - CoCo for short - is an initiative embedded in local communities supported by St Michael's Hospice and the Diocese of Hereford. A CoCo scheme can help reduce loneliness and isolation for adult patients who have a high level of health needs. Research has shown that loneliness can be as bad for one's health as moderate smoking! Many people living with longer-term or chronic health conditions can become isolated from their communities, particularly if they live alone, and/or live a long way from any family members. Currently, as lockdown eases, there may also be patients, particularly amongst those who have been shielding, who are extremely anxious about renewing contacts with others.

CoCo volunteers aim to provide companionship and emotional support to patients and to enable them to reconnect with their communities and interests where possible. They commit to supporting and/or visiting a patient for approx. an hour per week (when covid restrictions allow) and to maintaining the confidentiality essential to the development of a trusting and supportive relationship with the patient.

A patient may present to a GP or other clinician with a medical issue and as they look at records and speak to the patient the clinician may recognise that the patient's health needs are being exacerbated by their isolation and loneliness. The clinician can tell the patient about the CoCo scheme and ask if they would like to consider finding out more about it and with the patient's agreement make a referral to the scheme (this referral may also come through a Social Prescriber or Care Coordinator). The patient will then be contacted by the CoCo Coordinator who will give him/her more information and explain how the scheme works and the benefits of having a regular volunteer that they get to know. If the patient wishes to be involved and there is a suitable trained volunteer available, then an introduction is made and the volunteer and patient start getting to know each other. Wherever possible the coordinator will try and find someone who can facilitate developing the patient's interests. A further advantage of the scheme is that a volunteer who sees the patient regularly can often spot if there are other difficulties or health issues developing and can encourage the patient to seek appropriate support to prevent a crisis developing.

The CoCo volunteer generally carries on regular visits for as long as is needed and this is reviewed regularly by the scheme Coordinators. Sometimes the patient is able to reconnect and begin to make new friendships through community contacts supported by the volunteer, and then visits may decrease or it will be agreed that they are no longer needed. On some occasions if the patient has a terminal illness, and if the volunteer is able to, they can continue to support through to end of life. The Coordinator offers regular support to the visiting Co-Co volunteers and the Coordinators are supported regularly through St Michael's Hospice and a Social Worker from the Diocese of Hereford.

Kington Medical Practice and the PPG are very supportive of this free service which is available to all patients registered with the Practice. Two coordinators, Deborah and Michael Horne, have been appointed. They are seeking volunteers to join the scheme.

Are you interested in becoming a Co-Co volunteer?

Training is provided by St Michael's Hospice (currently via Zoom). All volunteers are offered regular support from the coordinators who are in turn supported by St Michael's Hospice and a social worker from the Diocese of Hereford.

For more information please contact
Deborah or Michael Horne on 01544 340604
or email hornemichael794@gmail.com

Lockdown Lodge: More Epic Tales of a 1931 Austin 7 called Jane

While still serving in the RAF at Melksham, while at home for the weekend, I was at a loose end and looking for an adventure. I rang Barry a fellow medic and friend and asked him if he was free. He had not seen his girlfriend who lived in Ilford (in east London) so we planned a surprise visit to Christine traveling in Jane.



My sense of direction has always been pretty poor, so I asked Barry to navigate. All went well on the outward

journey, apart from a slight wrong turn that took us on the Chiswick flyover that was still under construction. We stopped in time before hitting the barrier and beat a hasty retreat.

Arriving safely, all was quiet on a sunny Sunday afternoon and what followed was a mini disaster. Christine had gone out for the day and could not be contacted (no mobile phones in 1961). Barry and I retired to a nearby amusement park and I tried my hand on the putting green. The game was abandoned after I took at least 100 putts and failed to complete the course. We returned to Christine's lodgings. Still no sign of Christine. Barry was all for returning to RAF Melksham. I said we had not travelled all this way for a surprise visit to give up on our adventure.

We waited patiently and a surprise girlfriend turned up at 10pm. I retired to the kitchen with a very understanding host and left Chris and Barry in the sitting room. In the early hours of the morning we set off for RAF Melksham. We decided to travel back through central London, thinking that there would not be much traffic in the early hours of the morning. Barry was navigating us around the huge roundabout at Piccadilly Circus when I took a wrong turning and we ended up coming to rest at the steps of the Old Bailey. We beat a hasty retreat!

Back on track we set off along the A4 (no motorways in those days). As we were leaving Marlborough we stopped at the all night petrol station. We were both desperate for the loo! The attendant kindly unlocked the loo and all was well.

Barry suggested we check the petrol. Looking in the tank I thought all would be Ok. We did not need petrol. The attendant wasn't very happy as we drove off.

We were some six miles from Melksham when we ran out of fuel. We pulled into a layby and walked back to camp. Barry did not talk to me for at least three weeks, particularly as he was on duty at 8:30am. I collected the car the following day.

Tony Jardine

Kington & District Community Shop Re-Opening

We have been closed for over 12 months due to Covid restrictions plus the groups' volunteers not feeling ready to start trading safely. We have recently secured a Business Interruption Grant from Herefordshire County Council which more than covers our losses in 2020/21. Keen-eyed Kington shoppers will have noticed that we have moved, just 2 doors down, to No.51 High Street, formerly Margan's Florists & Greengrocer, latterly accessories followed by computer games. We have made a back-room to receive, quarantine & sort donated goods. In order to function in a Covid-Safe way, for staff and shoppers, the shop will be left empty for the week while one group clears-out and the next re-stocks.

The Shop will first reopen on **Saturday 29th May** with The Marches Maker Festival. who will clear out by the end of the following weekend, 5th or 6th June. We will then deep-clean over Monday/Tuesday before Bryngwyn Riding for the Disabled move their stock in on Wednesday 9th June. The stock then sits in quarantine over Thursday/Friday before RDA opens to trade on Saturday 12th June and then carries on fortnightly with Kington Community Choir next, on the 26th.

In summary:

- 29th May - 5th June Marches Maker Festival
- 6th - 11th CLOSED
- 12th - 19th Bryngwyn Riding for the Disabled
- 20th - 25th CLOSED
- 26th June - 3rd July Kington Community Choir

A full 2021 fortnightly calendar of organisations will be displayed along with our, risk-assessment, Covid-safe guidance, Insurance & Fire Certifications. The Hands, Face, Space manners we have all got used to, will be until we are all safe again. Please bear with us as we all get over inevitable teething issues settling into new premises and a new safety regime.

Contact us by email: kingtoncommunityshop@outlook.com

Richie Cotterill

Easy Sudoku

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

Intermediate Sudoku

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

This lovely poem was sent in by Christine Jones, who lived in Duke Street before moving to Hereford, and whom many of you will remember. Editor

JOURNEY'S END

It takes so many different things
To spin a web to bind a heart,
But there are those who calmly state
That hearts today are out of date.
That if you want to get ahead
To win the world's material race,
You can't afford to put down roots
And stay too long in any place.
So, if your mind is quite made up
And all your plans are laid

Come not to Hereford, when Spring is green,
When Dippers curtsy by the Arrow's stream,
And when grey veils of rain, like drifting lace
Herald the sunshine across Bradnor's face.

Come not to climb one of its fair green hills,
To see this shining County at your feet,
Its silver rivers and its red-ribbed fields
Green with the tinge of harvest-promised wheat.

And you must never see the apple trees
Standing in bridal rows on some May morn,
Making you wish you never had been born
In any other Shire.

And do not stand awhile on Dinmore Hill
To see the city in the morning air
Walk joyfully its broad and busy streets
And find your peace in its Cathedral fair.

And you must never let a small, grey town
Where progress came, stayed for a while,
then went.
Lay just one finger on your wandering heart,
Enchant you with its spell of sweet content.

For here are kindly hearts and homely ways,
History, traditions, skills, all Nature's art,
And people with a simple, steadfast faith,
The very life-blood of this County's heart.

Yes, if you really want to journey on,
Then you must never get to know these folk.
The simple rhythm of their daily lives,
Their friendship, that enfolds you like a cloak.

And should you dare to make of one a friend,
Then you are lost . . . This is your journey's end.

And I who hardly dared to write these lines,
Thought my heart 'prisoned in another Shire.

Gwen Gregory

More Tales of Narrowboat Theodora

Where have they got to now? 26th February 2008, Tuesday

I could answer: Not very far. This evening we are moored close to the bottom of the famous Foxton Locks. Two five rise staircases one after the other. Very impressive. Next to an even more impressive boat lift, at least there was until 1912 but it may well be working again in the next ten years! (Note: Since I wrote that the Foxton Inclined Plane Trust no longer has, as a primary objective, the aim of restoring the inclined plane to working order. It seems that it would be prohibitively expensive to maintain in safe working order. I think that this is a great shame.)

Why so little distance then? Were we not in Market Harborough for church on Sunday and is it not a mere six miles from MH to Foxton? Did friends and family not leave us at the foot of the locks on Sunday evening waiting to be raised up first thing on Monday having missed the last locking by half an hour on Sunday because we had not looked up the time of the last locking which was at 2-45 or something very early like that?

All these things are true and could be verified but the fact is that we are still here and I will relate the reason for this. It is a bit technical so do skim the italics in next few paragraphs unless you are really interested.

Just before we left I fitted an astoundingly clever bit of kit called Smartguage and Smartbank. Smartguage interfaces with Smartbank and tells me how much charge is left in the domestic batteries. Smartbank tells the alternator which batteries to charge always ensuring that the engine start battery is fully charged before topping up the domestic batteries which supply light and all the bits of electricity needed for modern living. I had noticed that it was trying to charge the domestic batteries but was repeatedly switching off that function and going back to the engine battery again. When I read the manual to find out exactly why I discovered that it was because the domestic battery voltage had fallen off to such an extent that they were tending to drain the engine battery and the kit was in its very intelligent way, preventing this. It was doing exactly what it was supposed to do. I puzzled a bit and took some measurements to discover that the domestic batteries were down to about 30% charge, (much too low) and the new 100A alternator was charging at about 30A.

The following morning we took the boat round the Foxton Boat Services mooring. They provided us with an electric hookup. I took out the alternator and sent it off for repair and upgrade and we are still here awaiting its return. It should be back with us on Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning.



There is much more exiting and relevant technical information that I could put in but you will need to email me if you are really interested. Could be useful for A level physics discussion, though.

What have we been doing here while waiting for the alternator? We have been admiring the view. To port we look through trees to the open fields of Northamptonshire. To starboard we look over the boat next to which we are moored. This boat is painted black, or was a decade ago. It has curtains made to an original plan by suturing together pub towels. It has, on the stern, in addition to the usual bits of rope and things, no fewer than three foxes' brushes. I take the precaution of carrying Holly, the dog, over the stern. She has professed a professional terrier interest in inspecting the brushes but I feel that the owner of the boat would prefer them to be left in the condition that pertains at the moment. In addition to admiring the view we have got on with lots of work. We now have a clock in the kitchen, curtains on rails in the bathroom and bedroom, a hook to hold the bathroom door ajar, a soap rack attached above the kitchen sink, a better arrangement of

hooks in the space by the steps in the stern, a hole in the mast for the wire for the tunnel light, a pair of electric sockets in the cupboard so that the carpet sweeper and vacuum cleaner can be recharged. We are steadily working down the list of remaining jobs and the nice thing is that each job done makes a real difference to our comfort.

In addition to the jobs done we had a lovely walk down to Foxton village in the sun and wind. Tomorrow we will visit the Inclined Plane museum.

28th February 2008, Thursday

I have just realised that it is leap year. I am glad that I am married. I would not like to be set upon by some predatory female tomorrow and get proposed to.

What is sorted? The alternator, of course. It was returned to us shortly after lunch on Wednesday so I fitted it complete with a new drive belt which I had sprayed with a magic friction increaser known as D Belt. No nasty screeching and in the time that it took Theodora to be expertly reversed around the corner under Rainbow Bridge it had added 3% to the charge level in the domestic batteries. We did a bit of work in a more pleasant location and decided to set off in the morning.

The morning was this morning and by the time that all was ready it was 0830. Engine was started, headline and sternline let go, Margaret in charge and me winding up paddles and opening gates: the lower staircase of the Foxton Flight was started. The weather could hardly have been more perfect. There was a light frost and a bright sun. Blue skies and a few white clouds. The day was before us and full of promise. During the time that we had our enforced stay we had finished all of the jobs that we could do until more materials are bought at the chandlers in Braunston so we could boat and boat and boat and not feel at all that there was something else that we should be doing.

Dog Holly might be thought of as having had a bit of a thin time of it. We had run out of dog food so she had to make do with tuna and dog biscuits. Being a restrained and ladylike canine she did not complain but ate it up with characteristic relish but the lack of proper dog food gave added impetus to make a detour along the Welford Arm. There is a small shop at the end of the Welford Arm. It is in Welford and it sells, among other things, dog food. There is also a water tap there and we put some more water in Theodora's fresh water tank. Not very much because the tap could be said to be slow. Actually the tap itself is not all that slow. I seemed to be able to turn it on at the usual rate. What was really slow was the rate at which water was transferred. We did not bother to fill the tank.

We chatted to a man with a wife and two dogs. He had a narrowboat as well but we didn't see that. His wife walked on and did not chat but looked amiable





enough. The dogs were border collies and one of them lay down and gave Holly the “border collie eye”. No more than that, but the man thought that his dog required to be kicked. So he kicked the dog who did not seem to notice it. I did, though, and thought “He is not such a nice man.” Perhaps it was only a relatively gentle kick, though and one which the dog took as a sign of affection because the he didn’t yelp.

More technical stuff and then I will shut up about the alternator. It is working so well. By the time that we moored up for the evening in the lee of the Hemplow Hills the batteries were fully charged. At least SmartGauge says 100% and I am sure that it would not lie.

The Hemplow Hills are three quarters of a mile west of Welford and I said that we are in their lee. That is not quite true. There is no wind, but it sounded better.
Nick Cooke

Hands Across the Centuries Exhibition - a collaboration between Hereford Cathedral Library and Shropshire Scribes

In the Mappa Mundi and Chained Library, today’s calligraphers meet medieval scribes in this new special exhibition resulting from a year-long collaboration between Hereford Cathedral Library and Shropshire Scribes.

Early in 2020, before the first lockdown, members of Shropshire Scribes visited Hereford Cathedral to take a close look at manuscripts from its renowned Chained Library and choose some as starting points for their own work. The ‘Hands across the centuries exhibition’ enables all to see the results: an amazingly diverse, lively and colourful display of new pieces alongside the medieval manuscripts which inspired them.

Shropshire Scribes is a well-established group of both amateur and professional calligraphers who hold monthly workshops and exhibit regularly in the Shrewsbury area. The group includes beginners and expert artists, from school age to octogenarian, and they combine centuries-old techniques and materials with contemporary approaches.

This exhibition allows visitors to experience the fascinating art and craft of calligraphy, an important part of which is the appreciation of the skills and artistry of medieval scribes.

The exhibition runs from Monday 17 May to Saturday 17 July 2021 and is shown within the Mappa Mundi and Chained Library exhibition

Monday - Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm Normal admission charges apply

An exhibition catalogue is also available to view online, showing the new works alongside the manuscripts which inspired them: <https://shropshirescribes.weebly.com/>

Herefordshire Wildlife Trust

Fifteen projects across the UK have been awarded a share of £7.4 million from National Lottery to take action for nature including a project to restore and explore Herefordshire’s Ice Age kettle hole ponds in north west Herefordshire developed by Herefordshire Wildlife Trust in partnership with Herefordshire Amphibian and Reptile Team and Herefordshire and Worcestershire Earth Heritage Trust.

The Conserving Herefordshire’s Ice Age Ponds project in Herefordshire has been awarded £252,600 to protect remaining kettle hole ponds in the county which provide a unique and rare habitat for wildlife.

Herefordshire’s Ice Age ponds, often referred to as kettle-hole ponds, were created around 20,000 years ago during the last Ice Age, when woolly mammoths were still roaming the area. Herefordshire’s Ice Age Ponds are particularly special, as they can hold an undisturbed record of our climate and wildlife since the time when the glaciers retreated. They are also extremely important today as habitats for some of the county’s most precious pond species, including the highly protected great crested newt, the rare and mysterious medicinal leech and an extremely rare water beetle (*Graphoderus cinereus*).

As the ponds are restored, interpretation will also be created to explain the importance of the ponds. This will include signs and walking and cycling routes but also digital interpretation allowing people a glimpse into the pre-historic past through their smart phones!

Hereford Cathedral Open Gardens - 5 June 2021

Due to its success last year, we are running a series of Open Gardens events between May and September 2021. Our team of volunteer gardeners have been very hard at work to ensure the gardens are ready for this summer!

Visitors will be able to explore the Chapter House, Cloister garden, Canon’s garden, Dean’s garden and the Bishop’s garden at their own leisure with our team of volunteer



garden guides on hand to answer any questions. Spaces for the Open Gardens will be limited as to ensure that social distancing remains possible for visitors throughout their visit.

We will be offering three sessions throughout the day:

Session One: 10 - 11.30am Session Two: 12 - 1.30 pm Session Three: 2 - 3.30 pm

Please ensure that you book for the correct time slot as we will not be able to change this once your ticket has been booked. To book online go to <https://www.hereford-cathedral.org/Event/open-gardens-session1-5-june-2021>

BREAKING THE BOUNDS

The robin in the holly tree
looks to be posing for a Christmas card
as with full-throated dusk-defying song
he practises a carol joyfully,
which floods the yard.



But now, I'm told, I've got it wrong:
this is no welcome for the Prince of Peace!
He's merely standing guard
and marking out his territory.
"Claws off!" he sings, "Do you not hear?
I've taken up the lease
on Mr Parry's garden for the year;
this is my patch!"

If we could only match
his skill in singing thus!
We'd need no military police,
no walls, no land-mines, no barbed wire
to settle boundary disputes,
no army - just a choir!

Somewhere in a drawer I've a little piece of concrete given me by someone coming from Germany. It's a little bit of the Berlin Wall. Do you remember that TV picture, repeatedly shown, of a little man wielding a pickaxe with all his might at last to help destroy the hated thing?

Boundaries have been much in the news lately, some following Brexit and involving Britain, others in places all over the world. But you may have read last month what I wrote about beating the bounds in earlier times when maps were not so accurate. And just a few days ago the reading set from the Book of Deuteronomy at Matins included this verse: "*Do not move your neighbour's boundary stone...*" (Deut. 19.14)

I suspect the world would be a far happier place if all nations obeyed that command. For boundaries are important, as are doors and gates, fences and hedges and laws and rules, necessary to keep in or keep out, often for protection from aggression or greed. "*I am the Door of the Sheep,*" said Jesus. Psalm 119 has 176 verses extolling the gift of the Law, the ten commandments which are seen as God's gift to us, a psalm giving thanks for the boundaries given by God to enable his people to live together in justice, freedom and contentment. It's been described as 176 pearls on a single string.



For as well as physical boundaries, that is, natural ones like rivers and seas, or constructed ones like Offa's Dyke, we have invisible lines like the one on the bridge in Knighton where you can stand having one foot in England and the other in Wales, not now a barrier, but a crossing just like the one, too, marked by signs like this one welcoming those crossing between England and Wales.



Another sort of bridge, or perhaps I should say a ladder, is the one connecting earth and heaven. You remember the one Jacob saw in his dream at Bethel with the angels of God ascending and descending? I wish I could break copyright (another sort of boundary) to reproduce here Sieger Köder's thought-provoking picture in which the angels ascending and descending the ladder are hands, prayers ascending and blessings coming down – probably more of the latter than of the former!

Well, I believe that sort of connection or boundary crossing is what exists between the realm of heaven and the realm of earth. And there are some places, as you may have discovered, where that dividing line is very thin. Frequently, but not necessarily, it's in churches; but there are other places too where you can easily "be still and know that I AM God." And for me that is the very essence of prayer. I can name places where, if I relax receptively, the silence invades me and I am strongly aware of the presence of the Spirit. I have previously written in these pages, for example, of the Overflowing Pool in Park Wood, where even Giles is inclined to fall silent!!

Well, all this week the Daily Service on Long Wave at 9.45 and the Sunday Morning one at 8.10 have majored on Prayer. So perhaps this might count as my contribution.

Denis Parry

KINGTON TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

We have missed welcoming residents as well as visitors during our long closure and we do apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

However hopefully this will soon be remedied as we plan to re-open on Saturday, May 29th. We shall be open from 10am. to 3pm. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. We are trying to follow the rules to make it a safe environment for all.

It is not yet very clear how many new leaflets or updated ones will be available for us to offer.

Our Stay Kington Leaflet is new for 2021 as is our leaflet Eating Out in Kington and District with its new image..

Six Great Walks Round Kington will be a free booklet for 2021 and we are very grateful to John Richardson and those who worked with him to ensure that these walks have been checked for hazards, broken stiles and the like.

I am very grateful to those of our volunteers who have agreed to be on duty again to welcome and help both residents and visitors to the area and may there be many of them

If you have leaflets, flyers or posters you would like us to have available in the office please let us have them.

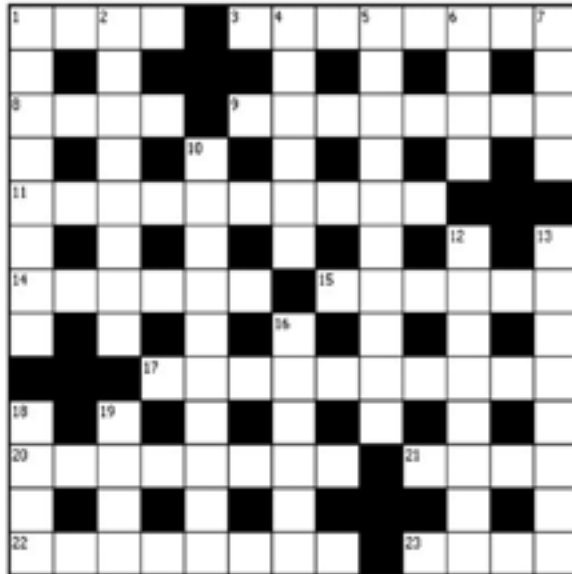
We hope that we can help to make Kington a welcoming town again as we move forward from many trying months.

Ann Edwards.

June Crossword

Across

- 1 See 23 Across
 3 Where the thief on the cross was told he would be, with Jesus (Luke 23:43) (8)
 8 Invalid (4)
 9 Blasphemed (Ezekiel 36:20) (8)
 11 Adhering to the letter of the law rather than its spirit (Philippians 3:6) (10)
 14 Shut (Ecclesiastes 12:4) (6)
 15 'This is how it will be with anyone who — up things for himself but is not rich towards God' (Luke 12:21) (6)
 17 Mary on Isis (anag.) (10)
 20 Agreement (Hebrews 9:15) (8)
 21 Native of, say, Bangkok (4)
 22 Deaf fort (anag.) (5-3)
 23 and 1 Across 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of — to work it and take — of it' (Genesis 2:15) (4,4)



Down

- 1 Struggle between opposing forces (Habakkuk 1:3) (8)
 2 James defined this as 'looking after orphans and widows in their distress and keeping oneself from being polluted by the world' (James 1:27) (8)
 4 'The one I kiss is the man; — him' (Matthew 26:48) (6)
 5 'Be joyful in hope, patient in —, faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (10)
 6 St Columba's burial place (4)
 7 Swirling current of water (4)
 10 Loyalty (Isaiah 19:18) (10)
 12 'God was pleased through the foolishness of what was —, to save those who believe' (1 Corinthians 1:21) (8)
 13 Camp where the angel of the Lord slew 185,000 men one night (2 Kings 19:35) (8)
 16 'There is still — — Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet' (2 Samuel 9:3) (1,3,2)
 18 David Livingstone was one (4)
 19 Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (1,1,1,1)

Answers to May Crossword

ACROSS: 1, Stop. 3, Call upon. 9, Regular. 10, Octet. 11, Inner. 12, Hudson. 14, Holy Communion. 17, Myself. 19, See to. 22, About. 23, Iterate. 24, Monarchy. 25, Stet.
 DOWN: 1, Straight. 2, Organ. 4, Abraham's faith. 5, Lloyd. 6, Puteoli. 7, Note. 8, Cleric. 13, Innocent. 15, Lay down. 16, Ussher. 18, Enter. 20, Enact. 21, Balm.

ST PETER'S CHURCH TITLEY NEWS

Church services for June.

Sunday 6th 8.30pm and Sunday 20th at 10am

Fond Farewell.

As a village we would all like to wish Alan Taylor a fond farewell as he moves from Titley to live with his son in Dorset. Alan has always been a great supporter of any event that has taken place in Titley.

We wish him all the best. He will not be forgotten, as every year when the daffodils flower on the layby we will think of him as Alan very kindly sponsored the planting of these.

Stagg Re-opens.

As with current government guidelines our local pub will open its door for drinks and meals.

A big thank you is extended to Steve and his team for keeping us all well fed with the lovely takeaways during the last lockdown. I must admit it was always my weekend treat!.

If anyone is still uncertain about going inside, the takeaways are still continuing for the foreseeable future.

Dick

A Word from St. Hugh's

At the time of writing, St Hugh's is set amidst the early summer frenzied activities of the woodland and tilling soil to plant our crops. All our daily experiences, including those people we have met, are offered daily to God in prayer and thanksgiving in our Chapel during Evening Prayer.

Frequently during the past six weeks one of our surprise 'guests' in the wood has been a splendid Roe Deer. A Stag that has wintered well, magnificent in appearance, antlers pointed larger than most depicting his maturity, and whose whole body brimmed with power. Occasionally he has escorted a Doe who is probably looking for a safe place in which to give birth in early June.

However, the most significant aspect of our 'guest' has been the close encounter with him. Mutual respect has given us a goodly amount of intimate time in his presence and to observe an unusual amount of fearlessness.

With all we experience at St Hugh's, it becomes difficult to separate life's journey from the Divine.

The Welsh Poet George Herbert in the 17th century published his first volume of religious verse, and according to a summary of his life in the book *Exciting Holiness* "his poetry shows an intense awareness of the Divine in daily living".

Christ, after all, encouraged those around him to see and experience 'The Divine' in ordinary daily activities. His parables made use of the ordinary, but most profound was in His use of simple bread and wine as a source to remember Him with joy and thanksgiving.

Please feel free to contact us for specific prayers or queries about St. Hugh's.

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National Garden Scheme - gardens open for charity

The National Garden Scheme was founded in 1927 by a group of 'noble ladies and gentlemen' to raise funds for the Queens Nursing Institute. The idea was to open gardens of interest to the public for 1/- a head. Some 609 gardens opened that first year and raised an amazing £8,000 ! About 10 of those gardens were in Herefordshire and both Weston Hall and Kentchurch Court still open regularly. In 1980 the NGS became a charitable trust and Macmillan Cancer Care, Marie Curie Cancer Care; the Carers Trust and Hospice UK joined a list of beneficiaries.

Nowadays almost 4,000 gardens in England and Wales open their gates each year to over 750,000 visitors, and the gardens range in size from small urban plots to vast country estates. To qualify for inclusion in the Garden Visitors Handbook (formerly the Yellow Book) gardens must be of high quality and interest with the emphasis on design, plant collections and good maintenance.

Nationally the NGS is run by a small paid staff in Guildford, and each county has a team of unpaid volunteers who manage the scheme locally. The NGS usually donate 81p in every pound raised to their beneficial charities and in the last 12 years it has donated over £30 million. In addition to the regular beneficial charities, the NGS supports several guest charities on a short-term basis which lasts from 1 – 3 years. All monies donated to the charities are earmarked for specific projects. Local to us – Echo in Leominster, which helps people with learning difficulties, received a bursary to make a community garden at Stoke Prior.

Most recently the NGS committed to contributing £2.5 million over the next 5 years towards a new Macmillan Specialist Palliative Care Unit at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital in South Wales. This new state-of-the-art unit will make a considerable difference to the end of life experience of cancer patients in the region.

2019 was a record year for the NGS, which enabled total donations of £3,100,000 to go to the beneficial charities. Major donations included £500,000 to each of Macmillan, Marie Curie and Hospice UK. £400,000 to the Carers Trust, £250,000 to the Queens Nursing Institute, £130,000 to Perennial, £185,000 to Parkinson's UK, £145,000 to the MS Society and £150,000 to Horatio's Gardens. Herefordshire alone raised £65,000 – a wonderful amount donated to our caring organisations and something of which all the team members and garden owners are very proud.

Each year the NGS holds a snowdrop festival involving over 100 gardens around the country. In Herefordshire both Ivy Croft and Ralph Court are open in February to admire the snowdrops.

The National Garden Scheme is always looking for new gardens, so if you know any that you think may be suitable, or you would like to enter your own, please let them know - County Organiser – Lavinia Sole - lavinia.sole@ngs.org.uk

I joined the Herefordshire team of volunteers 12 years ago and have been the booklet co-ordinator for the last 10 years. My job is to persuade businesses to advertise in our local booklet. This pays for the printing of 25,000 booklets for distribution throughout the 3 counties and beyond. Part of my role as booklet co-ordinator is to receive and then set out the various adverts in the booklet to fit around the gardens text and create the centrefold spreadsheet from data sent from head office. It is such a treat to be able to visit so many of the wonderful gardens within this county and especially to be able to talk to the garden owners. Lots of tips and ideas are gleaned from such visits as well as home grown plants, tea and cake. A lovely way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

Chris Meakins



Wordsearch for Pentecost

The story of Pentecost is found in Acts 2. After the Ascension of Jesus, the disciples had obeyed his command to stay in Jerusalem and to 'wait for the promise from the Father'. Jesus said this would be the 'baptism of the Holy Spirit', but the disciples had no idea what that meant. They soon found out! Acts tells us that at about 9 o'clock one morning, a sound like a rushing wind from heaven suddenly filled the house, and divided tongues as if of fire rested on each one of them. The Holy Spirit had come down and filled them with his divine power! Praise, preaching and witnessing followed that morning – and the Church was born.

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Jerusalem
Disciples
Praying
Tongues
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Morning
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Waiting
Place
Wind



Kington Art and Craft Market

April and May saw the return of the Art and Craft Market and it was lovely to see so many of our stall holders return, along side 4 new stall holders. It was also lovely to see so many familiar faces visiting the market. Thank you.

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Tales from the Chalk Face - GETTING AHEAD

Following the advice of the Diocesan Director of Education, and discussions with Deborah, Director of Family affairs and the Headteacher in Lippstadt, I decided to try to skip trying to become a Deputy Head and to apply for some small Headships back in England.

On glancing through the Times Educational Supplement (as one did in those days), I noticed two headships advertised in Essex - in a part close to where various relations lived. So I set pen to paper (as one did in those days). The applications were almost identical- just a name change to the section naming the school, and a place name change in the supporting letter of application. However, as they were being sent directly to the Governing Bodies at each school, I didn't think they would realise! So, I posted them (as one did in those days) and waited. After about a week, I had a phone call from the Chief Inspector of Schools for Essex, who told me that I had been short-listed by the governing Bodies of BOTH schools. She told me that interviews had been planned for the 15th April for one school, and the 17th April for the other. However, she told me as the second school were so keen that I should attend, they had decided to bring their interviews forward to the 14th. I thought that was a good sign - I must be in with a good chance, so agreed to attend both and set about making arrangements to get back to UK. I was reluctant to go by ferry (because of the previously mentioned incident), but decided the plane to Stanstead presented too many logistical challenges. Besides, if I took the car, it meant that I could use the chance to zip round to see various relatives, and to stay at Mum and Dad's for the duration of the interviews.

Both schools were small, with around 30 children. The second interview was to be held at Hatfield Heath C/E Primary School. The first (re-arranged) interview was at a school with more letters in its name than children in attendance: Chrishall, St. Nicholas and Holy Trinity, Church of England (Aided) Primary School.

The morning of the interview came and I set off in my smart new suit to find the village of Chrishall. I had to navigate by map (as one did in those days). On arrival in the area, I was somewhat confused by the seemingly contradictory road signs... some pointing to Chrishall, some listing Chishill and another Great Chishill. Never-the-less, I arrived in plenty of time, and the interviews went very well. I loved the school, the staff, governors and the children - and, fortunately, they liked me. So at the end of the day I was called in by the Chair and Chief Inspector and offered the job. I couldn't believe it!!! My first Headship application and my first Headship interview. I was going to be a Head Teacher!! At the time of the interview I was 29; making me one of the youngest heads in the country at that time.

That night, I called Hatfield Heath to tell them I wouldn't be attending interviews the next day. Mum, Dad and I went to the Jolly Bricklayers for a celebratory meal. In the morning I called Lippstadt Primary School to tell them the exciting news! A note was posted in the staff room to say Philip called to say he has been appointed as head. He was so pleased and excited- looks like he is flying back on cloud nine, rather than with P and O ferries!!

I was indeed so pleased and excited. We were heading home. We would be near our parents and the boys would get to know the family they had been separated from for the past 5 years.

Chrishall School was a special place for me. Not only was it the first school I had been given to play with, it was the first chance I had to work in a church school. The school was the only school in the United Benefice of 6 parishes. It already had a well-established link with the churches in the group and good links with the clergy team. The Chair of Governors; the Revd Doctor John Brennan was an exceptional man; with whom we became great friends. He had retired ages back, and was acting as Rector during the interregnum (rather like a Denis!) He was a Doctor of



Philosophy and a medical doctor. A consultant pathologist by trade, who had founded a teaching hospital in India. He had also been a Missionary. He spoke many languages. At 80, he was the oldest Black Belt participant in the martial art of aikido. He was still an expert witness at the Old Bailey and a thoroughly lovely man!

The time between being appointed to taking up post in September was very busy. We had to move our belongings and furniture. (including a German Shrank, tables, sideboards) back to England. Once again, the army took over that side of things. I had to go over to England for an induction meeting with the Local Education Authority. So, I got Mum and Dad to arrange for me to view a lot of houses in the nearest town to the school, Royston in Hertfordshire. We had a frantic dash round with the estate agent over a two-day period, during which I managed to view around a dozen potential properties. When I got back to Germany, I explained what I remembered about each of them to Deborah and we decided to make an offer on a house with a very large garden and a greenhouse!!

On the 1st September 1989, I officially became the Headteacher of Chrishall, St. Nicholas and Holy Trinity, Church of England (Aided) Primary School. Revd Dr, Brennan met me outside the school and handed me my contract and a huge bunch of keys, almost as many as the children in the school. Then he told me the code of the burglar alarm, and I was ready for action.

I had arrived at the school that morning with lots of things to help me in my new role. As well as book, music, many musical instruments, dressing up costumes, pencils and pens, paints and the like. I had a new filing cabinet in the back of the car. I took all the boxes to my new office, with the thick purple carpet. As I was struggling to get it out a little old lady appeared. 'Are you the new Head?' she enquired. 'Yes, I am!' I proudly replied. 'Well, let me help you', she said. Then, to my amazement she lunged into the car, grabbed the filing cabinet out and hoisted it on her shoulder and took it into the school - telling me to leave it to her. 'I am the caretaker,' she said!! From that moment on, I was in awe of Molly. I quickly realised she wasn't a woman to mess with, and from that day she never ceased to amaze me.

We found schools in Royston for the boys. David (9) went to the Middle School at the end of the road, and Chris (7) went to the First School at the end of the garden. It was strange that we had been scattered in three ways. Up until then, we had all been at school together in Germany. But times, they were a-changing!!

Philip Sell

The Sixteen - The Call of Rome

Hereford Cathedral welcome back The Sixteen on Saturday 26 June for a performance led by conductor Harry Christophers.

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Not a Proper Gardener (Part 8)

March winds, April showers bring forth May flowers. So the jingle goes; but not true this year. For the second April running, we have had no such seasonal showers. I was struck, when reading to



Giles his diary for 2020, to note that the first rain we had in April that year was on 28th, coincidentally the same date, 28th as this year! But this April has been notorious too for the number of frosty dawns. In fact, counting these up, I discover that on exactly 20 mornings I have drawn back my curtains to see a frosty white football field. The only good thing about that is that, as the frost thawed, we were left with a heavy dew which managed to keep the grass and the farmers' autumn sown cereals looking green and healthy. (I'm no so sure that the spring sown crops profited so well though, did they?) And the beginning of May was marked by yet more frosts, four in the first week! which makes me wonder whether the May flowers will produce much fruit this year.

In the garden these cold nights were only partly offset by lovely sunny April days which set our solar panels working overtime, producing lots of lovely electricity. Growth of the Duncan cabbages planted out early in the month was slow though, held back by those cold nights, and the broad beans and sugar-snap peas likewise, though there have since been plenty of flower on the beans, and the scent from those in the greenhouse is amazing and irresistible to pollinators. By the time you read this we shall have eaten the tops from those, very tasty when lightly steamed, and shall probably have enjoyed a few beans-in-the-pod before having had to make room for the tomato plants. And let's hope we shall soon have seen the last of those pesky frosts. At least we've had some welcome rain now, and warmer air is coming.

The blossom on apple and pear trees has been beautiful and we hope will have survived the frosts; and the spring flowers, especially masses of lovely primroses for which we tend to leave the grass unkempt; and dandelions, of course, for the removal of which flowers Giles is responsible before they turn into clock heads and spread their seed everywhere. Did you, I wonder, as a child, enjoy blowing those clocks and counting the hours? The camellias, a pink one we inherited and a red one brought with us (bought as a tiny plant for an Easter Garden years ago) both bloomed fulsomely, though their petals were slightly damaged by the frosts. And we've had lots of bluebells in another wild bit of the garden, but Spanish ones, I'm afraid.

In the vegetable patch we have put up the canes ready for the runner beans, White Lady hoping the sparrows will not go for the flowers as they tend to do for red ones. Also I grow French Beans The Prince, and we have our sugar-snap peas coming on now. Pak choi, beetroot, parsnips, turnips, chard, cabbage and broccoli will enrich the menu, and some potatoes, growing well in bags and pots. And we look forward to planting out some courgettes (We like the yellow ones) and butternut squashes, mini cucumbers in the grow-house, and there should be plenty of tomatoes from the greenhouse and, from the hanging baskets, Tumbling Tom. Of these we are still enjoying last year's crop, frozen and bottled. Oh yes, and we enjoyed the last of our eating apples, successfully kept, the last few on May 9th.

Incidentally, as advertised, I'm not a proper gardener. If you want to see the work of a proper one, look on YouTube at the Dean's garden at Canterbury and watch Morning Prayer for Rogation Sunday, 9th May.

Happy gardening

Denis Parry

News from the Cathedral

Cathedral Organist and Assistant Director of Music, Peter Dyke, will be performing an organ recital on Tuesday 8 June at 1.15pm. This will be a special event, ahead of the start to the annual Lunchtime Organ Recital programme which will launch in July.

Come along to hear a selection of music performed on our famous Father Willis organ, perhaps combining your visit with refreshments in the cathedral cafe. The concert includes large-screen video presentation from the organ loft.

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To bee or not to bee

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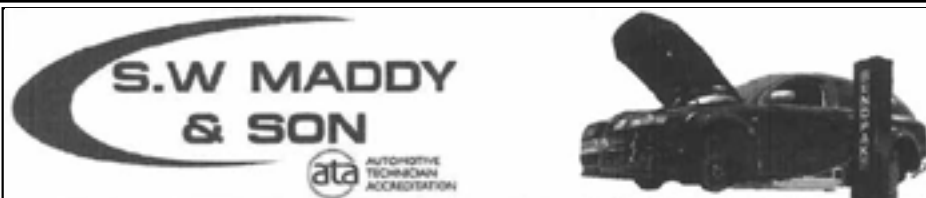
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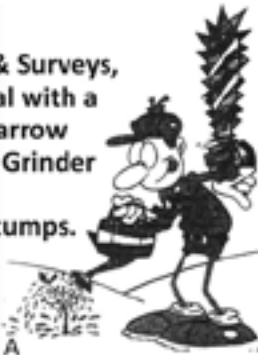
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2. What car did the wise men drive to see Jesus? Honda Accord. The Bible says the wise men all came in one accord.
3. Why couldn't Jonah trust the ocean? Because he knew there was something fishy about it.
4. Who was the most business-savvy woman in the Bible? Pharaoh's daughter, who went down to the bank of the Nile and pulled out a little prophet.
5. What kind of person was Boaz before he got married? Ruthless!
6. Where is the first tennis match mentioned in the Bible? When Joseph served in Pharaoh's court.
7. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible? Samson. He brought the house down.
8. Which servant of God was the worst lawbreaker in the Bible? Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.
9. How does Moses start his morning? Hebrews a pot of coffee!
10. At what time of day was Adam created? A little before Eve.
11. Who is the greatest babysitter mentioned in the Bible? David. He rocked Goliath to sleep.
12. Did Eve ever have a date with Adam? No, just an apple.
13. What's the difference between Jesus and pizza? Jesus can't be topped.
14. Why did Samson try to avoid arguing with Delilah? He didn't want to split hairs.
15. Which Bible character had no parents? Joshua, son of Nun.

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