

Parish News

Kington, Huntington & Titley

November 2023



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KNIGHTON Route 41

Departs Mill Street Car Park, KINGTON

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Sat		-	0820	1010	1210	1520	1730

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Letter from the Cathedral

Each year, the Royal British Legion's Remembrance Festival focuses on a different aspect of honouring those who have served the Crown and country in the armed forces. This year the theme is Service, not just of those deployed on active service, but the unseen service of those who love them. We're encouraged to remember the impact that their absence, and their homecoming, can have not just on the service personnel but on their loved ones.



Those are the hidden costs of serving in the armed forces. Those at home, whether they be parents, partners, spouses, or children, carry a load of anxiety for their loved one. There's the weight of managing without them and then of re-shaping lives and routines around them when they return. If they return, of course. If not, there's the burden of grief which will be carried life-long.

If they do return, they're forever changed by what they've experienced in combat or on peacekeeping duties. They may carry physical and mental scars, and not know how to express them except among their comrades, who don't need words because they just get it, because they've seen and heard and smelled the same things. That can have an impact on loved ones too.

I often tell the story in Remembrance services of a man I knew in my home church who had been a prisoner of war in Burma during World War II. He'd seen and experienced unimaginable things but would never talk to his wife about them. He didn't want to. He didn't want those images to be spoken of in his home back in England. They weren't to invade that precious space, that haven. But that didn't mean he'd forgotten, or that those memories didn't trouble him. He and his wife learned to live with them, and with the fact that some things just remained unspoken.

Perhaps in this year's season of Remembrance, as well as remembering and giving thanks for the sacrifice of those who fought and died in service of our nation and of peace, we can also remember to pray for those still serving now, for those who love them and support them, and for healing of the seen and unseen scars of war.

God of healing and of peace, in whose service is perfect freedom, we hold before you those who serve our nation in His Majesty's Armed Forces, and those who love them.

We pray that during times of separation you would protect their relationships.

We pray that during times of reunion you would ease the transitions and be present in homecomings.

We pray for healing of bodies, minds, and spirits broken by experiences of combat, and for healing of grief for those who will never return.

Hold and guard all who serve on behalf of others, and their loved ones, we pray. Amen.

AD Fiona

Views in a Vacancy

“Glorified dust, that’s what we are.”

Dear Reader.

I was interested to see the article from Parish Pump about St Francis in our October Paris News. I’m a Companion of the Society of St Francis and several of you will remember a dear friend of mine, Brother Nathanael, a Franciscan Friar, whom I brought on a short visit here in 2008. I seem to remember putting on a Cheese and Wine Coffee morning for his birthday in Markwick Close Hall, and he came and spoke at a Family Service one Sunday afternoon. Some of you already remembered his coming to conduct a Holy Week here years before that when Rev Derrick Jenkins was Vicar, he who was a Third Order Franciscan and, like me, a sort of spiritual protégé of Nathanael.

He lived the last few years of his life at Glasshampton Friary, the converted stable block of a country house the which had burnt down. It’s on the way from here to Droitwich, down a very long fairly rough track; best to phone if you should ever wish to visit the friary. He died at the end of May 2010.

My wife and I would have him to stay in our rectory in Pembrokeshire a week at a time, two or three times a year. Chiefly this was so that he and I could visit the 40 church primary schools in the St David’s Diocese together, part of my responsibility as Advisor for RE and Collective worship. He was a walking visual aid: his brown habit, - brown being the colour of earth: humus, human, humility (“Glorified dust, that’s what we are”) and in Francis’ day worn by poor folk, while the rich wore all the bright colours. His rope with its three knots represented poverty, chastity and obedience; and then there was his capuce. This was a hood he would pull on over his head, framing an infectious smile as he explained that when he was wearing that it meant he was being silent (Teacher: “Can I order 40!”) so that he could listen to God and pray. Question: “Have you ever heard God’s voice?” Answer: “Not like I can hear yours, but I sometimes believe I can hear what he is saying to me.”

We visited other schools of course including the two in my parishes; and I took him into Thomas Picton Secondary School to speak by invitation to the Upper Sixth Discussion Group, who asked all sorts of intelligent questions as well as the inevitable one about religion being the opium of the people from one girl who must have been a fan of Karl Marx. Their letter of thanks received later said it was the best session they had had.

Of course, while in the parish, he drank numerous cups of tea and coffee visiting interested parishioners and sometimes celebrated communion as well as preaching; and he was a real hit with the Youth Clubs, enjoying playing tennis and darts and so on and sharing and discussing Scripture Union videos or whatever.

The Society of St Francis has houses around Britain and in many places abroad, the Friars working in and about in parishes, voluntarily helping in all sorts of ways as needed; and there are also Franciscan Sisters, and Poor Clares, the latter living and praying in enclosed communities.



St. Francis, pray for us

I think that the reason the sixth formers, and many of us others, found him so interesting was because the lifestyle and ethos of friars as he described it presents a shocking yet so necessary challenge to the materialistically ambitious and idolatrous society which inevitably sucks us all in.

Coincidentally, while I've been writing this, the Daily Service on Radio 4 has been focussing on St Francis whose Feast Day is 4th October. It's been good to have a whole week of well presented services for a change. This daily quarter of an hour proved, when I was in my parish, to be a useful resource. I managed to get a few housebound folk to make a point of listening to it, rather as streaming did during covid restrictions and has continued to do today, a way of bringing us virtually together. I still have my copy of a hymn book the BBC provided, *Broadcast Praise*, 101 hymns supplementing the BBC Hymn Book, which meant we could feel we were singing together. Those were the days!

Denis.



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fundraiser for Year 7 and 8 trips & Year 11 Prom

Main Hall, Lady Hawkins' School, Park View, Kington, Hereford, HR5 3AR

Doors open 6.15pm, show starts 7pm

Tickets: £10 *includes a welcome drink, nibbles and a raffle ticket*
Tickets to be purchased in advance

Raffle: FABULOUS prizes to be won at the show!

Tickets can be paid for via ParentPay or from the school office
For further information call 01544 230441

St. MARY'S CHURCH, KINGTON

Harvest Festival

We were delighted to have Bishop Richard to lead our Harvest Eucharist.

We say a big thank you to Gill and her team of flower arrangers for the beauty they brought into St. Mary's through their skill in arranging flowers and foliage.

Our thanks too to all who gave flowers and products from their gardens and allotments to enhance our thanksgiving. The sale of gifts netted £124.62, and the red bucket appeal together with the balance from the lunch tickets when expenses had been paid, resulted in a total of £236.62 going to WaterAid.

Our thanks go too to Philip Sell, Choirmaster and Organist and to the Choir for the music they contributed to the service helping us to reflect how God certainly does crown the year with his goodness.

Thank you to all who provided the sweets and prepared the lunch which we enjoyed in the fellowship time which followed the service.



Kington Community Shop

The Friends of St. Mary's will be running the Community Shop from November 22nd to Tuesday, November 28th, open 9am. to 4.30pm daily. We shall be ready to welcome items for sale from 5.30pm to 6.30pm on Tuesday, November 21st.

Christmas is fast approaching and we plan to have a festive Christmas shopping section in the shop in addition to the usual items so please look to see what you can find to donate, bric a brac, books, clothes (but in good condition and clean please), games, puzzles, items suitable for Christmas gifts or decorations. We shall appreciate very much your help in stocking the shelves with useful items. If you are giving electrical goods please bring those to the shop on the Tuesday evening so that they can be PAT tested ready for sale when we open on the Wednesday.

We hope that we can look forward to welcoming you to the Community Shop, come and browse, you never know what you might find.



The Memory Tree.

Christmas is fast approaching and following the successful appearance over recent years of the Memory Tree we plan to, have it in place again this year by the Garden of Remembrance. As in past years we invite you to decorate the tree with wooden stars that Elio makes. Each

star can bear a name or a message in memory of a loved one who was or is a precious part of your life.

As in past years the stars will cost £2.50 and will be available from November 19th from Ann Edwards, (01544230271) or Gill Pennell (01544 230019). Proceeds from the sale of stars, once expenses have been met, will go to St. Michael's Hospice

The tree will be illuminated at a special outdoor Carol Service at 4pm on Sunday, December 10th. Please do spread the word about this event.

Details for plans about Christmas services and events will appear in the December Parish News.

Messy Church

The next Messy Church will be on Wednesday, November 1st from 11.30am. until 2pm and will have all the fun items and a meal to enjoy together. All are welcome.

Good wishes as always.

Ann and Rodney

MESSY CHURCH

Come and
join us for:



Messy Church
St Mary's Church, Kington
Wednesday 1st November
11.30am - 2pm

Theme: Patience

Activities, Stories
Songs, Music, Games
and a Meal together

All are welcome

Fireworks Night at Lynhales Hall Sunday 5th November at 5pm

Welcoming family, friends and the local community. Join us at Lynhales Hall Nursing Home for a winter BBQ from 5pm and a spectacular fireworks display from 6pm



Tickets are required for entry: Download your free ticket from the link below <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/698449590527...> Lyonshall, Kington, HR5 3LN For questions contact 01544 340 238

Kington Parishes Service Schedule for this month

*Dependant on Government announcements,
please see our website for up to date information.*

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

Sunday, 5th November:

Celebrated as All Saints' Sunday

Revelation 7:9 to end, Psalm 34:1-10, 1John3:1-3, Matthew5:1-12

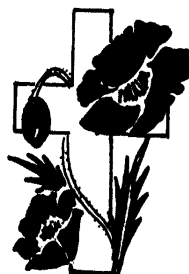
8.30am:	Holy Eucharist:	Titley
10.00am:	Holy Eucharist:	Kington
11.30am:	Holy Eucharist:	Kinnerton
1:00pm	CONSECRATION OF CHURCHYARD	Old Radnor

Sunday, 12th November:

Remembrance Sunday

Amos5.18-24, Psalm70, 1Thessalonians4;13-end, Matthew25:1-13

10am:	Holy Eucharist:	Huntington
10:00am	Remembrance Service	Baptist Church, Kington
10:45 am	Remembrance Service	Titley
10:45 am	Remembrance Service	Old Radnor
6.00pm:	Evening Prayer	Kinnerton



Sunday, 19th November

2 before Advent

Zephaniah1:7,12-end, Psalm90:1-8, 1Thessalonians5:1-11, Matthew25:14-30

10.00am:	Morning Praise:	Kington
11.00am:	Holy Eucharist:	Titley
12noon	Baptism service	Old Radnor
6.00pm:	Evening Prayer:	Old Radnor

Sunday, 26th November

Feast of Christ the King

Ezekiel34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm95:1-7, Ephesians1:15-end, , Matthew25:31-end

10.00am:	Holy Eucharist:	Kington
6.00pm:	Evening Prayer:	Kinnerton
6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Huntington

All services at St Mary's are live streamed

St Mary's Organ Appeal Update

We are getting closer and closer to our target amount, now revised to £97,000.

At the time of writing, we still have a small number of pipes still needing to find a sponsor. They vary in price through the following range, £ 250, £350 £400, £500, ££550 and £650 . If you would like to take on sponsorship of one of these remaining pipes, as an individual/family or organisation, please do get in touch to discuss.

I reported previously that we need to have scaffolding erected at the rear of the organ. This could be costly! Is there anyone who might be able to provide this, or who knows someone who might be able to help provide such a service??

As we near the final stages of our fund-raising campaign, I would like to say to all those who have been so very generous in sponsoring pipes and who have made donations to the general costs already, a HUGE thank you. During the next month I will be sending out your sponsorship certificates in recognition of your valuable contributions.

We were hoping to sign contracts soon, but there is a slight delay and an obstacle to overcome as we await the outcome of our Faculty Application, giving permission from the Diocese for the work to take place. Shortly a notice will be displayed in church outlining the application. We then have a 28-day waiting period in which time people may raise objections to the work. At the end of that period, we should be 'good to go' with work unlikely to start before Christmas.

Philip Sell St Mary's Director of Music (01544 239357)



**KINGTON
&
DISTRICT
Community
Shop**

Community Shop Dates

25 October - 31 October	Kington Choral Society
1 November - 7 November	Radnor & West Pony Club
8 November - 14 November	Kington Youth Football
15 November - 21 November	Pembridge Primary School
22 November - 28 November	Friends of St Mary's
29 November - 5 December	Newchurch Church

Age UK HFDS and Worcs - NEW Creative Arts Social Group - Hereford

Starting Wednesday 8th November, 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Drybridge House, St Martins Street, Hereford, HR2 7SG. Meet new people and get creative with a group of like-minded artists, all abilities welcome. The first session is free and then it is £3 per session. We will be looking at artists and artworks, trying different types of art and craft, looking at the elements of art and exploring colour and values of artworks and more. Tea, coffee, cake and all the materials and equipment is being provided.

For more details contact Carley Edge, Social Inclusion & Well Being Activities Co-ordinator cedge@ageukhw.org.uk 07553 291525 or 0800 008 6077

Kington & District Operatic Society

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The Witch's Curse

Lady Hawkins' Community Leisure Centre

7:30pm ~ Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd &

Saturday 4th of November 2023

Adults £9 ~ Under 18 £5

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Tom Bounds Electrical, 32 High St, Kington

The Burton Hotel, 1 Mill St, Kington

and online at ticketsource.co.uk/kados



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Reader Writes

I've noticed plenty of smiling and animated faces around the church recently; there's a certain buzz about the place. People have roles to play and things to do. I think this is normal during a vacancy, ie the period, a year or more usually, between vicars. You could say that when you don't have a 'professional' running things, church members have to step up, and this is not only rewarding but very effective. So it's not surprising that an essential requirement of an applicant for the job of vicar in Kington, stated prominently in the 'person profile', is that they should be "a team maker and team builder, able and comfortable to delegate". In other words the vicar must empower lay teams rather than recruit helpers. That takes a lot of both confidence and humility.

Wherever you see effective leadership you see teams. A tank crew or a special forces team or a mountaineering expedition has essential roles; no one can afford to wait to be told what to do. Training and operational experience have rehearsed this as far as possible. In a forest harvesting operation there are combined teams of commercially independent players: client, sawmill, road builder, haulage contractor, harvesting team, replanting crew, even the forester somewhere in the middle.

The huge frustration around the most serious and complex challenges in the world, from global security to climate break-down, is that they are in the hands of short term leaders; in other words, politicians. Recent government decisions to dilute or delay carbon reduction targets is transparently dishonest but judged to be electorally popular. Those voters won't be around when the earth becomes uninhabitable. A form of proportional representation might produce the political diversity necessary to carry out tough measures in the long term.

Coming back to church teams, the very obvious difference is that God is there in the midst of the church itself; in its mission and in the lay teams that are called to do its work. Churches sometimes borrow business and corporate models to improve efficiency and clarify goals. This may be helpful, but the absolutely fundamental fact is that we belong to and serve in God's church. Jesus promised that where two or three gathered in his name, he would be there in their midst and would answer their prayers. And as Paul reminded the Corinthians, we may sow and water, but God gives the growth.

For a church, the direction, the strategy if you like, with the gifts and power to carry it out, all come from God; and God's power and grace are unlimited. So when you see this buzz in a church, and lay teams seem to be humming, sometimes a little mysteriously, it's because God, via his Holy Spirit, is at work. But we shouldn't find it mysterious because that is how it should be working! Paul makes it clear in two or three of his letters that "In Christ we form one body, and each belongs to all the others" (Ro12:4). We are given different gifts, be it prayer, healing, teaching, leadership, serving, prophecy etc; when the Holy Spirit is on the move, church members and lay teams have to be both listening, ready to receive, and courageous enough to pick up those gifts and take action.

Robert MacCurrach

Benefice Recruitment Timetable for the new Vicar

Advertising in Church Times: up to 2 November;

Closing date: 8 November

Short listing: 15 November;

Orientation day: 17 November;

Interviews: 28 November

Another record Autumn Plant Fair at Hergest Croft Gardens!

The eagerly awaited annual Autumn Plant Fair at Hergest Croft Gardens on Sunday 15th October broke all records with over 900 visitors arriving on the day together with an impressive 50 Exhibitors selling a huge variety of products ranging from specialist nurseries to rare plants and trees, to craft stalls and innovative food outlets and providers.



Photo by Sarah Morgan

“Our annual Autumn Fair is the last one on the County calendar and the most anticipated” said Austyn Hallworth, Head of Marketing & PR for Hergest Croft Gardens.

“This year, we made several positive changes to the fair so as to widen our appeal to the general public and improve the overall visitor experience. This included inviting specialist craft and food producers and additional catering outlets. Whilst we are very conscious that

the fair should always retain its heritage and remain a Plant Fair at heart, we felt that it was now time to offer a wider choice and experience for visitors.” He said.

New arrivals on the food & drink front this year included Bellota & Bellota, specialist Italian Charcuteries and Cheese, Andrew King Chocolates, Marches Mushroom and Expedition Events, specialist Coffee Baristas from the Hay-on-Wye area. Additional catering was provided by The Cider Barn from Pembridge who created a mouth watering menu for fair visitors.

New craft Exhibitors included Chaaboo, hand made soaps, teas etc, E&R Sheepskins and the Balmy Fox who specialised in skin cosmetics

Work now continues in earnest with preparations and plans for the Spring Plant Fair which will be held on Bank Holiday Monday 6th May 2024.

Please Note: Hergest Croft Gardens will close on Sunday 29 October for the winter (with the exception of Season Ticket Holders) and will re-open for weekends only in March, and then daily from April 2024

Austyn Hallworth, Head of Marketing & PR

Rug Making

As the longer evenings draw on I wonder if you have thought of rugmaking. Not only does it keep your mind and upper body active but as most rugs can be made on your lap it keeps your knees warm as it grows. Rugmaking techniques are not confined to rugs but can be used to make items from cushion covers to fluffy dice, and draught excluders to wall hangings, and materials can be upcycled. You can start with your own design. It's very easy. If anyone is interested in getting started please ring me on Kington 230231. If I you have to leave a message I promise to ring you back.

Eileen Kite.

ST THOMAS à BECKET, HUNTINGTON CHURCH NEWS

Huntington Chase:

Chase day dawned-will it or won't it rain - the forecast was not promising. First of the 75 entrants, walkers duly set off mid morning and ascended into the mist to the top of Hergest Ridge. With the Union Flag raised on the trig point, controller and marshals Peter and Pauline duly dispensed water as needed and recorded everyone through. Elizabeth and Jo, two riders led the field followed by Rob on the mountain bike and Martin on two legs. But with the mist lifted, the fast descent down Offa's Dyke saw positions change with the bike taking line honours in 39 minutes, not bad for 11k covered. Jo on 4 legs trotted in a couple of minutes behind. Martin completing in 52 minutes said *"to describe the course as undulating is a huge understatement."*



The rain held off all morning so finishers, friends and helpers enjoyed soup simmering over an open fire and sandwiches. Meanwhile another fire in the Swan Inn welcomed thirsty competitors with Jane at the bar serving from a wide range of local beers and ciders.

From the entry money, raffle and donations, Open Arms Kington will receive the proceeds of £1,440. Hattie Budd, one of the directors thanked all for their support and outlined the current programme of events and future objectives.

Sincere thanks go to the ladies of Huntington, catering for nearly 100 or so and to marshals out on the course, without whose help and support the event could not take place. Also, to the Co-op for their donation, to The Grapevine, No 25 Delicatessen and Paul Lewis for the raffle prizes, sponsor S W Maddy and Son and to the many other donors.

Lightening the event were several in fancy dress and the unanimous verdict of the judges conferred the prize on Nicki Jones in safari outfit, riding her horse, Hector the giraffe!

Finally, grateful thanks are extended to all the entrants, walkers, runners, riders and cyclists who in such good spirits took part in this years' Chase, run for fun.

Peter Kelly

Village Hall Events:

Flicks in the Sticks:

The next film night is on Wednesday 15th November. Flicks in the Sticks will take place every third Wednesday in the month at 7:30pm. £5.00 per person payable on the door.

Curry Night:

Saturday 18th November at 7pm. Come and enjoy a wide selection of delicious curries, with all the accompaniments. £10 per person. Bring your own drinks. Always a popular annual event.

Christmas Afternoon Tea:

Sunday 3rd December at 3pm. A wide range of delicious homemade sweet and savoury Christmas treats, tea, coffee, raffle and a good chat. £5 per person. Perfect for getting into the Christmas spirit.

For the Curry Night and Christmas Afternoon Tea please book in advance for each event with Pippa Lloyd – pippalloyd@btinternet.com or Tel.No: 01544 370693

Gigi Luscombe

Kington Arts and Craft Christmas Market

Saturday 18th & 25th November 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Kington Market Hall and Place de Marines

We have two Christmas Art and Craft Markets in November.

It is the ideal place to find plenty of ideas, inspiration, and a genuinely individual selection of original items. So, with Christmas not that far away, why not pop along and see us? You never know, you may find that ideal Christmas present.

We have a wide range of beautiful, hand-made cards, gifts and crafts to suit all tastes, ages and budgets.

All stalls feature genuinely handcrafted products, by local Artists and Crafters including:

Cards for all occasions	Potter	Basket making
Alpaca products	Woodturner	Artist
Knitted and crocheted garments	Papercrafts	Stone Engraving
Sewn products		Local Honey

plus many more.

Titley Church News

Readers

Sunday 5th November David.

Sunday 19th November Judith



Harvest Festival.

There was a good number in church for our Harvest Festival. The service was led by Rev. Tony

Jardine who gave a lovely sermon about the harvest from our own garden. The church was decorated beautifully and the children took up the Harvest Gifts to the altar which Win had prepared. After the service we were all treated to a super Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall. Many thanks to everyone who made this day so special. The collection from the church and the proceeds from the lunch were given to "We are Farming Minds" which is a charity to support farmers with Mental Health problems in Herefordshire. Everyone was so generous and the fantastic sum of £500 will be donated to this most worthwhile charity. Thank you one and all.



Remembrance Sunday.

There will be no service in church on this day (Sunday 12th November). Everyone is asked to meet at the War Memorial at 10.45am for the act of remembrance and 2 minutes silence.

Charity Shop.

The Church and Village Hall ran the Community Shop recently. Firstly thank you to everyone who donated anything to sell in the shop and everyone who helped to serve in the shop. Special thanks go to Judith who oversaw everything and Quita who kept a constant supply of fresh cakes which sold out as soon as they went into the shop.

I am pleased to report that £1690 was raised which was a fantastic sum which will be divided between the Church and Hall.

Dick

KINGTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Next Meeting:

7.30pm Thursday 16th November
at the Masonic Hall, Headbrook

'Garden Design for a small space'
with Cary Goode

All Welcome



More Motoring Memories from the 1980s – Moris Minors Galore

We kept our blue-grey Moris Minor for more than three years, quite a record with our past motoring history. During this time our son Tim learnt to drive, and became interested in post-vintage classics, following in father's footsteps.

One day I had a call from the Bishop of Winchester, who wished to spend a day visiting the parish and meeting the people. Arrangements were duly made and a date fixed. He would be coming with his chauffeur. Good I thought, as the Morris Minor was our only form of transport at the time! The day arrived, the doorbell rang, I greeted the Bishop, and saw his car vanishing down the drive. He had given the chauffeur the day off. I explained that we only had a Morris Minor. He thought it was great fun, and that a former Archbishop of Canterbury had a Morris Minor. So off we set, and had a most enjoyable day that later led to the provision of a modern Ford saloon. The parishioners were so aghast at seeing the Bishop being transported in a Morris Minor that they gave me the afore mentioned Ford.

Our next Morris Minor was a slate white Traveller. I had heard through another enthusiast about the vehicle and made contact with the owner. It was mechanically sound, but required new woodwork. It had been painted with white emulsion! The price was right, and the purchase made. We collected the vehicle from Abingdon, and the restoration began.

Fortunately I knew Steve Foreman, the owner of Woodies, who operated from an industrial outlet in Tangmere, and specialised in the production of ash frames for vehicles, particularly Morris Minors.

I had not realised how difficult it would be to line up and fit the wooden framework. After several phone calls to Steve for advice, and a lot of blood, sweat and tears, the task was completed. At the time I said never again would I undertake such a refit. Never say never! Some years later I carried out the same work on another Morris Minor estate (posh for Traveller). The Traveller was an excellent vehicle for carting stuff around, particularly when transporting our youngest daughter to Bangor University

Tony Jardine

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Not a Proper Gardener (Part 36)



Harvest Home as I write, so it's time to sing *We plough the fields and scatter*, a hymn we always sang four times a year, jokingly because our dear friend Dorothy, who was in the choir and, now in old age, still keeps regularly in touch with Giles, said she hated it. I said it was good for her soul! And the children of St Mark's Church School Haverfordwest voted it their favourite hymn. I love it.

In our garden it's a very busy time. Far from already putting our garden to bed as suggested in *The Parish Pump*, (page 21 Oct. Parish News) by just raking up leaves, there's so much to be done: planting out winter and spring greens, sowing broad beans and turnips, pruning trees, spreading and mixing compost and, of course, harvesting – carrots, potatoes, parsnips, beetroot. We're storing apples and pears, bottling and freezing, picking autumn raspberries... There's strimming and shredding and cutting hedges etc. And even mowing the grass, which this year, owing to climate change, has continued to go on growing vigorously much later than we are used to.

And what a different sort of season it has been: an O so dry February, a couple of horrid heat waves, too much rain in some places (poor Scotland) not enough in others, the hottest September on record and warmth continuing so far into October (22° outside today, 26° in London) Saharan dust blown in on warm winds and settling everywhere at least twice and, from the West, Storm Agnes bringing smoke over the ocean from wild fires in America, so that the fritillary butterfly spreading its wings out to dry on a leaf down the garden had to make do with warmth from an unusually hazy sun.

All this has affected our crops in various ways. In our case far more plums, fewer apples, twice as many wine grapes and cob-nuts, earlier tomatoes and cucumbers and several ailing trees. But we're having a late crop of beans, the sparrows having had their fill of red flowers; and out late sowing of mangetout peas are yielding well.

Emma says I must remember to tell you that Mrs/Mr Tiggy-Winkle is well. Now that the evenings are drawing in she sees him/her most days at dusk coming to eat the calci worms she puts out. We hope anyone having a bonfire will be really careful to check for hedgehogs first. Our visitor has grown quite large enough to hibernate well.

Salads have always been important to us and Emma ensures now that we have them all through the winter, both from under glass and out in the open, provided we can get the better of the slugs. I recall how one of the first things I did when we moved into this place in autumn '19 was to dig a first plot and sow landcress under cloches to see us through the winter. And going back further I note that when war broke out in 1939 and we all had to dig for Britain by taking on allotments, I was allotted a tiny plot in our garden in which I grew radishes. Perhaps that's when I first began to be not a proper gardener.

But seriously, the Parish Pump's got it right when it claims how gardening, even if it is improper does help your health, both physical and mental. So,

Happy gardening,

Denis.

PS. from Emma

There are TWO hedgehogs! Hedgehogs tend to prefer a solitary life, so it could just be that the two spotted last night were simply tolerating each other's company in order to gobble up the food. But Denis prefers the romantic notion that surely it was Mr and Mrs Tiggy-Winkle, dining out.

Kington Choral Society

If you missed the sell-out performance of The Armed Man in June in Presteigne, then now's your chance to book your ticket for Kington Choral's winter concert - **MOZART'S REQUIEM in D minor - on Saturday 18 November in St. Andrew's, Presteigne, 7.30pm.**

The KCS choir will again be accompanied by the Bannau Brycheiniog Chamber Orchestra, with soloists Eleanor Bosworth, Susanna Spicer, Simon Harper and Fearghus Cooper, and the evening will include Mozart's Ave Verum and Sancta Maria, and an orchestra performance of Eine Kleine Nachtmusik.

Mozart knew what it was to experience life interrupted. He was the youngest of seven children, five of whom died in infancy. Of his own six children, only two survived. Death wasn't an abstract idea but pursued him from birth until his death in 1791 – the most productive and successful year of his life. The Requiem in D minor was his final work - he died before completing it. He was only 35. Mozart's Requiem is a choral masterpiece written for a patron who had lost his young wife to illness earlier in 1791. But after his death, his widow, Constanze claimed that throughout Mozart's last painful days he believed he was writing the Requiem for his own funeral. And he was! Even though it had to be completed by his contemporaries, the circumstances of the composition, combined with Mozart's genius, make it no ordinary piece of music.

Reserve your tickets now at www.trybooking.com or through the KCS website www.kingtonchoral.org.uk

Terry Welles

From a Kington Kitchen - Baked Corned Beef Hash Serves 4

Ingredients

1 x 340g can Corned Beef, cut into chunks
600g potatoes, peeled and cut into chunks
2 leeks, trimmed and sliced
2 tbsp tomato puree
2 tsp Worcestershire sauce
10g butter 2 tbsp milk
400g can baked beans
100g Cheddar cheese, grated
Salt and freshly ground black pepper



Method

Preheat the oven to 180°C, Fan oven 160°C, Gas Mark 4. Cook the potatoes in lightly salted boiling water for 15-20 minutes, until tender. Simmer the leeks in boiling water for 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, put the chunks of corned beef into a bowl with the tomato puree and Worcestershire sauce. Stir together gently. Drain the cooked potatoes and mash them with the butter and milk. Season to taste, then stir in the drained leeks. Pour the baked beans into an ovenproof dish and spread the corned beef mixture over the top. Spoon on the mashed potato mixture, spreading it out evenly. Sprinkle the cheese over the surface and bake for 30 minutes.

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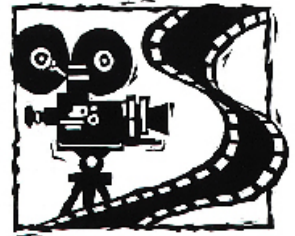


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Thursday 2nd November at 7.30pm: The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry (12A), £5

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Thursday 7th December at 7.30pm: Belle (12A), £5

Belle is inspired by the true story of Dido Elizabeth Belle, the illegitimate mixed race daughter of a Royal Navy Admiral. Raised by her aristocratic great-uncle Lord Mansfield and his wife, Belle's lineage affords her certain privileges, yet the colour of her skin prevents her from fully participating in the traditions of her social standing. Left to wonder if she will ever find love, Belle falls for an idealistic young vicar's son bent on change who, with her help, shapes Lord Mansfield's role as Lord Chief Justice to end slavery in England.

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A to Z of God

A is for Ark - It is astonishing to discover that the flood myth is found all over the world amongst diverse peoples and religions. It is somehow branded into our deep consciences. This is part of man's story and it could go back 10,000 years and earlier to the tumultuous global warming that brought an end to an ice age. Just as astonishing and deeply seated is the knowledge that there is a Creator to whom we belong, the earth and everything in it. Unmerited, and on his own incapable, man was called to be God's steward on earth.



In the Book of Genesis we quickly see the nature of this relationship when, almost needless to say, things went wrong and the Lord saw that “every inclination of the thoughts of man's heart was evil all the time”. God's nature and longings are revealed when we read that “*The Lord was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain.*” Then we see the eternal pattern that defines our relationship with God. He loves us and has aspirations for us but he is also our judge. He brought the flood yet he provided the mysterious ark to carry Noah and that precious cargo of biodiversity above the tumult. He is both judge and rescuer.

I read in the ark's worm-riddled timbers some other truths. First, the Creator cherishes his creation; it must have been hard work marshalling all those creatures, but it was God-given work and it remains so today. Secondly, the people must have jeered at old Noah and his family for their faith and eccentric ways; we read that he was “blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God”. He knew where he was going. And finally, a small vital detail; when all were safely and uncomfortably quartered, still on dry land with the flood waters rising, God “shut him in”; the ramp was drawn up and the door sealed. God at the centre, not man.

Rob MacCurrach

Easy Sudoku

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Intermediate Sudoku

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Open Arms Kington

Kington's historic Oxford Arms is to become a community pub after it was acquired by a group of local volunteers who raised thousands of pounds to buy it. Although the pub itself is currently closed for urgent repairs and refurbishment, a barn and patio area to the rear has been open at weekends throughout the summer, serving drinks and pop-up food and with a colourful on-site café offering coffee and snacks every Saturday.



Run by community interest company, Open Arms Kington, the outdoor Oxford Arms will continue to run events throughout the winter, with heating installed in the beautifully decorated barn.

Events in November will include an evening of gypsy jazz guitar and pop-up pizza from Origin of Hay-on-Wye on the 11th. The Cider Barn from Pembridge is also due to return with its popular on-site kitchen and the Oxford Arms outdoor bar will be open with the café serving delicious food most weekends over coming months. Keep an eye on the OAK website, Instagram and Facebook pages for details: <https://www.openarmskington.co.uk/>

The barn now also features a display recounting the history of the ancient building and artwork depicting memories of the Oxford Arms over the decades. OAK is keen to hear people's recollections of life at the pub to add to the story.

The events all help to raise funds towards the refurbishment of the Oxford Arms, which OAK hopes to fully reopen next year. As well as a pub and hotel, the Arms will provide community space and events, focused on local youth who desperately need their own space and entertainment in the town. The Oxford Arms was acquired with the aid of a loan from St Mary's Parochial Church Council and a grant from the Department of Levelling Up's Community Ownership. OAK is also supported by Awards for All and the Architectural Heritage Fund.

OAK is also extremely grateful to the Huntington Chase, which this year donated its proceeds to the Oxford Arms project.



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Fairs

In the sixth year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, a charter was granted to Kington to enable six Fairs to be held every year, to sell cattle, sheep, pigs and other articles.

The 1843 October Fair saw large quantities of butter and cheese for sale in the Market Hall and Buttercross. In later years more cheese was sold in Hereford, Leominster, also Kingsland as the population increased bringing a bigger demand for this produce.

A good horse fair had never been established in Kington, although many attempts had been made to hold one by the dealers and farmers. To encourage the holding of a fair, tolls for the day were free. Normally, for any goods conveyed by mare or beast, the Toll charge was 1 penny and upwards. It was to be held before Brampton Bryan Fair and free tolls to encourage trade.

Kington held its own version of the Appleby Horse Fair. The Gypsies would bring ponies and horses, some pie-bald, for exchange among themselves and to display them for the dealers. It was a sight to see the ponies trotting or pacing up and down the straight length of Victoria Road displaying their actions, swiftness and mobility.

One dealer, a man called Jack Allington of Cheltenham, would buy the Welsh Cobs or colts, a sturdy horse for the hilly countryside. These would be used for hunting in the Cotswolds. A Charter was granted in 1256 to Huntington to hold a horse fair too.

With large crowds attending, which was more than the local Inn could cope with, the landlord of the Swan Inn at Kington (George Skillington, at the time) would have a licensed bar in the Wain-House at Lower House, Huntington. After his death, this was carried on by Mrs Mary Carr the then licensee of the Royal Oak Inn, Kington.

The September horse sale in 1875 was held in the square, selling mixed cobs for trap and saddle use, plus the heavy horses for the farm work. Imagine horses lined up either side of the road, quite a sight instead of the cars of today.

The different Fairs held during the year would be for different animals or goods. We must not forget the Hiring Fair in May for workers to be chosen for the farms. These fairs eventually turned into pleasure or Fun Fairs for the town, very well attended by all accounts.

In 1881, the Kington Horse show was started, originally held in the King's Head Meadow; in 1910 sheep and cattle were included. It is remembered that at Christmas time carts, drays and other conveyances, on a bed of straw, brought dressed poultry, cheese, butter and holly to the market, a very busy bustling time for Kington.

The AGM will be held at the end of November 2023. All are welcome.

Wendy Jones

November Crossword

Across

1 and 20 Down 'Lord of all — , Lord of all — , whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy' (11,3)

9 Moses' question to a fighting Hebrew labourer: 'Why are you — your fellow Hebrew?' (Exodus 2:13) (7)

10 Acclaimed cellist who contracted multiple sclerosis at the height of her fame, Jacqueline — (2,3)

11 'At even — the sun was set, the sick, O Lord, around thee lay' (3)

13 A descendant of Gad (Numbers 26:16) (4)

16 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but — for the gift my Father promised' (Acts 1:4) (4) 1 7 Clambers (Jeremiah 48:44) (6)

18 Peter's response to questioning by the Sanhedrin: 'We must — God rather than men!' (Acts 5:29) (4) 20 Christian paraplegic author, artist and campaigner, — Eareckson Tada (4)

21 Bird partial to the nests of other birds (6)

22 'Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat — — ' (Matthew 13:2) (2,2) 23 Infectious tropical disease (4)

25 Tree (3) 28 'No fear of me should — you, nor should my hand be heavy upon you' (Job 33:7) (5) 29 For example, to Titus, Timothy or Philemon (7)

30 Week beginning with Pentecost Sunday, according to the Church's calendar (11)

Down

2 'O Jerusalem... how — I have longed to gather your children together' (Matthew 23:37) (5)

3 Way out (4) 4 Exhort (Romans 12:1) (4) 5 Done (anag.) (4)

6 Highest of the four voice-parts in a choir (7) 7 Concerning the study of God (11)

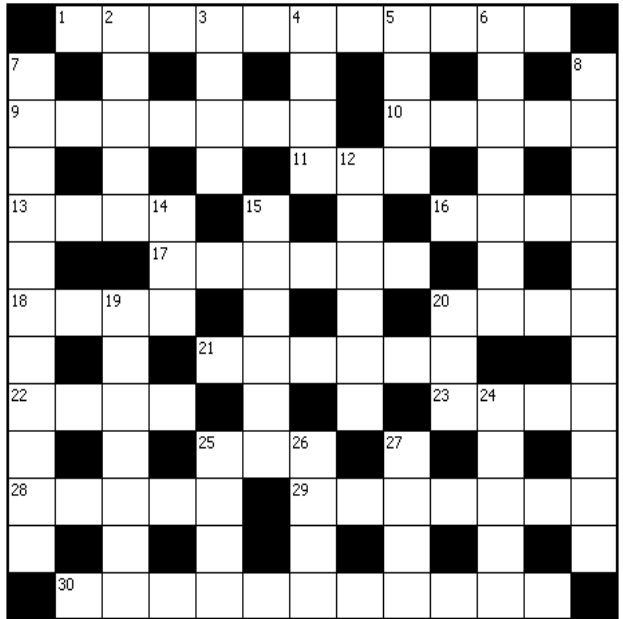
8 Uniquely, it has Abbey, Cathedral and Chapel (11) 12 Admonish (Matthew 16:22) (6)

14 Frozen (3) 15 Established form of religious ceremony (6)

19 Inscription often found on gravestones (7) 20 See 1 Across 24 Behaved (Joshua 7:1) (5)

25 Time (anag.) (4) 26 Lists choice of meals (4)

27 'For the wages of sin is death, but the — of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Romans 6:23) (4)



Answers to October Crossword

ACROSS : 1 Dare, 3 Cherubim, 9 Son Tohu, 10 Yield , 11 Ranch, 12 Enlist, 14 Baalah of Judah, 17 Edward, 19 Sheol, 22 Media, 23 Open air, 24 Apostasy, 25 Eton DOWN: 1 Describe, 2 Run in, 4 Household gods, 5 Royal, 6 Blessed , 7 MIDI, 8 Joshua, 13 Children, 15 Added to, 16 Jasper, 18 Await, 20 Exalt, 21 YMCA

Bountiful Berries

Have you ever noticed how many holly berries there are in November but not by the time you may be wanting to use them for Christmas wreaths and other decorations? Autumn is the best season to enjoy berries and this year seems to be particularly rich, with hawthorn trees glowing a colourful orange. The combination of a dry, warm spring with a wet summer has led to this plethora.



Berries are a crucial food source for many birds and animals that are building up their energy reserves before winter, so between now and Christmas a great many get eaten. Rodents such as mice, voles, shrews and squirrels eat a range of berries as do less obvious animals including foxes, badgers and hedgehogs. Deer love plants from the Rosaceae family which includes roses and brambles and will delicately pick off berries and hips. Birds love berries and can make quite a mess! Look out for members of the thrush family including song and mistle thrush as well as blackbirds. Winter migrants arrive in the autumn so you may see both redwing and fieldfare in your churchyard feasting on yew and other berry-bearing trees such as holly, hawthorn and rowan. Brambles carrying blackberries are popular and feed a range of birds, animals and also insects. You can often find the next stage of the food web with spiders spinning webs to catch creatures attracted to the berries.

If you are planting shrubs within your churchyard how about choosing berry-bearers, particularly native species such as spindle and guelder rose. If you already have shrubs or a hedge then try and delay any pruning work until the berry feast is over. The end of winter is a good time to cut back hedges and other shrubs, this gives birds and animals food, plus shelter from the winter weather (and from predators such as cats), whilst getting things under control before birds start to build nests in the spring.

We'd love to know what creatures you see eating the berries in your churchyard, please put a record onto iNaturalist or let us know by email.

*Harriet Carty
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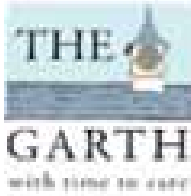
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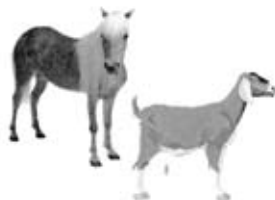
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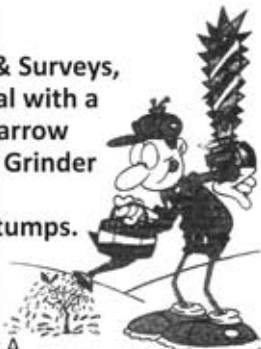
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Thu 2 November	7.30pm	Flicks in the Sticks at Brilley Village Hall
2 - 4 November	7.30pm	Ruddigore at Lady Hawkins Comm Leisure Centre
Sat 4 November	11 - 3pm	Apple Pressing at Place at Place de Marines, Kington
Sun 5 November	5pm	BBQ and Fireworks at Lynhales
Wed 8 November	1 - 3pm	AgeUK's Creative Art Group at Hereford
Sat 11 November	7.30pm	Music in New Radnor
Wed 15 November	7.30pm	Flicks in the Sticks at Huntington Village Hall Cut-off date for December Parish News
Thu 16 November	7pm 7.30pm	Ladies Fashion Show & Shop at Lady Hawkins School Horticultural Society mtg at Masonic Hall, Headbrook
Sat 18 November	9.30 - 3.30pm 7pm 7.30pm	Art & Craft market at Market Hall, Kington Curry Night at Huntington Village Hall KCS Concert at Presteigne
Wed 22 November	9.30	Start of Friends of St Mary's week at Community Shop
Sat 25 November	9.30 - 3.30pm	Art & Craft market at Market Hall, Kington
Sun 3 December	3pm	Christmas Afternoon Tea at Huntington Village Hall

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