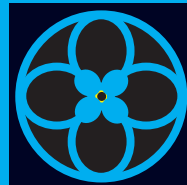
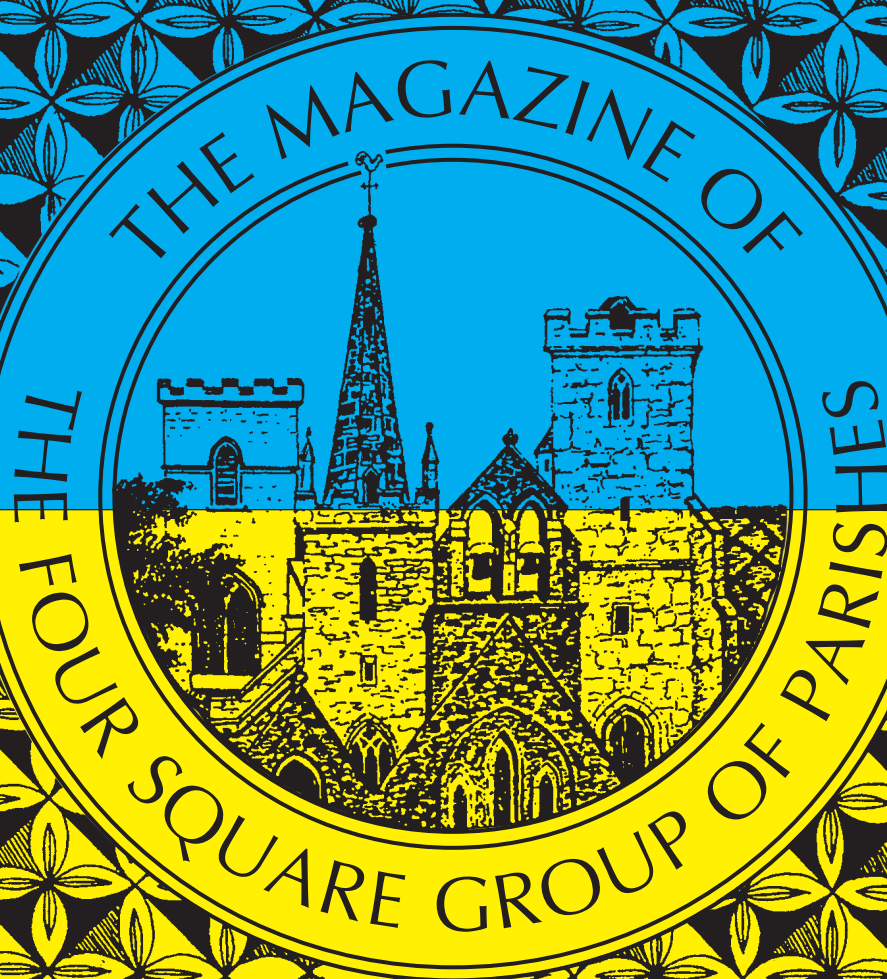


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EDITOR'S NOTES

Welcome to our May edition.

I am writing this in hope that by the time you are reading it the weather will be kinder and the sun will be shining! For once I would love to stop feeling cold.

Whether you are meeting with friends and family, taking part in one of the Coronation parties or not, let us hope for some dry bank holiday weekends and some warmth to go with it, whilst we witness this next stage of our Nation's history.

Marzena Cartwright

COFFEE MORNING

Janet Miller invites you to a coffee morning at her home,

Broadhouse Potting Shed, Kidderminster Road, WR9 0PP

on either

Wednesday 24th or Saturday 27th May

at 10.30-12.30.

There will be a bring and buy. Cake stall, and raffle.

Proceeds will be delivered between Ukrainian and Droitwich Food Bank.

FOR SALE AND WANTED

1. For Sale, Garden Furniture - Extendable, circular teak table with 6 chairs. Very good condition.

07793 554637

Please send all of your personal For Sale and Wanted adverts to the Editor for inclusion in the next issue.

THOUGHTS FROM THE RECTOR



Those of you who, like me, pray with the Book of Common Prayer from time to time, will know the prayer for the monarch that asks that “under him we may be godly and quietly governed”. This was a prayer first written just after the English Civil War in which a higher proportion of the population was killed than in the Great War of 1914-18 and, what is more, they died close to home and not “in some corner of a foreign field” as Rupert Brooke was to write in 1914. In 1662 people longed for peace after a terrible conflict. We pray that in a world full of dangers that our peace might be preserved. I also like the idea of a quiet government. I don't know about you.

Our new King will be crowned by the Archbishop of Canterbury in Westminster Abbey on Saturday May 6th. The first King of all

England was Edgar, crowned in Bath by Archbishop Dunstan in 973, a thousand and fifty years ago, and this makes England, along with China and Japan, the oldest country with a continuous history in the world. And, with Japan, England has also had the longest continuous monarchy. Our country has a remarkable history.

In recent years William Blake's poem, Jerusalem, has become a kind of informal national anthem for England. This has largely been due to the tune that Hubert Parry wrote. Parry is a favourite composer of our King and a few years ago he made a film on Parry for the BBC. But it isn't just Parry's wonderful music that the King loves. It is also Blake's words. For a number of years our King was very close to the poet and thinker, Kathleen Raine, and she was a spiritual guide to him. As a young woman, Kathleen Raine was a companion to the famous naturalist, Gavin Maxwell. He wrote Ring of Bright Water and played a major role in encouraging a new enthusiasm for wild life and the natural environment in our country. Kathleen Raine was one of the country's leading experts on William Blake and she introduced it to our King. When she died in 2003 the then Prince of Wales wrote a thoughtful obituary of her and more recently when there was a major international conference on her in the Sorbonne University in Paris he was asked to give an introduction to it.

All of this means that our King really knows his William Blake and when he sings Jerusalem and prays that Jerusalem may be built in England's green and pleasant land he knows what he is singing about. He knows that the first Christian Roman Emperor, Constantine, built a new capital city in Byzantium in the early 4th century and that he instructed his architects to build it according to the pattern laid out for the New Jerusalem in the last book of the Bible. I am also pretty sure that he knows the poem that W.B Yeats wrote, entitled Sailing to Byzantium, with its famous first line, “That is no country for old men”. This too was a poem that Kathleen Raine knew very well.

All this means that our new King will bring to his role an imagination shaped by his closeness to a number of remarkable minds. And that word, imagination, will be, I hope, a major part of what he will bring to our national life. Monarchs are not permitted under our constitutional monarchy to shape political policy but if our late Queen will be remembered for the dignified stability that she brought to our national life during decades of rapid change perhaps our new King will be remembered for his imagination. It is an imagination that is spiritually nourished and which dreams of building Jerusalem in England's green and pleasant land. I dream of this as well.

Revd Stephen Winter

MORNING PRAYER

The dates for Morning Prayer are as follows: (All are Wednesday morning at 09.15 am):

May	
03.05.23	Rushock
10.05.23	Hampton Lovett
17.05.23	Ombersley
24.05.23	St. Mary's Crossway Green (in the churchyard)
31.05.23	Doverdale

Diana Glendenning

2023 THE WORCESTERSHIRE SEVERN PARISHES

Service schedule

Elmley Lovett, Hampton Lovett, Elmbridge, Rushock,
Hartlebury, Ombersley, Doverdale

May 7th 5th Sunday of Easter			May 14th Rogation Sunday			May 18th Ascension Day			May 21st 7th Sunday of Easter		
9.00 am	Hampton Lovett	HC-CW	10.00 am	Ombersley	Rogation	7.30 pm	Hartlebury	HC-CW + Fish Pie	9.00 am	Elmbridge	HC-CW
10.00 am	Hartlebury	Sunday First	10.30 am	Hampton Lovett Stockend Farm	Rogation				10.00 am	Hartlebury	MP-CW
10.30 am	Elmbridge	HC-CW	11.00 am	Doverdale	Rogation				10.00 am	Ombersley	MP-CW
11.00 am	Doverdale	MP-BCP	2.30 am	Bells Farm Shop	Rogation				11.00 am	Doverdale	HC-BCP
11.00 am	Ombersley <i>start at Checketts</i>	HC-CW							6.00 pm	Hampton Lovett	ES-BCP
May 28th Pentecost			June 4th Trinity Sunday								
9.00 am	Elmley Lovett	HC-BCP	9.00 am	Hampton Lovett	HC-CW						
11.00 am	Hartlebury	HC-CW	10.00 am	Hartlebury	Sunday First						
			10.30 am	Elmbridge	HC-CW						
			11.00 am	Ombersley	HC-CW						
			11.00 am	Doverdale	MP-BCP						

KEY

BCP - Book of Common Prayer
CW - Common Worship
HC - Holy Communion
MP - Morning Prayer
ES - Evensong

LETTING GO

Keeping going, not giving in, faithfully fulfilling our duties are all things that we admire and often inspire us. The late Queen Elizabeth II was a wonderful example of someone that kept going, faithfully doing her work right up to the end. But there are times when we have to let go, and this issue can crop up in all our lives in different ways. Changing jobs, marriage breakdown, redundancy, bereavement, illness, and old age are all examples of times when we may have to learn to let go. I had my own very personal experience of this quite recently.

Clergy have to learn the art of letting go. Most clergy have to move on from parish to parish, or to retirement. When we move appointments, we normally have to move house and, having been very involved in a community, let go of our role completely to enable a new person to come in and take over in a different way. When I retired and we moved to Hartlebury in 2014, we moved only about ten miles from Far Forest, but we were keen to get involved in our new community. We felt warmly welcomed by the people we met here, and soon felt very much at home.

Retired clergy are often needed to take services when a vicar might be on holiday, ill, or have another commitment. In my case when I was asked about this, I thought that I should take services infrequently, from time to time, as this would help me realise that I had entered a new chapter in my life and I was no longer the vicar. This worked well, and I really enjoyed taking occasional services at St James Hartlebury and other parishes in our benefice.

Something happened around August last year. I was taking some services elsewhere and I realised that I was finding it more difficult. Why was this? Well, I was rather tired, but there was something else. It seemed to me that, after eight years of retirement, I was not in the zone as I was when I was doing it all the time. I still enjoyed taking services, but some of the practical things of getting organised and in the right place at the right time were proving difficult. Also it seemed that doing this pointed me backwards to my old way of life, and I was moving forwards in new directions.

I had a thought, that had been suggested to me. Why not stop, let go, and retire from taking services? As soon as this question was before me it seemed inevitable that, for me, it was the way to go. I am not good at multitasking. I found it difficult to be a member of a church congregation at one moment, and then leading a service. So recently I wrote to the Bishop and relinquished my Permission to Officiate as it is called. The consequence of this is that, because of safeguarding issues, I am no longer allowed to take services in the Church of England or preach.

I inwardly smiled, for when Christmas Eve came, I had not told anybody except Lynne that I was likely to be taking my final services that day. I did not want to think too much about that and certainly didn't want those present to know. I wanted to concentrate on the service in hand. So I enjoyed leading worship at St James' Hartlebury and St Michael's Elmley Lovett that night.

In truth there was a great deal of heartbreak along the way, but it has proved to be a good move for me. I am enjoying the new chapter in my life as I pursue new interests and experiences and above all my commitment to Christ as one of his followers. Keeping going is sometimes really right, important and to be commended. In other situations letting go is also right and good.

I wonder what your experience of letting go has been. I had a choice, but sometimes we do not have a choice, circumstances mean that we have to let go of something or someone very dear to us. It can be very painful. In the case of people, maybe we let go but hold on in a new way. I do believe there are times when it is right that we let go and, if our work remains unfinished, we leave it to others to do in their own way.

Stephen Owens

Stephen Owens is a retired priest living in Hartlebury and a member of St James' congregation

NATURE NOTES

I am reasonably confident that the local water deficit has been resolved with the almost permanent rain in March which is now creeping into April. The traditional April showers are doing their best to keep the old tradition going and Blue the wonder dog and I have been caught out on our walks on a number of occasions despite checking with the Met Office and setting off in sunshine. Monday and Tuesday this week were sunny and dry if a bit nippy first thing. Hopefully the frost will not have affected the blossom that is appearing now, much to the relief of many pollinators.

The birds continue to be busy and increasingly loud as they lay claim to their territories with some early nesters already incubating eggs. Blue Tits in particular have been in and out of the nest boxes and have been making good use of moss to line their nests. Many people have reported larger birds such as Swans using plastic litter as part of their nest building materials which is a sad reflection on the amount of litter dropped in some areas.



Many mammals are also heading into the breeding season with some reports of early hedgehog mating behaviour. Hopefully they will be able to find sufficient food at the moment and would certainly appreciate any donations of cat food that people are willing to provide. I haven't seen any live hedgehogs yet but there was one casualty in Cutnall Green a couple of weeks ago. Hedgehog Awareness Week starts on 30th April but you don't need to wait until then to provide food and shelter. Another, less pleasant, sign of Spring is the number of dead Badgers seen by the roadside. These are mainly juveniles from last year who have been turfed out of the sett when this year's cubs were born.



Having mentioned the lack of frogspawn last month we were pleased when a large dollop appeared in my lockdown Belfast Sink pond on 17th March despite having not seen any frogs! Tadpoles started to emerge on 1st April and will be living off the algae in the pond for some time before becoming carnivorous and needing a supply of fish food when their back legs start to develop.

There is quite a bit of bee activity on the warmer days with a wider range of flowers available to them now. The wildflower strip planted in the field at the bottom of our garden, under the new ELMS funding scheme for farmers, also has a lot of pollinator activity and is providing a welcome wildlife feeding area.

Watering stations for insects

We regularly provide water for birds, mammals and amphibians, either as water features such as ponds or in dishes. However this does not cover all our garden visitors as insects also need rehydration especially in hot weather.

A single bee visits at least 2,000 flowers daily, with their wings beating 10,000 times per minute, carrying pollen, and preparing their nests. All that work makes the bees thirsty, especially on a hot day. Water is used to dissolve crystallised honey and to dilute honey when feeding larvae. They also need access to safe water sources for evaporation cooling (sweating) during warm weather and for a cool drink on a hot day. Water can be provided safely in a bowl with pebbles in to give the bees a spot to land on so that they don't drown when they come to drink.



Mud, Glorious Mud

As mentioned earlier, our recent deluge has led to plenty of surface water and muddy patches. Hopefully these will last for some time as mud is an essential component for swallows to repair and upgrade their nests before laying their first clutch of eggs. Our local swallows were first seen on 13th April last year so they should be well established by the time that you read this. Some solitary bees, such as the Red Mason Bee, need mud to create the chambers or cells that they lay their eggs in to develop safely, ready to hatch next Spring. If we have a prolonged dry spell it will help them if you can create a mud patch somewhere in your garden.

Butterflies feed on nectar but also need water and minerals to stay hydrated and healthy. They can't land on open water and so have to rely on shallow puddles and wet sand or soil to get the water, salts and minerals that they need. We can help them by providing a simple butterfly 'puddling station' using a shallow dish or saucer filled with a mixture of gravel and small stones and soil/sand. Water is then added to saturate the soil/sand but it must not cover all of the stones and gravel to give them somewhere a safe to land. The dish should be placed near butterfly food plants such as Buddleia, Hebe and Verbena bonariensis, and topped up regularly in hot weather.



Gardening with wildlife

I couldn't resist the graphic shown on the right which illustrates how valuable dandelions are to Bumble Bees as well as all the other hungry insects that we rely on to get our fruit trees and other plants pollinated. I am sure many of you have been watching David Attenborough's Wild Isles about the problems faced by British wildlife. Little measures such as tolerating wildflowers, taking part in No Mow May (even a few square yards will help) and not using pesticides can turn things round for wildlife. All animals from the big, impressive ones to the cute, pretty ones rely on plants and insects at the bottom of their food chain to survive and prosper. Gardens cover a greater land area than all



our National Nature Reserves put together so they can play a vital part in helping wildlife to survive. I know I go on about this a lot and apologise if you find it a bit tedious but it will affect our children and grandchildren in the future. If we can do our bit now rather than waiting for compulsory banning of garden chemicals and other official measures it can really make a difference.

Stop Press: While I was writing this on 10th April (a bit late this month, sorry Marzena!) three Swallows have suddenly appeared and are checking out their traditional nest site in the alley at the side of our house.

Terry Green

COUNTRY DIARY - May

A wet May makes a good load of hay.

In this time of relative plenty and produce filling our supermarket shelves from across the globe, it's easy to forget that a generation or two before me would dread the month or six weeks from early April to late May. "For what reason?" you may ask. Well this was the time known as the 'Hungry Gap', a time when there was little to eat, neither flesh nor fowl, nor fruit nor vegetables.

Animals kept through the autumn and early winter would have been eaten by the time the weather started to warm up, as it would have been hard to keep the meat fresh without the freezers that we so take for granted today. Poultry will only start to come back into lay as the daylight increases and there is little fresh picked British grown seasonal veg that doesn't come out of a chiller warehouse. The winter roots of parsnip and swede are starting to sprout flower spikes and go woody, leeks are also rising to flower and whilst the winter cabbage have finished, the spring cabbage are a little way off harvest.

Even crops in dry storage like onions and garlic, shallots and marrows are either past good eating or are showing green shoots; likewise potatoes whose chits growing out of a shrivelled tuber are a foot long in sacks in the dark. There is very little fresh to complement dried pulses and mushrooms. There is a tendency to think of winter being the hardest months to survive in the past, with Christmas cards often depicting peasants dressed in sacking bent double with a bundle of firewood on their backs, but late spring was tougher for finding food.

Many country people turned to wild greenstuffs for sustenance of which the humble stinging nettle was king. A plant that is early to rise from winter dormancy, its young leaves are nutritious and tasty, provided that they are par-boiled to remove the sting. (Participants in the national raw stinging nettle eating championships will poo-poo this of course.) You will often find clumps of nettles around old overgrown gardens as past owners would cultivate them for early greens; Samuel Pepys grew some under glass and enjoyed 'nettle porridge' in the late 1600's, although this was probably just a thick gruel.

Other staples include chickweed, hairy bittercress and dandelion as well as the young leaf buds of the hawthorn, or may tree. The buds have a nutty flavour and are known as 'bread and cheese' by us older country folk, not because they taste like it but because a traveller or drover may have had little else to eat on his wanderings and so these buds and young leaves became his bread and cheese. Some fresh meat was of course available, chiefly rabbit but many a poor family had to risk the wrath of the landowner lest they should be caught poaching.

Today of course, these worries are behind us despite recent supply issues, and cost seems more of a problem to many than availability. For myself, May is my favourite month of the year, particularly as we edge towards June when all chance of frost has passed and the days are warm and exciting. The dawn chorus is reaching its crescendo and the cacophony of competing bird song early in the morning is a treasure unequalled in nature; if you haven't risen early one late spring morning and headed off to the nearest wood then I urge you to do so this year.

Of course, bird song is only part of the tapestry of this time of year; everywhere around us sees new life as butterflies emerge, mammals breed or give birth, reptiles come out to sun themselves and the first bats of summer circle around in the warm evenings. Stand still in the spinney and watch the fox cubs emerge and play like young children; lie down in a meadow and see the dart of the swallow just above your head as he skims the top of the sward for insects and then look higher at the sky and enjoy the crescendo song of the skylark, or sit by the riverbank and enjoy the dragonflies and damselflies darting around as the sunshine reflects off the iridescent colours of their bodies and wings.

Spring is just the best time of year for so many reasons so promise yourself to make the most of whatever nature has to offer, and enjoy every colourful moment, every song and each and every minute of spring magic.

A.J.Selby -Kindly submitted by Barrie Audis

JOHN LEWIS-STEMPEL



LA VIE

John Lewis-Stempel's next book, La Vie, is out May 18 2023. Read on for an extract...

La Roche is exactly how you picture a small village in south-west France. Roofs of red terracotta tiles, bleached-white walls. Sleepy and shuttered against the blaring sun. A cat picking its way from the *salle des fêtes* to the cemetery. The ringing of a bell from a twelfth-century Romanesque church skipping across miles of rolling, glorious countryside.

My wife Penny and I have lived in this Charente village on and off for three years. Now we live here full time. *Définitif*. And it is all due to a series of accidental seductions; we originally came to France so we could implement Plan A: study organic agriculture (bio is a bigger deal in France than the UK) with the idea of taking lessons learned, on lavender and wine, home to our farm in England. Then we became enticed by the way the past is still accessible in France *profonde*; the faded Dubonnet advert on a barn end wall, the baker doing his rounds in his little battered white van with a hundred warm baguettes in the back, Monsieur Lapix's cobbled farmyard, with its ducks and geese picking over the manure heap.

As I write this, high in my study, Madame Roban, headscarf pulled tight against the sun, and as thin as her *vélo*, has just cycled past, plastic buckets dangling from the bars; she is on her way to give her cows a treat, a handful of oats. I have not seen a woman in England wearing a headscarf cycling to feed her cattle since 1984; Madame Roban could be my own grandmother. Like many inhabitants of La Roche, Madame Roban has a *potager* (a kitchen garden), keeps a few hens, and has a small vineyard; as she says, 'If you make the wine yourself, you know what's in it.' To use a modern phrase, many of our neighbours practise a high degree of self-sufficiency. Indeed, self-sufficiency is alive and well in deep France. Our local Intermarche supermarket, which is four kilometres away in the tiny town of Chefnay, is the size of a Sainsbury's Local. Yet it stocks a full range of chicken, pigeon and rabbit food, plus drinkers and feeders. (The rabbit fodder, I hasten to add, is not for kids' pet bunnies.) In France some 20 per cent of the fresh produce consumed is still raised in the *potager*. So, one day, the Charente sun out in its pomp and its glory, I realized I wanted it: the self-sufficient French lifestyle. And why not? Commercial farming has become a manifestation of the Red Queen Syndrome, where, as with the mad monarch's race with Alice in Lewis Carroll's *Through the Looking-Glass*, 'it takes all the running you can do, to keep in the same place'.

Something else: I wanted once again to live in a landscape where turtle doves purr, and nightingales sing, as they did almost everywhere in the English countryside of my 1970s childhood.

What follows is a year in my life as a peasant farmer in a small corner of France. Living *la vie*.

What could possibly go right?



LETTER FROM THE ARCHDEACON OF DUDLEY



The Importance of Planning

Back in the 1700s Benjamin Franklin allegedly said, “If you fail to plan, you plan to fail.” Some are more planners by nature than others, but I imagine most of us realise that for an organisation of any sort, having a plan, a vision, a direction of travel is a good way of uniting people, giving purpose and focus.

I am therefore delighted that we as a diocese have, in meetings of Diocesan Synod and Bishop’s Council, agreed a strategic plan to guide us through the next seven years to 2030. And we’ve received a huge vote of confidence in this from the national church, with their Strategic Mission and Ministry Investment Board (SMMIB) agreeing to partner with us on our strategy for growth , allocating significant

funds to support our priorities alongside funds set aside for this within the diocese.

Our vision is to grow as Kingdom People in healthy and sustainable churches, and we know that for this to happen, we need to make major changes to reverse the decline in numbers of people attending our churches; and engage with all generations. So we will be focussing our best energy on three main priorities, and an underpinning priority.

Between now and 2030, we aim to:

Double the number of children and young people worshipping in our churches compared to 2019 figures, investing in more paid children’s, families’ and youth workers so that we have at least one church with a flourishing young peoples’ ministry in each major area of population, and two such churches in each deanery.

Create 100 new worshipping communities offering a range of ways for people to come to faith and worship God. (eg Forest Church/ Café Church/ Walking Church)

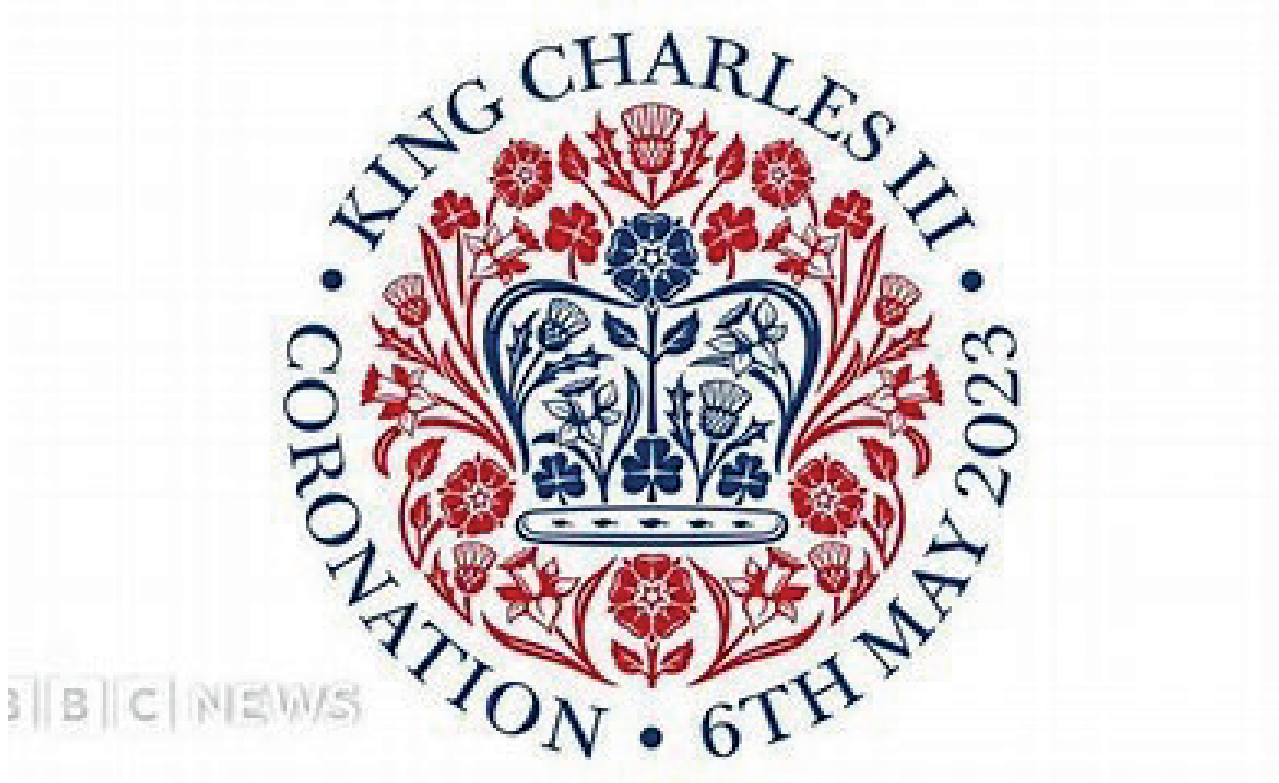
Invest in the renewal of around a dozen churches to ensure that each major area of population has at least one church with 150 people attending weekly, enabling them to support other local churches.

Additionally, we will Invest in our clergy and lay leaders, providing training and development opportunities to equip ministers for mission.

Of course, all these plans are dependent on God, who we trust will be at work amongst us through the Holy Spirit, as he promised to build his church. There will be many opportunities over the coming months to learn more about our long-term plans, and most importantly, to pray for them to bear fruit. I hope you will join together in holding these ambitious aims before God in prayer and explore how your church might play its part in these exciting times.

Nikki Groarke Archdeacon of Dudley

CUTNALL GREEN AND DISTRICT MEMORIAL HALL



Coronation Day Party

To be held in the grounds of the Memorial Hall
On Saturday 6th May 2023 from 3.00 pm onwards

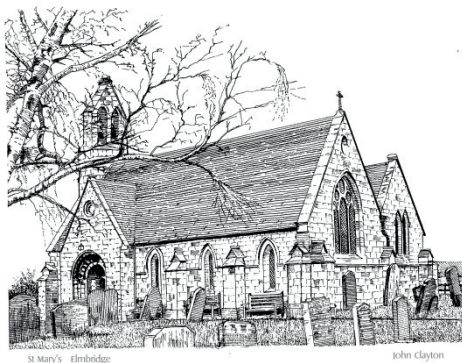
Bouncy castle
Bring a picnic to share

Evening entertainment
Barbecue from 6.00 pm
Entertainment by The Fireballs from 6.30 pm

Entrance and Barbeque free of charge
Mobile bar available

Everyone welcome

For information contact rounddj@gmail.com

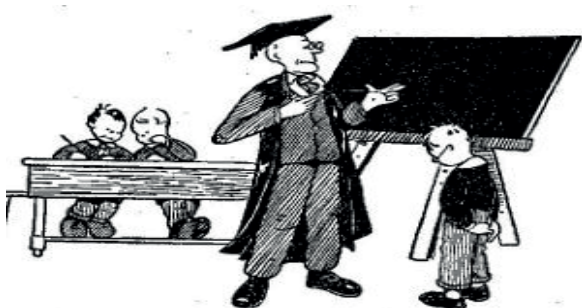


ELMBRIDGE NEWS

EASTER DAY

The sun shone brightly through our beautiful stained glass windows as we all joined in for the Family Service. The church looked simply beautiful with all the spring flowers bedecking every nook and cranny. Sylvia Clift thanked not only all the ladies who had helped with the flowers but also the willing men who came and made the church yard look so tidy. Our thanks go to Ellie Dodson who kindly played the organ for us in the absence of Nick Wright. Ann Carter led the handbell ringers in her enthusiastic way – they all certainly deserved their Easter Eggs and the Rev. Stephen Winter gave us a very thought provoking address on how we can overestimate the importance of events or happenings.

It was lovely to see so many faces from near and far on this special day.



BACK TO SCHOOL

The Friends of Elmbridge organised a very interesting evening when Philip Bowen, an ex deputy head of Bromsgrove School gave a fascinating, illustrated talk on the history of the school. Philip had an association with the school for over thirty one years and has written a book on its history. Since the school was founded 470 years ago by Thomas Cookes there was no shortage of subject matter and interesting anecdotes and Philip kept his audience enthralled for over an hour.

The Friends had laid on their usual delicious hot supper with a wide choice of tempting puddings and altogether, with the raffle, the evening raised £900.

Thank you to all those who worked so hard to produce this great result. It is worth noting here that all the net proceeds raised by the Friends at these functions are distributed at the end of their financial year to local or national charities and thousands of pounds have, over the years, gone to good causes in this way.



ELMLEY LOVETT NEWS

Upcoming services

May 28th – Holy Communion at 9.00 am

Articles for Elmley News

Please do not hesitate to send in any items you wish to appear in this section. Historical, topical, artistic, seasonal – poetry, photographs, essays, news, all of which may be anonymous if you so wish. Please just email the editor on 4SquareEditor@btconnect.com .



HAMPTON LOVETT NEWS



You are cordially invited to a

Coronation Tea Party

To be held at Hampton Lovett Parish Rooms

From 2pm-4pm on Sunday 7th May 2023

Tea & coffee and a selection of sandwiches and cakes will be provided but donations of something savoury to share would be much appreciated.

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Rogation Sunday 14th May

A reminder that this year, by kind invitation of Bill Laight and Ruth Yardley, we will be holding a **Rogation Service at 10.30am on Sunday 14th May** at:-

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News from St Mary & all Saints Church

Hampton Lovett PCC's Annual Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting will be held at 6pm on Wednesday 24th May at St Mary and All Saints Church. Please do come along and we would be delighted to welcome new members to the PCC.



Work is underway to repair, clean and conserve the pulpit and the monument to Charles 1's chaplain Henry Hammond.

Externally some repointing and other repairs are being carried out on the south elevation to minimise the damp.

By the time you read this we hope the work will be near completion and it won't be long before Stephen, James and others taking services can preach from the pulpit once more.

A reminder that between April and August, our Evensong Services start at 6.30pm and in June our Evensong Service is on Sunday 11th June instead of the third Sunday.

Lily Knowles

We were delighted to welcome Lily Knowles back to our service on Palm Sunday.



Lily was brought to church by her son and daughter –in- law who were visiting her from America to help her celebrate her 90th birthday. We naturally all sang “Happy Birthday to her.

Congratulations Lily. It was lovely to see you again and looking so well. We hope you enjoyed your special day.

JOAN FARMER



We were saddened to hear of Joan’s death on Wednesday 22nd March. Joan had been a regular member of our congregation and supporter of the church for many years until her ill health recently. She was 94years.

We send our condolences to her sister Iris and nephews Christopher in Leicestershire and Peter in Devon.

Joan was cremated at Worcester on April 18th at 10.30pm followed by refreshments in our Parish Rooms.

Here she is with her friend Christine at her 90th birthday party. Christine was a great support to Joan since the death of her husband Ron and especially during Joan’s last few months.

Margaret Vertigen

The New School Teacher

A former sergeant in the Marine Corps took a new job as a school teacher but just before he started he injured his back and had to wear a plaster cast around the upper part of his body. Fortunately it fit under his shirt so wasn't noticeable.

On his first day he found himself assigned to the toughest students in the school. He knew he was in for a tough ride and they would be testing his discipline in the classroom.

Walking confidently into the rowdy classroom, the new teacher opened the window wide and sat down at his desk. When a strong breeze made his tie flap, he picked up a stapler and stapled the tie to his chest.

Dead silence.....but the rest of the year went very smoothly!

The Birds and the Bees

Usually "show- and - tell" in first school on a Friday afternoon is pretty tame. Children bring in small pets, models they have made, paintings, new toys etc to talk about.

One Friday a bright, an outgoing little girl called Eva took her turn and waddled up to the front with a pillow stuffed up her sweater.

She holds up a photo of a baby and says

"This is Luke, my baby brother and I am going to tell you about his birthday. First Mummy and Daddy made him as a symbol of their love. Daddy put a seed inside Mummy's tummy and Luke grew inside, feeding through an umbrella cord.

Then about two Saturdays ago my Mummy starts going "Oh,oh,oh"

(at this stage Eva does a hysterical duck-walk, holding her back and groaning)

"Daddy called the middle wife who delivers babies. She doesn't have a sign on her car like the Domino's man though. They got Mummy to lie down on the bed like this. (Eva lies down with her back against the wall)"Then POP! My Mum had this bag of water she kept in there in case he got thirsty, and it just blew up and spilled all over the bed like psshheew! (Eva has her legs spread and her hands are miming running water flowing away)

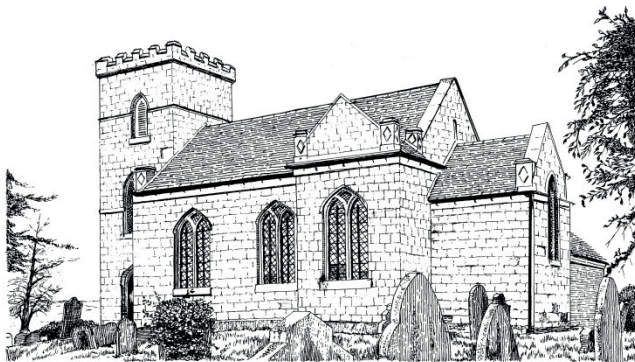
"Then the middle wife says "PUSH, PUSH" and "BREATHE, BREATHE"

They start counting but can't get past 10 when all of a sudden out came my brother all covered in yucky stuff from the play centre."

Eva then just stood up, took a theatrical bow and returned to her seat. Her teacher was speechless!

A few wine jokes to finish.....





RUSHOCK NEWS



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Easter Sunday Family Service in Rushock

On a sunny but chilly Easter Sunday morning it was lovely to see the bright colours of the Easter Bonnets being paraded by several young children into the Church. The Service was led by Revd Julie Humphries who gave a wonderful family friendly sermon which told the Easter story by using the names of many well known chocolate bars which, much to the children's delight were offered to eat after the Service! It was fabulous to see so many young children enjoying the Church Service which included some joyful hymns, a show of Easter Bonnets, a reading from Sophie Jennings and some wonderful organ playing from Archie Morris. The service was followed by a special Easter Egg Hunt in the Churchyard in which the children not only had to hunt for the chocolate eggs but also the pictures telling different parts of the Easter story and then put them into the correct order. We are all now looking forward to the next family service!

Clare Jennings









Rushock Parish Council

Rushock Parish Council held an Extraordinary Meeting on Thursday 9th March 2023. There were a number of members of the public present. The main items of interest were:

Planning Application Responses

Planning Application Reference: 23/0107/FUL

Description: The demolition of some existing buildings and the change of use of the land for the storage of agricultural machinery, use of retained agricultural buildings for storage and retention of commercial buildings for offices, with associated new access, drainage and hard and soft landscaping including planting, fencing and gates. Site Location: Land At, Callimore Farm, Droitwich Road, Rushock. After much discussion this was recommended for Refusal due to the damage to the Green Belt and concerns about the safety of the proposed road access. A previous application was refused by Wyre Forest District Council as inappropriate development on the Green Belt and the refusal was upheld by Government Inspectorate.

Planning Application Reference: 23/0115/FUL

Description: New agricultural building for the storage of machinery and fodder. Site Locations: Little Gains, Clattercut Lane, Rushock. Recommended for Approval.

New flag for Rushock Church

Councillors agreed to pay for a new flag as it is a prominent feature in the parish.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday 11th May at 7.30 pm in Rushock Village Hall. This will include the Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council and an Ordinary Parish Council Meeting.

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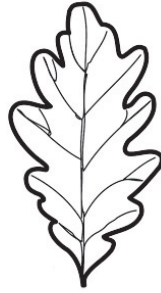


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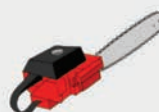
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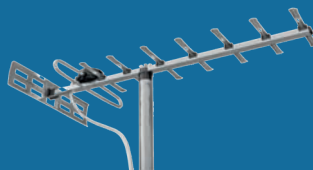
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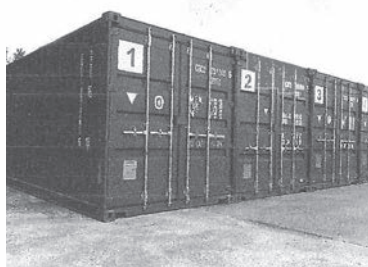
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Service schedule

THE FOUR SQUARE PARISHES

Elmley Lovett, Hampton Lovett
Elmbridge, Rushock

DATE	LITURGICAL COLOURS	TIME	CHURCH	FESTIVAL/ SUNDAY	SERVICE/ LEADER	SIDESMAN	READER	FLOWERS	LESSONS
May 7th	WHITE	9.00 am	Hampton Lovett	5th Sunday of Easter	HC-CW	Rachel Wyatt & James Homer		Rachel Wyatt	Acts 7:55-end 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14
		10.30 am	Elmbridge		HC-CW	Robert & Gay Carr		Heather Needham	
May 14th	WHITE	10.30 am	4Square Rogation at Stockend Farm	Rogation Sunday	Rogation	Various			Acts 17:22-31 1 Peter 3:13-end John 14:15-21
May 21st	WHITE	9.00 am	Elmbridge	7th Sunday of Easter	HC-CW <i>Stephen Winter</i>	Sue Horton & Diana Glendenning		Ann Cooper	Acts 1:6-14 1 Peter 4:12-14,5:6-11 John 17:1-11
		6.30 pm	Hampton Lovett		ES-BCP	Rachel Wyatt & TBC		Marilyn Ward	
May 28th	RED	9.00 am	Elmley Lovett	Pentecost	HC-BCP <i>Stephen Winter</i>	Guy Cartridge	Judy Bromage	Jo Cartridge and Christie Fletcher	Acts 2:1-21 1 Cor 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39
Jun 4th	GOLD or WHITE	9.00am	Hampton Lovett	Trinity Sunday	HC-CW <i>Stephen Winter</i>	Dee & Neil Cutler		Joyce Laight	Isa 40:12-17,27-end 2 Cor 13:11-end Matt 28:16-end
		10.30am	Elmbridge		HC-CW <i>Stephen Winter</i>	Liz Landale & Janet Miller		Carol Lloyd	

KEY : **BCP** - Book of Common Prayer, **CW** - Common Worship, **HC** - Holy Communion, **MP** - Morning Prayer, **ES** - Morning Prayer

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