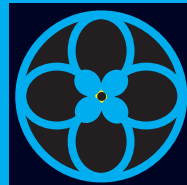


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Ruby Tuesdays



Dear Ladies and Gentleman

When did you last send or receive a handwritten letter? A nugget of treasure through your door to make you smile?

We are inviting you to Lord Moreton's Tea Rooms in Cutnall Green, on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 10am-12pm for friendly chat, bottomless tea/coffee just £3 and the opportunity to write a letter or a postcard to brighten someone's day.

If you're not sure who you could write to we're working with 'Give a Few Words' and 'From Me To You', charities who support the giving of handwritten letters to those who really need a lift.

With love,

Donna

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Welcome to our October edition.

It has been rather a busy month, schools starting back again for one, the weather going from one extreme to another, we were making hay in September! You can plan and plan but in the end you cannot control the weather. The children were not impressed putting back on their uniforms in the hottest week we have had this summer. Meanwhile, we are looking forward to all the harvest celebrations. Please do try to come and join in, you will be made most welcome and there is a lot to be thankful for.

Marzena Cartwright

THANK YOU

May I offer an immense thank you to all those who attended my ordination on the 24th, and to all those who hoped to but could not, whether associated with church or not. I have never received so many cards in my life.

Your warmth and support during this testing process has been both overwhelming and most helpful, and I can only offer to do my best serving the Lord through yourselves in the future.

People may not be aware that all the parishes are making a contribution towards my vestments, for which I would like to say a public thank you. Thank you all again.

James

LOCAL COUNCILLOR

Meet the local Wychavon Councillor for Dodderhill covering Elmbridge and Elmley Lovett

Mr Rick Deller

Friday October 27th, 4pm till 6pm, Cutnall Green Memorial Hall

An opportunity to meet and chat with Rick

He would like hear about people's issues or concerns and how we can create community in the area.

Tony Miller (county councillor) will also be present

Cake and councillor event, All welcome

There will be a similar event following this one if you can't make this date

Donna Quinn

RUBY TUESDAYS

Ruby Tuesdays are always a lovely couple of hours. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at a Lord Morton's Tea Rooms 10-12. Here we sit and write handwritten letters to anyone we would like to and also to two worthy charities that distribute the letters to those who would appreciate some words of kindness. We have tea, coffee and biscuits while we chat. If you haven't been before but fancy sitting and writing a letter or postcard you are more than welcome. All you have to bring is yourself.

Also a quick mention of **Telephone box book exchange** in Cutnall Green . Everyone is welcome to use it. If you are passing by and see a book you would like please take it. It doesn't matter if you do not have one to leave at the time. There is a Facebook page for the Telephone Box where I share local events and things people may like to be aware of , if you wish to follow it the link is

www.facebook.com/CutnallGreenTelephoneExchange

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FOR SALE AND WANTED

1. Small chest freezer approximately 3' x 2' in good condition. Local. £30 ono

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



RECTOR'S THOUGHTS

At this time of the year in these country parishes our thoughts inevitably turn towards harvest celebrations. Actually urban parishes ought to give thanks for the harvest that has been safely gathered in just as much but little of the harvest has been grown in the city and there lies the difference.

I have been thinking, of late, of the question of money and the price mechanism in relation to farming. On the whole, clergy are reasonably well protected from financial worries. The stipend that is paid into our bank accounts may not make us rich but, when added to the fact that we receive free housing or, as in my case, extra financial support for living in our own houses, we are reasonably

well off. So it was a good lesson to me when in 2011 I was made redundant as lay training officer for the diocese. I decided to go freelance and went to see some people who had made a similar choice in order to get their advice. One said to me that from now onwards I would always be thinking about money. He proved to be right.

I learnt a good lesson then. Those who never think about money either have enough so as not to worry or they are those rare people who don't worry about being poor. I had children in school and a sense that I needed to make a meaningful contribution to our household expenses and to feel that I was playing a significant part in our family enterprise and so I worried. I worried a lot.

But what was I worrying about? It is really important to recognise that money is not an end in itself but a means to an end. Economists will tell you that it is a means of exchange. Sadly it seems to have become an end in itself in so much of modern life. I remember at the first meeting of clergy in my deanery in the centre of Birmingham in 1988 we were addressed by John Hull, the Dean of Education at Birmingham University. He spoke of how the Vice Chancellor had called a meeting of the faculty deans and informed them that there was only one word that had meaning any longer in the university and that word was money. As the deans left the meeting at its end one had approached him and said, "John, you go to church don't you? Will you take me with you next time. I feel dirty after that meeting."

But what did he feel dirty about? Surely it was the fact that a means had become an end. I think that this is what Jesus is talking about when he says that you can't serve God and Mammon. Mammon, or wealth, is a means to an end. God is the beginning and the end. God is an end in himself. If you make money the main purpose in life then you fail the really important question. What is money for?

What is money for in a university? What is money for in my family? And to go back to my initial question. What is money for in the rural economy and in individual farming enterprises? What does a healthy countryside look like?

Discerning readers will have noticed that I subtly introduced an end in my last paragraph. I spoke about a healthy countryside. I spoke about a countryside in which every aspect of its life is in healthy relationship to everything else. Healthy food is being produced to feed the country and the world. The producers of the food are receiving a fair price for what they do. People who work on the land are fairly paid for their labour. Rural communities are in a healthy condition so that children can be raised within them and old people are cared for. I could go on. I could point to schools, village shops, sports clubs, pubs and, of course, village churches. And I would also speak of a healthy environment because everything is connected. The religious word, salvation, comes from the Latin for healing and wholeness. We still speak of salving a wound. It isn't about going to heaven although we all hope for that at the end.

So I am suggesting that money, when understood correctly, is a means to that end. It is a means to whole and healthy communities in which everyone has a part to play and everyone can enjoy the benefits of being a part of that community. Nobody gets left out. That is why I am delighted when someone uses their wealth in order to enrich their community. That is why I am sad when someone uses their wealth simply to enrich themselves. Of course there is a balance here but we all need to keep on thinking about that balance.

I would like to end by saying that I fervently hope that every farmer in our communities will receive a fair price for the food they produce and I do as much shopping as I can in local farm shops in order to do my bit. And I also hope that all of us, and not just farmers, will do what we can in order to enrich the life of our communities as well as that of our families.

Revd Stephen Winter

2023

THE WORCESTERSHIRE SEVERN PARISHES

Service schedule

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

October 1st 17th after Trinity			October 8th 18th after Trinity			October 15th 19th after Trinity			October 22nd 20th after Trinity		
9.00 am	Hampton Lovett	HC-CW	9.00 am	Rushock	HC-CW	9.00 am	Elmbridge	HC-CW	9.00 am	Elmley Lovett	HC-BCP
10.30 am	Elmbridge	Harvest	10.00 am	Ombersley	Family Service	10.00 am	Ombersley	MP-CW	11.00 am	Doverdale	HC-BCP
11.00 am	Doverdale	MP-BCP	11.00 am	Elmley Lovett	Harvest	10.00 am	Hartlebury	MP-CW			
11.00 am	Ombersley	Harvest HC-CW	11.00 am	Hartlebury	HC-CW	11.00 am	Doverdale	Harvest			
3.00 pm	Bells Farm Shop	Harvest				11.00 am	Rushock	Harvest			
						6.00 pm	Hampton Lovett	ES-BCP			
October 29th Last Sunday after Trinity			November 5th All Saints			November 12th Remembrance					
11.00 am	Ombersley	All Souls Service	9.00 am	Hampton Lovett	HC-CW	9.15 am	Doverdale	Remembrance			
3.00 pm	Elmley Lovett	All Souls Service	10.00 am	Hartlebury	Sunday First	10.30 am	Elmley Lovett	Remembrance			
			10.30 am	Elmbridge	Family Service	10.45 am	Ombersley	Remembrance			
			11.00 am	Doverdale	MP-BCP	10.50 am	Hartlebury	Remembrance			
			11.00 am	Ombersley	HC-CW						

KEY

BCP - Book of Common Prayer

CW - Common Worship

HC - Holy Communion

MP - Morning Prayer

ES - Evensong

OLD AND NEWS

In June we had a short holiday in glorious Northumberland. We planned to stay overnight near Durham on the way up so that we could visit the amazing cathedral. I remember my first visit there many years ago, when I was moved by the majesty of the cathedral and setting. You have wonderful views from the train, and from the footpath along the River Wear where the cathedral towers above you.



We made our way from the old centre of the city up through the narrow streets into Palace Green where the whole cathedral stands before you. I was overwhelmed by the incredible presence of the cathedral. This emotion continued as we entered the nave, with the ancient Norman pillars with their beautiful and striking carved patterns of chevrons, lozenges and fluting.

We walked around marvelling at the beauty and majesty of the interior. In time we came to St Cuthbert's Shrine which lies at the east end of the cathedral, beyond the high altar. Much of the shrine was destroyed in the time of Henry VIII, but the grave is still there, and the shrine has an incredible atmosphere, to me, of the presence of God. This is where the cathedral all started.

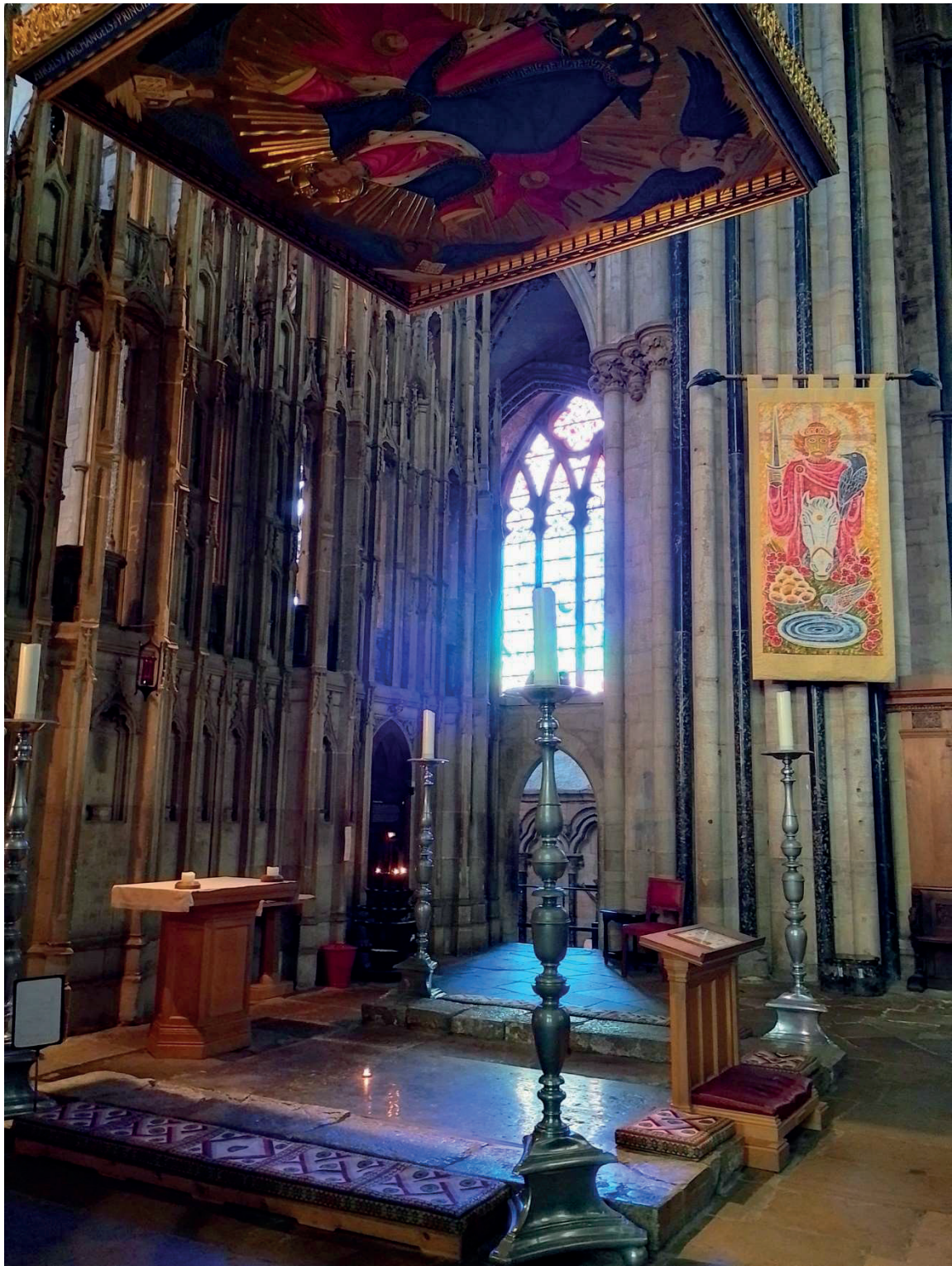
Cuthbert was born in the vicinity of Melrose around 634. One day he had a vision that led him to enter the monastic community at

Melrose. He later moved to Lindisfarne to be prior to the monastery there, was a hermit for a time on the Inner Farne Island, and then became Bishop of Lindisfarne. Cuthbert was a man of holiness, learning and love of nature with a deep care of people. He died in 687. Eleven years later when his coffin was opened, his remains had not composed. His tomb became a magnet for pilgrims.

In the ninth century, owing to Viking raids, the community of St Cuthbert left Lindisfarne and carried with them the relics of St Cuthbert and the beautiful Lindisfarne Gospels to seek a more secure home. They wandered for seven years, were then given a home in Chester-Le-Street, later in Ripon and eventually went to Durham in 995. They believed that they were led to seek a spot on the high peninsula nearly completely surrounded by the River Wear, where they built a church. The present cathedral is a later Norman building constructed between 1093 and 1133. It has been called one of the great architectural experiences of Europe.

I sat by the Shrine of St Cuthbert, thinking about all this history, the beauty, the Christian faith that had been so central to Cuthbert and those in his community. But it was not all history. Nearby is a beautiful modern stained glass window, the Transfiguration Window, which was installed in 2010. It is a reminder that Cathedrals are not just ancient monuments, but places where new windows are installed, new cafes

and facilities are built, contemporary music is sung, new areas of service are explored. The cathedral is never completed, new developments happen. The old and new are there.



'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of the house who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.' These words of Jesus remind us of the importance of the new and the old. My visit to Durham Cathedral moved me artistically and spiritually. It brought the history to life in my present experience and reminded me of the importance of the new as well. In my retirement I enjoy meeting old friends and visiting old haunts, but I love doing new things too. What about you? Do you like the old things or prefer the new? Whatever our beliefs and interests, surely both are important.

Stephen Owens

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

NATURE ROUND UP with a Reptile Special

Natural cures and a Prickly intruder

Having written September's magazine in a cold wet spell I am currently gently melting in 28° Celsius sunshine whilst putting this literary masterpiece together. Nature seems to be able to cope well and our bird feeders are busy with adult and juvenile House Sparrows, Goldfinches and Blue Tits as well as some Starlings that are halfway through getting their speckled adult plumage (Right). Collared Doves, along with others of the Pigeon family, are still breeding and may continue laying their two-egg clutches into the Winter.

We have a late brood of four Swallow chicks still in the nest in the alley at the side of our house. They should fledge soon and will then have to perfect their flying skills rapidly before they set off on their migration to Southern Africa. We can only hope that there are plenty of insects for them to feed up on before they go. This morning, 10th September, there was a flock of about 60 Swallows resting on the power lines near Milton Cottage before continuing their migration south.



It's lovely to hear the Robin back in song again to cheer us up through the coming months even though we know that it is actually defending its territory for the next breeding season.

Sightings of mammals have been very few and far between apart from the regular sightings of juvenile Fox and Badger cubs that have fallen victim to the ever increasing traffic. On a positive note there have been reports of multiple Hedgehogs in Rushock which can only be a good thing. Unfortunately I have also seen rabbits afflicted with myxomatosis in the local area. This viral disease is transmitted by biting insects and seems to surge when rabbit populations increase in the Autumn. Infected animals suffer a horrible, lingering death in most cases although some will survive and develop resistance. Recently a Muntjac has been heard calling in the night in the fields near our house. The call can best be described as a bark with gaps between each call. These little stocky, chestnut coloured non-native deer who lead solitary lives, are common locally and will breed all year round.

Amphibians and reptile sightings have been few and far between apart from a couple of road casualty Grass Snakes. If you encounter a live Grass Snake please admire it and then let it carry on its way as they



are completely harmless, unless you are a frog! Grass Snakes (near left) are fond of water and wet areas so can often be seen swimming in ponds and rivers. They will have laid this years eggs in a warm place with compost heaps being a particular favourite. If you come across eggs when working with your compost heap please rebury them although they should all have hatched by the time that you read this. Snakes have to shed their skins to grow so keep a look out for the old skins which are discarded. The only other large

wriggly that you are likely to encounter locally is a Slow worm (far left) which, rather confusingly, is neither a snake nor a worm but is actually a legless (but not inebriated) lizard. One distinguishing feature is that it has eyelids and can blink whilst snakes cannot. It also has a detachable tail to help it escape from predators but please do not test this out.

Reptiles can be helped by a refuge created by putting down a sheet of corrugated iron, an old carpet or even some carpet tiles about 1 metre square in a sunny quiet spot near a hedge or long grass where they will enjoy the warmth and seclusion. Quietly and carefully lifting the cover once a week will show if the refuge is being used. The refuge may also be used by Voles and Wood Mice during the Winter for sleeping and food storage.



On the subject of snakes it is highly unlikely that you will encounter an Adder (left) within the Four Parishes but, if you do, please observe it from a safe distance and then leave it in peace. They will only bite if stressed and will move away from any perceived danger. They are found in the Wyre Forest, Habberley Valley, Kingsford Forest Park, Kinver Edge and the Malvern Hills.

There have been lots of bees and butterflies about on the warmer days and hopefully the current hot spell will encourage more. The Ivy Bee (below), which is a solitary

mining bee, can be seen on Ivy flowers which provide a useful late source of nectar for a range of pollinators. It has a ginger thorax and a striped abdomen which means it can be mistaken for a wasp at first glance and may build a nest by tunnelling harmlessly into your lawn. Ivy flowers will develop into black Ivy berries which, whilst poisonous for us, will provide a high energy feast for birds and mammals. Apparently, gram for gram, Ivy berries contain nearly as many calories as a Mars Bar.



On the subject of food for wildlife, this has been a very good Hawthorn berry year and there is plenty of natural winter nutrition in the hedgerow if hedge-cutting can be delayed. Similarly seed heads, berries and fruit such as Crab Apples in our gardens will be much appreciated by a range of animals if it is left for them. Many insects hibernate in hollow plant stems and leaving dead heads on many plants creates an architectural feature to provide garden interest over the Winter. Hedge bottoms with plenty of dead leaves and foliage will provide shelter through the winter for many of the beneficial insects that provide natural pest control during the growing season.

Natural 'Ant'-idotes

Many animals make use of natural cures to overcome health problems. This crow is engaging in a behaviour called anting, where it rubs ants on its feathers and skin. This can be done actively, by picking up insects and applying them to their body, or passively by lying in an area with abundant insects and performing dust-bathing-like movements. The insects secrete chemicals such as formic acid, which possess insecticidal, miticidal, fungicidal, or bactericidal properties, providing potential benefits for the birds' health and plumage maintenance.



And finally

For fans of the Two Ronnies (Who? Another question for your grandparents)

Nocturnal intruder: 'Susan Stedman from Clacton-on Sea in Essex woke up to the sound of rustling in the early hours of the morning. On investigating a bag of clothing put aside for a charity shop she discovered a hedgehog! It was found to have come in via the cat-flap, scoffed the cat's food, made use of the downstairs toilet, evidenced by a small deposit, and then hauled itself up a flight of 13 stairs before going to sleep in the bag of clothing. The offender was cautioned and released into the back garden none the worse for its adventures.'



Enjoy your season of mellow fruitfulness!

Terry Green

COUNTRY DIARY - October

The heat of autumn is different from the heat of summer: one ripens apples, the other turns them into cider. Jane Hirshfield

Foraging for wild foods has become fashionable, with TV chefs embracing the bounty of our fields, forests and hedgerows. Today everything from samphire and sea-kale, ceps and chanterelles to bilberries and bullaces are to be found on top London restaurant menus.

However, the one wild food guaranteed to stir primeval feelings in the most hardened city-dweller is the humble blackberry. The juiciest berries sit there, sometimes tantalisingly just out of reach, with a barrier of thorn-covered canes preventing harvest; and yet is this not part of its appeal, in taking on nature's defences? The satisfaction in gathering a basketful of plump, shiny berries despite a few scratches is immense, with plenty eaten during the picking.

Blackberries grow all across the UK and there are said to be over 400 variations of the species, each thriving in a different micro-climate, and growing and maturing at different times. Their habit of spreading quickly over rough ground is achieved by throwing up long shoots which eventually topple over and as the tips touch the soil, so they root to the spot and send out another clump of new canes. A bit like a slow moving slinky spring.

Any country walk at this time of year will yield a picking of blackberries and if you are not armed with a wicker basket (much better than plastic bag) then use the old country method of pinning together two or three large leaves of dock, comfrey or burdock with thorns from the hawthorn to form a makeshift container. Eat the biggest, juiciest berries raw or scatter on cereals, and use the smaller ones for pies, crumbles and preserves. Blackberry and apple jelly is a particular favourite of mine and can be used as an alternative to cranberry or redcurrant jelly with cold meats and game.

Other free foods to look out for in autumn include field mushrooms, sweet chestnuts, hazelnuts, elderberries, bullaces (the parent plant of the garden damson) and later on, sloes. Field mushrooms aren't as plentiful as they once were although I can recall a harvest beyond compare in 1975 when the fields around us were white with the blossoming of thousands of small white domes. How wonderful is the texture and taste of a freshly picked field mushroom in comparison to its supermarket cousin? A knowledgeable forager can also find blewitts, ceps, parasol mushrooms, giant puffballs and my personal favourite, the shaggy ink-cap at this time of year but it cannot be stressed enough that wild fungi should not be eaten without you being absolutely sure of what you are picking.

The shaggy ink cap grows in amenity grassland such as playing fields and parks, as well as in field and forest margins. In shape it is not dissimilar to the Gherkin building in London although the colour is a dirty white. I pick them when they are fully grown with a closed cap, as soon after this the cap turns inky-black from the bottom and deteriorates quickly. Eat immediately after picking. Shallow fry dipped in breadcrumbs or slice lengthways and fry for a couple of minutes each side in a small knob of butter as part of a cooked breakfast.

Sweet chestnuts, like blackberries, require some dexterity in extracting the fleshy nuts from the spiny shells, and stamping them underfoot is a favourite method of opening the husks. A decent pair of gloves completes the task although the challenge of extracting them gloveless when a tree is chanced upon adds to the satisfaction of the harvest. Peel the plump ones and eat raw. Roast the others (after slitting the skin) to bring out the sweetness of the nut. They will be at their best in the second half of October.

A ramble over our beautiful landscape in autumn can always yield something edible to take home although you should always follow the simple rules of leaving rare or solitary plants alone, and only picking what you plan to eat or preserve. I would also add avoid picking plants by busy roads where they can be contaminated by fumes. Nature's harvest is free and offers different tastes and textures, and is a link to our distant past before agriculture provided us with all of our needs.

A.J.Selby -Kindly submitted by Barrie Audis

LETTER FROM THE ARCHDEACON OF DUDLEY



In August (as I write this) I often have the joy of several weeks of meeting-free evenings – otherwise a relative rarity for clergy! I love it when this coincides with athletics on TV, so when I am not out running, I can watch other people doing so much faster than me! This year it's been the World Athletics Championships in Budapest. A highlight for me was Katarina Johnson-Thompson winning gold in the heptathlon. Not just because she is a brilliant all-round sportswoman, but because the journey she has been on is so inspiring.

We can learn much about the life of discipleship and growing as kingdom people from the dedication of sportsmen and women. Discipleship involves spiritual disciplines of prayer and worship, and a training regime of sorts, and in the epistles we are encouraged to 'run the race set before us', to persevere, to fix our eyes on the goal. KJT, as she is known, has struggled with injuries and

setbacks since her last gold medal in 2019, to the extent that she describes a loss of love for her sport, doubts and dwindling confidence, swayed by the negative comments she dwelt upon. She almost gave up. But she has spoken frankly about choosing to stand up to the doubters, and to believe there was more. She got a new coach and got back to training. On winning she said, "I committed to the vision and committed to trying again. I committed to getting my heart broken - and this time I didn't. It's all come good and I'm so happy."

Some of us may feel from time to time like giving up on our Christian journey of discipleship. Maybe we occasionally lose hope that the church we have been part of for so long can ever become healthy and thrive again. We listen to the doubters, the negative press, and wonder if it's really possible for our church to grow. We might find ourselves 'forsaking our first love' for Jesus, like the church in Ephesus as described in Revelation, not sure we can keep going.

But let's persevere, take the risk of trying again, being vulnerable to disappointment, and see what God does. My experience is that God is faithful even when I lose heart, that when I find a vision I can commit to, my faith begins to stir again, and the race once more seems winnable.

We have a vision in this diocese to grow as Kingdom People in healthy and sustainable churches, to see a hundred new worshipping communities formed, healthy churches in our largest population areas resourcing others, and double the number of children and young people engaging with faith. That's a vision I can get excited about, and I hope you can too. As we commit to fulfilling that in our own way in our very different churches, I suspect new life will emerge, our first love will be restored, and there will be celebrations on earth and in heaven, even more joyous than those for athletic golds!

Archdeacon of Dudley, Nikki Groarke

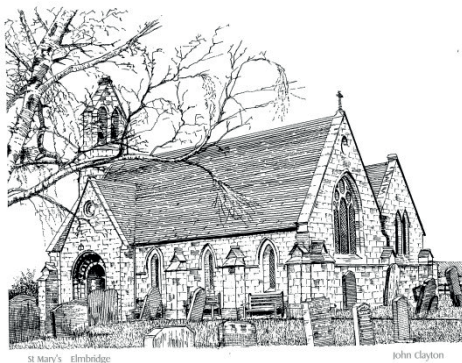
MORNING PRAYER

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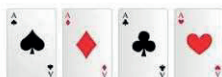
04.10.23	Elmbridge
11.10.23	Hartlebury
18.10.23	Rushock
25.10.23	Hampton

Diana Glendenning



ELMBRIDGE NEWS

ELMBRIDGE BRIDGE CLUB



NEW SEASON – NEW TIME!

We started the new season on Monday 25th September and, following a majority decision, we are starting at the new time of 2.30pm. Less driving in the dark – which will be very welcome!

Inevitably, with the increase in energy prices, we have had to make a small increase in our membership fee but have managed to keep this down to £30 for the season.

If you know anyone who would like to join us, please bring them along. They will be most welcome.

HARVINGTON HALL

Come and learn something that you don't know about

THE HOUSE OF SECRETS

The Friends of Elmbridge are having a hot supper on

Friday 10th November at 7.30pm

in

Elmbridge village Hall



Supper will be followed by a talk on this 13th Century Grade 1 listed building. Originally owned by Adam de Harvington, Chancellor of the Exchequer, it has a fascinating history. It contains more priest holes than any other building - most of which were the handiwork of the Master carpenter Nicholas Owen, a Jesuit lay Priest.

But that's only part of the story and **Phillip Downing, Harvington Hall Manager**, is going to tell you a whole lot more about this iconic Tudor/Elizabeth mansion.

But, first of all you'll need to book a place (£15) by phoning **Chris Gray on 01299851469**

And don't forget to bring your own drink and glasses!

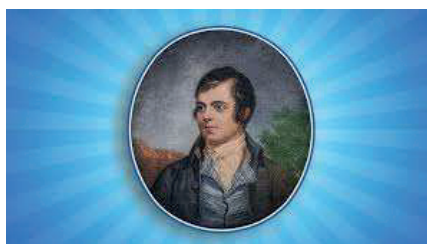
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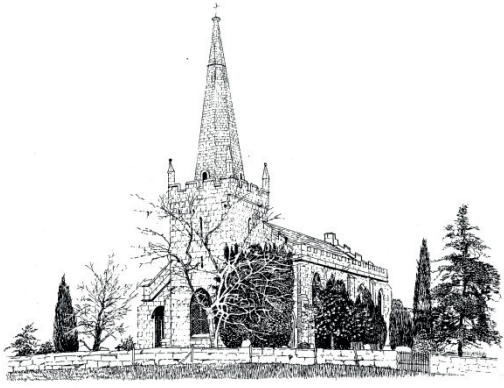
BURNS NIGHT

FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY 2024
ELMBRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

SAVE THE DATE!!

More details to follow.





ELMLEY LOVETT NEWS



St Michael's Church, Elmley Lovett

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

&

LUNCH

11am, Sunday 8th October

Elmley Lovett PCC invite all to their traditional HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE on Sunday 8th October, led by the Revd Stephen Winter.

The Service is at 11am followed by our complimentary buffet lunch.

ALL WELCOME!

ALL SOULS SERVICE

Sunday October 29th at 3pm

This service led by Reverend Stephen Winter is for all who have lost loved ones in the Four Square parishes and beyond. Do come along and share in this uplifting memorial service.

HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday October 22nd at 9am

Our traditional service of BCP Holy Communion is full of fine hymns and readings, beautiful music played by Nick Wright on our majestic organ and a memorable sermon by our Rector. The heating is also now ON!

SAVE THE DATE

Our annual Evensong will be on Sunday 24th November at 6.00pm, preceded with a glass of mulled wine. The heating will be on again and all are most welcome.

FUND RAISING DINNER

Thank you all who came and supported our first event in some years. We will have a report next month with fulsome thanks for all those who worked so hard to make it happen.



Without Lee's enthusiasm, generosity and pure joyfulness, we would not have held such an event.

Richard Cartwright



HAMPTON LOVETT NEWS

Heritage Open Day

We were delighted with the response to this year's Heritage Open Day on Saturday 9th September. The theme this year was Creativity Unwrapped and our many visitors were particularly interested in the displays which portrayed the talents of locals both past and present. These included renowned sculptors like Joseph Rose and many artists. Alan Knight's beautiful metalwork and some of Claire Maiden's unique pottery were on display too.

We had a steady flow of visitors all day. Some had a go at stonemasonry and others went up the scaffolding to see the views from the tower. Most enjoyed a cuppa with a piece of homemade cake afterwards. This year we were all searching for the shade though or the cool of the church as it was one of the hottest days of the year. Our youngest visitor coloured in our picture of the church beautifully





The Month Ahead

After a very busy September which included this Heritage Day, our Harvest service and also our Harvest Supper we are hoping for a quieter October before the lead up to Christmas. Hopefully the scaffolding will come down and our church will look more normal. The team of workers have been most considerate during their time with us for which we are forever grateful. All our services have continued smoothly and the team always leave the church in a usable state. Being an old church we are used to it being dusty but of course the building work created even more. Luckily all our congregations have been uncomplaining and understanding.

A few short stories for you this month....

Fifty Dollars is Fifty Dollars

Morris and his wife went to the state fair every year and every year Morris would say "Esther, I'd like to ride in that helicopter" but Esther always replied "I know Morris but the rides are 50 dollars and fifty dollars is fifty dollars."

One year when they went to the fair Morris said "I'm 85 yrs old now and if I don't have that ride this year I may never get another chance." Esther just replied "Fifty dollars is fifty dollars"

The pilot overheard and offered them a deal. If they could be quiet for the entire flight he wouldn't charge them. They both agreed.

The pilot did all sorts of fancy manoeuvres and daredevil tricks but neither of them said a word.

When they landed the pilot turned to Morris and said "By golly, I did everything to make you cry out but you didn't. I'm very impressed."

Morris replied. "Well, to tell you the truth, I almost said something when Esther fell out, but you know, Fifty dollars is fifty dollars!"

Oh to be Eight Again!

A man was watching his wife sitting on the edge of the bed watching herself in the mirror. As it was her birthday the next day he asked her if there was anything she would like.

She said "I want to be eight again"

The next morning he woke up early and made a nice bowl of Coco Pops for her birthday and then took her to the theme park.

He got her to ride every single ride including the Death Slide, Wall of fear and the Screaming Roller Coaster.

After spending five exhilarating hours there they somehow managed to stagger out of the park. The wife's head was spinning and she felt she would be sick any minute but the husband took her to McDonald's for a Happy Meal with extra fries and a chocolate shake.

The poor wife thought that was it but he then took her to the movies and ordered a large bucket of popcorn, a soda pop and her favourite chocolates. He then leaned over to her and said "Well, dear, how did you enjoy being eight again?" The poor wife slowly opened her eyes and said "I meant my dress size, you idiot!!!"

The New Husband

A young woman came home from a date looking rather sad.

She told her mother that her boyfriend Jeff had proposed to her only an hour ago.

Her mother asked "Then why are you so sad?"

The daughter answered "Because he told me he was an atheist. He doesn't even believe there is a hell"

Her mother replied "Marry him anyway. Between the two of us we'll soon show him how wrong he is!"

The Football Match

An old man was sitting in private box at a major football match with an empty seat next to him.

A young enthusiast saw the empty seat and said to the old man, "Who on earth has paid for this expensive seat and not turned up. They must be mad. Do you mind if I sit here?"

The old man sadly looked up and said "for fifty years I and My darling wife have sat together and watched every single major final but unfortunately she has passed away so was unable to come so you can take her place if you like. "

The young man thanked the old man and sat down beside him and then said." I hope you don't mind me asking but as sad as your story is haven't you got any relatives like a son, grandson or nephew who you could have invited?"

" Yes I have" answered the old man "But they have all gone to the funeral"

And finally a few thoughts to end.....

If a bottle of poison reaches its expiration date, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?

Which letter is silent in the word "Scent," the S or the C?

Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?

Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.

The word "swims" upside-down is still "swims".

Over 100 years ago, everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.

If people evolved from monkeys, why are monkeys still around?

Why is there a 'D' in fridge, but not in refrigerator?

As I've grown older, I've learned that pleasing everyone is impossible, but annoying everyone is a piece of cake!

Common sense is like deodorant. The people who need it the most never use it.

My tolerance for idiots is extremely low these days. I used to have some immunity built up, but obviously, there's a new strain out there.

It's not my age that bothers me - it's the side effects.

I'm not saying I'm old and worn out, but I make sure I'm nowhere near the kerb on bin day.

As I watch this generation try and rewrite our history, I'm sure of one thing: it will be misspelled and have no punctuation.

As I've got older, people think I've become lazy. The truth is I'm just being more energy-efficient.

I haven't got anything done today. I've been in the Produce Department trying to open this stupid plastic bag.

Turns out that being a "senior" is mostly just googling how to do stuff.

I want to be 18 again and ruin my life differently. I have new ideas.

I'm on two simultaneous diets. I wasn't getting enough food on one.

My mind is like an internet browser. At least 18 open tabs, 3 of them are frozen, and I have no clue where the music is coming from.

It is hard to believe I once had a phone attached to a wall, and when it rang, I picked it up without knowing who was calling.

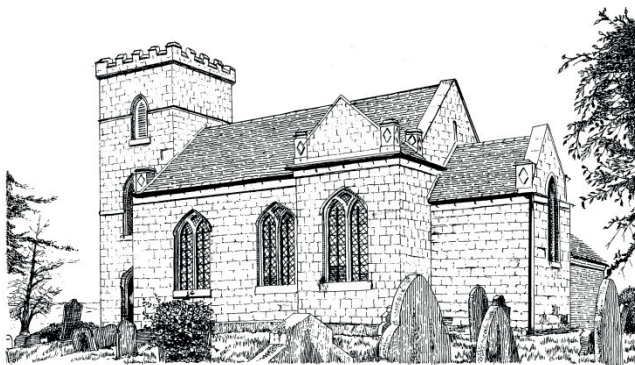
My wife says I keep pushing her buttons. If that were true, I would have found mute by now.

There is no such thing as a grouchy old person. The truth is that once you get old, you stop being polite and start being honest.



Boomer parents: One day this will all be yours.
Grown children: Noooo!

Margaret Vertigen



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Prince Rupert of the Rhine – King Charles I's Pirate Prince By Max Keen

Image sourced from Wikipedia page on Prince Rupert of the Rhine.



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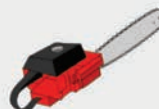


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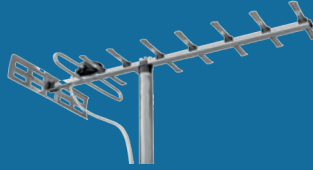
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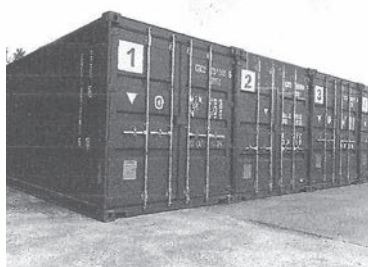
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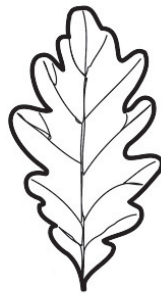


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Oct 1st	GREEN	9.00am	Hampton Lovett	17th Sunday after Trinity	HC-CW	Rachel Wyatt & Jerry Hartley	Churchwardens	Dee Cutler	Ezek 18:1-4,25-end Phil 2:1-13 Matt 21:23-32
		10.30am	Elmbridge		Harvest			Axine Taylor	
Oct 8th	GREEN	9.00am	Rushock	18th Sunday after Trinity	HC-CW	Kevin Jones	Kevin Jones & L. Jones	Liz Tustain & Lynne Mead	Isa 5:17 Phil 3:4b-14 Matt 21:33-end
		11.00am	Elmley Lovett		Harvest	Guy Cartridge	Ellie Cartwright		
Oct 15th	GREEN	9.00am	Elmbridge	19th Sunday after Trinity	HC-CW	Heather Needham/Ann Pugh-Cook	Clare Jennings & Nicola Palmer	Lucy Fisher	Isa 25:1-9 Phil 4:1-9 Matt 22:1-14
		11.00am	Rushock		Harvest			Angele Silk & Sue Heath	
		6.00pm	Hampton Lovett		Evensong	Margaret Vertigen & Trish Hartley		Trish Hartley	
Oct 22nd	GREEN	9.00am	Elmley Lovett	20th Sunday after Trinity	HC-BCP <i>Stephen Winter</i>	Tim Goss	Tony Lloyd		Isa 45:1-7 1 Thess 1:1-10 Matt 22:15-22
Oct 29th	GREEN	3.00pm	Elmley Lovett	Last Sunday after Trinity	All Souls Service <i>Stephen Winter</i>	Marzena Cartwright	Richard Cartwright		Lev 19:1-2,15-18 1 Thess 2:1-8 Matt 22:34-end
Nov 5th	GOLD or WHITE	9.00am	Hampton Lovett	All Saints	HC-CW	Michael & Ann Cooper			Isa 56:3-8 Heb 12:18-24 Matt 5:1-12
		10.30am	Elmbridge		Family Service			Jan Taylor	

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