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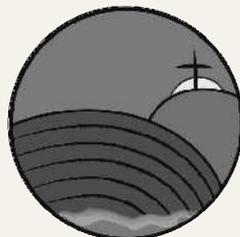
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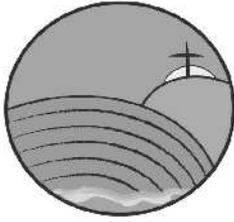
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St. Mary, Highley  
and at the Severn Centre

St. Mary, Billingsley

St. Peter, Chelmarsh

St. Bartholomew, Glazeley with Deuxhill

## Waiting For the Good News

Is there any Good News out there?

A few days ago, I heard a presenter on a radio programme say something like, 'should we be reporting on more good news items in the media?' At last, I thought, a little bit of positivity for a change as items like this in my opinion, and of course you may differ with me, seem to have been very few and far between over the last almost twelve months.

Of course we will all remember Captain Tom Moore and the amazing amount of money raised through donations as a result of his walks around his garden that Mark mentioned in last month's Forum and, of course, there were many, many others, so am I being too sensitive?

Perhaps the discovery of the latest variant of the Covid-19 virus found in our country, followed now by others in South Africa and Brazil, their speed of infection and the resulting further lockdown now in place across our nation, has added to a feeling of gloom, with many of us feeling just like the cartoon character Eeyore, the donkey in the Winnie-the-Pooh books by A. A. Milne, who always had a bleak outlook on life, never feeling any positive emotions like happiness and excitement.

Last month, Mark reminded us of the real point of Christmas, the time when we celebrate the birth of a child who, through his life, death and resurrection, would provide the world with new hope. For the last two thousand or so years the message has remained the same, a message that was supported by the Queen during her Christmas Message. If you didn't watch it on Christmas afternoon, reflecting on all that happened in 2020, particularly with a view to the virus, this is part of what she said:

*'Remarkably, a year that has necessarily kept people apart has, in many ways, brought us closer. Across the Commonwealth, my family and I have been inspired by stories of people volunteering in their communities, helping those in need.'*

*'We continue to be inspired by the kindness of strangers and draw comfort that – even on the darkest nights – there is hope in the new dawn.'*

She thanked 'young people in particular' for the part they have played, and also paid tribute to hard-working NHS staff, noting International Nurses' Day, on the 200th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale:

*'In the United Kingdom and around the world, people have risen magnificently to the challenges of the year, and I am so proud and moved by this quiet, indomitable spirit. To our young people in particular I say thank you for the part you have played.'*

.../...

... This year, we celebrated International Nurses' Day, on the 200th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale. As with other nursing pioneers like Mary Seacole, Florence Nightingale shone a lamp of hope across the world.

Today, our frontline services still shine that lamp for us – supported by the amazing achievements of modern science – and we owe them a debt of gratitude.



We continue to be inspired by the kindness of strangers and draw comfort that – even on the darkest nights – there is hope in the new dawn.

Jesus touched on this with the parable of the Good Samaritan. The man who is robbed and left at the roadside is saved by someone who did not share his religion or culture. This wonderful story of kindness is still as relevant today. Good Samaritans have emerged across society showing care and respect for all, regardless of gender, race or background, reminding us that each one of us is special and equal in the eyes of God.

The teachings of Christ have served as my inner light, as has the sense of purpose we can find in coming together to worship.

In November, we commemorated another hero – though nobody knows his name. The Tomb of the Unknown Warrior isn't a large memorial, but everyone entering Westminster Abbey has to walk around his resting place, honouring this unnamed combatant of the First World War – a symbol of selfless duty and ultimate sacrifice.

The Unknown Warrior was not exceptional. That's the point. He represents millions like him who throughout our history have put the lives of others above their own, and will be doing so today. For me, this is a source of enduring hope in difficult and unpredictable times.

Of course, for many, this time of year will be tinged with sadness: some mourning the loss of those dear to them, and others missing friends and family members distanced for safety, when all they'd really want for Christmas is a simple hug or a squeeze of the hand. If you are among them, you are not alone, and let me assure you of my thoughts and prayers.

The Bible tells how a star appeared in the sky, its light guiding the shepherds and wise men to the scene of Jesus's birth. Let the light of Christmas – the spirit of selflessness, love and above all hope – guide us in the times ahead.

*It is in that spirit that I wish you a very happy Christmas.'*

Christmas 2020 was indeed very different for us all and so far this year hasn't been easy either, but there is a glimmer of light on the horizon provided through the vaccine, which has already been given (at the time of writing) to about three million of the most vulnerable in our society. However, let us not forget the other light that our Queen referred to, the light that is always with us - the light of hope that is Jesus Christ, who was, and is, 'the life and the light of all people.'

**Rose Lawley**

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## The Severn Valley Churches - 2021

### Chelmarsh

**We're now well into the New Year but here's some catching up and a look forward.**

The 2020 Christmas season was very different, as numbers allowed to gather indoors were still limited, so services had to be curtailed or cancelled. The Crib service could not happen, and we couldn't have a Carol Service with no singing! However, we did hold a short open air carol singing in the Glebe, with carols played over the car CD to lead the singing, and the enthusiasm with which people responded



made it an enjoyable experience. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way, even the simplest things need input of time and resources and we are very grateful for your help.

We also had a moving Midnight Service on Christmas Eve, although with a smaller congregation than usual to comply with Covid rules, but which brought home the wonder of Christ's birth to us all.

#### **Lent**

We prepare for the season of Lent by using up all the luxurious items in our larders on Shrove Tuesday, hence pancakes.

**In view of the new Lockdown, Clergy and Churchwardens have decided reluctantly that there will be no services in January or February.**

#### **Ash Wednesday 17th February**

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, there will be no service at Chelmarsh on Ash Wednesday, but there will be one available online at [www.stmaryshighley.co.uk](http://www.stmaryshighley.co.uk).

**From the Register** Graveside ceremony followed by interment

20. 01. 2021 William John (Bill) Ward

Our sincere condolences go to his family at this sad time.

**100 club** numbers and names drawn on 20th December:

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#### **CHELMARSH FRIENDS:**

A notice will be posted on Chelmarsh Parish Hall Website with details of the date Friends will resume, hopefully in 2021.

**CHELMARSH WALKING FOR HEALTH:**

Chelmarsh Walking for Health meets every Monday from the Village Hall at 10am. A notice will be posted on Chelmarsh Parish Hall website when lockdown/tier restrictions are lifted. For details contact Eleanor Haddon on 01746 862884

**Glenys Williams**

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## Glazeley

We had a good turn-out at our Christmas service on Sunday 20th December, taken by the Rev Val Smith with the sermon by Keith Smith. It was good to see some new faces in the church amongst the regulars. We also had a message from Racheal Davenhill, with us in spirit, although in body in warmer climes... Christmas services are of course different this year, but Val found a good selection of music for us to listen to and Keith roused us with a call to rejoice!

There will be no services in Glazeley church for January or February due to the current Coronavirus emergency, but the churchyard remains open for visitors who wish to contemplate... The Church of God in Glazeley of course does not depend on a building; we continue to offer prayer and worship from our own homes and our clergy can still be contacted.



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## Billingsley

There will be no services in Billingsley church for January or February due to the current Coronavirus emergency, but the church and churchyard remains open for visitors. If you go into the church, please observe the precautions listed on the door, especially sanitising your hands on entry. If you are clinically vulnerable we recommend that you do not go into the building itself.

The 100 Club continues to raise money for the church and also distribute cash prizes to the lucky winners. This month, Ellen McConnell volunteered to do the draw and the £100 prize money was shared between D. Maher, D. Marsh and J. Dutton; congratulations to them and thanks to all who are supporting us in this. You can join the 100 Club by downloading an application form from our website, <http://www.stmarys-billingsley.org.uk/friendsofbillingsley100club/>

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## Highley Community Project (Foodshare)

became an independent project in Oct 2020. However, we had been operating under a larger scheme for the 12 months beforehand.

We have been running from the Parish Hall since the start of the pandemic in April, and in that time we have prepared approximately 2200 food boxes for local residents.

We are allocated end of day and excess stock from Tesco's, Greggs and Marks & Spencer's in Kidderminster. We are also allocated monthly stock from the food charity FareShare.

We are a small team of volunteers, Emma, Diane, Ales, Laura, Tom & Heather, not forgetting our mascot Mr Crab Bell.

Although, primarily, we are a zero waste project, we are hoping to bring some security to those who may be facing food insecurity — we can hopefully bridge the gap and provide some pantry stock to help ease the burden. We also offer non-food items to those who may need it, items such as nappies, wipes, bathroom, kitchen and cleaning essentials etc.

We want to extend our thanks to St Mary's Church for allowing us the use of the hall "for a couple of weeks".....which has turned into 9 months. We say it every week in our Facebook posts, but we are honestly, eternally grateful for your hospitality and generosity.

To book a box and further information Follow us on Facebook <https://m.facebook.com/HCPShrops>. or phone: 07752207828. Thank you, **Emma Carter**

## Hard Questions?

*The church council met to discuss the pastor's stipend for the coming year. After the meeting the chair of council told the pastor: "We are very sorry, Pastor, but we decided that we cannot give you a raise next year." "But you must give me a pay rise," said the pastor. "I am but a poor preacher!" "I know," the council chair said. "We hear you every Sunday."*

There are so many sermon jokes and many have a ring of truth in them. But I believe that we, in this benefice, have a variety of competent preachers and thankfully are able to vary those who preach week-by-week so that we can appreciate different voices, styles and content.

What seldom happens, though, is for the preacher to be challenged to answer YOUR QUESTIONS! So, this Lent, we are seeking to answer your Hard Questions in a way that will help us grapple with our Christian consciences and what the Bible has to say. So, what might you be asking: 'Why did God send this virus?' 'Should euthanasia be allowed?' 'Does prayer change anything?' Just a few examples. Anyone can send a question to '[highleyrector@gmail.com](mailto:highleyrector@gmail.com)' - all we ask is that you make yourself available to hear the answer. You'll also be able to respond to the answer, if you wish, in a home group on the following Wednesday evening, led by David Poyner on Zoom. What's more, Bishop Richard has promised to join us on Wednesday evening 3rd March. Could that be on your question? No guarantees, but please send yours in by **February 10th**. The series lasts from Sunday February 21st to Sunday 28th March. Please keep questions short and add your name to it if you want a reply or to know when it is being asked.

**To put your question, turn to page 28 or email as above.**

**Mike Harris**



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## Letter from Westminster

This month marks one year since the Coronavirus reached our shores, and the remarkable transformation our society has undertaken due to its devastating impact over the past 12 months.

The whole country has come together to try to stop Covid in its tracks, and restore some sense of normality to our lives. But at the heart of this great national effort has been our NHS, who have endured 12 months of intense pressure, saving lives from Covid while also maintaining as much as possible the regular service on which we all rely.



So I wanted to take this column to offer my sincere thanks to all those who have played their part – doctors, nurses, and all NHS and care staff, as well as those who have come out of retirement to volunteer. Volunteers have played a key role in supporting the NHS this year, whether in delivering healthcare or the vaccination programme, or helping people who have been shielding to secure supplies. I am pleased the government has swept away some of the bureaucratic issues that were preventing people from taking part.

Like many, I spent much of 2020 having meetings through Zoom, including with our local NHS leaders and public health directors. I suspect for most public health directors around the country, the idea of having to deal with a pandemic was hoped to be a remote possibility. So I am grateful that we have been so well served in Shropshire, with an effective test and trace system that has acted swiftly to curtail outbreaks, including last year in a few local care homes, some businesses, and rather publicly at a site in Craven Arms. There is no question that swift, coordinated action stopped greater spread of the virus into Shropshire's wider population.

Local GPs and primary care staff have also been crucial in the roll out of the vaccine in South Shropshire, and the inspiring vigilance of care home staff has ensured that two thirds of care homes in Shropshire remained covid-free last year.



I also pay tribute to the work of the Armed Forces, who have stepped up to offer logistical and medical support, such as providing ambulance drivers, as well as personnel, to man testing centres around the country.

As a former Hospitals Minister, I am well aware of the pressure that exceptional events can put on local healthcare systems, let alone a global pandemic that has morphed into an increasingly contagious variant. So I can only commend and thank the resilience of all those involved in keeping our health services going, but particularly all those working in our NHS.

**Philip Dunne MP**

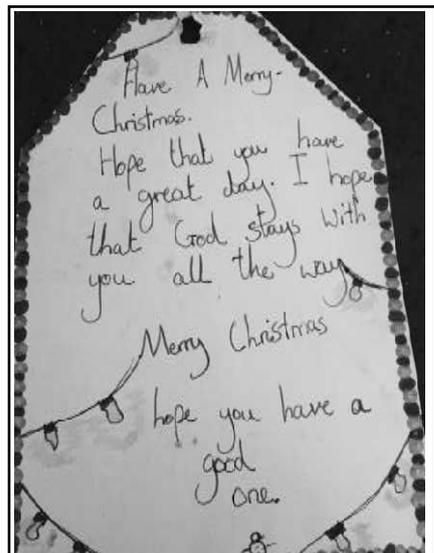
## Christmas cheer in Lockdown



Food being packed in the Parish Hall on Christmas Day

This year, because of the virus situation, we were unable to get together for our community Christmas lunch, but we were very happy on Christmas Day to be able to deliver 32 Christmas dinners within the village and beyond to people who would otherwise have been alone and maybe would not have catered for themselves.

We hope that they enjoyed and were blessed by the food on this special day, as were our helpers who delivered the meals.



One of the tags written by young people at Bridgnorth Baptist Church

We hope that in 2021 we will be able to 'party' together again!

Gay Lilley

## St. Mary's Charity Shop

Well, just as we were getting organised to open our new shop, we are in lockdown again! We had received some items and managed to sort those ready and made appointments for more to be received at the Parish Hall, but unfortunately, we have had to come to a full stop.

Roy Adlington has very kindly been kitting the shop out, so, at least when we can, it will be ready for us to fill up and open, with all the safety measures in place!

We do hope this won't be too long and we will keep everyone informed as soon as we can start receiving donations again. This will be on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings (subject to change) at the rear of the Parish Hall.

WATCH THIS SPACE!

Gay Lilley



### Highley Covid-19 Support Group



Hello neighbours, as we go into the autumn and winter, we want you to know we are still here to help should you need us. This support group has been set up by St. Mary's Highley and Highley Parish Council with the sole aim of offering assistance wherever we can during this outbreak.

**If you are self-isolating due to coronavirus we can help with:**

- Picking up shopping
- A friendly phone call
- Posting Mail
- Prescription collection

In responding to any of the above, please contact the following numbers relative to the day of the week (01746 or other):

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- Wednesday - Pat on 861155 or Elaine on 861431
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A reminder that the Support Group is still active every day of the week..

## County Councillor's Report

In these reports I try my damndest to stay positive, especially with us being surrounded by a doom and gloom pierced only by a vaccine-generated sunbeam that holds out the glimmer of hope of an end to this fearsome pandemic, but these are supposed to be reports of what I suppose are the "political" (small 'p') events that affect our uniquely compact community, and finding anything positive in what's happening at the soon-to-be closed Shirehall is, without putting too fine a point on it, more than just a tad difficult.

I remember often apologising to Maurice Hill (RIP), the late editor of this magazine, for not WANTING to submit the article he was chasing me for because, quote: "I don't want to depress people further". Very little, if anything, has changed in the interim.



When I presented my monthly report to the parish council at January's on-line Zoom meeting, I was criticised by a member for being "very negative", surely, the interrogator insisted, I could find "something positive to say because it can't all be doom and gloom". Hmmm. Unfortunately it is, and in this case Covid is the innocent party.

Quite apart from what I write in considerable detail elsewhere about what's happening at Shirehall, regular reports in the local media demonstrate that if you want happy news you should be living in Shrewsbury or Oswestry, North Shropshire, in fact anywhere except south of the Wenlock Edge.

And (despite what you'll be hearing in the next couple of months) political allegiances don't come into it, as evidence the realities facing all six of the Bridgnorth councillors – signed-up members of the ruling group all – faced with an avalanche of development on their eastern (Stanmore) and western (Tasley) boundaries that will cripple the town's highways, education and health infrastructure, never mind the environmental impacts.

Quite how anyone (especially experienced local councillors) can expect Highley to avoid being similarly hit with a plan to see a further 250 houses built here (that's twice what we've seen built since the Taylor Wimpey scheme in 2013) is beyond my ken.

Hearing that accusation of "negativity", I was left staring at the PC screen in disbelief and the first word that came into my head was "Pollyanna". Remember her? Well if she tried smiling her way through life under Shropshire Council, that big cheery grin would soon disappear into one of the many potholes made worse by an unholy combination of a highways department indifferent to the damage caused by construction traffic and a council planning department determined that it will continue into the foreseeable future.

So sorry, but.

**Dave Tremellen**

Independent Member for Highley Division of Shropshire Council

# Puzzles for February

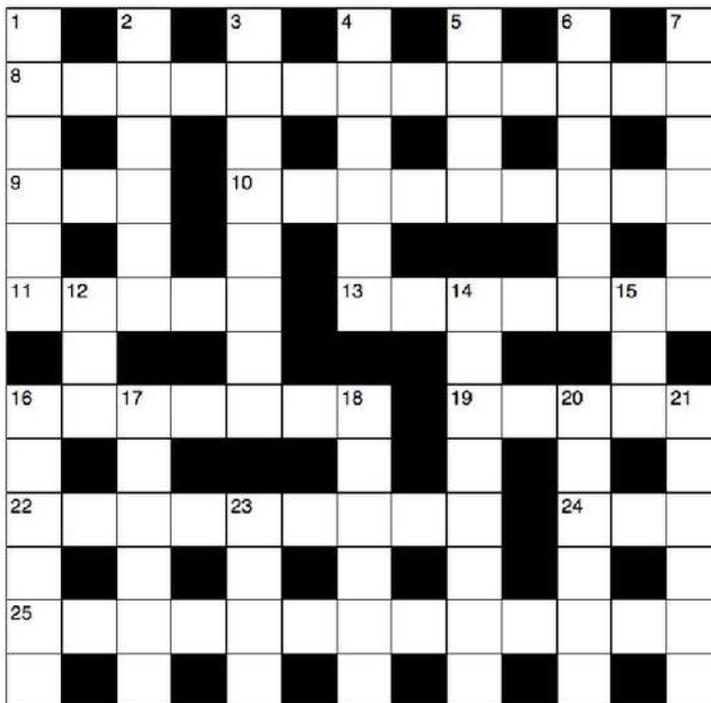
## Crossword Clues

### Across

- 8 Interrogated (Acts 12:19) (5-8)
- 9 'Burn it in a wood fire on the — heap' (Leviticus 4:12) (3)
- 10 Tobit, Judith, Baruch and the books of Esdras and the Maccabees are part of it (9)
- 11 Science fiction (abbrev.) (3-2)
- 13 Clay pit (anag.) (7)
- 16 Went to (John 4:46) (7)
- 19 'Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to — your bodies as living sacrifices' (Romans 12:1) (5)
- 22 David's plea to God concerning those referred to in 14 Down: 'On — — let them escape' (Psalm 56:7) (2,7)
- 24 Royal Automobile Club (1,1,1)
- 25 How the book of Ezekiel refers to God more than 200 times (Ezekiel 2:4) (9,4)

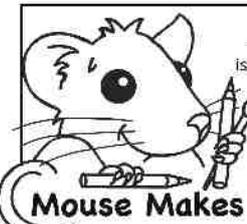
### Down

- 1 Seas (Proverbs 8:24) (6)
- 2 One of the sons of Eli the priest, killed in battle by the Philistines (1 Samuel 4:11) (6)
- 3 Specialist in the study of the Muslim religion (8)
- 4 'Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but — him as if he were your father'(1 Timothy 5:1) (6)
- 5 One of Esau's grandsons (Genesis 36:11) (4)
- 6 Taking a chance (colloq.) (2,4)
- 7 God's instructions to the Israelites concerning grain offerings: ' — salt to — your offerings' (Leviticus 2:13) (3,3)
- 12 Confederation of British Industry (1,1,1)
- 14 'All day long they twist my words; they are always — to harm me' (Psalm 56:5) (8)
- 15 The crowd's reaction to Jesus bringing back to life a widow's son in Nain (Luke 7:16) (3)
- 16 Disappear (Psalm 104:35) (6)
- 17 How Jeremiah was likely to die if he wasn't rescued from the cistern where he was imprisoned (Jeremiah 38:9) (6)
- 18 What the prophets do to a wall, with white-wash (Ezekiel 13:10, RSV) (4,2)
- 20 Made by a plough (Job 39:10) (6)
- 21 Noah was relieved when the flood waters continued to — (Genesis 8:5) (6)
- 23 Jesus gave the Twelve the power and authority to do this to diseases (Luke 9:1) (4)



Solutions on page 33

## Hi Kids, have a go at this



**Mouse Makes**

**WHAT AM I?**  
The last letter of one word is the first letter of the next ...

E \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

- What two things did God create first? Genesis 1:1

\_ S \_ \_ \_

- What was the Earth without? Genesis 1:2
- What came before morning? Gen 1:5

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- Who is the creator? Genesis 1:1

• What was separated from light? Gen 1:4

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- Which day did God finish work? Gen 2:2
- Who was created God's image? Gen 1:27

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- Who moved over the water? Gen 1:2

**FIND THE CREATION PAIRS**  
from Genesis 1 and 2

EARTH	MORNING
LIGHT	FRUIT
DAYS	SEA
TREES	NIGHT
LAND	FISH
EVENING	YEARS
ADAM	HEAVENS
DAY	DARK
BIRDS	WATER
SKY	EVE

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
The first word of the Old Testament in Hebrew is **bereshith** which means 'in the beginning'. The Greeks translated this word as **GENESIS** which means creation, origin and generation

Can you find these words in the word search?

GOD • HEAVEN • SPIRIT  
FLY • DEEP • EARTH  
DARK • DAY • LIGHT  
NIGHT • STARS • SKY  
SEA • LAND • BIRD  
CREATURE • HUMAN  
TREE • PLANT • SEEDS  
FRUIT • GOOD • TWO

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## Your Coronavirus Vaccination

Recently I've been pondering why there is a reticence from some people to take the vaccine for Covid-19, when offered it. I am aware that there have been questions asked on social media about the possibility that a human foetus had been used in the original production of the Oxford jab along with strange assertions as to what might be contained inside the vaccine.

Much of this is completely groundless. There is a much greater danger to other people from not being vaccinated as there are many carriers of the virus without symptoms and no-one would want to be responsible for another person catching coronavirus because they wouldn't take the vaccination when it was offered.

I decided to ask our curate, David Poyner, who is Professor of Pharmacology at Aston University about some of these concerns. He said:

'Human cells are used to produce the Oxford/Astrazeneca vaccine and these were originally isolated from a foetus in the 1970s. However, the isolation was a one-time event and the cells used to produce the vaccine are "clones" from the original. They themselves have not been directly obtained from human foetuses (<https://factcheck.afp.com/misleading-claim-spreads-online-astrazeneca-oxford-covid-19-vaccine-contains-mrc-5-foetal-cells>).'

In our locality a majority of those in their 80s and 90s have now been vaccinated mainly in Bridgnorth and Cleobury and by the time you read this, vaccinations may have begun for those who are in their 70s and, like myself, in the extremely vulnerable groups.

Whatever vaccination is offered to you, they are very similar in their ability to protect you – take it!

**Mike Harris**

## Highley Churchyard developments



From this...

...to this!



I'm sure you will have noticed that the unsightly area in the churchyard below the old Tudor house has been tidied up over the months, mainly by Roy Adlington. This will be the site of a Memorial Garden, made possible from the bequest left by Delphine Brown, which has also been used to restore the church. It will eventually become a place for burial of cremated remains, with a wonderful view.

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## Word for Today

### TEMPTATION

*'And with the temptation, will also make the way of escape. That you may bear it.'*

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NKJV)

God's plan for turning temptation into triumph is not to 'endure' temptation, but to 'escape' temptation. That calls for two things: 1) Don't get into a tempting situation. Too many people are like the little boy sitting under the farmer's apple tree. When the farmer asked him, 'Son, are you trying to steal my apples?', he replied, 'No sir, I'm trying not to.' His problem was being under the apple tree in the first place. Martin Luther said, 'You can't keep the birds from flying over your head, but you can keep them from building nests in your hair.' You can't keep pornography off the internet, but you can avoid it by obeying God's Word which says, 'I will set nothing wicked before my eyes' (Psalm 101:3 NKJV). 2) If you get into a tempting situation, get out of it quickly. The Bible never says we are to

fight temptation, it says we are to flee from it. Paul tells Timothy, 'Flee also youthful lusts' (2 Timothy 2:22 KJV). He warns the Corinthians, 'Flee sexual immorality' (1 Corinthians 6:18 NKJV). Potiphar's wife repeatedly tried to seduce Joseph. 'Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, and after a while his master's wife took notice...and said, "Come to bed with me!"' (Genesis 39:6-7 NIV). But Joseph fled, leaving his coat behind. God does not provide a way of escape before the temptation or after the temptation, but with the temptation. Are you being tempted today? Pray and God will strengthen you. 'The Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations' (2 Peter 2:9 NKJV).

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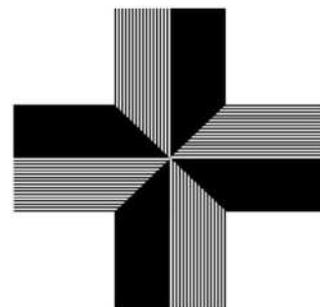
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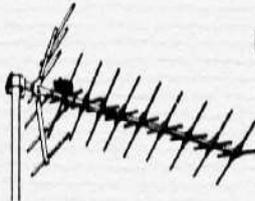
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## *Cinderella: A Modern Fable*

When Cinderella's father married again, after his first wife died, he already had two grown-up daughters, Emma and Eileen. Emma worked in a bank after graduating from university and Eileen was an accountant.

Cindy, being very young, was spoilt by her parents and was quite happy doing housework. Her father urged her to go to college, but instead she decided to take a course entitled, 'First steps for the young housewife' which included a plan for managing money.

Suddenly all this changed when her father's second wife was killed in a car crash and, unfortunately, the grieving widower took to drink.

Slowly his wealth evaporated and eventually the two older sisters decided to do something about it. All they had left was a large house and a small cottage nearby. Persuaded to go into a home for alcoholics, their father sold both properties to the sisters who said to their younger sibling, "You can live in the cottage and we will live in the larger property." Cindy had no objection to this, but saw a major problem. "I can't afford the rent." The sisters explained that in lieu of rent she could clean their large house for two days a week. She was kind and, naturally she agreed, as she was quite a domestic little body.

This arrangement worked very well indeed until Cindy called in at the bank and said to Emma, "I would like to know more about finance as I have an idea for a business venture." Both sisters laughed but agreed to give her basic lessons.

Shortly afterwards Emma became ill and was forced to give up her banking job and Eileen had to work part time so that she could care for her ailing sister. "We must downsize to a more affordable place." So they started to look for a new home. Fortunately a house quite near to where they lived came up for sale and was bought by a mystery buyer.. It was advertised for rent which they could afford. Now a big question, "What to do about Cindy"? To their surprise the younger sister said, "My business is doing well. I will buy the cottage."

This suited everyone until Eileen also became ill and found it difficult to pay the rent. They decided to ask the mystery owner for a reduction. They were amazed when Cindy turned up at their home. "I am your landlady," she informed them. "I bought this property at a good price and you can pay less rent." "What is your business?" they asked curiously. "Why, I used the financial knowledge I gained from you to start a business called 'Home Help'. I supply domestics to harassed housewives at reasonable rates and employ ten people. Sometimes I do a little myself. I always enjoyed it as you know."

Emma and Eileen were pleased with to hear about Cindy's enterprise, and, as they became increasingly infirm, Cindy sent them help at reasonable rates. As far as I know this is still the situation.

You will note there is no Prince Charming in this story. Sadly modern Princes look more for handouts than actually providing wealth and position.

## Highley Companions

It's been a while since I have written anything for the Forum so I thought it would be good to give Highley Companions a mention and remind everyone of what we do and what's been happening during lockdown.

Firstly for anyone who doesn't know who we are here is a brief description of what we do in "normal" times!

Highley Companions was started in 2017 by myself, as a spin off from my job as Community Care Co-ordinator at Highley Medical Centre where I work on a Friday, and the then Housing Support Officer, Claire. We realised that there was a need in our community for a group where those who suffer from Dementia, Alzheimer's or just where the memory is not so good as it was, needed a safe haven where they could be left by their carers, often a relative or friend, to give them a much needed break for three hours. We enlisted a group of lovely volunteers and we were all given the necessary training to enable our group to go ahead.



The Companions celebrate the Royal Wedding in 2018

Our group is now run independently by myself and our lovely team of volunteers who, I might add, are worth their weight in gold. Since the onset our members have loved coming to our meetings every other Thursday at the Parish Hall and really enjoy being part of the activities we engage them in, such as quizzes, word searches, arts and crafts, puzzles, games such as dominoes, cards and bingo normally presided over by "our Mandy" as our chief bingo caller. Singing is also one of the things which we love to do together too, and there is some real talent amongst our members. Singing is so good, like our other activities, for the soul and the brain. We always have a special time of reminiscing where we share memories of bygone years which is so interesting and it's lovely to hear our members sharing these stories. Everything is very relaxed and we enjoy having lunch together. If, when we do meet up again, you fancy popping into the Parish Hall at around 12.30pm on our meeting day, all you will hear is lots of laughter and talking while we are having our food. Everyone has so much to say. We meet (when we are allowed ) from 11am to 2.00pm and, although we don't charge, our "Companions" themselves decided that they should each put a donation of £2 in the pot.

We are very fortunate to have received a grant from Highley Parish Council for the past few years and also donations from other groups and families within the village as well as some lovely hand-knitted blankets made by one of St. Mary's home groups. We are extremely grateful for all monies and gifts we have received.

How has lockdown affected us?

Well, like everything and everyone, life as we knew it ended abruptly within one week of our last meeting on 18th March, 2020. I can honestly say that it was one of the best meetings we had had. We had lots of laughter, singing, sharing and just loved being together. Little did we know then, that almost a year later, we have still not been able to meet up again.

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## Just For Fun

### The cat

A vicar and his wife were going out for the evening, and carefully set the security lights and put the cat out. But, when they opened the door to go to the taxi, the cat slipped back in and disappeared upstairs. Irritated, the vicar followed it.

The wife waited with the taxi driver. Not wanting him to know that they were leaving the vicarage empty, she said: "My husband is just upstairs for a quick word with my mother."

A few minutes later, the husband arrived, breathless. "Sorry I took so long," he said, "but she put up a fight! Stupid old thing was hiding under the bed and I had to poke her with a coat hanger and grab her by the scruff of the neck to get her out."

### Fire?

The team at the local fire station had assembled to hear their training officer discuss the behaviours of various kinds of fire. He began: "You pull up to a house and notice puffs of smoke coming from the eaves. But the windows are blackened out and there is little or no visible flame. What does this tell you?" he asked.

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## Highley Companions (Cont.)

... I know it's been such a hard and difficult time for everyone especially this time around with the winter months, instead of the lovely sunshine we experienced during the first lockdown. The isolation, the loneliness, and not being able to see friends, neighbours and most of all our families, has affected us all in various ways.

Of course, when you are involved in a group like ours, our members are not far from our thoughts so I had the idea that in order to provide some sort of lifeline, we set up a telephone rota system which meant that each of our "Companions" would receive a phone call three times a week from a different volunteer thereby giving a chance to talk about all manner of different things. It's kept their spirits up, with some wonderful conversations we have had over the months and it has not only encouraged our members but us volunteers too. We have had times whereby carers want to vent their feelings at the frustrations they find happening day to day and we have become a sounding board, providing a listening ear and help where needed. I know how desperate we all are to meet up again and this is one of the things mentioned quite frequently to us in our phone calls. It's lovely to know how much everyone enjoys our calls and we do get serenaded to on occasions, which is lovely.

To end 2020 we had to do something special. If our Companions couldn't come to us then we would go to them.

Christmas has always been the highlight of our Companions year with Christmas Dinner and the children coming from Highley School to sing to us and I knew that it would bring an element of sadness to our members. It was decided by myself and the other volunteers that we would go round to each of the Companion's houses and sing a couple of carols for them. They really seemed to enjoy our efforts and the joy on their faces was so encouraging with some of them even joining in. We gave each of them a little gift of 6 mince pies (Lesley and I had mince pies coming out of our ears by this time!) together with a CD of the school children singing, and a calendar.

Well, as you read this, we should be nearing the end of this current lockdown and, hopefully, we will start seeing some light at the end of the tunnel. Most of our members will have been vaccinated against Covid which is a good step in the right direction. The weather should start picking up and we will see the spring flowers starting to come through. New life. New beginnings. Lets hope so.

Our hope for this year of 2021 is that this awful virus will begin to subside and, with the vaccination programme, we are hopeful that we can meet again and once more enjoy the pleasure of each other's company and take part in some of our trips out which sadly had to be postponed last year.

I know all of us at Highley Companions can't wait until we have the green light to meet again whenever that will be, and we are going to make sure that we have such a wonderful party with lots and lots of hugs!

In the meantime we are doing as we are told. Staying at home, staying safe and protecting the NHS.

**Elaine Moore**

For more information on Highley Companions please contact me on 861431.



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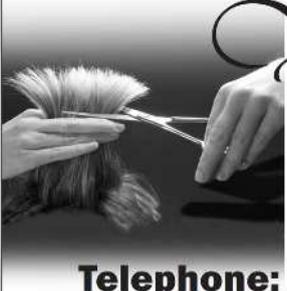
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Open for appointments 10am to 4pm on **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.**

## We can all be Friends of the Earth

In Highley we are trying to share ideas in order to live a more sustainable existence and reduce our carbon footprint. Anyone is welcome to send them to [highleyfoe@gmail.com](mailto:highleyfoe@gmail.com).



### Idea of the month - John

We have just had an air-to-air source pump heater/cooling system fitted in the kitchen/diner of our bungalow. It is marvellous, and I would highly recommend them. They are very cheap to run, and better for our carbon footprint than conventional gas. We are very pleased. They work by taking heat from the air outside and using it to heat the home. You can also get air-to-water pumps that link in with your central heating system, and ground source pumps that take heat directly from the ground (these are the most efficient). The latter 2 are currently covered by the Government's renewable heat incentive scheme, which could provide an income over the next 7 years. <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/advice/air-source-heat-pumps>

### Recipe of the month - Alastair

**A quick gnocchi supper. Easy to make with left over mashed potato!**

**Ingredients** - (Serves 4, just do half for 2, and keep the whole egg in).

450g floury potatoes or left over mash  
 55g of Parmesan cheese (we used vegan cheddar that still worked well)  
 1 egg (or vegan egg substitute)  
 200g plain flour, salt and pepper  
 70g walnuts (toasted under the grill)  
 Vegan basil pesto or other pesto

**Method** - Boil the potatoes, drain and lose the steam. Mash/rice them well and stir in the cheese and seasoning. Whilst still hot, beat in the egg and sift in the flour. Combine and knead lightly. Add more flour if too sticky. Roll out into 1-2cm diameter log, chop into 2 cm pieces. Pop into pan of boiling water and cook until they float. Drain and mix with pesto and nuts!

### Tree planting - Darren

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has warned that global temperatures need to be kept from rising by more than 1.5°C. We've already passed 1°C. The UK has pledged to be carbon neutral by 2050, but we need action now! Firstly we need to seriously reduce our emissions, and secondly need to find a way of reducing the damage already done. Technology is being explored to remove CO<sub>2</sub> (the biggest culprit) from the atmosphere, but this is expensive and complex. The simplest and most powerful weapon in the fight against climate change are trees. The entire woodland ecosystem plays a huge role in locking up carbon, including the living wood, roots, leaves, deadwood, surrounding soils and its associated vegetation. A young wood with mixed native species can lock up 400+ tonnes of carbon/hectare in trees, roots and soil. You could make a tangible impact by growing trees yourself (appropriate trees in an appropriate place), donating to forest restoration organisations (e.g. the Woodland Trust), reducing your use of paper products (but not replacing them with plastic!), purchasing FSC certified products and of course avoiding irresponsible companies. We all have a part to play!

**Alastair Macnaughton**

## Who's for Pancakes?

Why do we have pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, or Pancake Day, as we call it today? And what is Shrove Tuesday? And why do thousands of people feel it rewarding to race along a street somewhere tossing pancakes from their frying pans as they go?



Well, the answer to the first question is that it is the day before Lent begins and for well over a thousand years that has meant it was the last chance to enjoy meat, fat and other tasty dishes until Easter Day. The 'Lent Fast' was widely and strictly observed. The food in the larder wouldn't keep for six weeks so it had to be eaten. With all these rich foods no wonder the French call it 'Fatty Tuesday' – Mardi Gras.

So, what have pancake races got to do with all this solemnity? 'Shrove' is an old word for 'forgiven' and in those days to prepare for the rigours of Lent people would want to confess and seek forgiveness – not quite what you want at a party. The answer is quite simply enjoying yourself while you can! So, on Shrove Tuesday this year let's have some fun and make it last as long as possible.

The most convincing (and amusing) of the explanations of pancake races is of outwitting the Sexton who rang the curfew bell that marked the start of Lent. He was reluctant to do it while the race was unfinished. So, the revelry caused by dropped pancakes, postponed the inevitable.

Since the Reformation it has not been so rigorously observed in Britain, but still people will resolve to 'give up something for Lent'. Six weeks is about right as a duration and Sunday has always been exempt but make the most of those pancakes. They may well not reappear until April 12th!

David Winter, Parish Pump.

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# Stuck in The Mud?

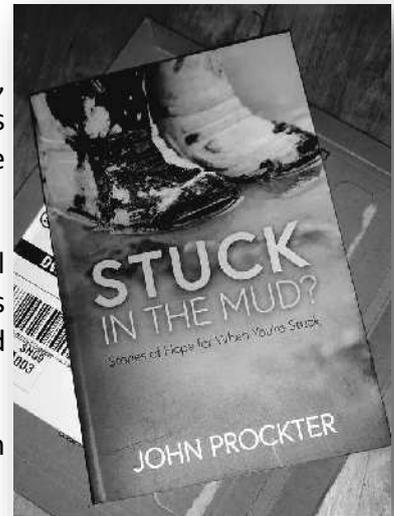
## Stories of hope for when you're stuck

**Written by John Prockter, former member of St. Mary's Highley:**

"My wife Louise and I lived in Highley for eight years, and in that time, we were quite involved in the community. In the last couple of years before we moved to Telford, I began writing a book that finally came out this week.

Although the book features our life stories, readers from Highley will certainly recognise elements from the community. One of the stories features the Severn Valley Railway, and it's not difficult to find references to Pit Bank, and the valley.

The book itself is available online from multiple shops, but you can find it easily on Amazon."



Book Description: *Stuck in the Mud?*

'Framed around **twelve real-life** sticking points in John Prockter's life, this book offers us hope in a faithful God and a pathway through difficult times. John encourages us to engage with Scripture in a new and inspiring way, allowing Jesus to bring the freedom we all need to live our lives authentically.

Frank yet approachable, *Stuck in the Mud?* is an ideal guide for those wanting to engage in the ups and downs of discipleship.'

Endorsement:

*'I love this book. It's real, earthy, honest, funny, challenging, inspiring, practical, and written in John's unique style. Great for adults and young people alike which is a rare thing. Definitely one to move to the top of your book reading list today!'* Matt Summerfield, Pastor: Zeo Church

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## Lent 2021 Hard Questions



Over the six weeks of Lent this year there is an opportunity to ask the preachers in our benefice a question you would like an answer to. In asking, it may be that you also help others who are wondering about similar things. .

Please ask your question below, keeping it short with one main point, please. If you can give your name, we won't include it in the talk unless you give permission, but it may help in order to let you know when it will be answered. In addition we will be following up each week with a discussion in home group(s) probably on a Wednesday evening and on 3rd March, Bishop Richard will be joining us.

My question \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

My name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact No: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick the box if you do not want your name mentioned as questioner

Please pop your question through the Rectory door or return by email by Wednesday 10th February to [highleyrector@gmail.com](mailto:highleyrector@gmail.com)

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Friday Event	Mrs. Rachel Williams	the-friday-event@hotmail.com	862875
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Age UK		enquiries@ageconcernshrops.org.uk	01743 233123
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Carers Trust 4 All			03333 231990
Community Car Scheme	Mr Richard Dudson		861817
Cricket Club	Mrs Denise Goulden		861031
Gardening Club	Mrs Morag Ross		862450
Guides	Mrs Gay Lilley		861722
Highley Colliery Band	Dave & Lisa Burge		862018
Highley Companions	Elaine Moore		861431
Highley County Primary School	School Office	(Tanya Mathers)	861541
Highley First Responders	Dave Fulton	Coordinator	861580
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Highley Mini Minors Toddler Group	Mrs Sharon Dalziel		862087
Highley Minors Childcare Centre	Dawn Bethel / Kath Davies	Severn Centre	860005
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Highley Venturers	Mrs Chris Corfield		861477
Parish Hall Bookings			861242
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**Not sure where to find it?**

**Age UK may be able to help.**

**They are currently working on  
 a fresh approach to the  
 support they give locally.**

**In the mean time, please  
 contact them direct on:**

**01743 233123**

email:

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## Community Cars

### **Voluntary Driver(s) wanted**

**Could you spare some time to drive  
 people on essential journeys?**

**e.g. medical appointments at local  
 surgeries & hospitals, occasional  
 shopping trips, etc.**

**Community Cars needs extra help!**

**Hours of work – flexible!**

**Volunteers can specify times when they  
 are usually available (or not)**

**Drivers receive payment for each journey  
 to cover their running costs.**

**Please contact Richard Dudson on  
 (01746) 861817 for further details.**

**Volunteers will need to complete a short  
 application form, & a CRB check will be  
 necessary.**

**No transport for essential journeys?  
 We may be able to help...**



**For further information, or  
 to book a car, please contact:**

**Richard Dudson  
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 (01746) 861817**

**Andrew Powell  
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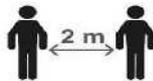
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## Bus travel guidance

### Stay safe

Keep 2m apart from people not in your own household while waiting



### Look out for 'bus full' signs

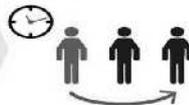
The bus will only stop when people want to get off or if there is enough space onboard



If they do stop, they will normally only be able to let one passenger on for each one that gets off.



Be prepared to wait and please help others by prioritising those who need to travel more urgently than you



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## Crossword Solution from page 15

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### Parish Hall Office

01746 861242

For information about weddings, Baptisms (Christenings), child's Dedication, for general enquiries about church service times and parish information, please contact the Parish Office. The office will be open on Thursdays (generally) from 10:00 - 12:00pm.

If there is no answer and at other times, there is a telephone message service and if you leave your name and telephone number someone will get back to you in due course or phone: 01746 862837

**Currently not Open Except for Food Share**

### Waste / Recycling Collections

Black bins: Monday 8th & 22nd

Crates & green bins: Monday 1st & 15th  
Apart from the small area of Garden Village and Highley Park Homes which has a collection the following day.

### Forthcoming Events

- Gardening Club** Wednesday  
Severn Centre
- Police Surgery** Thursday  
10:00 - 12:00  
Severn Centre
- Severn Strollers** Mondays  
(not Bank Holidays)  
10:30 / 11:00  
Severn Centre  
(Contact: Barbara Skilton: 01746 862003)
- Women's Institute** Tuesday  
Severn Centre
- Patients' Group** see Facebook page
- Computer Support Sessions**  
see opposite

**Currently not taking place**

### Star Housing

**Housing Support Officer  
in Rhea Hall.**

Contact Jan Moseley: 01746 862442

#### Services available:

General Drop-in: Friday 9.30am-1.30pm  
Coffee Morning: Thursday 11am-12noon  
Counselling: Wednesdays 10.30am-12.30pm

**Phone for more information regarding services:**

Community Room,  
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All Round Property Maintenance	11	Haycox, P & Son (Funerals)	25	Severn Edge Vets	29
Bache PR (Carpenter)	10	Highley Garage	22	Severn Valley Stoves	10
Cleobury Country Centre	11	Highley Pharmacy	18	Shropshire Registration Services	25
Cost Cutter	11	Holford, CE (Electrical)	11	Stark, A, Carpentry	19
David Dexter (Motor Repairs)	10	Ince, B (Funeral Directors)	25	Tele - Satt Aerials	19
Edwards AJ Decorating Services	17	Irena Foot Clinic	31	Vivians Mobile Hairdressing	25
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 Gill & Alun Rees,  
 Denise Lobban, 14 Church  
 Mary & David Rayner, Prestwood House, Netherton Lane  
 Janette Hill, 62 Yew Tree Grove

Please check the notice board at church nearer the time to confirm locations.

**A warm welcome is extended to all**

**Cancelled until further notice**



*First Tuesday in the month  
 2-4pm. (note time change)*

*Programme  
 Cancelled  
 until further notice*

**Allsorts of topics for  
 Allsorts of ladies of  
 Allsorts of ages**

## Photo Gallery

### Christmas Dinner is served

Volunteers were on hand on Christmas Day to distribute over 30 dinners to local residents who might otherwise be lonely or unable to prepare a meal.

Report on page 13



Emma Carter and her team outside the Parish Hall ready with food boxes as part of the Highley Community Project. See page 8.

You'll also notice their mascot, Mr. Crabb, who waits to be pinged when anyone enters.

# FEBRUARY 2021

## February Services

Everything subject to change, check website

PLEASE NOTE

Due to Coronavirus  
Services currently virtual only



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You are also warmly invited to attend  
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[d.r.poyner@aston.ac.uk](mailto:d.r.poyner@aston.ac.uk)

Also bi-weekly St. Mary's Zoom  
gatherings at 5pm for 40mins

Contact: [markandamywilliams@gmail.com](mailto:markandamywilliams@gmail.com)

An impressive bit of  
Snow sculpture during the  
post-Christmas snowfall.



**Currently not taking place**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Morning Prayer 9:00am</p> <p>HOME GROUPS 7.30pm The Byre, Woodhill Farm</p>	<p>Morning Prayer 9:00am</p> <p>Coffee Morning 10:30 - 12 noon (page 34 - venues)</p>	<p>Holy Communion 9:30am</p> <p>HOME GROUPS 10.30am The Rectory, Church St 7.30pm Prestwood House, Netherton Lane</p>		<p>Morning Prayer 9:00am</p> <p>Friday Event 19:30 at the Parish Hall Term time</p>
			Next Copy Date: <u>February 15th</u>	