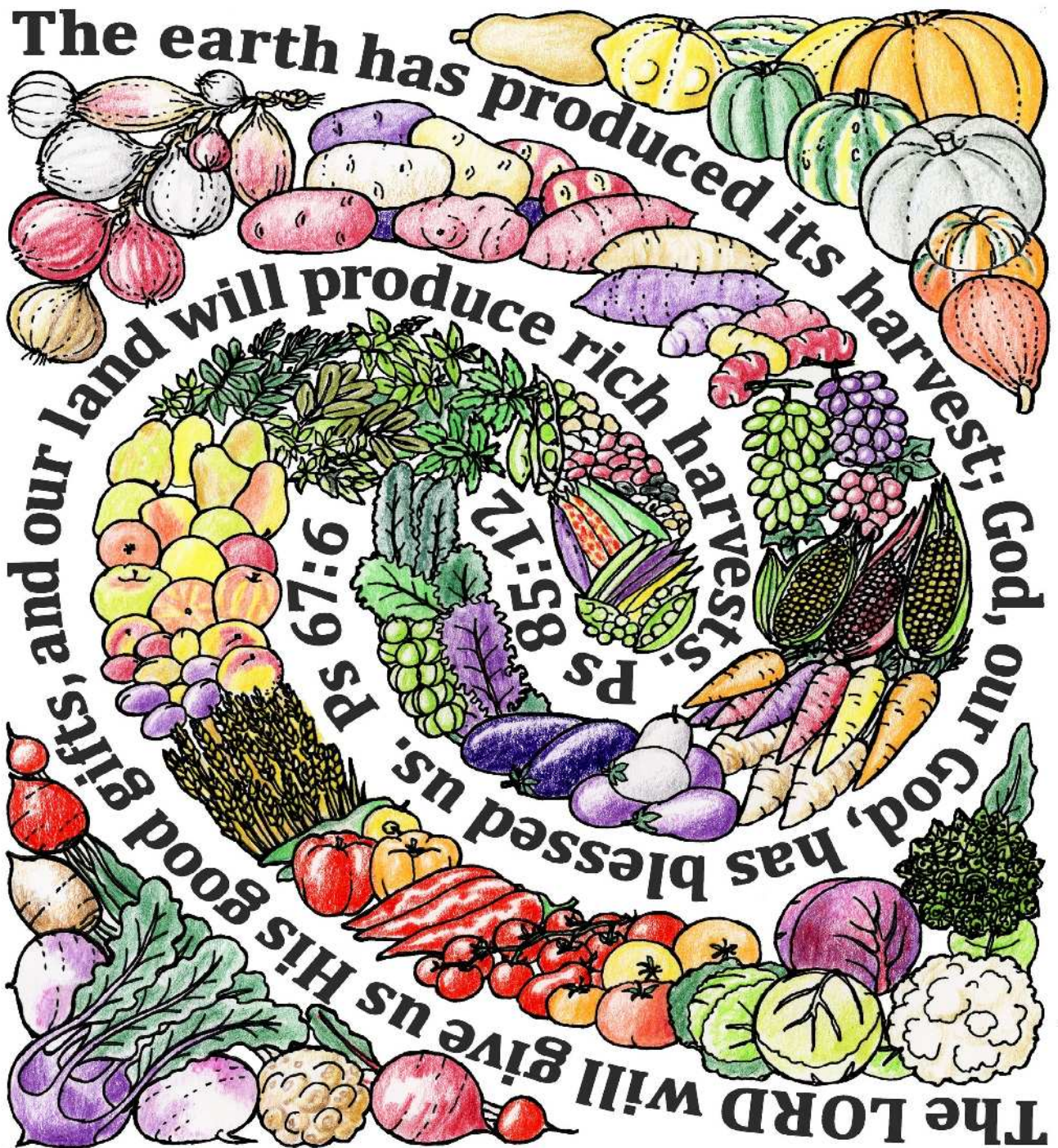


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Highley pays its respects to Queen Elizabeth II



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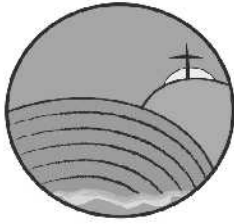
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Service and Sacrifice

'Well done, my good and faithful servant. In you I am well pleased.'

As the Queen entered into her eternal rest, however you want to imagine that, I firmly believe that God welcomed her with those words.

Like so many others, royalists or not, I have been struck by the response of many thousands (probably millions) of people who have publicly mourned the death of Queen Elizabeth II. I was surprised by my own feelings of sadness and emptiness, particularly during the 10 days of mourning, when every day something new was being revealed about her long and fruitful life.

Our nation mourned, and so did the world. Media presenters commented on how unusual it was for such an outpouring of genuine sadness, respect and grief from leaders and ordinary folk alike from so many countries across the world.

What was it that provoked this widespread reaction?

Did it have something to do with a conscious or unconscious recognition that she had lived up to the promises she had made as a young woman. Yes, she was born into a privileged life. But with privilege comes responsibility. She took her Coronation vows seriously and kept them, even when it meant that she was torn between family and country.

How many of us can say that we have continuously lived a life of sacrifice and service, in the way that she did?

I was struck by the photos of a rainbow across Buckingham Palace and also Windsor Castle. How very poignant. Rainbows are biblically a sign of the covenant that God made with Noah. A promise that He would not again destroy those he had created, as had happened with the Great Flood. The flood occurred because mankind had become so wicked, that (the bible tells us) God regretted creating the world.

We could easily feel that the world is very wicked today. Yet God shows us, through the lives of others, that there is a better way to live. Words that came up time and time again in tributes to our late Queen were kindness, goodness, patience, love, peace, graciousness, sacrifice, self-control. These are all fruits of the Holy Spirit.

It doesn't take much to spread a little kindness. It takes a bit more maybe to be gracious when you want to respond more harshly. But thoughtfulness and acting for the greater good always has a better outcome.

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Another unusual feature of the reporting on the Queen's long life and reign was how much her personal faith upheld her through the pressures of her role and also family troubles—and she certainly had her fair share of those!

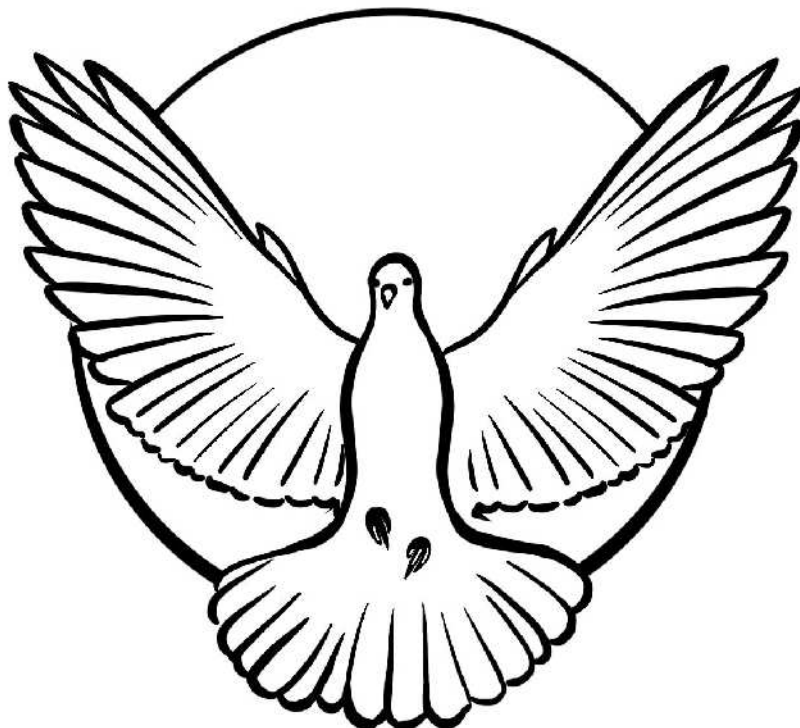
If you've ever read the book of Proverbs in the Bible, you'll know that there is a lot said about wisdom and self-control. One such verse reads

'The tongues of the wise use knowledge well, but the mouth of fools pour out foolishness.'

Proverbs 15:2

Our late Queen understood this well and thought carefully before she spoke, particularly in contentious circumstances. Her response of *'Recollections may vary'* following **that** media broadcast will probably go down in history. And always, she was reaching out in love, despite family differences. We, and the world, could do well to emulate that response to disagreements and potential division. We cannot always give others what they want or demand, but we can assure them of our continuing love, despite our differences.

Val Smith



Jesus was baptised. As he was praying, the Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'

Luke 3:22

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St Mary's Highley

This month has been like no other September! We were glad to see that many of you took advantage of the church being open during the period of national mourning to visit and place your prayers on the Prayer Tree and light a candle. The cards will be gathered up and sent to the Royal Family, along with the book of condolence, which was at the Severn Centre.



We began the month saying farewell to a much loved member of our congregation and also the village—George Poyner. His son, our very own Rev'd Dr David Poyner took the service for his Dad. He regaled those present with stories and anecdotes of George's life and work. It was a sad but joyous occasion, as we looked back on his life and forward to his place in the eternal kingdom of heaven. George was laid to rest with his beloved Esther, who died several years ago. Reunited at last.

We also said farewell to Alan Honeybourne, who passed away at the end of August. David also took this funeral and 'did Alan proud'. Alan was another stalwart of Highley and will be remembered by those who knew him as a boy and also for many, many years as a Parish Councillor. Alan loved to sing and so we did our best to 'raise the roof' on his behalf at his funeral service.

Our condolences go to David and Ruth and all the families of those in the village who have suffered bereavement over the past few weeks and months. **This year, our annual Memorial Service will take place at Chelmarsh on Sunday 30th October at 10am.** All are invited, especially those who have lost family and friends in the past 12 months. Please let me know if you would like to come to that service, to remember your loved ones and I'll give you any information you need.

We have had happier occasions though, and our congratulations go to **Amy and Brett Oliver and Sarah and Joseph Gallimore** on their weddings during September. We pray that both couples will have a long and happy marriages. Welcome also to **Bobby John Trevor Southwell**, who was christened on 18th September at St Mary's Church

Our Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 9th October at St Mary's. We look forward to seeing as many as possible to join with us as we celebrate in thankfulness God's provision for us over the last year and into the next. Our Harvest Charity for 2022 will be **Tearfund.**, who work with third world countries, especially in Africa, to help with training and development of local people in practical skills and viable business ventures, with the aim of developing self-sufficiency. Envelopes will be available at St Mary's Church over the next few weeks or from Rev'd Val Smith. They can be returned either to Church at our Harvest Service or to Mandy Homer, our treasurer.

St Peter's, Chelmarsh

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth

This September has been sadly memorable for the death of Her Majesty the Queen. She has been a shining example to us all for so many years, and as head of the Anglican Church, demonstrated an inspiring living faith. The nation owes her the greatest gratitude for her dedicated service. We send our new King and Queen Consort loyalty and best wishes in the tasks ahead of them.



Harvest Festival and Ride and Stride

Reports of both these events will appear in the November magazine.

From the Register

Burial

27. 8. 2022 **Kathleen Mary Blakemore**

Our sincere sympathies go to her family at this sad time

Holy Matrimony.

6. 9. 2022 **Brett Oliver and Amy Ferne Louise Bevan.**

We wish this couple every happiness in their future together.

Chelmarsh Activities

1. Arts Alive concert - Much Ado About Jazz, Saturday 29 October at 7.30.

Tickets £14 (children £8), available from Sue Jackman 07531 008876. Something a bit different aimed at those who don't necessarily like jazz as well as those who do. An irresistible combination of classic jazz (Gershwin & Brubeck) and dry humour.

2. A new games afternoon

For those who love playing games but don't always have anyone to play with. All games will be provided, as well as a little help, if needed. Try your hand at canasta, crib, scrabble, Rummikub and any other game you care to bring along. Enjoy good company and a cup of tea. Cost £2 per session in Chelmarsh Parish Hall, every Thursday afternoon at 2.00-4.00pm. For more information contact Jen 07861 567962 or Sue 07531 08876.

3. Chelmarsh Lunch Club

Takes place on the first Tuesday of the month at the Bulls Head, Chelmarsh. For those who enjoy a nice social lunch amongst friends.

Cost £13.95 (2 courses + coffee).

Contact Sue Jackman on 07531 008876, if you are interested in joining us.



St Mary's, Billingsley

Harvest this year at Billingsley took the form of two events. On Thursday the 8th September, a group met in the orchard opposite the church to celebrate the fruit and "wild harvest". We were picking up on a number of traditions connected with orchards, that start with "wassailing" immediately after Christmas when a crowd would gather to drink and shout loudly to scare away evil spirits from the trees, through Easter and May to harvest itself. We listened to the Gloucester Wassail Carol, read a collection of apple-themed verses from the Bible, sang a hymn, scattered bread for the birds and blessed the trees by pouring cider over their roots. We drank the rest of the cider and retired to church to eat apple-cake and apple tarts. Ellen also provided the equivalent of the corn-dolly, the "apple Queen"; a doll with a crab-apple for a head (see photo). This was followed on the Sunday by the traditional harvest festival in church, again with refreshments afterwards. We did hope to have a guest preacher but she had to cancel as she was needed to take prayers for the Queen in Bridgnorth; we hope she can come in October. We had almost 20 people at our two services.



The orchard service took place only a few minutes after the news was released of the death of the Queen. We tolled the bell just before the service and said prayers for the late Queen and King Charles during the service; these were repeated at Harvest itself.

Our final evening service this year will be on Sunday 9th October at 6pm, when we hope Jane Peeler will be able to talk about her work as an Anna Chaplain. This is a form of ministry that specifically looks to the spiritual needs of the elderly; it takes its name from Anna, the old woman and prophetess who acknowledged the infant Jesus as Messiah when he was taken to the temple to be circumcised. Anyone interested in pastoral care for the elderly is welcome to attend.

St Bartholomew's, Glazeley

Glazeley church had a busy service on Sunday 18th September. It was harvest festival but also it was a year since our former organist June Davenhill died. June was the wife of Harry Davenhill of Picklesbatch; together they were dedicated to keeping the church open. June's great passion was music; she was a founder of Pelsall Ladies Choir, who she often brought to sing at Glazeley and she also regularly played our organ.



Daughter Rachael now follows in her footsteps and her grand-daughter read music at University. The family wanted a memorial for June and so at our service we dedicated a photo of her and a table; ultimately we want to place this next to the organ where we will put a plaque to June. We were joined by June's daughters, grand-daughters, sister and brother-in-law; Rachael played the organ for us whilst younger daughter Gill spoke about June's life and service to the church. We had a congregation of over 20 and enjoyed cake, pork-pie, tea and sherry after the service; Glazeley knows how to enjoy itself... We also had a lovely turn out at our monthly "Breakfast at The Down"; 38 turned up for the fabulous breakfast put on by Steve & his team. There were plenty of raffle prizes thank you to all who donated them & £130 was raised for the church funds.

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The evening Billingsley/Glazeley walks concluded this month with a walk from Highley Church around Netherton. Fittingly we had one person each from Billingsley, Glazeley and Highley. We will resume these next year when the evenings start to get light again.

Our next service will be on Sunday 16th October at 10.00am and looking further ahead, the Act of Remembrance on Sunday 13th November at the war memorial will this year be led by Laura Jones. We are also planning a carol service, details to follow.

Our thoughts & prayers go to Paul Day & his family, on the loss of his wife Jan. Paul & his family live at The Manor, Glazeley. Also to Ruth Honeybourne on the loss of her husband Alan. Ruth led many of our services at Glazeley before she retired recently.

St James the Least of All

The Rectory

St James the Least



My dear Nephew Darren

After all these years, who would have believed it: to have my own book printed! I must admit, I had imagined a leather-bound volume with gold leaf lettering on the spine – perhaps even titled ‘Volume One’, implying future delights when further work would appear. A paperback, held together with glue was a slight disappointment. The publisher’s reason for a print run of 50, saying that it meant fewer would have to be dumped in cut-price bookshops, was not what I had expected either.

He seemed to think that my commentary on Eusebius’s tables for cross-referencing the gospels, as explained in his letter to Carpianus, would not have mass interest. While I concede it will be unlikely to dent the sales of Harry Potter, and that I am unlikely to be involved in negotiating the film rights, I had hoped for slightly more enthusiasm for this stride forward in global knowledge.

The excitement of the book launch and signing was also tempered when only the bishop arrived, expecting a free copy, so he could mark it for theological errors. My suggestion that he take a copy to colour it in did not go down well. I suspect I will not now be asked to deliver a paper on it at the next clergy conference.

I was briefly excited when several parishioners came into the shop. But it turned out that one wanted to book a baptism with me, and another wanted to complain that at his recent wedding, I had nearly married the best man to the bride. I was tempted to tell him that the time may come when he wished that I had, but decided that would be another sale lost.

I could not even console myself with a free drink. The publisher had only brought two bottles of that particular white wine, of unknown origin, that seems specially reserved for book launches and retirement parties. I suspect it derives less from a vineyard and more from a laboratory. One bottle he kept for himself and the other disappeared after my Confirmation class came in to ask whether the book would be serialised on TV.

In the end, I bought all 50 copies myself, placed a note in the bookshop window saying that, due to exceptional demand, the print run had been entirely sold out. It has also solved the annual problem of Christmas presents; in your case, a second copy will probably arrive for your birthday too.

Your loving uncle,

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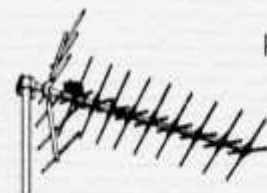


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Letter from Westminster

Last month, we reflected with a mixture of great sadness and huge sense of loss, but also remembered with great joy the inspiration which Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II gave in devoting her life to the service of others.

She set an example not just to those in public life, but to all of us: how to behave, how to help others, how to bring people together and make people happy. She was the mother of the Nation, the founder of the Commonwealth and the senior stateswoman of the globe. The world shares in our grief.

Sir Winston Churchill, her first of 15 Prime Ministers, heralded her Accession to the throne as launching “a golden age” - “a signal for a brightening salvation of the human scene”. And so it proved in so many areas of human endeavour and achievement by her and her subjects over these past 70 years.

We shall probably all remember where we were when we heard the news of Her Majesty’s death. Although she was 96 this still came as a lightning bolt of shock in the midst of thunderstorms raging across her Kingdom that day.

I was with members of the Environmental Audit Committee, at a half-full reservoir in Cornwall surrounded by trees.

This seemed strangely fitting, giving the commitment Her Majesty showed to the environment. Through her love of nature, she and her devoted husband Prince Philip the late Duke of Edinburgh undoubtedly planted the seed for their family’s enthusiasm in championing nature and leading the crusade to combat climate change, decades before this became fashionable.

Only last November in her message to international leaders and delegates attending COP26 she said: “The time for words has now moved to the time for action”.

But it was her love of trees that will be a lasting physical legacy. I suspect she planted more than anyone else in public life around the globe.

The Platinum Jubilee Queen’s Canopy has seen a million trees planted this year alone in her honour, which will be a lasting reminder of her for decades if not hundreds of years to come.

Her only official visit to the Ludlow constituency was in the year after her Golden Jubilee, when she came by royal train to Telford and visited Much Wenlock with Prince Philip to take in the Wenlock Olympian Games, an early precursor to her role in London 2012.

She then showed that her priorities lay with her people, by having lunch in the Discovery Centre in Craven Arms, rather than the gourmet delights of Ludlow. She went on to do a walkabout in the Market Square in Ludlow, where thousands turned out to welcome the first visit by a reigning monarch in more than 300 years. Most visits by earlier monarchs before that had been at the head of an army.

My sincere condolences to the Royal Family on the loss of their, and our, matriarch and monarch.



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I know many constituents will join me in wishing His Majesty King Charles III well as he takes up his duties as our Sovereign. It was heart-warming to see that whilst Parliamentarians paid tribute to his Mother in the Chamber on the day after her death, King Charles walked among the well-wishers outside Buckingham Palace. Her example of engaging with us all is already being carried on by her successor.

I write before the State Funeral has taken place which I am sure will give us all the opportunity to mourn her passing in fitting style. God rest Her Majesty. God save the King.

Rt Hon Philip Dunne MP

UCB Word for Today

Knowing who belongs in your life

'A friend loves at all times, and is born, as is a brother, for adversity.' Proverbs 17:17

Wherever you live and whatever your profession, 'butcher, baker, or candlestick maker', you will have to deal with these three kinds of people:

1) *The critic.* Let's face it, most people are comfortable with the status quo. They not only fear change but will often attack it. So if you dare to be different, prepare to sail through some rough seas. The apostle Paul's critics referred to him as a madman, a fool, and a babbler. So why would you expect the same crowd to treat you any better?

2) *The cautious.* These people won't point an accusing finger, but neither will they extend a helping hand. When you get into trouble, they will distance themselves from you, fearing they may be tainted by your perceived liabilities. Basically, they will wait to see if you make it through the tunnel and come out the other side. Then they will wait to see who else accepts you and if you can be of benefit to them. Then they may reconnect with you. These people are users. They are not bad; they're just self-serving. So love them, but don't lean on them.

3) *The committed.* 'A friend loves at all times, and is born, as is a brother, for adversity.' Even when they hear the worst about you, the committed still believe the best about you. They value you for your strengths and show grace in handling your weaknesses. These people are priceless because they will love you 'at all times'. So when God puts such a person into your life, protect and nurture your relationship with them.

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County Councillor's Report

Hello everyone, there have been a lot of firsts for me over the past few months this article being the most recent one.

I was elected as your Shropshire Council representative on the 23rd June and it's been quite a learning curve from then on! From joining committees, to meeting the Parish Council (officially). I've been to Shirehall several times now for my induction process, actual Council meetings, getting to know various officers and at long last I'm starting to find out who some of the best people are to speak about various local issues.

In these first couple of months I've been involved, and continue to be involved, in many individual's personal issues around care and housing. I've been involved in a dangerous dog incident, and even found someone a decorator!

I'm also in contact with the relevant departments at the council about the state of our roads including the need for safety measures, not least the crossing at the bottom of Hazelwells Road where the children cross twice every day. There are plans currently being developed around these issue but as with all these things, they take time...

By the time you read this I will have been in the school helping them to learn about democracy and it's importance. I am also going to be working alongside them in other community areas as well so keep your eyes peeled for yellow vests in the village.

As my role develops I sincerely hope that I will be able to meet people's expectations as I seek to promote, support and improve our village and as always, my email address is always there, my phone is generally on and if you're lucky I'm quite often at home too so please do talk to me about anything that I might be able to help with.

Cllr Mark Williams

Love letter

An advert appeared in the student newspaper of the university:

Sweet little old lady wishes to correspond with university student – seeks six-footer with brown eyes answering to initials J.A.D.

Signed

His mother

Puzzles for October

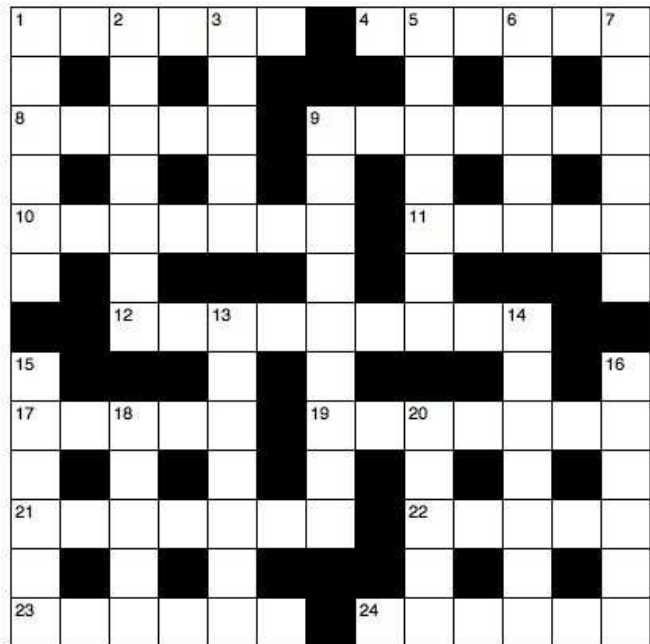
Crossword Clues

Across

- 1 Tertullus, who presented the high priest's case against Paul in his trial before Felix, was one (Acts 24:1) (6)
- 4 As balm (anag.) (6)
- 8 Having explored Canaan, he and Joshua urged the Israelites to take possession of it (Numbers 13:30) (5)
- 9 On becoming king of Judah, he had all six of his brothers killed (2 Chronicles 21:4) (7)
- 10 'Even the — has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself' (Psalm 84:3) (7)
- 11 Banishment(Jeremiah29:1)(5)
- 12 'And now I will show you the most — way'(1Corinthians12:31) (9)
- 17 'Titus did not exploit you, did he? Did we not — the same spirit and follow the same course?' (2 Corinthians 12:18) (3,2)
- 19 Mice den(anag.)(7)
- 21 How Egypt is often described in the Old Testament: 'the land of — ' (Exodus 13:3) (7)
- 22 One of the first Levites to resettle in Jerusalem after the exile in Babylon (1 Chronicles 9:15) (5)
- 23 'As a sheep before her shearers is —,so he did not open his mouth' (Isaiah 53:7) (6)
- 24 Paul's birthplace(Acts22:3)(6)

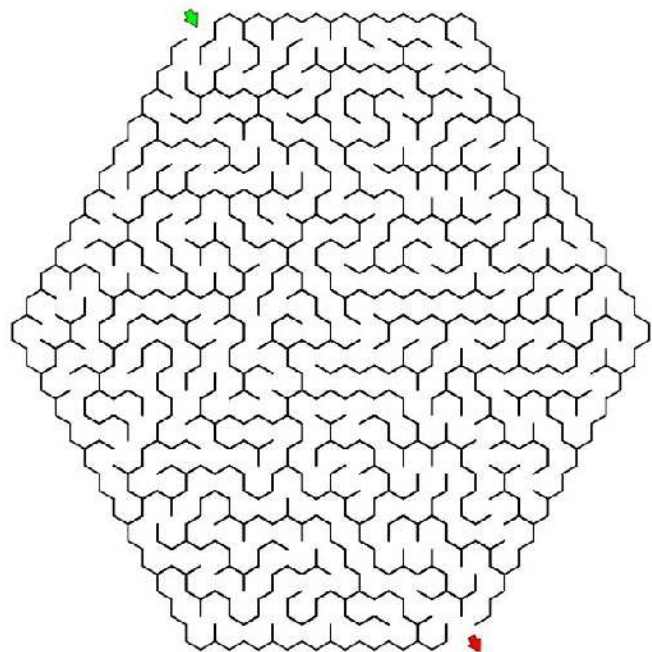
Down

- 1 Ravenous insect inflicted on Egypt in vast numbers as the eighth plague (Exodus 10:14) (6)
- 2 Well-being (Philippians 2:20) (7)
- 3 Small piece of live coal or wood in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (5)
- 5 Sportsman or woman (2 Timothy 2:5) (7)
- 6 The original name of Abraham's wife (Genesis 17:15) (5)
- 7 'So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each — belongs to all the others' (Romans 12:5) (6)
- 9 According to Peter, a wife's beauty should not come from wearing this (1 Peter 3:3) (9)
- 13 'For God did not send his Son into the world to — the world' (John 3:17) (7)
- 14 'The Lord of heaven and earth...does not live in — built by hands' (Acts 17:24) (7)
- 15 'If your hand — you to sin,cut it off'(Mark9:43) (6)
- 16 Something like these fell from Saul's eyes as soon as Ananias placed his hands on him (Acts 9:18) (6)
- 18 Track(Job41:30)(5)
- 20 Religious doctrine(5)



Solutions on page 33

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Wordsearch

Answers on Page 23



Autumn	Saints	Jesus	Coal
Gold	Goodness	Son	Leaves
Night	Saving	fearless	Bonfires
Dark	Prayer	School	Sneeze
Pumpkin	Protection	Exams	Scarves
Sweets	Light	Half term	soup

Have a go at Sudoku — answers on page 23



Easy

			3		4		8	9
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In Tribute to Alan Honeybourne

Alan sadly passed away in August. He contributed to village life throughout his own life. It is fitting that this month we print a poem which he wrote about the village where he lived and served the community so well.

Reflections

There was a tiny village called Highley
Nothing there but a mill and a farm
And life was so slow and so peaceful
In fact you could say it had charm.

All this was changed when the mines came.
In fact, there were one or two.
They sank some quite ugly mineshafts
And the pit banks, they soon spoiled the view.



Still, the miners got a good living
And local tradesmen made money as well
Until they struck water at Kinlet
And what happened then I shall tell.

Across the river at Avely
To sink a new shaft was the plan,
And soon, astride the broad river
A new concrete bridge arched its span.

For years through that peaceful Severn Valley
The screens and the washer did roar
'Till at last the Coal Board in their wisdom
Shut it down; it did not pay anymore.

The miners, alas, were not wanted
And some ended up on the dole
And quite a few were heard to mutter
'There's really no future in coal.'

But Highley was quickly expanding
You would not think it the same place
Since everyone worked somewhere else now
The cars thundered by at some pace.

We now had housing developments
They said it would be a great thing
They talked about factory units
To make things go with a swing.

Soon they converted the pit banks
To a pleasant and more rural scene
And to tell the truth, if you walk there
It seems as it always had been.

They opened up the old railway
So now trains puff in the valley below,
And in the long summer evenings
You can hear the steam whistles blow.

There's now a much bigger village called Highley
They say it's a much better scene.
But somehow, I wish they had left it
And wonder what it might have been.

Alan Honeybourne

Photo source —Highley Memories. If anyone knows who took it, I will gladly credit them—Ed.

An Update from the Parish Council

There are many topics to cover this month, but most of which are lost in the sad news that we have lost our Queen Elizabeth II, who has been head of the UK and Commonwealth for 70 years and has also been a major influence across the world. She lived a remarkable life and was so popular wherever she went. Onto the new, I was honoured to attend the proclamation of our new King at the Quarry in Shrewsbury, it was a piece of history and tradition that I will forever remember.

We welcome two new councillors to HPC this month, a returning councillor Alan Rodgers and new councillor James Griffin. I am sure that they will add their skills to our team and very much look forward to working with them.

We have also received the sad news that past Councillor Alan Honeybourne has passed away, our condolences and best wishes go to Alan's wife, Ruth.

Our October meeting will see a major change on HPC as our clerk for over 30 years Ella Preston is retiring at the end of the meeting. This is an unbelievable stint in the "hot seat", where she has worked tirelessly on behalf of our village and amassed a fountain of knowledge in doing so; so she will be a big loss to us. However, we will have Holly Bowkett (Cordy) who has been training with Ella this year ready to take on this most important role.

We wish Ella a happy and healthy retirement and Holly good luck in taking on the role as clerk.

Last month one of our Vice Chair's, Tom Quinn wrote an excellent article for the forum. This month our other Vice Chair John Marshall has written a little about himself below. We aim to have as many councillors as possible to do this over the year.

Cllr Peter Vinall
Chair - Highley Parish Council

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COUNCILLOR JOHN MARSHALL – VICE CHAIR

I have been a member of Highley Parish Council for approximately nine years, having moved here from Sandwell following my retirement. For most of my working life I was employed in public transport as a qualified coach builder with an active interest in trade union matters.

I have always taken pleasure in communicating with people both socially and professionally and see my role as a councillor as a means to continue with this.

I have a very keen interest in the local area, Highley village, and enjoy a variety of country pursuits and sporting activities. The Severn Centre is a great asset to the village and offers many opportunities to individuals. I was involved in the initial setting up of the walking football group here and am now its secretary. One of my key projects is working in conjunction with others to reinstate the MUGA (multi-use games area) to benefit all users.

I very much enjoy serving on the council and hope to continue doing so into the future.



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox appeal

Pack your shoeboxes now. We have until the first week of November to get them together.

Gift suggestions:

School supplies; Art supplies; Hygiene items (all wrapped, no toothpaste); toys (balls, games, cuddly toys, skipping ropes, cars, puzzles).

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Each year St Mary's Church invites you to join us in making up shoeboxes full of gifts for children around the world, who have very little and would not receive gifts at Christmas. The world economy is stretched these days; think how much 'less than less' some children will be receiving this year. Leaflets will be in Church and St Mary's Charity Shop from September. Your gifts could bring a huge smile of joy to a child's face and help them to feel that their lives count for something.

What to do ...

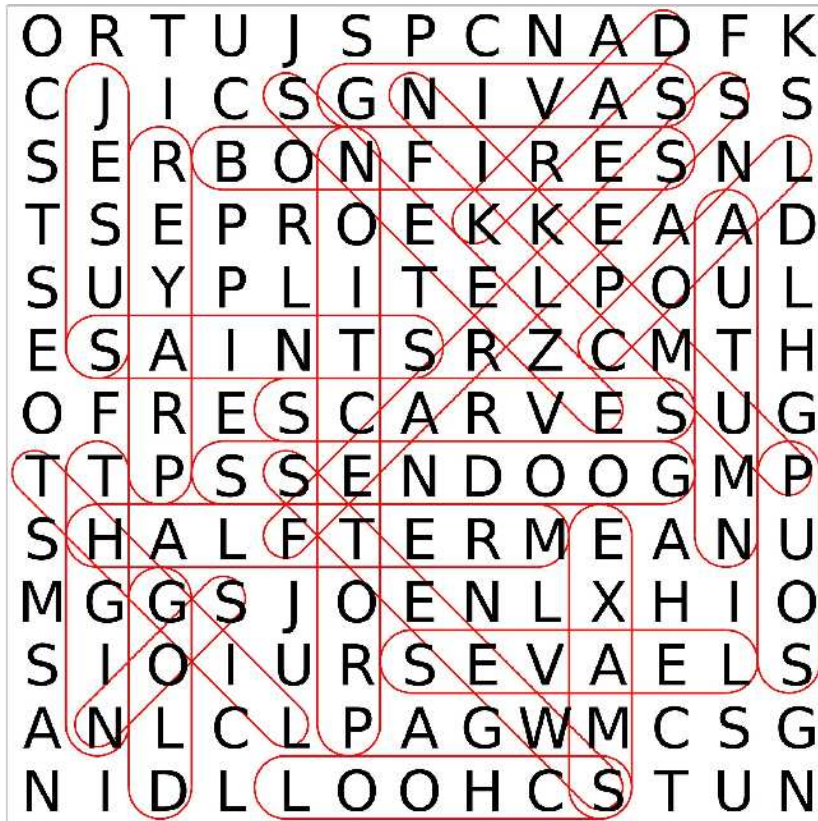
- *Find a medium-sized shoebox and cover with bright wrapping paper, keeping the lid and box covered separately*
- *Select an age range (2-4; 5-10; 11-14) and stick label on the top of the box*
- *Fill with gifts (see leaflet for ideas)*
- *Drop off in church or contact Rev'd Val Smith*

Top Tips to help you to make it possible to join in.

- ⇒ buy a small item each time you go shopping; it spreads the cost
- ⇒ If you can't afford to fill a shoebox on your own, join with someone else or give a few items/small donation
- ⇒ Buying a pre-printed box (70p each—contact Val Smith) is often cheaper than trying to cover an ordinary shoebox yourself

For more information, leaflets, pre-printed boxes (70p each) or donations, please contact :
Rev'd Val Smith email revval14@gmail.com; tel 861966

Answers to Wordsearch (from page 17)



Answers to Sudoku (from page 18)

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Energy whilst cooking - Alastair

It's a topic that is on most peoples' minds at the moment. How do I reduce my energy consumption to reduce my bills? Well, here are a few tips for you whilst you are in the kitchen:



- The microwave is generally the most efficient way to heat up and cook food - it's always quicker and its smaller size (as opposed to the oven) means that the heat is more focused on whatever's being cooked. Opt for this appliance whenever possible. I even boiled potatoes in it the other day.
- Slow cookers and air fryers are less efficient than microwaves, but more efficient than using a hob or an oven.
- Batch cook where possible, use the right-sized pan with a lid, simmer rather than boil, and of course fill the kettle with the right amount of water before you have a hot drink.

Recipe of the month - Nancy

Falafel is a delicious, protein packed treat, perfect for a quick supper or lunch. Gently fry up an onion in some sunflower oil, once softened add some chopped garlic. After a minute, mash together with a can of drained chickpeas, a tsp of cumin, a tsp of coriander and some mixed herbs or parsley. Add a beaten egg (or flax seed) and form into patties. Fry the patties in some vegetable oil and serve in pitta bread or with couscous. You could use the microwave to warm the chickpea mixture so you spend less time frying on the hob!

What the new prime minister means for our planet - Mike

We're pleased to hear the new Prime Minister's support for 'all renewables' and look forward to seeing how the government will lift barriers to on-shore solar and wind. These are cheap, with electricity from renewable energy now nine times cheaper than from gas, quick to build and are overwhelmingly popular with the public.

However, new gas and oil developments will take a lot longer to develop and will have no meaningful impact on bills. Instead, they will send more planet-heating pollution into our atmosphere. We need more people to think about the future for our children, and speak up to protect this planet. The people in power need to hear from us and get a grip on our future!



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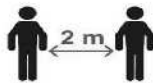
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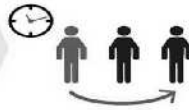
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Thursdays
Severn Centre

Severn Strollers

10:30 / 11:00

(Contact: Barbara Skilton: 01746 862003)

Mondays
(not Bank Holidays)

Severn Centre

Women's Institute


Patients' Group

Tuesday
Severn Centre

see Facebook page

All Round Property Maintenance	11	Haycox, P & Son (Funerals)	25	Severn Edge Vets	29
Bache PR (Carpenter)	10	Highley Garage	22	Shropshire Registration Services	25
Cleobury Country Centre	11	Highley Minors	28	Tele - Satt Aerials	19
Cost Cutter	11	Highley Pharmacy	19	Vivians Mobile Hairdressing	25
David Dexter (Motor Repairs)	10	Holford, CE (Electrical)	11	Wyre Forest Pest Control	29
Edwards A J Decorating Services	22	Ince, B (Funeral Directors)	25		
Foot Health Practitioner	29	Kidderminster Storage & Removals	27		
Halo Leisure (Severn Centre)	16	Kinlet C of E School	24		
Harris, Edwin & Sons (Funerals)	25	Martin, Tony (Plumbing etc.)	29		
		Millfields Boarding Kennels	10		
		Northwood & Sons (Funerals)	25		
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Every Tuesday from 10.30 am-midday.
 Come along and have a chat whilst enjoying a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit. Voluntary donations to Mary's Church.


Cancelled until further notice

Venue: Yvonne 861723

Gay & Jim, Church St
 Moira & Ivor, Church St
 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



First Tuesday in the month
2-4pm.
Parish Hall

4th October 2022

Come and join us

Allsorts of topics for
Allsorts of ladies of
Allsorts of ages

Billingsley and Glazeley combine major events



Our country parishes have only one or two services a month. The news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II came unexpectedly. Harvest was already scheduled and also a service of memorial for the late June Davenhill at Glazeley.

Rev'd David Poyner did a marvelous job of combining and commemorating these very different events.

Both churches were decorated beautifully for the Harvest services as people gave thanks for God's continuing faithfulness and provision.

See page 8 for more details.



Church Services October 2022

Sunday 2nd October	10am Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Highley
Sunday 9th October	10am Holy Communion	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh
	11am Informal Service	St Mary's Church, Highley
	And Harvest	
	6pm Evening Service	St Mary's Church, Billingsley
	With guest speaker	
Sunday 16th October	10am Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's, Glazeley
Sunday 23rd October	8 am Holy communion	St Mary's Church Billingsley
	10am Morning Service	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh
	11am Informal Service	St Mary's Church, Highley
Sunday 30th October	10am Benefice Communion and Memorial Service	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh



Mid-week Groups

Wednesday Prayer and Study Group

11am-1pm see Val Smith 861966 or Pat Whitefoot 861155 for venue

Wednesday Zoom 7pm

contact David Poyner d.r.poyner@aston.ac.uk *This group is currently looking at the Beatitudes*

Friday Event Youth Club 7.30pm @ Parish Hall (term-time only) contact Rachel Whitefoot

Friday Night Prayer 9pm Zoom contact David Poyner as above

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