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# Walking in their footsteps

I've always been drawn to pictures of footsteps. I don't know why. Perhaps it is because life is a journey and we all tread different paths. Sometimes those paths bring happiness and contentment; sometimes quite the opposite. A well-known adage says, '*Before you judge a man, walk a mile in his shoes.*' In effect, it is a reminder to practice empathy. The saying almost certainly is derived from a poem by Mary T. Lathrap, published in 1895. The original title of the poem was *Judge Softly*. Reminding us to **walk a mile in someone else's shoes** before judging them. We may never know or understand their experiences, challenges, pressures etc. It's easy to judge; the person sitting outside the supermarket begging—is he homeless and destitute or is he feeding an addiction? Or worse, is it more profitable than working or is she being forced into it? It's easy to feel threatened by people and situations we're not familiar with.

I can remember many years ago, when we lived in Reading, another lady and myself ran a Youth Club for children from a local estate. We started it because the children, as young as 5 years old, weren't allowed into the house after school and often had no tea to eat. They literally had nowhere to go, other than play havoc on the streets. We got to know them over the months and years. Some people felt threatened by them, but it brought tears to my eyes when, one Sunday, a couple of them came and sought me out in the church building and told me that there had been some dodgy goings-on round the back of the building. They weren't happy with that. Even though they didn't come to Sunday School, they felt they 'belonged' in their own way (which they did!) and had the courage to come and seek me out in what to them was very unfamiliar territory.

The boys weren't angels by any means and were often difficult to handle. Many times I went home and cried after a session. But I believe that God was at work in the mess. He taught me as much as he taught them. Our biggest problem was that, even thought the club was intended for 7-11 year olds, they'd bring their younger siblings, because they had no choice. They were young carers. At the other end of the spectrum, we thought that they'd automatically stop coming when they reached 11 and went to secondary school. But they wouldn't leave.

Over the years I've learnt that the more difficult a situation I find myself in, the more I need to look to see where God is. I usually find that he's closer than I think, gently guiding me through the mess. Take a read of the poem on the opposite page and see if anything resonates with you. 'There but for the grace of God walks any one of us.'

Val Smith

#### Judge Softly

#### or 'Walk a Mile in His Moccasins' by Mary T. Lathrap, 1895

"Pray, don't find fault with the man that limps, Or stumbles along the road. Unless you have worn the moccasins he wears, Or stumbled beneath the same load.

There may be tears in his soles that hurt Though hidden away from view. The burden he bears placed on your back May cause you to stumble and fall, too.

Don't sneer at the man who is down today Unless you have felt the same blow That caused his fall or felt the shame That only the fallen know.

You may be strong, but still the blows that were his, unknown to you In the same way, May cause you To stagger and fall, too.

Don't be too harsh with the man that sins. Or pelt him with words, or stone, or disdain. Unless you are sure you have no sins of your own, And it's only wisdom and love that your heart contains.

For you know if the tempter's voice Should whisper as soft to you, As it did to him when he went astray, It might cause you to falter, too.

Just walk a mile in his moccasins Before you abuse, criticize and accuse. If just for one hour, you could find a way To see through his eyes, instead of your own muse.

I believe you'd be surprised to see That you've been blind and narrow-minded, even unkind. There are people on reservations and in the ghettos Who have so little hope, and too much worry on their minds.

Brother, there but for the grace of God go you and I. Just for a moment, slip into his mind and traditions And see the world through his spirit and eyes Before you cast a stone or falsely judge his conditions.

Remember to walk a mile in his moccasins And remember the lessons of humanity taught to you by your elders. We will be known forever by the tracks we leave In other people's lives, our kindnesses and generosity.

Take the time to walk a mile in his moccasins."







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# St Mary's Highley

We have been very blessed by the warm weather we have experienced recently. Although sometimes just a little too hot for some of us, it has certainly enabled us to get out into the garden and enjoy a bit of 'therapeutic pottering!'

As has been said many times, we are very blessed to live where we do and have God's beautiful creation surrounding us at every turn.



Revd Kina has settled into the Rectory and has been busy getting to

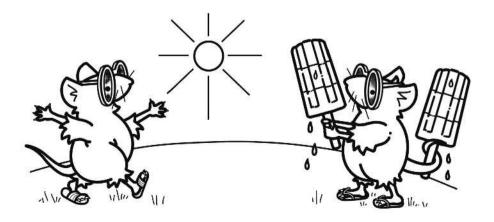
know us all. Do look out for her as she walks her dog around the village. She'd love you to stop and introduce yourselves.

This month has seen two new meetings commence; a house group meeting at Liz and Mervyn Smith's home—looking at the Lord's Prayer over 8 weeks on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm and a weekly prayer meeting in St Mary's Church, also at 7.30pm. Feel free to come along to either of these events to see if it is something you'd like to join more regularly.

The last weekend in June welcomed Martin Njamba on a visit to speak at a service of Prayer and Healing and also to speak at the Sunday service the following day. At the end of July we look forward to welcoming the Faith Through Mission Team. Look out for more information about this. You may see them around the village in a few weeks, identifiable by their green T shirts! There will be services of worship and healing at St Mary's over that weekend, as well as our usual Sunday Service on 30th July.

Please also note that as from July, there will be a service at St Mary's Highley every week. **Every** Sunday service at St Mary's will now begin at 10.30am.

As the summer holidays approach, some of our regular groups may pause until September. You are advised to check the times of meetings and services.



## St Peter's, Chelmarsh

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, Chelmarsh had the privilege of a concert by Belaria, under the Daddy's Hat umbrella. Belaria (John Davidson (tenor), Patricia Head (Soprano) and Catherine Lack (piano)) perform popular classics; we

had everything from Henry Purcell to George Gershwin. I can do no better than quote their own Facebook page "Another super afternoon of music making at St Peters Chelmarsh. The afternoon was greatly enjoyed by everyone which is hugely gratifying and apparently attracted the biggest audience for a 'Daddy's Hat' concert so far. Great tea and cake afterwards, an impromptu demo from Catherine on the church organ and so we got to do an informal 'encore' of Panis Angelicus." The next Daddy's Hat concert in our benefice will be at Billingsley, 3pm, on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August; details to follow.

Hidden away in what was once a side chapel in Chelmarsh Church, behind the organ, is an accumulation of bits that nobody has thrown away. This includes a 12' wooden ladder, with a broken rung. At the most recent inspection of the church, the architect suggested it be thrown out. However, the assistant curate made an impassioned plea to the PCC that it be kept; it is hand-made and probably at least 100 years old. In the absence of a skilled local craftsman, a master local wood-butcher volunteered to replace the rung. This has been done and the ladder is now propped up against the wall of north aisle, to be loved, cherished and tripped over.

Church Cleaning Wednesday July 19th







# St Mary's, Billingsley

We had an excellent turnout at our June evening service to hear our treasurer, Sue Bates, tell us about Antarctica. Sue and husband Phil were able to visit the continent last November. Sue gave us some background about how the continent is managed via an international treaty as a pristine

wilderness and a place for scientific research. She also told us about what she saw; everything from icebergs to penguins. Whilst Sue would not describe herself as religious, I got the sense that she does get something akin to spiritual nourishment from being in wild places. Our next talk is by Caroline John, co-producer of the Wheatland News and is entitled "Full Circle". It also takes the theme of travel; Caroline describes it as being about "scenery and reflections gleaned during three spectacular voyages". This will be on Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

The first 100 Club draw organised by Diane Stepney, took place in June; Diane is taking over from Sue Bates. Thanks also to Sue Russell for doing the draw.

Thanks to everyone who helps maintain the church and the churchyard. Although managed for wildlife by the Caring for God's Acre team, volunteers mow and weed paths and look after flower beds. We are currently replacing the gravel on the main path to the church. The boiler house door has also been creosoted and the church windows cleaned.

#### St Bartholomew's, Glazeley

By the time this appears, Laura Jones should have been officially appointed churchwarden, filling an important post that has been empty for some years. Her husband Andy is our new treasurer, following in the footsteps of Andy

Johnson. We are very grateful to Laura and Andy for taking on these roles, but we are equally grateful to Lyn, Marion, Ian, Cath and Rita for all the quiet work they do for us on the PCC. Congratulations to Rachael Davenhill, our organist, on becoming a grandmother! Daughter Lauren and the new granddaughter are both doing well.

Services at Glazeley (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, 10am) continue to be well-attended, for which we are very grateful. We particularly appreciate those from the other parishes in the benefice who support us. It was nice to have a good turnout for Kina's first service with us. We hope to keep the joint breakfasts with Chetton Church going all over the summer; please check our website for details of these and also the walks which we do with the other parishes in the benefice.

#### Morris James 1938 -2023

Morris sadly passed away in April and his funeral was in May. He leaves his wife & five children, Mandy, Anthony, Jennifer, Stephen & Hayley and grand children.

He and Margaret were married at Glazeley church 65years ago and lived for many years at Spring Cottages. They sadly lost their first born child Shani at about 18months old.

Morris, Margaret and all their family have supported Glazeley Church with Jennie & Laurence still helping out when we have any special occasions.

Our thoughts are with the family - GOD BLESS -





# James the Least of All

On why we don't bother to lock the church.

The Rectory St James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren,

Since I happened to be in your area last week, I tried to call in at your church, and was sorry to find it was locked and bolted, with surveillance cameras watching me.



We tend to be a little more relaxed about matters of security. The key to the medieval lock was lost some time during Queen Victoria's reign and never replaced. How someone managed to misplace a foot long piece of cast iron, weighing about 10 pounds is a mystery. If it had fallen out of someone's pocket, it would certainly have broken their foot. Ever since, no one has bothered with locking the door – which makes me wish our burglars last year had thought of trying it, before wasting so much energy smashing a stained-glass window when they visited in the early hours one morning. On the other hand, were the key still in use, I should probably be arrested these days for carrying an offensive weapon.

As with most rural churches, keys which open just about everything in the village are hidden in various parts of the church. The vestry key is under my seat cushion, the organ key under a vase on the altar, the church hall key on top of the hymn book cupboard, and Miss Simpson's spare front door key inside the font. I have never been certain whether the latter is there for safety, or as a general invitation. I am sure someone could usefully produce a book suggesting the many places that keys are likely to be found secreted in churches for the use of vergers, flower arrangers, cleaners – and thieves wanting to save themselves time and effort.

I suspect that the burdened look that many urban clergy wear is not because they are weighed down with parish troubles, but because they are obliged to carry with them a superfluity of keys needed to negotiate every door in church, hall, school, and vicarage. And why is there always one for which no one has any idea what it opens?

The only occasion I have ever thought it would be useful to be able to lock a church is when you have a party of visitors inside. So often, on hearing the words "let us pray" or the start of an appeal for funds, they bolt for the door.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

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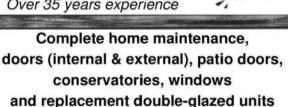


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# Letter from Westminster

This is the first opportunity I have had to confirm to readers of this magazine my decision not to seek the Conservative nomination at the next General Election. I have been moved by kind words expressed in the messages I have received, whether they came from those who supported me through the ballot box or otherwise.



This has been a difficult decision. I'm still loving the role as your Member of Parliament, so it's not because I've lost interest or am

exhausted, nor do I fear losing the election. In fact, I believe the Conservatives under Rishi Sunak's leadership, will be highly competitive at the next election.

Throughout my working life, whether by coincidence or not, it has divided into ten-year chunks. I have proudly served as the Parliamentary Spokesman for the Ludlow constituency for over 20 years, at the time of the next election, I will have served nearly 20 years as your Member of Parliament. I spent close to 10 years on the frontbenches and another 10 years on the backbenches, half of which I have served on the Environmental Audit Committee and will do so for five years as Chairman.

When I was first elected as your MP, I was 46 years old. Next month, I will turn 65. I still hope to have another decade ahead to remain active. However, the role of an MP demands a significant level of energy and commitment, both in assisting thousands of constituents each year and in advocating for important issues within Parliament and beyond.

After careful consideration, I have come to the realisation that I cannot be confident of maintaining the required vitality, motivating both myself and others to the necessary level throughout the entirety of the next Parliament, especially as I enter my 70s.

It is important to me to be honest and transparent about the reasons behind my decision. Over the years, I have been incredibly fortunate to have received huge support from many residents of South Shropshire. I am immensely grateful for the approximately 500,000 letters, emails, and calls that I have had the pleasure of responding to during my tenure spanning two decades.

I will continue to serve to the full and to the best of my abilities until the dissolution of this Parliament, as determined by the Prime Minister.

Being the MP for the Ludlow constituency has been the greatest honour of my life. I am eternally grateful to all those who placed their trust in me, allowing me the privilege to represent them. Thank you for entrusting me with this great role.

Philip Dunne MP



# UCB Word for Today

# Integrity

'The godly walk with integrity; blessed are their children who follow them.' Proverbs 20:7

Here are six ingredients which are always found in lasting success:

1) *Information*. If you don't stay informed, you will be left behind.

2) Intuition. This is sometimes referred to as 'to know in your knower'.

3) *Initiative.* This is when you are willing to step out in faith and act on what you know intuitively.4) *Intentionality.* This is when you are willing to set specific goals and timelines for reaching them.

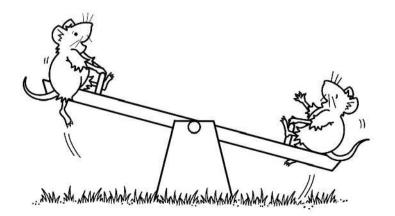
5) *Intensity.* This calls for more than starting power, it requires staying power.

6) *Integrity.* This is the glue that holds the previous five things together. And it's rooted in that private life you develop alone with God.

We often hear architects, engineers, and builders say, 'This building has structural integrity.' What do they mean? That the public beauty of a tall skyscraper relies on its private, unseen foundation that is dug deep into the earth and solidly constructed. It is that hidden life of a building that brings structural integrity.

Likewise, it's the hidden life of a fruit tree – the unseen root system that digs deep into the earth – that produces those juicy, delectable fruits. And so it is with you. Integrity must be rooted in your private life. Don't wait until you're thrust into the public arena before paying attention to your integrity, for then you will have waited until it's too late. Your talent may bring you success, but it takes character to protect and maintain your success. The truth is that when your integrity is rooted in your private world, it's reflected in your personal world, your professional world, and your public world

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# Puzzles

#### Crossword Clues

#### Across

1 Relating to the Jewish day of rest (10)

7 Point of view (Matthew 22:17) (7)

8 20th-century Brethren philanthropist whose construction company became one of the UK's biggest, Sir John — (5)

10 Girl's name (4)

11 Peter was accused of being one in the courtyard of the high priest's house (Luke 22:59) (8)

13 The fifth of the 'seven churches' (Revelation 3:1–6) (6)

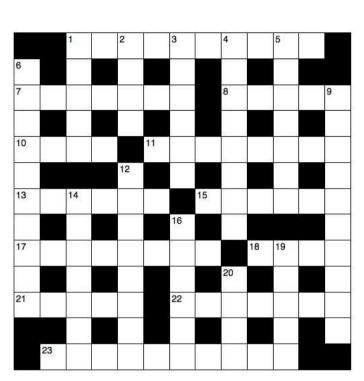
15 'Now the famine was — in Samaria' (1 Kings 18:2) (6)

17 Banned by the seventh Commandment (Exodus 20:14) (8)

- 18 Insect most closely associated with itching (1 Samuel 24:14) (4)
- 21 Bantu tribe which gives its name to tiny landlocked country in southern Africa (5)
- 22 Familiar material in churches that use an overhead projector (7)
- 23 Last book of the Bible (10)

#### Down

- 1 The young David's favourite weapon (1 Samuel 17:40) (5)
- 2 'Your vats will over with new wine' (Proverbs 3:10) (4)
- 3 Once yearly (Exodus 30:10) (6)
- 4 Milled it (anag.) (3-5)
- 5 Region north of Damascus of which Lysanias was tetrarch (Luke 3:1) (7)
- 6 Comes between Philippians and 1 Thessalonians (10)
- 9 Lake where the first disciples were called (Luke 5:1–11) (10)
- 12 Abusive outburst (8)
- 14 Are loud (anag.) (7)
- 16 Printing errors (6)
- 19 'Take my yoke upon you and from me' (Matthew 11:29) (5)
- 20 Jacob's third son (Genesis 29:34) (4)



#### Solutions on page 33

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# **THE SEVERN CENTRE**

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# Wordsearch

Answers on Page 23



July	Love	Danger	Going	Immediate
Thomas	Jesus	Jews	Father	Lord
Resurrection	Follow	Die	Wounds	God
Doubt	Lazarus	Life	Crucifixion	Honest
Doubting	Bethany	Confused	Response	Faith

# Have a go at Sudoku—answers on page 23



Medium

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# A prayer for July

Loving Father,

July brings long days and summer pleasures, for many, but not for all. Lord, we pray for those who are finding life to be a struggle; for families with no hope of a holiday this year; for parents who don't know how they will feed their children during the upcoming long school break; for those who are lonely, or discouraged, or isolated, or afraid.

Lord, we pray for justice and compassion from those in positions of power and responsibility.. And please Lord, show us how to help, how to be part of the solution. May we, as your children, reflect your loving kindness wherever we can. May your Kingdom come on earth, through us. In Jesus' name.



Amen

By Daphne Kitching

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# Highley Companions Celebrate ....

#### **King Charles III Coronation**

As always, we wanted to give our Companions the best day and one which they would remember. For some of our members it was a chance to celebrate the Coronation of a second monarch in their lifetime. I must admit as a four-year-old I can't really remember much about street parties or anything else. All I had been told was that we had a new Queen in 1953!

We, as volunteers, had been planning this day for months, so on the day we were raring to go; getting there early to set up the Hall with Mandy and her helpers on the decorating of the tables and Hall and, of course, we had our "special table" set up as we do for all special occasions. I must admit it looked absolutely stunning with pictures of the soon to be newly crowned King and Queen displayed and the centrepiece being a rather special crown, with lights on, sitting on a handmade cushion made with odds and ends I had in my sewing basket. What a spectacle!!

The rest of us had been beavering away in the kitchen getting the food ready for our afternoon tea. Well, no-one would go home hungry!!

At last, we were ready for our Companions and their guests to arrive. You should have seen their faces when they walked through the door and saw all the red, white and blue, including us dressed for the occasion. As we couldn't leave anyone out, we made sure bowler hats, bow ties, garlands

were handed round and didn't we all look the part! A real party atmosphere and you could see the happy faces and feel the excitement in the room.

We were delighted once again to have Gabriela entertain us with her amusing repertoire on her ukelele singing to some of our Companions, which I am sure made their day. A wonderful lady with such a unique style of entertainment.

Everyone enjoyed the lovely spread of tea and cakes. Finally, as we always do on these occasions, a photograph of each of our members was taken alongside our Coronation table.

What a wonderful day for our Companions and for us and everyone went home happy with their little gift of small cakes made by Lesley one of our volunteers.

#### Elaíne Moore

Please remember if you or someone you know have memory issues such as dementia/worsening memory with age or perhaps on your own and feeling isolated then we are the group for you. Our fortnightly sessions aim to give carers a much-needed break. For more information contact me on 07870262944. Please note we are NOT a drop-in group.



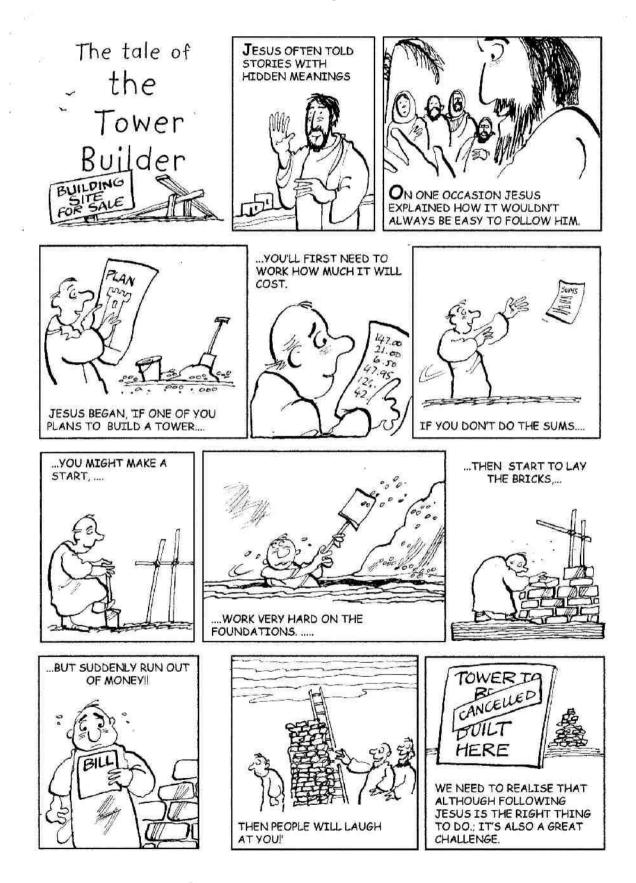
# Where does your treasure lie?

It's a well-recorded fact that laughing, smiling, and positivity in general all lift our spirits and are good for our mental health and well-being.

You probably heard your grandmother telling you that it's better to give than to receive. Most of us know the prayer of St Francis of Assisi, made into a well-known hymn—'Make me a Channel of your Peace'. Generosity of spirit is a gift from God- and we can all have it, if we ask.

How many words can you find in the picture above? In what ways do you live your life by them?

# Thinking Ahead



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Answers to Wordsearch (from page 17)



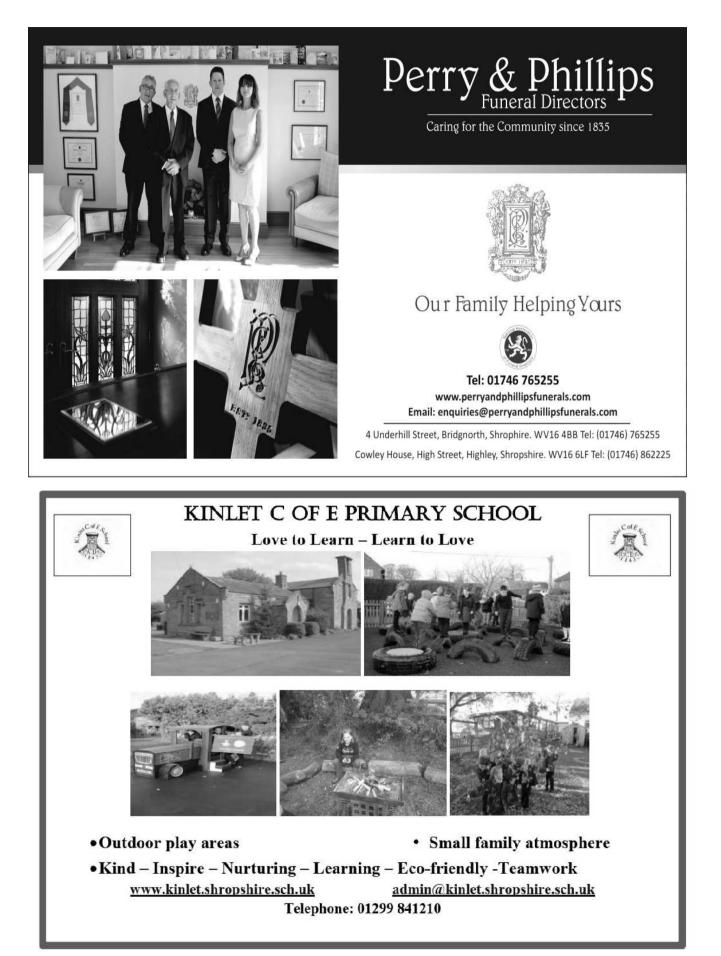
Answers to Sudoku (from page 18)

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#### The Forum





#### Past, Present and Future

This month our regular contributor, Alastair MacNaughton, is unable to send us his page of tips to combat Global Warming and create a more sustainable culture. So here are a few thoughts from someone who comes from a generation when 'green' was just a colour, 'carbon footprint' was something that happened when you trod on a sheet of carbon from the typewriter (a machine we had for writing official letters, similar to a keyboard) and 'global warming' was a world event around campfires!

The world is definitely a different place to the one into which I was born, back in the 1950s. Although I can be a bit of a dinosaur myself sometimes, I do recognise that we wouldn't have a lot of the luxuries and things we take for granted if our world and its ideas didn't move forward. But I am very glad that it has now become popular to return to some of the old ways.

Forgive me for being biblical, but there is a verse in the Bible which seems to be particularly apt at the moment.

#### 'Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. ' (Jeremiah 6::16)

From time to time it does us well to stand back and assess how we are living our lives. The old ways are not all bad. Age does sometimes bring wisdom. I was taught to endeavour to live a life that was sustainable in the basics and then everything else is a bonus. So I applaud the return to paper bags and natural fibres, but in balance to the production or manufacture of these items. We live in a complicated eco-system and now also a virtual economy, in which everything is dependent on something else. There's no point in using paper if this destroys forests and upsets that balance, but what is the cost to our environment of technology in terms of its existence and production?

So, whilst the debate rages, perhaps it would do us all good to step back, as it were, and consider what is actually *essential* and what is, in effect, a luxury—be it in terms of our finances or material possessions or lifestyle.

I was appalled (yes, I really was!) to see a news item a few days ago when interest rates were increased. A reporter interviewed several people who bemoaned the fact that because of this rise, particularly to mortgages, they would have to cut down on take-aways, perhaps even give up their overseas holidays this year and even plan their meals and make a shopping list, only buying the essential ingredients for meals! Sadly there was no interview with those who are truly living in poverty and don't know where the next meal is coming from.

As someone who, at times, has made her own clothes from cast-offs, become an expert in what my husband calls 'left-over meals', budgeted to the last penny and has in part thrived on the challenge, I must admit, I think a lot of the 'ancient paths' are better!

Next month we hopefully return to Alastair's helpful hints on living in a sustainable, yet ethically better way. Val Smith

## Mouse Makes



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#### Current Timetable from March 2023 SATURDAYS with some variations - check.

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#### Parish Administrator

For information about weddings, Baptisms (Christenings), child's Dedication or for general enquiries about church service times and parish information, please contact Maggie Ritchie at the Parish Office. secretaryhighleypcc@gmail.com

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

#### **Regular Events**

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Sunday 9th July	10am Holy Communion 10.30am Informal Service 6pm Evening Service	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh St Mary's Church, Highley St Mary's Church, Billingsley
Sunday 16th July	10am Holy Communion 10.30am Informal Service	St Bartholomew's Church, Glazeley St Mary's Church, Highley
Sunday 23rd July	8am Holy Communion 10am Morning Service 10.30am Informal Service	St Mary's Church, Billingsley St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh St Mary's Church, Highley
Saturday 29th July	7.30pm Service for Healing	St Mary's Church, Highley
Sunday 30th July 5th Sunday Benefice	10.30am Service with Guest Speaker and Shared Meal	St Mary's Church, Highley

#### **Mid-week Groups**

Tuesday Evening Bible Study 7.30pm @ Liz and Mervyn's tel 862Wednesday Prayer and Study Group 11am—1pm contact Pat Whitefoot 861155 for venueContact Pat Whitefoot 861155 for venueWednesday Zoom 7pmContact David Poyner email d.r.poyner@aston.ac.ukThursday evening Prayer Meeting @ St Mary's Church at 7.30pmFriday Event Youth Club 7.30pm @ Parish Hall (term-time only) contact Rachel WilliamsFriday Night Prayer 9pm Zoom contact David Poyner as above

#### For enquiries regarding Weddings, Christenings, Funerals or Churchyard memorials

Weddings: Rev'd Kina Robertshaw: email revkinarobertshaw@gmail.com

Christenings/baptisms: Rev'd Canon Rosemary Lawley: email rosemarylawley@gmail.com

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