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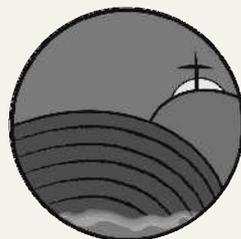
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LOCAL PICTURES - WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOURS



The Williams family and their cousins, the Scotts, get to make Christingle oranges during our virtual Sunday Service.

The orange is the world, the four sticks with fruit stand for the four corners of the earth: North, South East and West with the fruits of each part of the globe on the sticks (tasty bit).

The ribbon around the world is Jesus' love in giving His life for us all, and the candle is Jesus, Light of the world!

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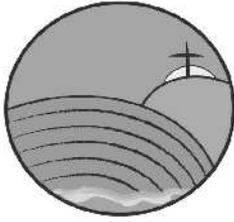
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Lead us not into Temptation

How is your will-power? Do you make a decision and stick to it, or are you easily persuaded to give up at the first hurdle?

Will-power is the part of us which is tested when we are faced with temptation. Temptation is all around us. Often we know what we should do or say, but the lure of a more attractive outcome is sometimes too strong – be it over-indulging in a delicious dessert or cake, an extra glass of wine or a hot piece of gossip.

It might not be anything quite so insidious; maybe you've decided to stop spending so much time watching mindless TV during lockdown, but once started, it's so easy to drift from one programme into the next. *And how is that exercise programme going that you started on New Year's Day?*

We're in the middle of the season of Lent – those 7 weeks leading up to Easter, when we remember Jesus being tempted for 40 days in the wilderness. It wasn't just a test of will-power; it was a time of preparation for the next 3 years of his ministry, which would culminate in the ultimate rejection of temptation. He could so easily have avoided the suffering he went through in those last days before the crucifixion. He could have given in and kept quiet, not caused an uproar. He could have found a grey area, which freed him from having to go through the degradation and agony of the cross. But he chose not to shy away from his purpose, chose not to take the easy way out, and as a result, we receive the gift of forgiveness from God for all our wrong-doings and can have a living relationship with Him.

Lent has become a part of our culture, whether or not we claim to have faith. I am frequently surprised by people who choose to 'give up something for Lent', even though they might say they don't believe in God. There is something about trying to conquer perhaps the smaller and more obvious temptations in our lives, which are there in all of us.

I can remember as a child, giving up chocolate and sweets for Lent. My grandmother was a kind, generous lady, who didn't like to see her grandchildren 'going without' (probably because she hadn't had treats like chocolate, when she was a child). So she tried to subvert my efforts by offering biscuits, preferably chocolate coated, or with chocolate chips in them! When that failed, she'd bring sweets every weekend anyway and they were put in a tin for after Easter – so that everything was fair and I had eventually received what the other grandchildren had. Even though I gobbled up the stash after Easter, I still sort of felt that it was not really what it was all about. Grandma Nellie had the best of intentions, but in the nicest possible way, she was trying to abort my efforts.



In more recent years, there has been a trend to 'take up' or do something positive, instead of giving up sweets or something similar. If you feel like doing something positive, try googling **40 Acts** and join in with some of the things suggested. I personally don't think it matters whether you 'give up' or 'take up', what matters is the motivation behind it. Are we doing something which will ultimately benefit ourselves, (maybe losing a bit of weight, saving money or re-calibrating our bodies!) or are we thinking beyond ourselves? Maybe you don't feel you could go as far as thinking about Jesus, but your sacrifice reminds you of those, who are in desperate need both in this country and abroad and you are motivated to do something about it.

Whatever your own personal motivation, if you have given up / taken up something for Lent, I hope that it will give you a fresh outlook on life and you will be glad that you resisted the temptation to just do nothing!

Val Smith

P.S. Don't forget that 14th March Is Mothering Sunday!

Hard Questions for Lent

This Lent I want to open up a world of honest questioning and honest answers, or at least some pointers to answers on a range of subjects which carry moral weight.

Jesus was a great moral teacher as well as a Saviour. We tend to emphasise the latter over the former because we don't want to judge - but this world is full of judgments - from ones we make every day to the big questions of how we conduct our lives, loving others as Jesus taught, but not putting up with everything just to be nice.

Please join us in thinking on these questions which will be developed in our Sunday sermons (available on YouTube and our website) and follow the link to our weekly discussions looking for the link to Zoom meetings from David Poyner: for all relevant and up-to-date information and virtual service access.

On 3rd March Bishop Richard will be joining in the debate/reflection on Faith and Culture, tackled in the service on 28th Feb. Contact David Poyner: 'd.r.poyner@aston.ac.uk' or see the link with our weekly notices and on web site All welcome.

Mike Harris

Lent 2021

Sunday 21st February

What do you think the Church of England will agree on same sex marriage? Things feel stagnant?

Mike Harris responds

Sunday 28th February

if you had not been brought up in a country that is culturally Christian, would you be a Christian?

David Poyner responds

Sunday 7th March

Where did the water go after the flood?
What did the big cats eat on the ark?

Mary Rayner responds

Sunday 14th March

I can't love myself, so how can I love my neighbour?
I can't forgive a murderer.

Val Smith responds

Sunday 21st March

How do you think God would judge on issues of war, specifically what side would he favour in World War 2?

David Poyner responds

Sunday 28th March

Does Factory Farming violate Christian principles?

Mark & Amy respond

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Well done, good and faithful servants

This month we say 'Farewell' to David and Mary Rayner who have served St. Mary's and indeed the whole benefice, so well over the last few years, giving advice where they can and supporting the churches at events and in many practical ways.

David was Project Manager for the restoration of St. Mary's, a task he took on at the end of 2016 and brought to completion with snagging, just last month. But he has been involved in so much more as our Churchwarden and in so many practical ways.

As was mentioned in the January edition of Forum, Mary has been Treasurer since 2018 and has only recently handed over this role to Mandy Homer. Having worked in an accountancy firm for a number of years before retiring to Highley, Mary knew exactly how she wanted to manage the accounts, which have to be recorded and in effect audited, under Charity Commission regulations, because of our Charity Shop. However, she really wanted to express her God-given ministry for pastoral care and as a Reader, something that has been largely put to one side as the Treasurer's job has taken over.

We will miss their positivity and 'can do' attitude in what has become a very difficult and challenging environment due to the Covid restrictions.

We intend to say 'Goodbye' at the virtual service which will be available on Sunday 7th March, on Youtube at 'St. Mary's Church Highley' or via our website: www.stmaryshighley.co.uk. Do join us if you can. Thanks to all who have contributed to a leaving gift for them.

This year and in future years we are able to hold our Annual Meetings up until the end of May. We have set a date for our Annual Meeting at St. Mary's Highley on **Wednesday 28th April at 7pm**. We hope that this will take place in the Parish Hall, but this remains to be seen. We may also be able to stream it so look out for more information on this.

We intend to re-open our churches for worship as soon as possible, hopefully for Palm Sunday and Easter Day at 10am and for the Sunrise service at 6.30am. For all up-to-date information, please go to our website.



Mary Rayner on her knees whilst protecting the tiled floor at St. Mary's.

Chelmarsh

St. Peter's Church remains closed due to Coronavirus, but as with the rest of the benefice, we hope to be able to open again later in March and in time for some sort of Easter celebration.

Please pray for Mick Williams who has been unwell for some time and has been in hospital. Pray also for Glenys who does such an amazing job in and around Chelmarsh.

There are a number of weddings that have been postponed from last year and due to take place in 2021. Currently numbers are limited to six people, in April this will be lifted to 15, but it won't be until mid-May that numbers can double to 30. . The great news is that they still want to be married at St. Peter's, but part of the joy is to welcome guests to share in it with them.

From the Registers: Interment of ashes of the late Grace Doreen Broadway 10.01.21.

The 100 Club

We would like to thank everyone who has taken part in the 100 Club in aid of Chelmarsh Church for 2021. We had 119 entries. We expect that the first draw will be made sometime around Easter.

In 2020 the 100 club raised £780 for church funds which helped to keep the church going whilst its doors were sadly closed for much of the year.

We are grateful to those of you who contribute to help us in these difficult times.

Glazeley & Billingsley

We were saddened by the recent death of Annie Gabb from The Woodlands in Glazeley; she was a good friend of Glazeley church and community. We extend our sympathy and prayers to Roger, Caspar and family.



There are still no services at either Billingsley or Glazeley, although I hope with the good progress being made locally with the vaccine, we may soon be able to resume public worship. I have been very impressed by the professionalism of all the staff involved in the vaccination programme at the Bridgnorth Medical Centre; they deserve our thanks. Billingsley church remains open for visits, to pray or simply sit and think. Of course, the churchyards at both

Billingsley and Glazeley can be visited at any time; members of Glazeley have been busy tidying the churchyard recently. They are both worth visiting to view the snowdrops, powerful symbols of renewal and rebirth as well as being very photogenic!

We held our monthly 100 club draw on Friday 5th February. This time the draw was held in Bind Lane and the three winning numbers were picked by Mike and Bonnie Garvey. We still have plenty of numbers; visit our website both for details of winners and also for application forms if you wish to join; <http://www.stmarys-billingsley.org.uk/friendsofbillingsley100club/>.

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Highley School Pupil's Lockdown Diary

Dear Diary,

It's another day of home schooling and lockdown!

When I get up, I've got to be dressed and ready by 9:30am to do home schooling. It's hard not seeing all my friends at school, but home schooling is sometimes funny, listening to Mrs Butler shouting, "YOU'RE MUTED, UNMUTE YOURSELF". Some pieces of work are more complex than others, and there are a lot more distractions at home, there might be noises from my little sister home schooling in the living room, Mum working from home on her laptop, and dad hoovering!



The positives of lockdown is that there's a lot more family time, and I get to know things about them which I didn't know before, like my little sister doesn't go to sleep until 9! We have played more games together like, Uno, Pictionary and Who Am I? Another positive is that we are getting more fresh air and exercise from our walks. We have been almost everywhere, although that's what it seems. We have been to the Wyre Forest, Comer Woods, to the River Severn and around the streets of Highley.

The negatives of lockdown are that we can't see our Grandparents, and I miss getting spoilt by my Nan. Our Grandma lives in Claverley so we can't see her very often, but we did send her some of my birthday cake. They have had their first vaccine, so hopefully it won't be too long before we do see them. Another negative is that I have worried a lot, about things like my family getting Coronavirus and being poorly.

My advice for these times is that there is always light at the end of the tunnel and everyone will have a rollercoaster of emotions. If you are worried you can always talk to a parent or teacher, they both give good advice.

Felicity
Year 5 Pupil

2021 Subscriptions - Important

A BIG 'THANK YOU' to everyone who supports the Forum by subscription. At £6/year it is really good value. Normally we collect subscriptions at your door in March, but due to Covid-19 we have decided to collect subscriptions in MAY this year. So, please wait until then.

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If anyone would like to subscribe, please contact Pat Whitefoot on 01746 861155.

Letters to the Editor

From Canon Edward Kawinga, School Chaplain and our supported link in Malawi:

I am very hopeful that God continues keeping you in good health to date.

Many thanks, we received the beautiful Silent Night Christmas Card and the detailed letter you sent us early December, but reached us in the first week of February 2021.

We are all very fine as we go through the threats of the COVID19.

As an extended family relation we have lost one of our brothers-in-law two weeks ago who was resident in Lilongwe.

Our school too has not been spared- 31 students and one teacher tested positive two weeks before the school closure. We had to isolate the students within the school before the Government declared the schools closure allowing them to go home . I am the current chairperson on the COVID19 Committee in the school.

Faith Kawinga Updates:

I together with my family would like to sincerely thank you all so much for being our helping hand with Faith's School fees for the past September to December Semester. Faith wrote her end of Semester Exams and she is currently on holiday and waiting for the exam results.

During this holiday she was expected to be attached to institutions for practical work, but due to COVID 19 this has not been possible.

Faith will be expected to go back to school on 8th March 2021 and we hope you may be in a position to assist us again.

The Diocese of Upper-shire is now through with its audit which has taken us almost two years and have all the hope that peace will come back to the diocese, God willing.

I am also currently leading the audit and expect to finish with the Diocesan Standing Committee meeting and map the new way forward with St. John's Vancouver and the Diocese Of Birmingham. Looking forward to your communications in 2021.

Yours In His Service **Edward and Beatrice**



Faith Kawinga
at school

Following the death of Maurice Shaw:

Dear All,

I would really like to send a BIG THANK--YOU to ALL of you who have lifted us up, and carried us through the recent trials of Maurice's illness and death; for your cards, messages, phone calls, flowers, and Christian family kindnesses, prayers and support, of ALL kinds. It has meant so much to me personally. Please accept my love and God's every blessing to you all. Fellowship in Christ is very precious.

Yvonne Shaw

Of course we remember Yvonne and the family in our prayers. We have also lost a number of villagers recently, details of which you will find on page 32. Yvonne looks after the Coffee Mornings when they can happen and we will miss the visits of the late Arthur Lucas when we can once more meet again. Ed.



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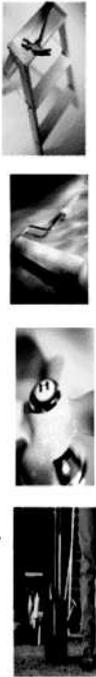


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Letter from Westminster

The effort to vaccinate the public against covid19 continues at a truly remarkable pace. I write in mid-February, so cannot reflect on the PM's statement about the route out of restrictions.

So instead, I want to offer my heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in the rollout of the vaccine in South Shropshire. I received my jab at Ludlow Hospital last month, and having been forced to shield for much of the pandemic, I joined in the enormous sense of relief felt by all who have been vaccinated against this wretched virus.



As I write, Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin have administered over 40,000 doses in the past week alone. So I am deeply grateful to our local GPs, but also NHS staff, Shropshire Council staff, RAF medics at Ludlow Racecourse, volunteers from Shropshire Fire & Rescue, and many members of the community including retired clinicians, and public spirited folk, braving the chill and wet weather to help get the most vulnerable in our community vaccinated.

I also want to thank the generosity of those supporting the vaccine programme. I know local businesses and individuals have been coming forward to offer snacks and hot drinks to health staff, which really does reflect the best of our community, not least during February's cold snap.

The immense progress the country has made towards vaccination allows us to plan further ahead, and last month, the government confirmed that Local, Mayoral and Police & Crime Commissioner elections would go ahead as planned in May. In Shropshire, that means voting will take place to elect all local Shropshire Councillors, and the Police & Crime Commissioner for West Mercia, as well as local town and parish councils.

When the pandemic hit last year, some elections were postponed. But we know much more about COVID19 now, and other countries have shown successful elections can take place within covid-secure guidelines – including in Ireland, France, Portugal, Israel, South Korea, and the United States. We will have reached all 9 cohorts of the vaccination programme by the Spring, which means everyone over 50 will have been offered a vaccine. So we can commit to go ahead with these polls with confidence.

The government is working with the Electoral Commission to ensure a safe election. The changes for voters and election staff will be similar to those made for workplaces up and down the country during the pandemic. Voters (and companions of disabled voters) should bring their mask, as they would wear in any indoor public place, and are encouraged to bring a pen or pencil with which to mark their ballot paper.

But if you are concerned, please consider applying for a postal or proxy vote ahead of the polls. You can find more information on how to apply at <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/elections-and-electoral-registration/voting-and-elections/postal-and-proxy-voting/>.

.../...

... The pandemic does of course mean quite a significant change for those campaigning. You may not receive a knock on the door from rosette-wearing candidates, and as I write, political campaigning is not considered essential activity, so you should not get leaflets through your door unless they are posted via Royal Mail – though one party has irresponsibly chosen to ignore these rules in parts of the county.

But these elections are important – they will determine your voice in town or parish councils, in Shirehall, and the oversight of your local Police service. So it is right we do not delay democracy any longer than we must, and voters can head to the polls with confidence on 6th May.

Philip Dunne MP

Safeguarding Shropshire

Shropshire’s Safeguarding Community Partnership is encouraging pharmacists across the county to take part in the Government’s “Ask for Ani” scheme.

Ask for ANI (Action Needed Immediately) is a codeword scheme developed by the Home Office to provide a discreet way for victims of domestic abuse to signal that they need emergency help from the safety of their local pharmacy.

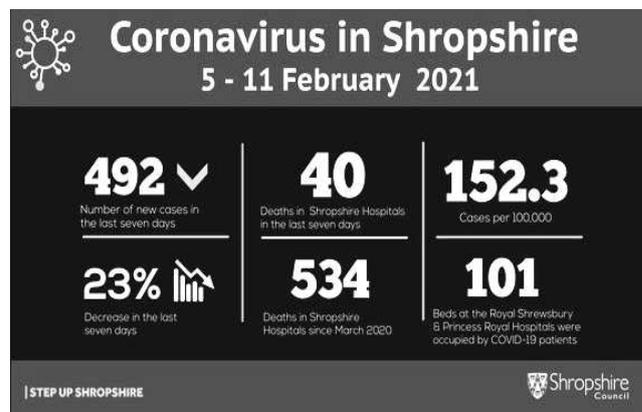
The code word ‘ANI’ can be given in independent pharmacies and Boots stores across Shropshire.

Some pharmacies in the area will already be running the Safe Spaces scheme which enables victims of domestic abuse to use the pharmacy consultation room to access information on domestic abuse support services. The ‘Ask for ANI’ scheme can work alongside Safe Spaces to support victims who need more immediate assistance to signal that they need help, and for pharmacy staff to direct them to the help they need.

Residents are also reminded there are a number of other ways you can get confidential support, and an advice helpline if you are experiencing domestic and/or sexual violence. In an emergency, always call the police on 999.

- Local support in Shropshire, and Telford and Wrekin, is available through the Shropshire Domestic Abuse Service: call 0300 303 1191 or email sdas@shropsdas.org.uk.

Mike Harris



Highley Covid-19 Support Group
St. Mary's Highley Parish Council

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
- Thursday - Dave on 07979295387
- Friday - Bernadine on 862137 or Martin 861813
- Saturday - Roy on 861666
- Sunday - Try any of the above

Alternatively, make your specific request known through the 'Contact' section of www.stmaryshighley.co.uk. You will need to give your name, phone number and address. The person answering your call/enquiry will then contact a member of the team who will fulfil your request to the best of their ability and contact you when the order is ready, to arrange drop-off and payment when appropriate. There is no charge for this service. **Note: We cannot manage card transactions.**

This community service is supported by Highley Medical Practice and Highley Pharmacy.

Please note: We will do our very best to help but cannot be held responsible for any shortcomings due to unforeseen circumstances.

In all cases, please observe the NHS guidelines overleaf.

A reminder that the Support Group is still active every day of the week..

County Councillor's Report

This is the last Forum article until May 6th because something called election purdah kicks in on the 15th March, when all references to politics have to be kept in the election arena, although my own view is that “politics” has no place in local affairs, it’s a case of community, community, community, all wrapped up in a healthy comfort blanket called democracy, although even that’s wearing a bit thin.

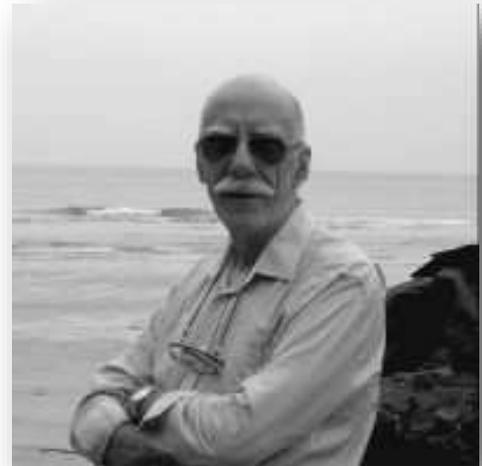
Democracy has an enemy though, it’s called apathy, which is why everyone needs to get registered to vote NOW (don’t keep putting it off) and those who are either too busy or otherwise indisposed to get to a polling booth should register for a postal vote.

It’s not just the (county) unitary council elections this time, our parish council is also up for re-election, on which subject I’d better warn that in the 2017 parish elections a few **parish** voting slips were thrown away because of lack of instructions about where they should go in the return envelopes. That had significance when the difference between two candidates (I wasn’t one of them) was close enough for a recount to be called. I did raise the matter with Shropshire Council’s Returning Officer but I was accused of being mischievous. In other words, don’t make life difficult for someone who can’t accept that they’ve slipped up, despite the evidence and despite clear Electoral Commission guidelines to Returning Officers **NOT** to take for granted that members of the public would instinctively know that the parish returns could be sent back in the large envelope alongside the sealed county returns envelope, an instruction that should have appeared in the instructions but didn’t. It wasn’t just a few elderly parishioners who were confused, a number of younger voters were concerned that they’d “thrown away their vote”.

There are a lot of changes coming to the way our community develops. Planning laws are changing to give greater power to the executive to make decisions on our behalf which, roughly translated, means we’ll be told what we really, **really** need and have it explained to us in simple terms that can be expressed in that classic four-word riposte: “Like it or lump it”. Mummy knows best, although in this case Mummy looks and acts remarkably like a South American dictator.

You’ll have seen the CCTV cameras going up, largely thanks to the sterling persistence of our parish clerk, Ella Preston. It will cover the entire length of the village, from the junction of the main road at the Pen Factory end of Netherton Lane, to Higgs Corner/Bynd Lane/Netherton and on to cover the entrance to Highley at the top end. The system incorporates Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) and although reactive (not “policed”), it is monitored by security cleared volunteers who can react to a reported situation in a matter of minutes from the control room in the police station at the Severn Centre. Vehicle average speed through the village can also be monitored.

See you on the other side of May 6th.



Dave Tremellen

Independent Member for Highley Division of Shropshire Council

Puzzles for March

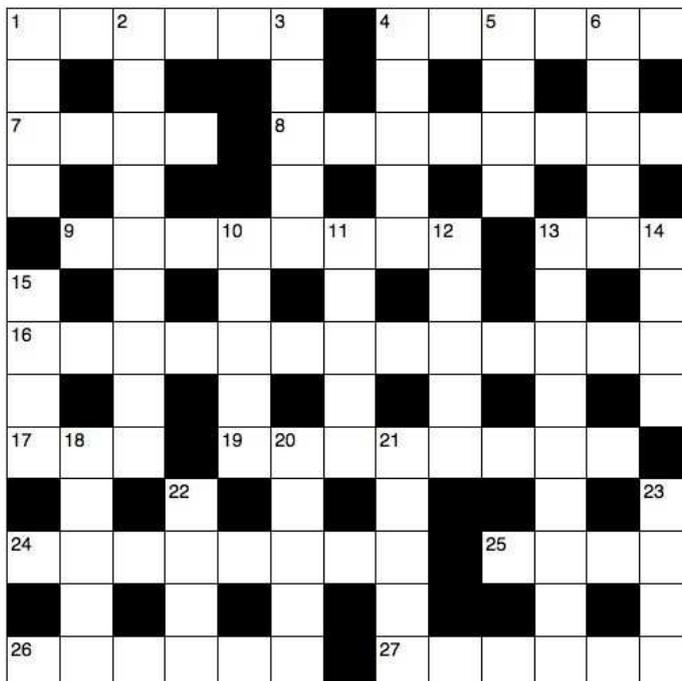
Crossword Clues

Across

- 1 The earth is one (6)
- 4 'On a hill far away stood an old — cross' (6)
- 7 'I am the — vine and my Father is the gardener' (John 15:1) (4)
- 8 The Caesar who was Roman Emperor at the time of Jesus' birth (Luke 2:1) (8)
- 9 'Your — should be the same as that of Christ Jesus' (Philippians 2:5) (8)
- 13 Jesus said that no one would put a lighted lamp under this (Luke 8:16) (3)
- 16 Involvement (1 Corinthians 10:16) (13)
- 17 Armed conflict (2 Chronicles 15:19) (3)
- 19 Where the Gaderene pigs were feeding (Mark 5:11) (8)
- 24 What jeering youths called Elisha on the road to Bethel (2 Kings 2:23) (8)
- 25 The Venerable — , eighth-century Jarrow ecclesiastical scholar (4)
- 26 8 Across issued a decree that this should take place (Luke 2:1) (6)
- 27 Come into prominence (Deuteronomy 13:13) (6)

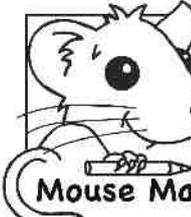
Down

- 1 Where some of the seed scattered by the sower fell (Matthew 13:4) (4)
- 2 Sexually immoral person whom God will judge (Hebrews 13:4) (9)
- 3 Gospel leaflet (5)
- 4 Physical state of the boy brought to Jesus for healing (Mark 9:18)
- 5 Tugs (anag.) (4)
- 6 To put forth (5)
- 10 Nationality associated with St Patrick (5)
- 11 Leader of the descendants of Kohath (1 Chronicles 15:5) (5)
- 12 'After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping — heel' (Genesis 25:26) (5)
- 13 At Dothan the Lord struck the Arameans with — at Elisha's request (2 Kings 6:18) (9)
- 14 'Peter, before the cock crows today, you will — three times that you know me' (Luke 22:34) (4)
- 15 Spit out (Psalm 59:7) (4)
- 18 'When I — , I am still with you' (Psalm 139:18) (5)
- 20 Concepts (Acts 17:20) (5)
- 21 Thyatira's dealer in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (5)
- 22 Does (anag.) (4)
- 23 The second set of seven cows in Pharaoh's dream were this (Genesis 41:19) (4)



Solutions on page 33

Hi Kids, have a go at this



Mouse Makes

Who is my mother?
Look up the Bible verses then find the mother's names in the word search

CAIN and ABEL
Genesis 4:1-2

JOSEPH
Genesis 30:22-24

ISHMAEL
Genesis 16:15

TIMOTHY
2 Timothy 1:5

RUBEN
Genesis 29:32

GAD
Genesis 35:26

SAMUEL
1 Samuel 1:20

OBED
Matthew 1:5

ISAAC
Genesis 21:3

Jesus was **loved** by his mother Mary, she looked after him, worried about him and prayed for him. She **cuddled** Jesus when he was born, **cried** when he died and **rejoiced** when he rose from the dead.

SOLOMON
1 Chronicles 3:5

JOHN
Luke 1:57-60

ESAU and JACOB
Genesis 25:24-26

JESUS
Acts 1:14



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There are two other words in the word search, can you find them?

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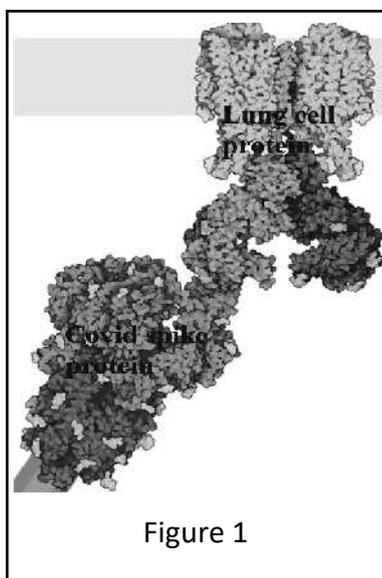
The story behind Covid-19

Many readers will know that in addition to being an assistant curate in the Severn Valley Benefice, I am also a scientist; I lecture and carry out research in pharmacology at Aston University. Pharmacology is the study of how drugs work.

Although I work at a University, I have to apply to outside bodies for money to carry out my research, and convince them that it is a benefit to society. Currently I have funding to carry out two projects. Modern science is a team effort, and both of these projects are being carried out with my long-term collaborator and friend, Professor Mark Wheatley at Coventry University. The second project is being driven by another friend and colleague, Dr John Simms, at Aston University.

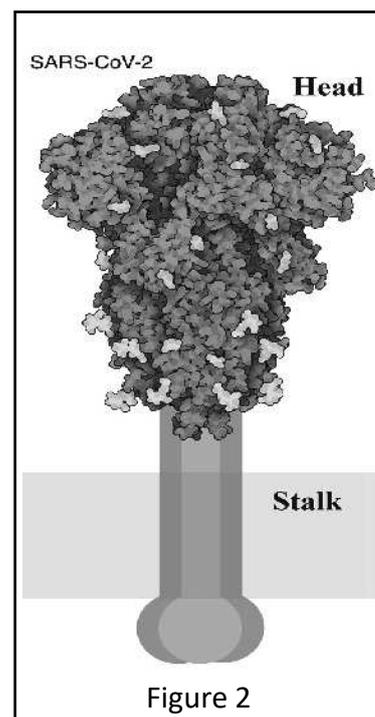
- Project One is a novel way of developing antibodies to recognise proteins that are found on the surface of cells. New antibodies can be used as drugs.
- Project Two is about how nerve transmitters switch cells on and off. The transmitter binds to a protein called a receptor on the surface of a cell, and changes its shape. A better understanding of how receptors change shape will help us design new drugs which bind to them. We are using computers to understand how receptors change their shape to switch cells on and off.

Our research is some distance away from producing drugs that can be given to patients: we are interested in the underlying science. We are not directly doing Covid research: others are much better placed to take the lead on this. However, ultimately our research may feed into therapies to treat Covid.



The Covid virus attaches itself to our cells by means of the “spike protein”, which exists on the outside of the virus (Fig 1). This is a large protein shaped like a mushroom (Fig 1), and the spikes are the bits that stick out of the spherical virus that we are all familiar with. The “headgroup” of the spike protein sticks out into the blood of the person who is infected. This headgroup is able to recognise a protein that is found on the surface of cells in our lungs – the “lung protein”. This lung protein normally makes a substance that helps control

blood pressure: unfortunately, it also sticks tightly to the headgroup of the Covid spike protein (Fig 2). When the two bind, the Covid spike protein changes shape and pulls the virus against the surface of the lung cells allowing the virus to enter and damage these cells. It also reproduces inside the cells, so the infected person can then pass new virus to other people.



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.... Vaccines work by getting our immune system to produce antibodies that bind to the headgroup of the spike protein, so stopping it from sticking to the protein on our lung cells and entering them (Fig 1). The technology we are trying to develop for new antibodies may provide novel ways of making vaccines. Our work on how proteins change shape may help us to understand both how changes to the spike protein can alter its properties and also to develop drugs to block it from bringing the virus into contact with the surface of lung cells.

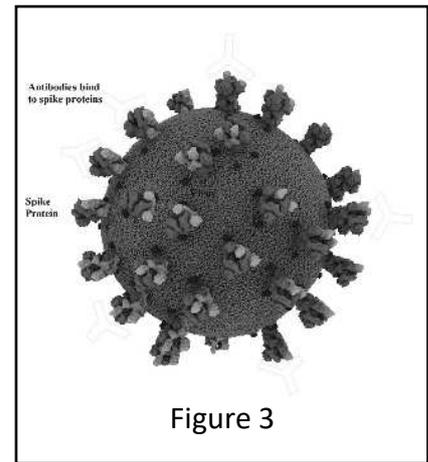


Fig 1 The Covid virus, showing the spike protein on its surface and also how antibodies can bind to this, to stop it binding to lung cells (Adapted from the Protein Structure Database).

Fig 2 The Covid spike protein. At the bottom is the stalk that sits in the covering of the virus; beyond is the large headgroup (Taken from the Protein Structure Database).

Fig 3 The lung protein (bottom, green and blue), sitting in the membrane covering lung cells, binds to the Covid spike protein (top, purple and pink) (Taken from the Protein Structure Database).

David Poyner
with Caroline (Wheatlands News)

'It's Church Jim, but not as we know it!

Anyone who recalls Star Trek with William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy, will recall the above quote and it seems pertinent to associate it with much of church and community life at the moment. You've only got to see Roy Adlington when he's on a Zoom meeting and question why his face has gone all blue! We're really hoping it won't be long before we can meet back in our churches, but until then we'll keep at a safe distance and cherish each other in conversations online.



Word for Today

NOTES AND DIAMONDS

'This [salvation] is not of yourselves [of your own doing, it came not through your own striving], but it is the gift of God.'

Ephesians 2:8 (AMPV)

To understand how God sees you, try to think of these two things: 1) A five-pound note. What makes it more valuable than any other piece of paper of equal size? The wealth and stability of the government whose signature is on it. You can crumple that five-pound note up, step on it, even tear it in two and tape it back together again, and its worth is still the same. 2) A diamond. If you rub a diamond in the dirt, it's still a diamond, albeit a dirty one. But it has not lost its value. Now, we must point out that in order to truly appreciate the beauty of the diamond, you would have to get the dirt off it and then restore it back to its original lustre.

What's the point of these two illustrations? That your value in God's eyes as His redeemed child doesn't change or diminish when you get dirty, or stepped on, or torn apart by life and circumstances. That's because your true worth is determined not by your own efforts but by the price Jesus paid for you on the cross. There, the great exchange took place. All your sins from the cradle to the grave were laid on Him. And when you accept Him as your Saviour, all His righteousness is transferred to you. You don't have to strive for it; it's a 'gift'. 'This [salvation] is not of yourselves [of your own doing, it came not through your own striving], but it is the gift of God.'

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Just For Fun - animals

Cats & dogs

Behind every cat that crosses the street, there is a dog saying, "Go ahead, you can make it."

Dogs believe they are human. Cats believe they are god.

The only domestic animal not mentioned in the Bible is the cat.

Horsing Around

Some race horses are boasting about their track records.

The first horse says, "In my last 15 races, I've won 8 of them!"

The second says, "In my last 27, I've won 19!"

"Oh that's good," says the third, "but in my last 36, I've won 28!"

At this point a greyhound dog speaks up. "I don't mean to brag," says the greyhound, "but in my last 90 races, I've won 88 of them!"

The horses are clearly amazed.

"Wow!" says one, after a hushed silence. "A talking dog!"

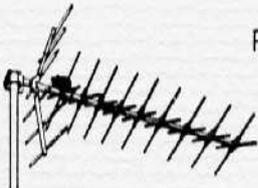
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Hide-and-Seek

Sam was sitting on a tombstone in the local churchyard where he was supposed to be cutting the grass when Nipper saw him.

"Hot day, soon be Easter," he remarked. "I suppose you will be going to church with your sister?" replied his friend. Sam looked puzzled, "Why do I need to go to church. They don't sell Easter eggs?" he asked. Nipper could see the Vicar approaching bearing a bottle of cider. "I'll get the Vicar to tell you," he quickly suggested. "I'll bring another glass for you," said that old gentleman. "I only expected Sam to be here." "Don't worry, I'll pour a glass for Sam and drink from the bottle. You can tell Sam about the real reason for Easter while we drink it." This arrangement suited the Vicar and he did so at some length.

"I suppose we shall see you both in church," ventured the Vicar. "My verger is sick and I really need someone to take the collection." Sam's face brightened at this suggestion, but before he could speak Nipper interrupted. "I'll do that. Sam is not too good at counting." "I'll fetch another bottle of cider and thanks very much for your kind offer". With that he toddled off and Sam rounded on Nipper. "I wanted that job. I could always pocket a little on the side." "That's exactly why I volunteered," countered Nipper. "I won't be able to get an Easter egg," complained Soapy Sam. "Of course you will," grinned Nipper. "I will suggest you usher folk to their seats." "I usually sit at the back and have a little nap," he moaned. "They usually have a cup of coffee and a biscuit or two afterwards," consoled his friend. "Yes, you know when you go up and have a sip of wine and a bit of bread? Well, I suggested half a pint of cider and a lump of bread and cheese would be a lot more popular." The Vicar was very upset and said he did not think it suitable. "No, he'd probably have a church full of rowdy drunks coming back for seconds," laughed Nipper.



Come the service all went well and the Vicar's daughter whispered, "I have left a bottle of cider for each of you under the Yew tree outside, but go farther away to drink it."

Presently she joined them there. "I have a problem," she confided. "I have organised an egg hunt. We hide eggs and the children look for them." "Will they be chocolate eggs?" asked Sam eagerly. "Well no. They are ordinary hard boiled eggs which I paint and decorate and the winner has a large chocolate one." "Seems a lot of trouble," muttered Sam. "I quite like hard boiled eggs, but I don't usually paint them." "They are young children and they really enjoy it," she smiled. "Unfortunately it includes the Corville twins and they are a handful, so I was wondering if you two would keep an eye on them?"

They readily agreed and all went well for a while until the twins suddenly disappeared. They were eventually found having climbed a tree. "Come down," commanded Nipper. "We were looking for apples," they explained. "There doesn't seem to be any apples on this tree," exclaimed Sam looking puzzled. "There is a very good reason for that," said Nipper. "Firstly, this is not the season for apples and, secondly, this is not an apple tree."

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... They continued looking for eggs. "I'll tell you what, you keep an eye on those two rascals and I'll fetch two bottles of cider," suggested Nipper. "I see you have already drunk yours." Sam agreed but, when Nipper came back the twins had disappeared again.

They began a search and, spying an old lady who had just finished cleaning the church, they asked if she had seen the errant pair. "No," she replied. "You know I think I shall have to pack in this job. I lost my bucket and brush." They sympathised and resumed their search. A few minutes later, the Vicar's daughter came into view as it was now getting dark, but with no more success. They spotted the old woman hurrying back, and she had not seen them either. "I'm just going back to make sure I locked the church." They all trotted back along the path when suddenly the church bells began a wild clamour. They quickly unlocked the church door (the old lady had in fact locked it) and the Vicar's daughter made for the tower. Sam held back. "Perhaps it's hob goblins," he muttered nervously.

The mystery was soon solved; hanging on bell ropes which now and then whisked them off their feet were the missing pair! "We went to hide in the church and hid the old lady's bucket and then we found we were locked in. So we went up the tower and rang the bell to attract attention," they explained. "After the trouble you have caused it would have served you right if you had spent the night there," commented Soapy Sam. "All's well that ends well," smiled Ellen.

On counting all the eggs they discovered that the twins had won the chocolate eggs. "Some mystery here," frowned Nipper. "After all, they spent little time searching for eggs." "No mystery," they chorused, cheerfully munching away. "We hid behind the churchyard wall and saw where you put them." "That pair will land up millionaires with their spirit," grinned Nipper. "More likely end up in jail," grunted his friend. "Anyway, the Vicar has given us two bottles of cider for our help. Let's drink. What's more, I've pocketed some of those painted eggs. We can eat while supping the cider." Sitting on the churchyard bench, Nipper readily agreed.

Alan Honeybourne

Change is coming ...

Most people struggle with change, after all there has been enough of it around over the last 18 months! However, change is part of life; we're all changing as we get older, whatever we do to try to stop the years rolling by.

So, there are changes taking place in the **Forum**. I am stepping down after three and a half years as editor and I'm grateful to Val Smith who is going to be the new editor beginning with the next issue. As we begin to get back to some sort of normality in the coming months, please encourage Val with your photos of the countryside, or something taking place in the villages - it really does help to make the magazine something special.

The other element of change I am announcing is my retirement. On September 12th I will be taking my last service(s) in the benefice, exactly six years from the beginning of my ministry here. But more about that later.

Mike Harris

A 'Real' Easter Egg

The Meaningful Chocolate Company has launched its 2021 Fairtrade Real Easter Egg range. All Real Easter Eggs come with an Easter story in the box. The stories range from simple guides to a 24-page activity book version with a prize competition worth £200. They provide an opportunity to share the joy of Easter with friends and family.

The 2021 Original Real Easter Egg includes a new 24-page Easter story activity book. It features a rainbow design to remind us of the importance of working together, in amazing and inspiring ways, for the common good. It costs £4.50 and is delivered in multiples of six or as singles.

David Marshall, from Meaningful Chocolate, said: "Even with the current uncertainties we believe that it is more important than ever that churches, schools and individuals find ways to share the Easter story in 2021. Our aim is to provide some of these resources and continue to support Fairtrade. The Real Easter Egg is a proven way to do this. You can order direct from www.realeasteregg.co.uk."

Real Easter Egg dropped by pandemic hit supermarkets

The UK's top supermarkets will not be stocking The Real Easter Egg in 2021. For the past ten years Tesco, Waitrose, ASDA and Morrisons have made room on their shelves for The Real Easter Egg.

The head of The Real Easter Egg, David Marshall, said: "Easter 2020 was right at the start of lockdown and we saw people change the way they shopped. We saw an increase of 40% in people buying from our website for friends, family and food banks. However, at the same time, the early .../...

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... pandemic led to the supermarkets having a disastrous Easter as people stayed away from high streets. This year, supermarket buyers were told to cut brands, reduce the volumes and in some cases ask for stock to be supplied at a loss or cost price. It means there will be fewer brands, including the Real Easter Egg, on supermarket shelves this Easter. So, if you are one of the 80,000 people who usually buy a Real Easter Egg from a supermarket then go online and order direct from www.realeasteregg.co.uk. “



About the Real Easter Egg

Out of the 80 million chocolate Easter eggs sold each year in the UK, The Real Easter Egg is the first and only Fairtrade chocolate Easter egg to share the Easter story. The Real Easter Egg has been on sale since 2010 and involves thousands of churches, schools and groups. It crosses all denominations and offers individuals a simple way to share the Easter Story while supporting Fairtrade and charitable projects.

The Real Easter Egg continues to be the UK's top mail order Egg in terms of volume.

To date more than a million eggs have been sold and more than £300,000 has been donated to charitable causes.

Coronavirus and Easter – Pause and Pray

When the UK death toll for coronavirus recently reached 100,000, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York issued a call to the nation. They asked everyone to pause and remember the victims of Covid-19. The victims and their families were “known to God and cherished by God”.

Perhaps, as we approach Easter, we should consider stopping again and remembering again the terrible cost of the pandemic.

In their open letter, Archbishops Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell had insisted that death does not have “the last word”, and the Christian faith promises that one day “every tear will be wiped away”.

God, they wrote, knows grief and suffering and “shares in the weight of our sadness”.

Turning to the wider impact of the pandemic, the loneliness, anxiety and economic hardship, they then invited people to “cast their fears on God”.

The archbishops said: “We write to you in consolation, but also in encouragement, and ultimately in the hope of Jesus Christ. The God who comes to us in Jesus knew grief and suffering Himself. On the cross, Jesus shares the weight of our sadness.”

“Most of all, we have hope because God raised Jesus from the dead. This is the Christian hope that we will be celebrating at Easter. We live in the hope that we will share in His resurrection. Death doesn't have the last word. In God's kingdom, every tear will be wiped away. Please be assured of our prayers. Please join us.”

It is expected that the Church of England will hold services of remembrance for those who have died and thanksgiving for all those who have cared for them when it is possible to do so.



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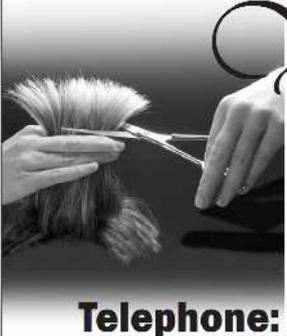
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Lifestyle change - Alastair

Eating a plant based diet in the UK is getting easier everyday. More supermarkets are improving their selection of plant based products, and recipes are everywhere. If you are new to eating without meat or dairy, and haven't liked the idea of immersing yourself completely in 'Veganuary', then start off by replacing 1 meat/dairy based meal a week with a plant based one. Try 2 meals each week in the next month! It takes time to find your favourite recipes and practice them. Achieve a balance that you are happy with and that the planet is happy with. Why? Like it or not, we share the planet and its atmosphere with 8 billion other humans. With current farming practices, there simply isn't enough room on our planet to sustain this many habitual meat eating humans without destroying the amazing ecosystems all around us. Next time you buy meat or dairy, consider whether it has been produced with animal welfare and sustainability in mind.

Stop waste - Sandra

Don't throw bread away. You can freeze it in slices and get it out a few slices at a time. It will toast from frozen. Or make it into breadcrumbs and freeze these. Use as toppings for gratins or bakes, or in stuffings.

Going green in the laundry - Pat

We have been using natural soap nuts for laundry; a big bag does 330 washes! When they are finished you can put them on the garden. We are also using compostable sponge cloths and you can wash them up to 3 hundred times! We are now having milk and juice delivered by Milk and More in glass bottles; no more plastic for the crates.

Thought of the month - Jane

Having started consuming a generally plant based diet, I have changed the milk I have in my tea and pour on my cereal to plant based alternatives like oat milk and soya milk. These drinks produce less methane than their dairy cousin, but removing dairy from my diet also seems to be better for my baby's skin; she is breast feeding, and since the switch she hasn't had any eczema. Whilst this is a good thing, it is important to make sure you are consuming the right amount of vitamins and minerals to maintain a healthy diet. Does any one else have concerns regarding the recycling of the Tetrapak containers that they come in?

Heating in the winter - John

Following my last comment, we are installing another air source heat pump for the other side of our bungalow! I can't recommend them enough!

Alastair Macnaughton



Prayer Walking

Our communities have all been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic: our schools, hospitals, neighbours, churches, friends and families, so when we're out on our daily walk, let's turn the time to prayer.

That's the challenge from HOPE Together, which is encouraging Christians to walk and pray in 2021.

Rachel Jordan-Wolf, HOPE's executive director, says: 'Whatever time, wherever you live, whilst we're able and permitted to walk – let's walk and talk to the one who has the power to act and bring change.'

HOPE is bringing together resources and ideas for prayer walking from many UK prayer ministries. An app is also being developed to track where Christians have walked and prayed throughout the UK. This is part of a worldwide Every Home for Christ initiative called Oikos, which aims to take the Christian message of hope to every home on the planet over the next 20 years.

To find out more visit www.hopetogether.org.uk/prayerwalk21.

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Associate Minister	Rev. Val Smith	valandkeiths@aol.com	861966
Assistant Curate	Rev. David Poyner	d.r.poyner@aston.ac.uk	01562 68638
Retired with Permission to Officiate	Canon Rose Lawley	rosemarylawley@gmail.com	862301
Churchwarden	Roy Adlington		861666
Readers	Mr Keith Smith (PTO)		861966
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PCC Secretary	Mrs Rose Lawley	rosemarylawley@gmail.com	862301
Allsorts (Ladies' Group)	Mrs Lin Evans		861087
Coffee Morning (Tuesdays)	Mrs Yvonne Shaw		861723
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Children's Sunday Groups			
Friday Event	Mrs. Rachel Williams	the-friday-event@hotmail.com	862875
MCMC's Discos	Mark Williams & Chris Smith		860230
Age UK		enquiries@ageconcernshrops.org.uk	01743 233123
Bowls Club	Lorraine Brooks		860386
Brownies		(Rainbows - Jessica Lloyd - 861090)	
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
Highley Medical Centre	Dr Alan	Bridgnorth Road	861572
Highley Mini Minors Toddler Group	Mrs Sharon Dalziel		862087
Highley Minors Childcare Centre	Dawn Bethel / Kath Davies	Severn Centre	860005
Highley Parish Council Parish Clerk	Mrs Ella Preston	81 Woodhill Road	861979
Co. Cllr. & Highley Patients Group	Mr Dave Tremellen	dave.tremellen@shropshire.gov.uk	07979295387
Highley Rugby Club	Mr Rob Parr		862094
Highley Welfare Junior Football Club	Ms Emma Carter		07752207828
HWJFC: Mini Kickers (3.5—7 years)	Jo Matthews		862017
Housing Support Officer	Jan Moseley	862442	07582 003972
Highley Venturers	Mrs Chris Corfield		861477
Parish Hall Bookings			861242
Pop-in-club	Mrs Pam Stinton		861821
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**Please contact Richard Dudson on
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**Volunteers will need to complete a short
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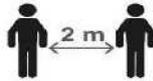
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Bus travel guidance

Stay safe

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



Look out for 'bus full' signs

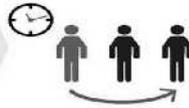
The bus will only stop when people want to get off or if there is enough space onboard



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



STAY ALERT - CONTROL THE VIRUS - SAVE LIVES

Crossword Solution from page 15

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Parish Hall Office

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For information about weddings, Baptisms (Christenings), child's Dedication or 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.

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Please note change in collection days:

Black bins: Monday 8th & THURS 18th

Crates & green bins: Mon 1st & THURS 25th

Garden Village and Highley Park Homes: please check your new collection day.

www.shropshire.gov.uk/recycling-and-rubbish/

Forthcoming Events

Gardening Club

Wednesday

Severn Centre

Police Surgery

10:00 - 12:00

Thursday

Severn Centre

Severn Strollers

10:30 / 11:00

(Contact: Barbara Skilton: 01746 862003)

Monday

(not Bank Holidays)

Severn Centre

Women's Institute

Tuesday

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Coffee Morning: Thursday 11am-12noon

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Currently not Open
Except for Food Share

Currently not taking place

Photo Gallery

Left: Mike and Bonnie Garvey hold the bag of balls that will determine the outcome of the month's '100 Club' draw.

Right: Snowdrops signify the coming of spring outside St. Mary's Church, Billingsley.



From times past when we were able to meet.

Above left: George Poyner attempts pancake tossing—Shrove Tuesday, February 2017, whilst David Rayner and Melv Evans prepare them in the kitchen.

MARCH 2021

March Services

Everything subject to change, check website
PLEASE NOTE

Due to Coronavirus
Services currently virtual only



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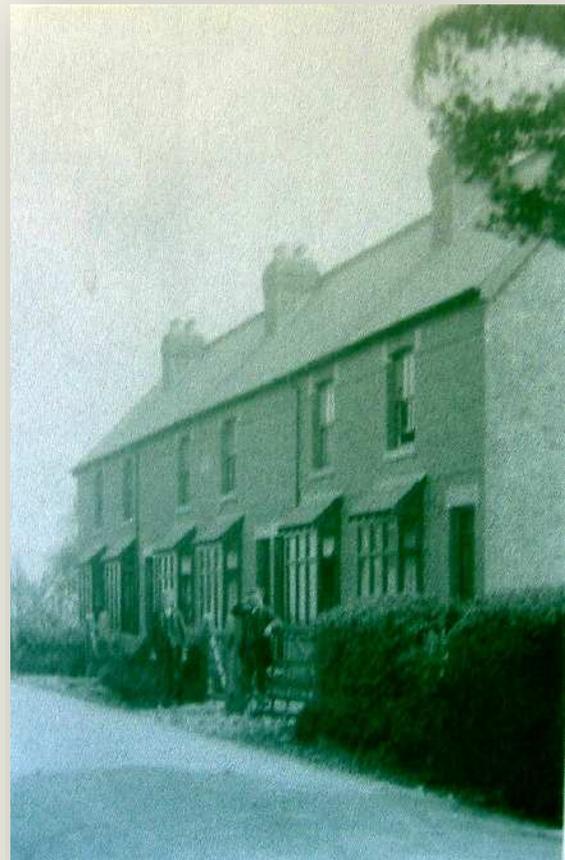
It may be possible to worship together
in church on March 28th: Palm Sunday.

You are also warmly invited to attend
Morning Prayer on Zoom Sundays at 10am
Contact David Poyner :
d.r.poyner@aston.ac.uk

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

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Early twentieth century
picture of
Yew Tree Villas
from the archives.



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>Next Copy Date: <u>March 15th</u></p>	<p>Morning Prayer 9:00am</p> <p>Friday Event 19:30 at the Parish Hall Term time</p>

Currently not taking place