

FORUM

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Lest we forget

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them

For the Fallen -

Robert Laurence Binyon (1869-1943)

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,
England mourns for her dead across the sea.
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill: Death august and royal
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres.
There is music in the midst of desolation
And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;
They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes profound,
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known
As the stars are known to the Night;

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain,
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
To the end, to the end, they remain.



Laurence Binyon composed his best known poem while sitting on the cliff-top looking out to sea from the dramatic scenery of the north Cornish coastline. A plaque marks the location at Pentire Point, north of Polzeath. However, there is also a small plaque on the East Cliff north of Portreath, further south on the same north Cornwall coast, which also claims to be the place where the poem was written.



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Remembrance

When I was a very young child, I can remember going into my Grandad's shed with him one day and seeing a rather, what was to me, very strange hat. I asked him what it was as I hadn't seen anything like it before. 'Just something I wore once' he replied. It wasn't until much later that I realised it was a World War One Tommy's helmet. Then years later I asked my father about what he did in the Second World War, but like my granddad he said very little. It was as though the memories they had were just too painful to talk about.

My father did talk a little about his best friend during those years, who sadly was to lose his life like so many others did back then and of course in theatres of war that our armed forces have been involved in since.

I began to wonder how my mother felt at this time, and of course in more recent conflicts more women have been involved in front line action. I came across an account from the husband of an RAF doctor who was serving in the Iraq conflict. He tells of her work in an aeromedical evacuation team and says –

'It is her job to look after casualties as they are being flown out of war zones, back to safer locations.

Unfortunately, she is there to certify the dead too. She hasn't been needed that much, which is excellent. Meanwhile, I am at home looking after our one-year-old son, Alexander.

I understand why she has gone, but it is very frustrating because my wife has missed her son's first birthday. Jo has also missed watching her son starting to crawl and speak and get more teeth. That's probably the hardest bit, I've had plenty of excellent support; from my parents, her parents, brothers and sisters.

But I don't think most people realize civilian husbands of military personnel exist. All the talk is about supporting 'our boys' at war, and I find that very frustrating. Its not just the husbands that have gone out there; its wives and mothers too.

This is the first time Jo's been away in a war zone, and during the combat I was constantly watching BBC News 24 and checking News Online. That's the most heart-rending thing: just watching it on the news and wondering where she is and what she is doing and is she alright; is she coming back?

(BBC Website)

This account was taken from a book called 'Beyond our Tears' produced by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland and acknowledges that 'At the heart of Christian worship is the call to remember: to remember who God is and where God has been in our lives.'

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In that remembering we celebrate the gifts that we now enjoy and treasure, gifts of freedom, justice, peace and truth. Thus the past that we remember allows us to value ever more deeply the present in which we now live. Our prayer of thanksgiving of the past and the present demands, then, our commitment to build a future that is rooted deeply in all we have celebrated by our remembering.'

On the 14th November, all over the country Remembrance Services will take place that may include men and women who over the years have been involved in areas of conflict, or members of families who may be remembering loved ones no longer with us as well as young people too, but we should also look forward with hope to new possibilities and new vision and trust in a God who brings life out of death and who calls us to love our enemies, and seek peace.

'If ever there is tomorrow when we're not together....

there is something you must always remember. You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.

But the most important thing is, even if we're apart.....I'll always be with you.

(Winnie-the-Pooh, A A Milne)

Revd Canon Rose Lawley

Operation Christmas Child

This is the final call for filled Shoeboxes !

Thank you so much if you have been able to join in and fill a shoebox for a child overseas, who would not otherwise receive any presents this Christmas. The boxes will be taken to a collection point on **15th November**.

If you have a filled shoebox, please make sure it is left in St Mary's Church, Highley (Wednesday or Sunday) or phone Revd Val Smith 861966 for collection before that date.

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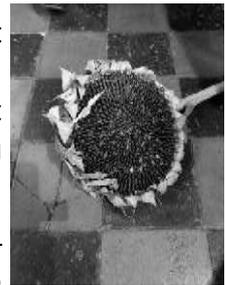


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St Mary's Highley

October was another busy month with some of our Home Groups starting up again. We were also able to hold our Harvest Service in church, beautifully decorated by Bev, Gay, Jackie and their helpers.

We were thrilled to be invited into Highley Primary School to lead a Harvest Assembly. It was so good to be back there, albeit in a combination of children physically present and other classes joining in through Microsoft Teams. Heartfelt thanks to Headteacher Mr Plimm for providing the technology support. If you have children, ask them how many seeds came from just one sunflower head!



We held our annual memorial service on 31st October, when we welcomed families who had suffered a bereavement during the past 12 months. Names were read out and candles lit, as we gave thanks for their lives and the precious memories we still have.

On 14th November, Remembrance Sunday, there will be a parade leaving the Severn Centre at 10.15am, walking along the High Street and gathering in an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in St Mary's Churchyard at 10.45am. Reverend David Poyner will lead the service and we are hoping that his father, George Poyner, will read the names of the fallen. Please do join us, either along the route or at the War Memorial. Itself.

If you have packed a shoebox for the Operation Christmas Child appeal, please ensure that it is delivered either to St Mary's Church (Wednesday or Sunday) or to Rev'd Val Smith (tel 861966) by 14th November, as the boxes will be taken to a collection point on 15th November.

Finally, we have set up the prayer corner in church again, which we had to dismantle during the restoration project. Please feel free to use it and write your prayers on the cards provided. We will add them to our prayers each Sunday. As the weeks progress, we hope to have a 'prayer tree' where you can tie a piece of ribbon as you pray, to represent your prayers. There are also booklets and bookmarks to take. Please help yourself. We hope it proves once again to be a helpful space for people to sit and be still in God's presence.

Val Smith

From the registers:

Funerals:

28.09.21 Derek Leslie Hellyer; 18.10.21 Gwendoline Rosemary Beaman

26.10.21 Dorothy Jean Breakwell

Baptism: 3.10.21 Lileth Carter; Oscar Pain

St Peter's, Chelmarsh

We have enjoyed some exceptionally warm weather last month, and now, moving into Autumn, gardens need tidying and the soil prepared for next year's growing season.

Harvest Festival

This year we again had to forgo the Harvest Supper due to restrictions around the hire of public buildings. However, we held a well-attended Harvest Service, led by Val with traditional hymns played on the organ by Carol Wall. It was good to have it played for the occasion. Our thanks go to all who gave garden produce etc., the church looked wonderful with the flowers, fruit and vegetables arranged around. Some of the fruit and vegetables and tins went to the Bridgnorth food bank and from a stall in The Glebe donations received came to £44.55.

Remembrance

A service of remembrance will be held on **Sunday 17th November at 10.45am**. We hope to welcome as many people as possible to pay tribute to those who gave their lives in the service of this country in the conflicts of the past 100 years.

New Service Pattern

Regrettably, weekly services are now not possible, so Chelmarsh has services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month. The PCC agreed to put a notice on the gate on the weeks when it is our turn, as a reminder.

Church Cleaning Wednesday 13th November

We thank Maree and Sarah Grantham for joining the team. We are so grateful to them, many hands make light work!

From the Register

26. 9. 2021 Baptism Ted Stanley Derry

We welcome Ted into our church family and hope to see more of him and his family as he grows.

12. 10. 2021 Funeral Olive Muriel Hughes

We are all saddened by the passing of such a lovely member of St Peters Church and will miss her kindness and thoughtfulness to us all. She is now with Jesus in heaven and our sincere condolences go to Anita and the rest of her family at this difficult time.

CHELMARSH FRIENDS:

A notice will be posted on Chelmarsh Parish Hall Website with details of the date Friends will resume, hopefully once restrictions are lifted.

CHELMARSH WALKING FOR HEALTH:

Chelmarsh Walking for Health meets every Monday from the Village Hall at 10am. Walks are available at two levels – a short walk and a longer walk lasting 1½ to 2 hours.

CHELMARSH PARISH HALL DEFIBRILLATOR

Chelmarsh Parish Council has recently purchased a Defibrillator which has been installed on the outside wall at the Chelmarsh Sports and Social Club – this is in addition to the other one purchased and installed on the outside wall at The Bulls Head. These are for use by anyone in an emergency.

The Parish Council gets regular complaints regarding speeding along the B4555 by The Bulls Head – the Police are aware of this and will prosecute anyone caught breaking the law! If you have details of vehicles speeding etc. please report it to 101 giving the registration number – if you can catch it!!

Further information regarding the Parish Council is available from the Clerk, Mrs Freda Morris on 01746 718453 or email: chelmarshpc@btinternet.com or via our website www.chelmarshpc.co.uk where there is lots of information.

St Mary's, Billingsley

It has been a busy few weeks at Billingsley. Towards the end of September we held another outdoor "Forest Church", finishing in the farmyard of Church Farm, giving thanks for the harvest whilst breaking our own bread. The monthly summer evening walks concluded with a stroll to Sidbury, completed safely just as the light started to fade. Remarkably we have had fine evenings for all of our walks this year. On the 9th October, Ellen McConnell hosted a coffee morning which raised around £400 for church funds, both on the day and thanks to Sue Bates taking some unsold items to a car-boot sale.

At our Harvest Festival Bonnie Garvey, spoke about Singakwenza, a charity in South Africa which she helped to establish. It primarily exists to empower deprived communities to provide better education for young children. However, with the recent turmoil in KwaZulu Natal, where it operates, it has now started to provide a meal at the start of the day for all the children who attend its activities. We are supporting the charity via our harvest collection this year.



Next month, there will be a short act of Remembrance in Billingsley Church at 10.55 on Remembrance Sunday, 14th November, when Amanda Prescott will read out the names of our fallen and the church bells will be rung. All are welcome to attend. Our regular 8am monthly communion service has been brought forward this month to 21st November as on the 28th we are holding "Forest Church" at 10.30 in the church(yard). All welcome!

David Poyner

St Bartholomew's, Glazeley

Our monthly 10.00 am services continue to be well-attended. At our last service, led by Val Smith, we also had visitors from Monkthopton and Worcestershire. We were also very grateful for Rachael Davenhill for playing the organ, the day after the funeral of her mother June, one of our most loyal servants.



A big thank you to Roger Gabb for the £500 cheque which was donated from the Memorial Service held recently in memory of his wife, Annie Gabb.

Next month, we will hold our usual Remembrance Sunday service on the 14th November, when we commemorate not only the fallen, but all those who fought in the two world wars, from Glazeley, Billingsley, Deuxhill and Eudon. We are pleased to welcome the Rev Richard Law who will lead the service. Richard is no stranger to Glazeley as he often led services when he was a Lay Reader at Highley. After he was ordained he and his wife Gillian moved away, but they have now returned to Highley following his retirement.

A BREAKFAST IS BEING HELD AT THE DOWN HOTEL on 20TH NOVEMBER at 9am - Proceeds in aid of church funds.

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Forest Church

Based for the moment at Billingsley, “Forest Church” is something we have been experimenting with over the last six or so months.

In this benefice and deanery, we are all very aware of the natural world. We are also very aware of how dependent we are on nature; our climate is fragile, we live in ways that are unsustainable, because of the effect that they have on the planet. Perhaps it is not surprising that many people find something spiritual in being outside, be it in countryside or simply in a garden. Interestingly, this is felt not just by committed Christians; many who would not consider themselves as “religious” still feel a connection with something beyond themselves by being outside and having time to think and be still. Forest Church is an attempt to bring groups of people together to do just that.

We have regular walks, of around three to six miles. We simply walk, talk (about the trivial and the profound) and look. These will remain primarily social events, to walk with friends, but do provide an opportunity for people to feed their spiritual sides, by just being outside and active.

We also hold short services of readings, music and meditations. So far we have based these at Billingsley churchyard (with the option of sitting in the porch if it rains!), sometimes with a short walk to an orchard or farm. We have looked at the natural history of the church and churchyard; flowers and birds, the stones of the building formed 200 million years ago. We have looked at the wild and the farmed harvests; the crops, wild fruits and livestock. In the presence of the grain driers at Church Farm, we have broken and eaten bread. We usually finish in church with refreshments.

The majority of people who have attended our events have been church-goers, but we do also have people who would not call themselves Christians, who are perhaps uncomfortable with the very idea of God, at least as (s)he is conventionally pictured. In fact, a non-church going person who attended a Forest Church commented “this is one of the best experiences of my life”. I try and pitch the events that I lead so all can respond. Of the people who have helped and encouraged me (none of this is my own idea!), one is Christian, the other does not identify herself as such. This is typical of people who take part in Forest Churches, wherever they are held. We do not ask questions about personal belief; all are welcome. Our next service is at Billingsley on Sunday 28th November at 10.30; please come along if you are interested!

David Poyner

Lost—Waiting to be claimed!

Barbara Theobald is looking after a very nice bowl which someone brought to Mike and Moira’s Farewell *Bring and Share* on 12th September at Chelmarsh Sports and Social Club. If it is yours, please get in touch with her.





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Letter from Westminster



COP26 UN Climate Conference

In this first week of November I shall be attending the COP26 United Nations climate change conference in Glasgow.

Given the disruption of the pandemic, I am relieved the conference is finally able to go ahead, a year after originally planned, but thankfully with meetings being held in person, with remote participation for those unable to travel.

I am attending in my capacity as Chairman of the Environmental Audit Committee, and will be co-chairing a session for parliamentarians looking at how we hold our respective Governments to account for delivery in coming years on their pledges for action, made through the Nationally Determined Contributions. The UK government has been clear G20 countries should make new commitments in their own Nationally Determined Contributions - setting out interim targets and immediate action to reduce emissions.

In terms of broader ambitions, the UK is seeking to gather support and agreement at the conference to eliminate coal dependency; to follow the UK in abandoning UK fossil fuel internal combustion vehicles; for the richest countries who have historically produced so much of the world's carbon to support other countries to go green with funds of \$100 billion a year; and to plant more trees to restore the world's natural habitat.

If we are to succeed in stopping climate change, we need an international consensus. When the UK accepted the Presidency of the G7, under 30 per cent of the global economy had signed up to a net zero commitment - that figure has now increased to 70 per cent. Around 120 countries are committed to or are developing long-term climate neutral plans. So there has been progress – but now countries, including the UK, must show we will match words with action.

I have called consistently for clearer plans from the UK government in meeting its climate commitments. We have had positive ambitions, but what drives effective change is a clear plan that gives both direction to industry and sends clear demand signals to investors.

The scale of the challenge is huge. The latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report found that climate change is affecting every area of the globe and without immediate action, rising global temperatures may lead to increased heatwaves, with greater risk of wildfires, flooding, rising sea levels, arctic ice melt and more devastating consequences. COP26 is the opportunity to develop an overarching and deliverable plan for countries across the world to put an end to the ravages of manmade climate change.

There will be some for whom, for whatever reason, this conference will never go far enough; and others who will believe it is seeking to move too far too fast. But we should not allow either pessimism or scepticism to cause us to abandon our efforts to secure real change, and lasting international commitments to tackle this issue.

So I look forward to attending and helping to scrutinise the effectiveness of the conference. As Chairman of the EAC I shall be chairing a final session of the Commons' Committee on COP in the weeks following COP26, which I was instrumental in setting up among ten select committees. We shall use this to start the scrutiny process of how the Government plans to deliver its own pledges.

Philip Dunne, MP

James the Least



The Rectory
St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren

You really should not worry about having reversed your car into the bishop's gatepost, knocking it over and destroying his rose-beds. It gives him an opportunity to exercise Christian forgiveness. Your real mistake was scribbling a note of apology and pushing it through his letterbox. Far better would have been to have sent an anonymous letter (and to have written it on lined notepaper in capital letters, preferably in green ink, to make it look truly authentic) saying that you had seen the archdeacon do it, and then you had watched him drive off without stopping. That would have taken the minds of the senior clergy away from parish matters for quite some time.

No, never worry about the wrath of bishops; dangers lurk much nearer home. For a start, never incur the displeasure of your flower arrangers. I only crossed their path once – and arrived in church the following Sunday, to see a ten-foot-high floral arrangement at the front of church. I assumed it was by way of making amends, until I discovered it had been placed in front of the pulpit. I was obliged to preach, hidden behind a large multicoloured hedge, while the congregation listened to what were apparently talking chrysanthemums.

A colleague offended his own ladies and arrived to find that the contents of the safe had been removed and replaced with all those exotic pieces of equipment that seem to be indispensable for arranging flowers. He was obliged to administer Communion using a small vase until peace was re-established and his chalice returned to him.

Similarly, organists are a delicate breed. Congratulate him on the anthem, and if it happened to be unaccompanied, he would assume you were implying that the services were better without his playing. Offend your organist and you can be guaranteed that hymns will be played at either half or double speed, stopping one verse short and that the final piece of music as you process out will stop, leaving you and the choir stranded halfway down the aisle.

And finally, never, ever upset your verger. One forgotten Christmas present and you can be sure you will get half-way through a baptism to find he hasn't put water in the font; at marriage services, the sheets for last week's funeral will have been accidentally put out and when you sit in your stall you will discover where he now stores the mop and bucket.

No, bishops are warm, fluffy bunnies; real dangers lurks much nearer home.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

County Councillor's Report

As expected, not a lot going on at what's left of Shirehall since the new leadership and their directors of service took over the direction in which the county is now running.

Nothing wrong with that, but what I warned about so many years ago, that local government has become an arm of central government and there to ensure compliance regardless of local circumstances, is now the reality.

I've mentioned elsewhere that when I first raised my concerns that local communities seemed to be side-lined in all the policy decisions emanating from "The Executive", the response I got from our newly appointed Chief Executive was: "Your comments have been noted." Which said it all.

Basically, the new top layer of administration is 'ipso facto' accountable to no one but itself and, critically, answerable only to those fellow members of what I've come to call the 'Director's Forum' that meets regularly to formulate counter arguments to what little criticism it gets from the current council membership. But things lumber on and for most people the changes won't register – yet.

I am now confident that the work on the High Street will still take place, the design work having more or less been completed, but an exact date has yet to be decided because (main contractor) Kier need to assess the extent of the traffic controls they'll need to put in place to avoid – fingers crossed - closing the High Street entirely. But at least we will be getting a "proper job".

And if anyone sees the work on the south-west corner of St.Marys churchyard being carried out it's to establish the suitability of the area for burials (and we know about the water levels), in other words a feasibility study. The burial ground is rapidly filling and unless more ground can be found - and quickly - "home burials" will be a thing of the past because local landowners are now asking for the commercial value of any "spare" land they might have. Neither the church nor the parish council can afford what is being asked, hence the feasibility study to try and extend the life of the current graveyard, even if only for about another ten years.

THE WORK IS NOT ABOUT CLEARING LAND FOR A CAR PARK!!

Dave Tremellen

Smile Lines – Hold her hand

While out in the town, I saw an elderly couple holding hands while they were walking. As they approached, I commented on how romantic it was. The man replied, "We have been holding hands when we go out in public for over 30 years. I have to. If I let go, she shops."

Puzzles for November

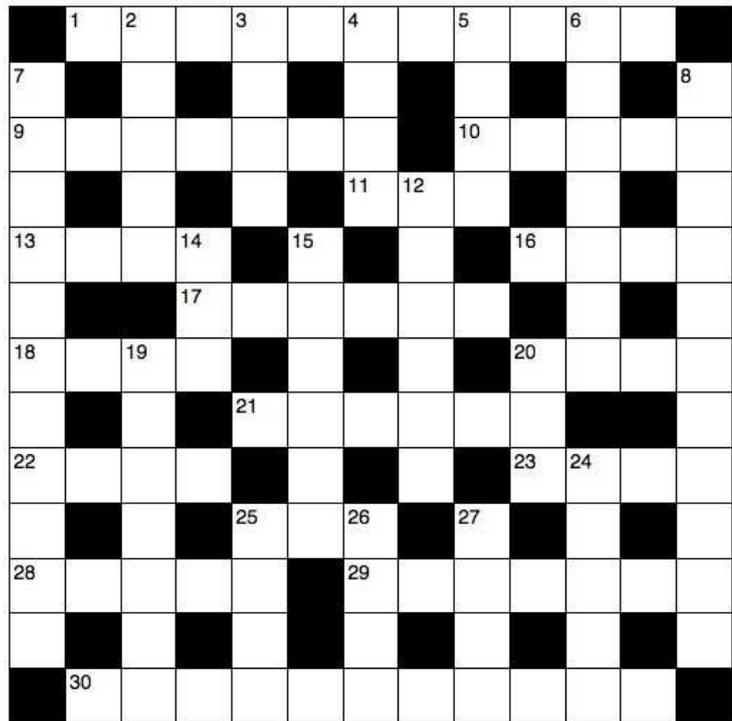
Crossword Clues

Across

- 1 In David's battle with the Arameans, 700 of these were killed (2 Samuel 10:18) (11)
- 9 'No — , impure or greedy person has any inheritance in the kingdom of God' (Ephesians 5:5) (7)
- 10 City on the banks of the River Nile (5)
- 11 Stamped addressed envelope (1,1,1)
- 13 Taverns (4)
- 16 'Be on your guard; stand — in the faith' (1 Corinthians 16:13) (4)
- 17 'He will not always — , nor will he harbour his anger for ever' (Psalm 103:9) (6)
- 18 and 27 Down Where the magi came from and what guided them (Matthew 2:1-2) (4,4)
- 20 Ancient Celtic alphabet of 20 characters (4)
- 21 She married Esau when he was 40 years old (Genesis 26:34) (6)
- 22 A great-grandson of Noah (Genesis 10:7) (4)
- 23 Title accorded to certain Roman Catholic clerics (abbrev.) (4)
- 25 'My house will be a house of prayer; but you have made it a — of robbers' (Luke 19:46) (3)
- 28 Annie (anag.) (5)
- 29 Plead with (Zechariah 7:2) (7)
- 30 Tenth foundation of the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (11)

Down

- 2 'We have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by — hands' (2 Corinthians 5:1) (5)
- 3 Uncommon excellence (Proverbs 20:15) (4)
- 4 'You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine — have been poured upon me' (Psalm 92:10) (4)
- 5 — Homo ('Behold the Man') (4)
- 6 'He has given proof of this to all men by — him from the dead' (Acts 17:31) (7)
- 7 'Our — is in heaven' (Philippians 3:20) (11)
- 8 'This is a day you are to — ' (Exodus 12:14) (11)
- 12 Assault (Psalm 17:9) (6)
- 14 'Jesus found a young donkey and — upon it' (John 12:14) (3)
- 15 Liverpool dialect (6)
- 19 'Remember the — day by keeping it holy' (Exodus 20:8) (7)
- 20 Nineteenth-century German physicist after whom the unit of electrical resistance is named (3)
- 24 Nazirites were not allowed to eat this part of a grape (Numbers 6:4) (5)
- 25 'If anyone would come after me, he must — himself and take up his cross and follow me' (Mark 8:34) (4)
- 26 Evil Roman emperor from AD54 to 68, responsible for condemning hundreds of Christians to cruel deaths (4)
- 27 See 18 Across



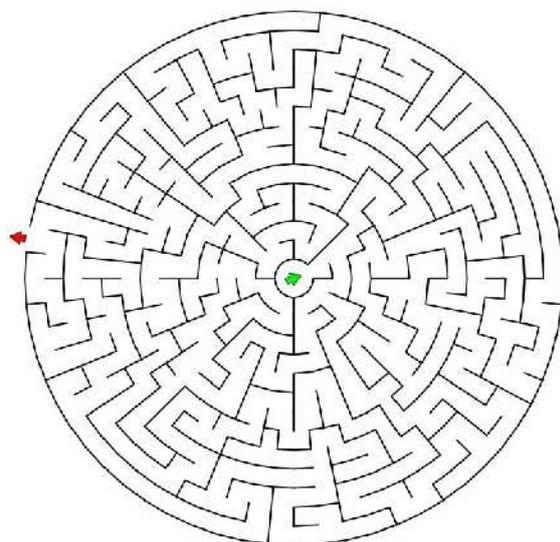
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Wordsearch



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| Personnel | Thousands |
| Mud | Bright |
| Blood | Red |
| Trench | Graves |
| Flanders | Fallen |
| Remembrance | Countries |
| Poppies | Commemorate |
| Sold | Military |
| Carnage | Symbol |
| Fields | Warfare |

Find your way through this!



WI Update

*November comes and November goes
With the last red berries
And the first white snows
With night coming early
And dawn coming late
With ice in the bucket
And frost on the gate
The fires burn and the kettle sings
And earth sinks to rest until next spring*

My, how this year has flown! November strides in, clutching beautiful, rustic-coloured chrysanthemums - the flower that symbolises friendship, compassion and loyalty.

This month, we celebrate:

- "Diwali": the wonderful festival of light, the battle for good over the dark.
- "Thanksgiving", a time to count our blessings and share what we have with others.
- "Remembrance": our annual tribute to the fallen, and a show of appreciation for all our armed services. This year perhaps include our NHS staff, ambulance and fire services, those who man our lifeboat and river rescue services - we thank them all!

Our November meeting will be our AGM, confirming our committee and officers for the coming year. We are busy planning our 2022 programme, something for everyone we hope, including celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

We have a stall at the Severn Centre Christmas Light Switch On, 27th November; where our famous homemade cakes and pastries can be purchased. Beautifully crafted, quality fabric Christmas bunting - made by our members- will be there, with an array of crafts and decorations to tempt you. Please pop by and say hello!

Preparations for our Christmas Meal on the 7th December are underway, providing a grand opportunity to dress up with a bit of sparkle - don't forget your Secret Santa gift!

A quick look back to September sees our "Sunflower Competition", won by Miss Sylvia Anderson at a whopping 10 feet 2 inches - well done on winning first prize on your birthday!

Any membership enquiries please contact our secretary: Mrs Eunice Williams, 01746 861613

Recipe of the Month - Rum and Coke Chicken Wings

Ingredients:

- 1kg chicken wings
- 2Tbsp paprika
- 1 Tbsp chilli powder
- 1tsp salt
- Glaze : 150ml dark rum
- 200ml coke
- 2Tbsp ketchup
- 3Tbsp honey
- 50g butter

Method:

1. Pre-heat oven to 180°C fan.
2. Line a baking tray.
3. In a large bowl, toss & coat wings with paprika, chilli and salt. Coat evenly.
4. Spread on a tray and bake for 20 minutes, until golden and cooked through.

To make the glaze:

1. In a pan, bring rum, coke, ketchup and honey to the boil.
2. Reduce the heat and simmer for 15 minutes.
3. Whisk in butter, pour over wings and return to the oven for 20/30 minutes until sticky and dark.

UCB Word for Today

How to de-stress—‘The Lord said, ‘I will go with you and give you peace.’ Exodus 33:14

Answer the following 10 questions honestly. 1. Are you sometimes grumpy without knowing why? 2. Do you work hard but feel unappreciated? 3. Do you feel guilty and unproductive when you’re caught relaxing? 4. Do you increasingly find yourself shouting to make your point instead of talking calmly? 5. Can you remember the last time you laughed til you cried? 6. Are you exhausted after a day off, because of all the chores you had to do? 7. Do you tend to eat more when you are tense and overwhelmed? 8. Are you constantly on the defensive? 9. do you suffer from unexplained headaches and stomach aches? 10. Does your to-do list have footnotes? So how did you do on the test? Are you surprised? If you’re tuned into yourself, you shouldn’t be. The symptoms of stress overload don’t appear overnight. When your computer starts freezing up, you know it’s time to turn it off and reboot. When a warning light flashes on the dashboard of your car, you wouldn’t dream of ignoring it. When the clock starts losing time, you know it’s time to change the batteries.

The bottom line is that if you continue to ignore the warning signs, stress will eventually take its toll on your health. Jesus said, ‘Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated ... disturbed ... and unsettled. (John 14:27) In other words, work on controlling your reactions. Stop losing your peace over every little thing that goes wrong in your life. When there is nothing you can do about the situation, learn to trust God, let it go and keep your joy.

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Have a go at Sudoku—

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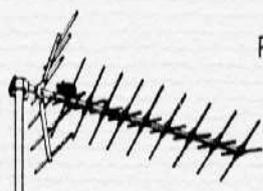
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Double Trouble

Soapy Sam Sanders had gone to bed quite early as his funds were running low. He lived near the old school which still had a bell on its roof, but had been silent for years. Suddenly, to his surprise the bell rang twice. He got out of bed and went to the window and the bell rang twice again. There was no one in sight! He dressed quickly wondering what on earth had happened, ran down the stairs and crossed the road to investigate. As he gazed up at the bell it rang again. Still no one around. "I'm going to fetch Nipper. He won't be in bed yet", he muttered.

Nipper was easily found in the local pub. He heard Sam's story and laughed. "Someone playing a joke", he suggested.

"Nobody anywhere near", Sam said, shaking his head. "Perhaps it's hob goblins".

Nipper had no time for such nonsense. "We will go and have a look", he decided.

Reluctantly Sam finished his pint paid for by Nipper and followed his friend to his lodgings. As they approached, the bell rang again.

"Hobgoblins", declared Sam, but Nipper only chuckled.

"I know who's ringing that bell. We will give them a fright. Let's go to your bedroom".

Once there he opened the window and waited. Sure enough the bell rang again. Nipper reached in his pocket for his secret weapon.

"Any small pebbles near at hand?"

"Yes, my landlady tops her plant pots with them for decoration", explained Sam.

He swiftly purloined a few and Nipper took aim and waited until the bell rang twice. He shot twice and waited. There came a childish voice nearby.

"That's funny, the bell rang again".

"Perhaps it's an echo", came the worried reply. "We will shoot again and find out".

As the bell rang again Nipper let off a volley of shots. This time there came another small voice.

"It must be ghosts, let's go home".

Nipper ran quickly downstairs and overtook them. It was the terrible twins who we have met before!

"What are you doing out of bed at this hour? I bet your parents don't know, but first empty your pockets". He grinned as they did so.

"Catapults, I see, now you know the reason why the bell rang".

"Yes," said the twins, "but it rang when we hadn't shot".

Nipper laughed and produced a much larger catapult.

"You are not the only ones who can use one", he grinned. "Now we will help you through your bedroom window and no one will know of your little escapade".

"We live in a bungalow", they explained. "We can easily get in".

Nipper and Sam escorted them home and saw them safely through the window. "I'll tell their father to fit child proof locks", he said to Sam. Nipper consulted his pocket watch.

"We have just got time for another pint and I'll pay, then you can go home and sleep in peace". Sheepishly Sam accepted the offer.

"There are no such things as hobgoblins," he informed Sam, "but there are such things as little devils".

"I won't lose any sleep now", agreed Sam.

Later on in his bedroom he looked uneasily at the bell but it remained silent. "I think I will change my lodgings", he decided, before falling asleep.

Alan Honeybourne

Oldbury Wells School: Health and Wellbeing Mornings

Staff and students can look back on the seven weeks since their return in September with a great deal of satisfaction, encouraged by the work across the school community to 'Rest and Re-establish' many activities which have been on hold throughout the COVID pandemic. On a day-to-day basis, the school continues to promote safe COVID working practices, being able to reintroduce school clubs, visits and sporting fixtures alongside many activities within lessons, which can be more effectively managed under current requirements. Staff and students have been tremendously positive regarding what has resulted in a more 'typical' school day. Mr Tristham (Headteacher) said, "I would like to say well done all our staff and students; they continue to show great resilience in all they do. Despite the continued challenges COVID provides, everyone has had one focus – to continue to ensure that everyone's education continues within a really positive climate."

The school was delighted welcome Year 6 children from Highley Primary School to take part in a Health and Wellbeing morning. Children were involved in some physical activities, science-based research looking at food-based products and had the chance to reflect on how we support each other to have a positive impact on our day-to-day lives. Mr Smith (Head of Year 7) said, "It was great to have the children from Highley in School. They were all really excited and thoroughly enjoyed the morning. Thanks go to all the Primary Team for their support".

The School's Open Events have been a huge success. Due to COVID, all schools were asked not to run their traditional type of Open Evening, so instead the school organised small group tours outside of the school day. Many families visited the school to meet key staff. Mr Tristham said, "It was a real pleasure meeting many families for the first time. The team were on hand to answer any questions prospective families may have had, during what is a really important time regarding choices of Secondary school from September 2022"

The School hopes that all families, students, and staff were able to take a break over the half-term week, and as always reflect on the successes of recent times, while setting goals for the months ahead. We know that it is a busy period ahead, with many students involved in mock examinations.

The school looks forward to welcoming everyone back into school and continuing the term with the same positive mindset demonstrated since the start of the year.

Oldbury Wells School

Celebration

The Youth and Schools Project was set up by church leaders and the Bridge Bar trustees in 2011 and is overseen by a management board. The Project is led by John Prockter and seeks to support young people in our schools and in the community by doing a number of things for the young people. These include:

Delivering transition workshops in our primary schools to help year 6 pupils prepare for the move to secondary school

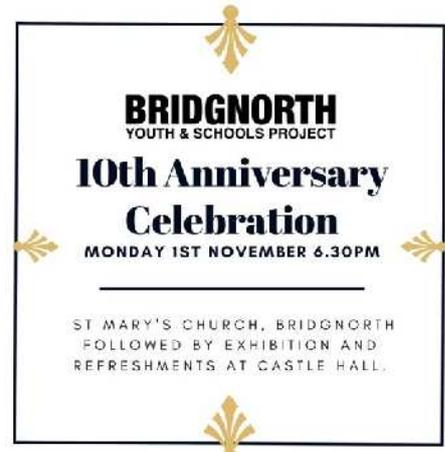
Delivering a reflective programme in our secondary schools as part of their curriculum, providing support with personal development and understanding of the Christian faith.

Managing the Bridge Youth Centre, providing open-access youth club sessions for 10-16 year olds on Tuesday and Friday evenings.

Providing mentoring support for individual young people

Running discussion groups for those interested in exploring the Christian faith

The Project is one part of the work of the Bridgnorth Community Trust, which was set up by Christians in the town as a vehicle for community projects. Other current projects run by the Trust are the Bridgnorth Food Bank and Together at Christmas (the provision of a Christmas Day lunch for those who would otherwise be on their own).



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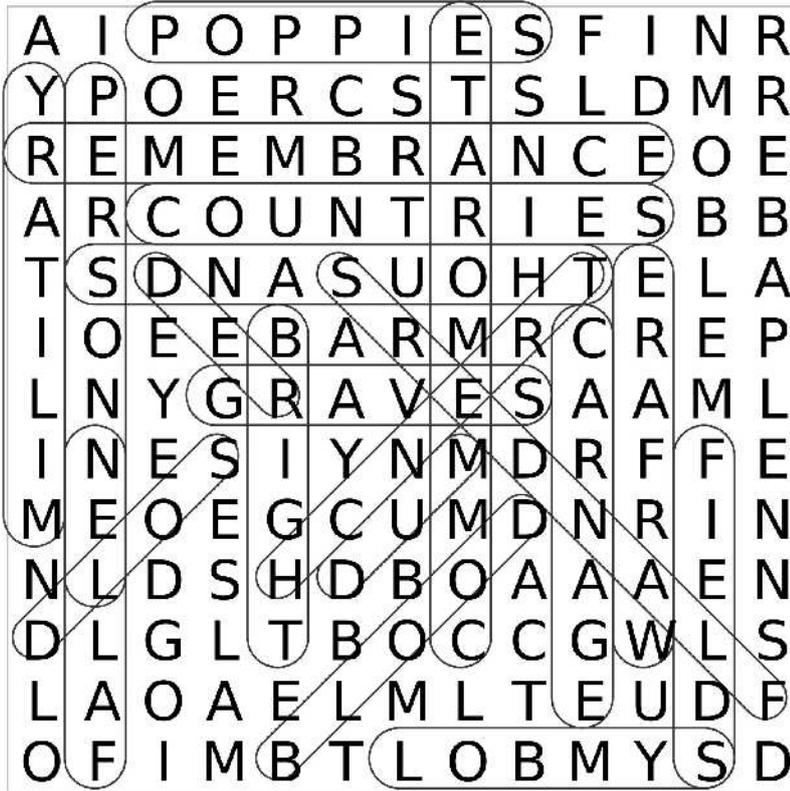
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Answers to Sudoku (from page 18)

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Easy

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Thought of the month - Alastair

Following on from Peter's comment about insulation, and considering the gas supply problems and the subsequent price inflation, now is the perfect time to be thinking about gas, your personal usage and the alternatives available. Ecotricity are trialling their green gas (biomethane from fermenting home grown grass) in the South of the country, which if viable on a mass scale, could be a solution to keeping houses warm, without making all the boilers in the country redundant. Check out the Green Gas Fact Sheet <https://www.ecotricity.co.uk/our-green-energy/green-gas-mills-fact-sheet> which explains some numbers in comparison with heat pumps and their associated electricity usage.

Using less gas is a good start though. One thing that I have been trying since January is having a cold shower! You may grimace at the thought, but seriously, it saves burning fossil fuels, stops the condensation problems in your bathroom, wakes you up, gives you a warm glow afterwards, and according to some research protects against the effects of dementia (amongst many other benefits). If you aren't ready for complete immersion, start warm and then go cold (as cold as it goes)!

Kitchen tip of the month - Alastair

If you fancy a special treat as the nights are drawing in, why don't you try a baked wellington? You'll need a roll of puff pastry and something to fill it with. This week I sautéed onions, sweet potato and field mushrooms (about 200g of each), and added some garlic. When the veg are cooked, add 200g of toasted walnuts (or whatever you have that's available), 200g of breadcrumbs and fresh mint, lemon juice and a dash of soy sauce. Roll the sheet out, spread out the filling, wrap it up, seal it to itself and turn it over on a baking sheet. Bake for 25 mins at 180 and hey presto!

Something to try at home - Jane

This week I was amazed to see that someone in Highley had managed to grow an avocado plant from one of the avocado stones they got from the food share. This has inspired us to do the same, and also try to sort out a green house for next year. You don't have to buy one; if you have a few basic tools, you could make your own or a cold frame from some lengths of timber and old panes of glass or old windows.

Brownies

The Brownie unit has reopened at the Guide Hall with new leaders. A big thank you to Emma Lloyd and Mary Homer who have been running Brownies for many years but with a change in work patterns they are no longer able to commit to weekly meetings.

Bridget O'Meara has volunteered to become Brown Owl, helped by Diana Griffiths known as Wise Owl, with 12 new girls who have joined the unit. We have been busy choosing activities to do from the skills builder programme doing "Live Smart" and deciding our programme for the next few months.

If you have a daughter aged 7 to 9 years who would like to join in the fun, friendships, learning skills and having adventures then register your daughter at

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/>

We hope to open Rainbows for girls aged 5 to 7 years after Christmas but only if a leadership team comes forward. Could you help running the meetings or doing admin? Contact Diana on highlevbrownies@gmail.com for further information.



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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
Severn Centre			860000
Severn Strollers	Barbara Skilton		862003
Women's Institute	Mrs Eunice Williams		861613



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OVER 60?

In need of help and advice?

Not sure where to find it?

Age UK may be able to help.

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

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

01743 233123

email:

enquiries@ageconcernshrops.org.uk

Community Cars

Voluntary Driver(s) wanted

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

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

Community Cars needs extra help!

Hours of work – flexible!

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

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

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

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

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



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

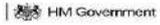
**Richard Dudson
 (co-ordinator)
 (01746) 861817**

**Andrew Powell
 (01746) 861716**

**Daniel Humpage
 (01746) 862794**

Reasonable charges

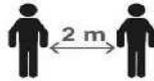
The scheme is managed by Shropshire Council's
 passenger transport services



Bus travel guidance

Stay safe

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



Look out for 'bus full' signs

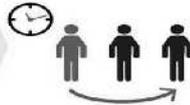
The bus will only stop when people want to get off or if there is enough space onboard



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



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



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Crossword Solution from page 15

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Parish Hall Office

01746 861242

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

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

Currently not open

Waste / Recycling Collections

Black bins: Thursday 11th & 25th November

Crates & green bins: Thursday 4th and 18th November

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

Thursday

10:00 - 12:00

Severn Centre

Severn Strollers

Mondays

(not Bank Holidays)

10:30 / 11:00

Severn Centre

(Contact: Barbara Skilton: 01746 862003)

Women's Institute

Tuesday

Severn Centre

Patients' Group

see Facebook page

Computer Support Sessions

see opposite

Currently not taking place

Star Housing

**Housing Support Officer
in Rhea Hall.**

Contact Jan Moseley: 01746 862442

Services available:

General Drop-in: Friday 9.30am-1.30pm

Coffee Morning: Thursday 11am-12noon

Open Office Hours:

Wednesdays 10.30am-12.30pm

Community Room,
73 Rhea Hall Estate,
WV16 6LD

Out and about in Halfpenny Green ...



Garden Village Club took off to the vineyard at Halfpenny Green.

Thanks go to Ann Price for organising the trip and Keith Smith, who acted as driver.

It looks as if they all enjoyed themselves!



November 2021

November Services

Virtual services available online www.stmaryshighley.co.uk

Sunday 7th November	10am Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Highley
Saturday 13th November	10.30am-11.30am Mini-Messy Church	Parish Hall, Highley,
Sunday 14th November Highley	Remembrance 10.15 am Parade	from Severn Centre War Memorial
Billingsley	10.45am Act of Remembrance	St Mary's Church
Chelmarsh	10.55am Reading of the names	St Peter's Church
Glazeley	10.45am Act of Remembrance 10.45am Act of Remembrance	War Memorial
Sunday 21st November	8am Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion	St Mary's Church, Billingsley St Bartholomew's Church
Sunday 28th November	10am Holy Communion 10.30am Forest Church 11am Family Worship	St Peter's Church, Chelmarsh St Mary's Churchyard, Billingsley St Mary's Church, Highley,

Don't forget to come along to the Christmas Lights Switch-On at the Severn Centre on Saturday 27th December. Stall and events on from 1-5pm. Carols at 4pm as the lights are switched on for Christmas 2021!

Weekday Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Prayer/Study Groups Ladies Prayer 11am –1pm St Mary's Church Contact Val Smith 861966 valandkeiths@aol.com Zoom 7pm onwards Contact David Poyner d.r.poyner@aston.ac.uk Zoom 7.30-8.30pm Contact Amy & Mark Williams markandamywilliams@gmail.com		9pm Zoom Night Prayer contact David Poyner d.r.poyner@aston.ac.uk Friday Event 19:30 at the Parish Hall Term time
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