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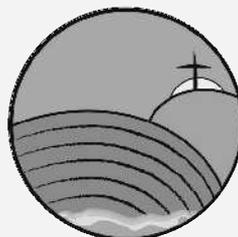
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Weddings are back! Congratulations to Nicola Price and Arron Hinsull who married at St. Peter's, Chelmarsh on Saturday 15th August



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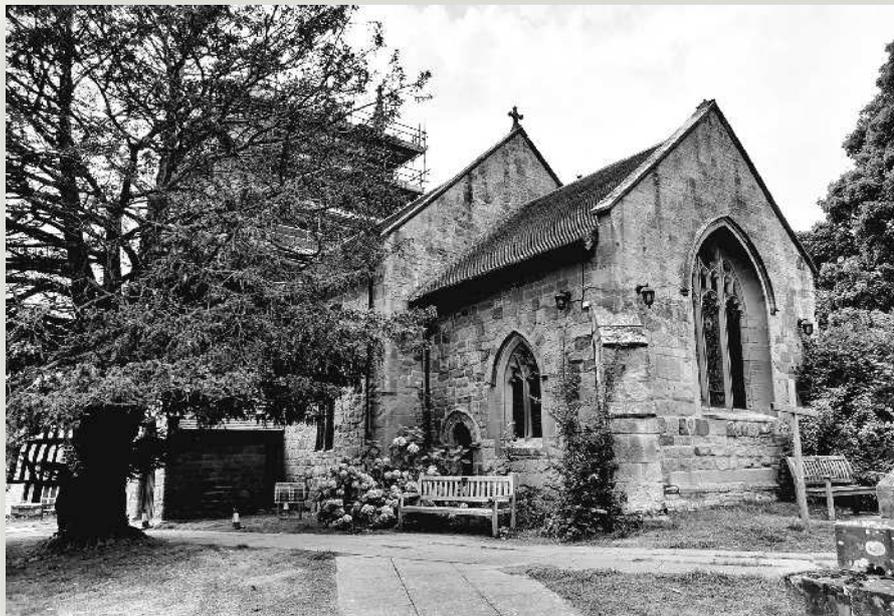
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Photo Gallery - please send your photos.

New windows were recently installed at the Parish Hall by Proframe. They seem to have made a very good job. More pics next month.



A lovely picture of St. Mary's sent in recently by a reader.

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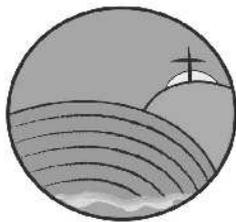
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and at the Severn Centre

St. Mary, Billingsley
St. Peter, Chelmarsh

St. Bartholomew, Glazeley with Deuxhill

Taking Stock

It is the beginning of the Autumn season, though judging by some of the recent weather, it's more like we're transitioning into winter.

So, this is a good season to take stock; the harvest is in, there's much to be thankful for, despite the persistence of coronavirus, and I've been encouraged to witness people's resilience through the changes.

Ask around and you'll find many gardeners have been taking the opportunity to 'grow their own' with many fruit trees loaded and lots of beautiful red tomatoes. People have also benefited from the Foodshare project which has been doing an amazing job of helping families out, especially over the summer when children have been off school. You'll also find an article on page 14 from Liz Bird about Bridgnorth Food Bank, with some fascinating statistics!

Our Churches, too, have been taking stock and giving thanks to God that our income has been upheld during these difficult days. This has enabled us to continue to be good stewards of our resources outside of our own backyard (and see opposite). For the last few years we have been supporting a personal friend of mine, Canon Edward Kawinga, a priest in the Anglican Church in Malawi. We've especially been supporting his daughters, Victoria, Faith and Bahati as they progress through their education to take on important jobs in their communities: Faith has recently completed the next stage in her exams like many of our children. She did well:

Business Mathematics	-	A
Fundamentals of Accounting	-	A+
Business Ethics and legal environment	-	B+
Entrepreneurship and development	-	A

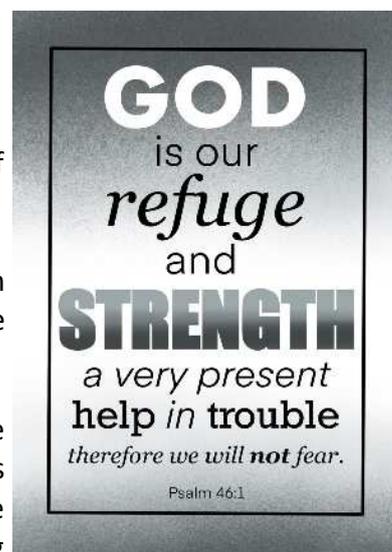
Like her sister, Victoria, a nurse, she wants to serve the wider community and hopes to move on as a graduate in Business Administration. We wish them all well.

Edward is now a Canon and, as well as his work as Chaplain at a Girl's School by Lake Malawi, is also Vicar General under Bishop Brighton Malasa. The Diocese has been experiencing tough times due to the virus and some real issues with the handling of their limited financial resources. This means that none of the clergy in the Diocese are being paid whilst an independent audit is taking place.

As they 'take stock' we can only be thankful for all we have, even as our Diocese is going through serious re-shaping itself, with the loss of a bishop (Ludlow), and further cuts, including Diocesan staff and some clergy posts, are also inevitable. Please pray for the way ahead.

(Harvest Festivals - page 27)

Mike Harris



So, what would you do with £50?

As part of our Holy Habits course before Lockdown, Home groups were given £50 to spend. This is what they did with it:

Monday evening Group

Following on from Tom Plim's article for Highley school last month, where he talked about community and the school's vision for helping vulnerable families in Highley. Before Covid-19 changed everything, each of St Mary's home groups was given £50 from the church to invest in the topic of 'sharing in the community'. Our group had the idea of providing a meal/s for disadvantaged families during the summer holiday. For obvious reasons we have been unable to do this directly but we too share his vision to show 'compassion and strength' so we have now donated the amount directly to the school for Tom and his team to use for the same purpose.



Wednesday morning Group

We decided to offer the £50 to the Highley Companions (Dementia) Group which was meeting alternate Thursdays in the Parish Hall (before lockdown), for them to purchase some equipment which would provide some entertainment for those who attend. Elaine Moore, who leads the group, was delighted. We chose the group because it is a welcome service to the community and a much needed respite for those who care 24/7 for family with dementia.

Keith Smith, whose mum attended the group before going into full-time residential care said,

'Looking after my mum, who lived with us 24/7, was exhausting. It's not just the practical side of things, but also the effect on your own life and relationships. My wife, Val, and I couldn't go anywhere together, because mum had to have someone with her all the time. When she joined the group, we had a couple of hours to go out and just be ourselves again. We were so grateful that she was being well looked after and stimulated. Dementia affects everyone in the family.'

We are hoping the group will start up again as soon as is possible, within the current restrictions.

Wednesday evening group.

We spent some time at two Home Group meetings talking about ways we could use our £50. Should we give it to the food bank, a National or International Charity, or perhaps buy something a local group needed?

Finally, we decided that we would give it as a donation to the Garden Village Friendship Club who provide outings and other activities for a group of older members in our community. This group have little funding and have been supported, over a number of years, by a donation from the St Mary's Charity Shop. This was no longer possible while the shop is closed so we thought we could help instead.

In addition, we decided, as a Home Group, to provide an afternoon tea party for the Friendship Club and 7th May was marked in our diaries. Sadly the Covid virus appeared and lockdown began and that had to be put on hold. When it's possible once again to hold such events, we will be there with sandwiches, cake and cups of tea!

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Looking Forward

It has been impossible, due to restrictions, to plan effectively for the future and benefice Annual Meetings have been in a lockdown of their own. However, things are changing. Chelmarsh had its Annual Meeting on Wednesday 19th at St. Peter's and officers for the new year were duly elected. Derek Arnold remains as Churchwarden, Liz Bebb as PCC Secretary and Mike Draper as Treasurer. Anita Manley continues also as Electoral Roll Officer. Liz has also taken on the mantle of Deanery Synod rep. for the parish from Michelle Russon. We're grateful for Michelle's service and for Liz's willingness to take over. Indeed, we're grateful for all those who serve our faith communities in these ways.

Forthcoming Annual Meetings: Highley will have taken place on Wednesday 26th August, Billingsley is due on September 3rd, 7.30pm on Zoom (contact David Poyner to be included) and Glazeley tbc.

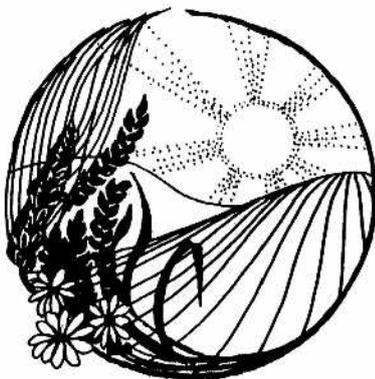
Chelmarsh

First Service

On Sunday 9th August, St Peter's Church opened its doors for the first worship after the lockdown was imposed to keep us all safe during the Covid crisis.

The service of Holy Communion was led by Rev. Rose Lawley, assisted by Angie Forster, for the combined congregations of Chelmarsh and Highley. In line with social distancing rules, 29 people and 2 children attended the service of praise, thanksgiving, patience and promise inspired by the story of Noah and the Ark.

Thank you Rose and Angie for starting us off in this positive way for future services.



Wednesday August 19th

After the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 5.30pm at the church, the first Draw of the revived 100 Club will take place, and the winners will be published in the next issue of Wheatland News.

HARVEST FESTIVAL (see poster on page 35)

This will take place on Thursday 24th September at 7pm with guest preacher, David Dutton, of the Borderlands Rural Chaplaincy. We'd love to welcome everyone, but due to restrictions places will be

limited. To book your place(s), please contact Glenys on 01746 861971 or Derek on 07956844854 as soon as possible.

Church Cleaning

Due to the present guidelines, our usual cleaning rota has to change, so if you are under 70 and do not have an underlying health condition, please would you consider volunteering. We know it's not glamorous, but it is an important and necessary ministry! Please contact Derek, Churchwarden, on 07956844854.

.../...

.... **From the Register**

Holy Matrimony

15. 8. 2020 Nicola Price and Arron Hinsull

We wish this couple every happiness in their future together - (see cover picture).

A disturbing addition to this happy occasion was that three days after the wedding Nicola's mum, Carol, with her step-father, Lino, were involved in a serious accident in a collision with another vehicle. As I write, Carol is in the QE hospital making progress (Ed.).

CHELMARSH FRIENDS:

Chelmarsh Friends' committee are looking at whether it is safe and feasible to recommence meetings again before the end of the year. A notice will be posted on Chelmarsh Parish Hall Website with details.

CHELMARSH WALKING FOR HEALTH:

Information has now been received from Ramblers Association and Walking for Health that group walks can recommence with a limit of 30 walkers. Chelmarsh Walking for Health resumed on Monday 24th August 2020 at 10am. We are trying to limit the walks to 1 ½ hours. However, as the hall is currently closed there are no toilet or refreshment facilities available – it is hoped the hall will reopen in late September. For details contact Eleanor Haddon on 01746 862884

Glazeley

Glazeley church has now held two services — adhering to government guidelines — and it has worked very well. We are holding our **Harvest Festival on Sunday 20th September at 10am**. We do look forward to seeing our regular & new parishioners.

Marion Corfield is making face masks with all donations going to Glazeley church.

On Friday 4th September, there will be a guided walk, starting at Glazeley Church and going to Chelmarsh and back. Distance about 4 miles. Bring along your tea to eat en-route! The walk will take around 2 hours.



St. Bartholomew's, Glazeley at our second visit since lockdown on Sunday 16th August. Rev. Mike led us round the Lord's table and Mary Rayner preached.

Billingsley News

Our August evening service took the theme "God and the sound of the Sixties", looking at how the music of that decade can help us reach out to God (whatever the intention of the original writers!). We listened to classic songs from Simon and Garfunkel (The Sound of Silence), The Hollies (He ain't heavy) and The Byrds (Turn, turn, turn) as well as others, and heard people tell us why they liked their choices. I learnt that Elvis was inspired by Gospel music. We had a larger than usual congregation; possibly the music appeals to those of a certain age... Look out for similar services in future!

We have also been taking advantage of the fine evenings by going on a number of walks. In July we explored footpaths around Cover Lane and Billingsley Hall Farm; on Thursday 13th August we went on tour to visit Sidbury with its Saxo-Norman church and the earthworks from the adjacent medieval village. We hope to fit in one more walk on Friday 4th September, starting at 5.30pm from Billingsley Church; bring your tea to eat en-route! (see Glazeley Church news)

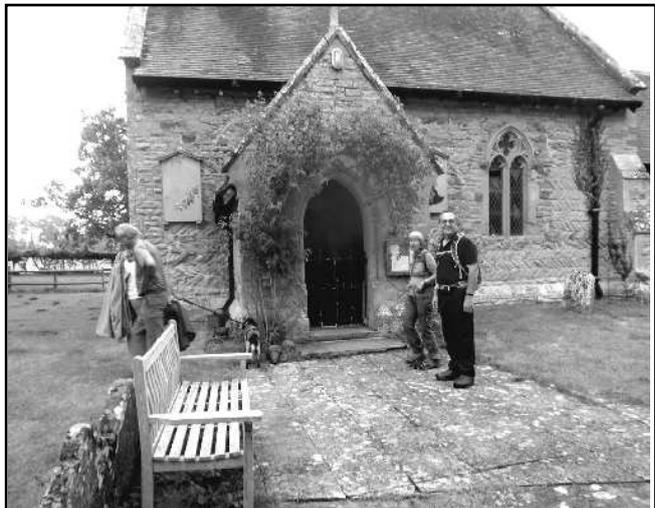
I am writing the day before VJ Day and the 75th anniversary of the ending of the Second World War. Our ringers, Sue and Phil Bates, will be sounding our bells at 11.00am, as part of a national commemoration and thanksgiving for the bravery of those who fought in this momentous conflict.

Our next evening service will be at 6.00pm on Sunday 13th September. This will be our Harvest Festival.

Our 100 Club has now got over 50 members! Our first draw will be on Friday 4th September, but there are still plenty of spare numbers so do get in touch with either myself or Sue Bates if you would like to join. Membership is £1 a week and we hold monthly draws, with half the money going in prizes and the other half going to the church.

The first draw for the Billingsley 100 Club will take place at 5.00pm on the green at Lincoln Fields. It could be you! (if you have bought a ticket...). Afterwards, we will leave for Glazeley Church for those who want to take part in the walk to Chelmarsh.

David Poyner, assistant curate, Severn Valley Benefice. Tel 01562 68638; email D.R.Poyner@aston.ac.uk



Members of Team Billingsley inspect Sidbury Church.

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Letter from Westminster

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The government has had some success in reforming the planning system since 2010, with the National Planning Policy Framework contributing to more local involvement in deciding how our communities develop, and cutting away red tape. Together, the changes have meant that last year we delivered over 241,000 homes, more new homes than at any point in the last 30 years, all while continuing to protect our environment, heritage and Green Belt.



But frustratingly, the ambition to own your own home remains a distant dream for many young people. There is a significant generational divide, as demand for housing has grown but supply has failed to keep up. Aside from the relative price stability in the mid-1990s, and the financial crash of 2008, house prices have grown consistently over the years.

We cannot ignore the effect our planning system has on the supply of housing. Local authorities take on average seven years to generate a comprehensive housing plan for an area. Developers take on average five years to get permission to build. As we have seen in South Shropshire this can often be followed by very slow delivery of homes with the roads, schools, hospitals and other community infrastructure support their occupants require.

Last month the government launched 'Planning for the Future', setting out proposals to facilitate a more diverse and competitive housing industry, in which smaller builders can thrive alongside the big players, where all pay a fair share of the costs of infrastructure and the affordable housing communities require and where planning permissions are more swiftly turned into homes.

This Green Paper is subject to full public consultation. I would encourage local residents to have their say before the deadline of 29th October. Full details of the consultation can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future>.

In addition to these long-term changes, the government introduced new rules to boost housing density in the short-term, allowing residential blocks of three storeys or more, as well as terrace buildings in certain commercial uses and mixed-use buildings, to extend upward to create new self-contained homes. A new right on demolition and rebuilding will support the regeneration of vacant and redundant buildings that no longer effectively serve their original purpose, support housing delivery and boost housing density.

These changes should help deliver the growing need for housing while also reducing pressure to build on greenfield sites. Exemptions exist for National Parks, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and conservation areas.

The reforms come at a crucial time, since a new Future Homes Standard for all new homes is being developed to ensure that housing quality and energy efficiency continues to improve across the country. I shall be keenly holding Government to account (as chairman of the Environmental Audit Committee) to raise energy efficiency standards of all new buildings, including those constructed under Permitted Development Rights.

.../...

...Locally, Shropshire Council is undertaking its own review of development in the county, with a draft Local Plan which sets out where and how much development should take place in Shropshire to 2038. This too is under public consultation until the end of this month, so I encourage all those concerned to look at the proposals and have your say at <https://shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/reg-18-pre-submission-draft-local-plan-consultation/>.

My hope is that these changes, taken together, will result in a good supply of housing in Shropshire, that takes into account local views. But this is dependent on as many people as possible having your say through these public consultations, to help frame our communities for the future.

Keep safe and well.
Rt. Hon. Philip Dunne MP

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Thank you for presenting my story so beautifully. If your readers would like more? There are another two stories: 'Place your bets' and 'Enchanted Cottage'.

Both available from The Village Butcher & Farm shop for a donation to Highley First Responders.
Best regards, Sandra Hill

Hello, Mike,

This is the photograph which Sian sent us from her walking break in Scotland. She was walking up a hill near Dumfries and added that the scenery was identical all the way around. I thought it might raise a laugh in the Forum !!!

Alun Rees



Dear Editor,

BOTTLE TOPS

Due to the Corona-19 pandemic I am not able to take any more plastic bottle tops from you. My contact is no longer able to collect them from me. I would suggest that you put them in your recycling boxes provided by the Council.

However, should things improve in the future, we might be able to start again.

Many thanks, Les Hall

Dear Editor,

I am sure it has been a great privilege for everyone who has helped during this time of Lockdown to be able to fulfil the needs of our local community, by either shopping, or some other task, like manning the phone line. I know, for myself, I have met, or had contact on the phone with, a lot of lovely people who perhaps I would not have come to know if not for Lockdown. It was great to know there were so many willing people in our community.

Pat Whitefoot

Bridgnorth Food Bank

One of the most common questions asked is: “Why does Bridgnorth and area need a food bank?”

Bridgnorth Food Bank opened it’s doors for the first time on 4th February 2013, after 18 months of research showed that there was definitely a need for one. We are independent, have a committee and come under the umbrella of Bridgnorth Community Trust charity. Over the years it has helped families, couples and individuals who have/are facing financial difficulties.

In the 2 hours we are open on a Monday morning we have had, this past year, between 30-48 clients a week come for assistance. Emergency food parcels are given out the rest of the week via support workers. We work very closely with housing support, debt help workers, mental health teams, domestic abuse workers and social services.

Over the past 7+ years we have found that Bridgnorth, Highley, Shifnal, Albrighton, Alveley, Cressage, Ditton Priors, Much Wenlock, Broseley and many more villages in our area do have:

- Those who are homeless
- Those with mental health issues, drug and alcohol problems
- Those who have lost their jobs, suffered family breakdown, divorce and domestic abuse.



The food bank is sadly a necessity, but we have found we are more than that. I could tell you many stories of sadness, loss, pain and heartache but also of triumph and relief. Because we are independent we can help in other ways than just providing emergency food parcels, e.g.

- We bought a wheelchair for a lady who hadn’t been out for 5 months due to losing her disability allowance and car!
- We helped a 40yr old homeless client who was weighed down by severe depression. After coming each week for over a year we witnessed him gradually come to life, get a home, and, when his finances were sorted, give us a cash donation.
- We bought a washing machine for an elderly client, who was persuaded to come and ask for help by a social worker.

Before lockdown, the Baptist Church had been running a crèche for the children of clients, plus offering coffee/tea and a chat. Sadly that had to stop.

Some of our clients had to self isolate so we’ve been delivering parcels to them.

I heard a month ago that nearly 1000 people had applied for Universal Credit in Shropshire, one third of them from this area!

Without the generosity and support of people like you, day to day life for these families, couples and individuals that the food bank helps would be extremely difficult. (Highley donations can be given, either to Stewart and Shirley Page who deliver them to us every Monday morning, or bring them yourselves between 9am-10.30am.) We couldn’t function without the kindness and generosity of our volunteers giving their time, and the general public for all their much needed donations of food and money.

THANK YOU TO EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU, BECAUSE YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Liz (Bridgnorth Food Bank Manager and Chair of the Committee)

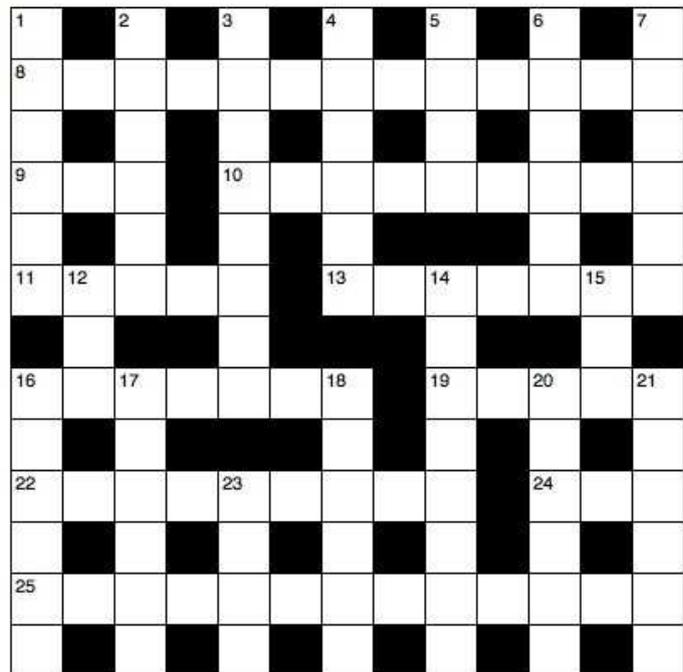
Puzzles for September (Crossword solution - pg.33)

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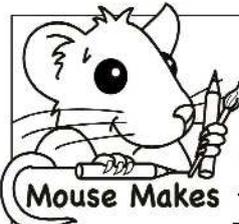
- 8 Where the Ark of the Covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)
- 9 One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14-17) (3)
- 10 Uncomfortable (3,2,4) 11 'Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have —' (Malachi 1:3) (5)
- 13 Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)
- 16 'Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger' (John 8:6) (7)
- 19 Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)
- 22 Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)
- 24 and 2 Down 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the —' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)
- 25 There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

Down

- 1 Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)
- 2 See 24 Across
- 3 Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)
- 4 Lo, mash (anag.) (6)
- 5 The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus —' (John 11:35) (4)
- 6 'Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)
- 7 Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)
- 12 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)
- 14 Second city of Cyprus (8)
- 15 United Nations Association (1,1,1)
- 16 One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)
- 17 Braved (anag.) (6)
- 18 — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)
- 20 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6)
- 21 'Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6)
- 23 What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)



KIDS, have a go at this



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God speaks to us today as we read the Bible. The Bible encourages us, corrects us and shows us how to live, it also describes itself as:



Mirror
James 1:23



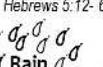
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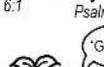
Honey and Gold
Psalm 19:10



Light
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Rain
Isaiah 55:10-12



Seed
Mark 4:14



Hammer
Jeremiah 23:29



Fire
Jeremiah 20:9



Sword
Ephesians 6:17

...but most of all The Bible teaches us about **God** and how we can be friends with Him.

BIBLE WORDS
The Bible words in **BOLD** type on this page are also hidden in the word search, can you find them?

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County Councillor's Report

With so much media coverage, I'd be amazed if most people weren't aware of the proposed further relaxation of planning regulations allowing the unrestricted development of large scale housing developments and the extension of domestic dwellings, denying affected neighbours or the wider community the right to object.



If you thought 'Permitted Development' with all its caveats and constraints was bad enough, the new regulations take it about ten steps closer to chaos.

'Permitted Development' made some kind of sense because it was arguably a projection of a historical trend, it was happening anyway, and neighbours often accepted the situation because it created a precedent for them to do the same. It was a case of what's known as Moore's Law, an empirical relationship linked to the prospect of gains from experience, a sort of balancing-out as a result of a negotiated settlement.

The trouble with the government's new proposals to further relax "inhibiting" planning regulation is that by counting so heavily on Moore's Law they are actually setting the stage for Murphy's Law to kick in, which is when my phone starts ringing!

One of the problems of being a local councillor *[only one?]* trying to comply with the spirit of "place making" (creating a stable and sustainable community where everyone gets on with everyone else) is that the planners who are **actually** running the show act as if people are game-pieces in an academic exercise and not the people who actually pay their salaries and who **should** be calling the shots!

But the new reality of local government is that our Shirehall Administration has been encouraged to become increasingly insular, focused on processes not the citizens with a reasonable expectation that their taxes go towards services that provide the kind of communities that they want to live in.

The new planning regulations are a further alienation too far in that they not only do not meet those expectations, they deny them.

Definition of citizen? "An inhabitant of a city or town, especially one entitled to its privileges or franchises."

Now define the word "entitled".



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Word for Today

Be content with your calling

'We make it our goal to please him.'

2 Corinthians 5:9 (NIV)

Paul writes: 'We make it our goal to please him...For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due to us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad' (vv. 9-10 NIVUK). If pleasing people is your main goal in life, you'll be disappointed. The moment you stop pleasing them, chances are they'll criticise you or leave you. Plus, they won't be with you when you stand at the judgment seat of Christ to be evaluated and rewarded! Bottom line: you're not assigned to everybody! So once you discover your God-given gift, ask, 'Lord, to whom are You sending me?' 'One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you,

because I have many people in this city." So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God' (Acts 18:9-11 NIV). To whom has God sent you? As surely as a plant only thrives in the right kind of soil, you'll only succeed in the place to which God has assigned you. Peter did well preaching to the Jewish people, whereas Paul writes, 'God...was pleased to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles' (Galatians 1:15-16 NIV). You must love people, and listen to the right people. But when it comes to your calling – you must be led by God! So go where He sends you and trust Him to take care of you.

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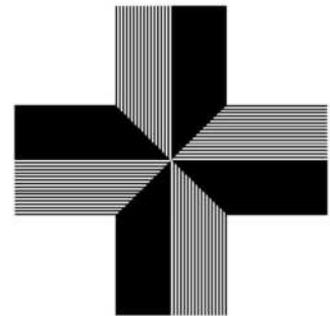
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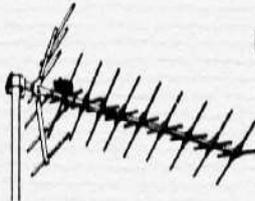
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Ornithology—according to Soapy Sam Saunders

Soapy Sam Sanders was walking along a footpath with his old friend Nipper Cook, when he suddenly said, "Why is the bird flying backwards?" Nipper looked skywards and saw a sparrow hawk flying in circles as they do when hunting for prey. He could see what Sam meant, as the bird, when circling, always passed over a spot where it had already flown. "Oh," he remarked, "that is a sparrow hawk. It is more interested in where it has been than where it is going to."

This jovial comment was taken seriously by Sam and the next day, when he was trimming the churchyard grass, a sparrow hawk passed overhead. The vicar happened to be nearby collecting dead flowers from the graves. "That bird flies backwards. It is a sparrow hook," he proudly informed the reverend gentleman. Puzzled by the remark the vicar repeated, "A sparrow hook?" "Yes," replied Sam confidently. "That is why it has a hooked beak to catch sparrows with." "Dear me, if



Photo: Maulo Piron

it flies backwards, how can it catch sparrows?" Sam, of course, was unwilling to confess that he hadn't a clue. "Well, he waits until a sparrow flies backwards and then it hooks them." "Good heavens, you will be telling me next that some birds fly upside down," chuckled the vicar. "Well," muttered Sam doubtfully, "I suppose some do, but it would be a bit inconvenient if a pheasant did that, because when you shot it, it would fall upwards." At this further intelligence the vicar gathered up his dead flowers and left still chuckling. "I don't suppose it would be any use explaining the laws of gravity to Sam," he mused.

The vicar's daughter was approaching with a mug of tea for Sam. "That's a sparrow hook," said Sam pointing upwards. "The word is sparrow hawk. They always fly in circles like that," she smiled. "Yes, I expect flying in circles makes them giddy and that is why they fly upside down and backwards," said Sam as he slowly sipped his tea. This startling information was greeted with a merry laugh by the young lady. "Do you know, Sam, if you could get your act together, you could make your living as a comedian. Drink your tea and have a biscuit."

Alan Honeybourne

Highley and District Gardening Club

To The Editor,

Would it be possible to announce in the Forum that "Due to the virus, The Highley & District Gardening Club is closed. It will reopen for the AGM on Wednesday 13th January 2021, or sooner should we become virus safe."

Thank you for your help.

David Thomas
Gardening Club Committee
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Friends of The Earth – Sustainability

In Highley we are trying to share ideas in order to live a more sustainable existence and reduce our carbon footprint. Here are some ideas from people around the village. Please feel free to submit yours to highleyfoe@gmail.com.

Sustainable containment products

As a pelvic health physiotherapist, I am often asked for advice regarding sanitary and incontinence protection. The average pack of conventional, disposable pads contains up to 5 carrier bags worth of plastic, and can also contain synthetic materials, dyes and perfumes (nothing your vagina needs!). Please consider this list of sustainable/reusable/organic/biodegradable products that will reduce your impact on the environment and keep your body and conscience happy!

modibodi.co.uk	natracare.com	cheekywipes.com
Eco Lilly pads (available on Amazon)	mooncup.co.uk	

Idea from Jane

Product of the month!

I use a bamboo toothbrush because it is sustainable, grows so quickly and I can reuse the handle in the garden or the garage when it's worn out. Sometimes though, a gentle transition to a new product is easier. My wife uses a recycled plastic Yaweco brush with replaceable heads. The bristles are a bit stiffer and is more like it's traditional plastic cousin.

Idea from Tom

Recipe of the month

Eating with the seasons and putting plant based foods first is good for you and your carbon footprint. This month we have a vegan cottage pie, perfect for using some early, sweet leeks.

The filling (Use the internet to find an ingredient substitution if you are missing something)	
2 tbsp olive oil	250g chestnut/closed cup mushrooms (blitzed in a food processor)
1 red onion (finely chopped)	1 tbsp tomato puree
2 cloves garlic (finely chopped)	1 tbsp marmite
1 leek (finely chopped)	1 tbsp red wine vinegar
1 stick celery (sliced)	400g pre cooked tinned Puy or green lentils
2 carrots (grated)	150g frozen garden peas
1 tbsp dry Italian herbs (or fresh if you have them growing in the garden)!	Salt and pepper to taste
The topping	
650g maris piper potatoes (chopped into large equal pieces)	100ml Alpro Unsweetened Almond Drink
2 tbsp dairy free butter	Sat and pepper to taste

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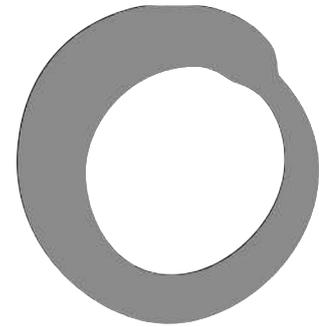
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- Prepare the ingredients as above.
- Cook the onions in the oil on a low heat until softened, add the garlic, stir for a minute and then add the leek, carrot, celery and herbs. Stir for 5 mins until soft.
- Add the mushrooms and stir for 5 mins until sweated. Then add the tomato puree, marmite and vinegar, stir it all in and then add the lentils and peas. Season with salt and pepper and make sure everything is warmed through.
- Cook the potatoes and let them steam dry for 5 mins. Add the butter and almond milk and mash.



- Pour the filling into a baking dish and spread the mash over the top. Cook at 180°C for 20-25 minutes.

Idea from Me.



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St. Mary's Restoration Project



We have had some good news since the last update in that ground investigations showed that the soils' layers under the SW buttress are adequate to support its weight. The Structural Engineer has advised that no additional remedial work is required. We had feared that some kind of underpinning would be needed which could have cost a lot! Work has been done at the top of the buttress to stop water getting in, and the joint between the tower and the buttress re-pointed. At the time of writing in mid-August the bulk of all the work on the tower is complete and we are waiting on completion of the last few items before the scaffolding can be taken down. Not least of these is awaiting a specialist contractor to put two ties into the NE buttress, after which there is some final pointing and tidying up.

Once the scaffolding is removed the French drain will be completed. There will also be a little work on the two parapets (on the roof between nave and chancel and at the east end of the chancel). Once this is done, and I hope this will be quite soon now, the site can be tidied up and returned to us.

Due to current Covid restrictions the building will continue to be open only twice a week for private prayer. The rotation of services around the benefice and the online virtual service will continue at least through September, please look for the schedule if you wish to join us.

David Rayner, Churchwarden.

Together All

There are many pressures in our lives that can sometimes feel overwhelming and lead us to feel sad, depressed, anxious, confused or struggling to cope. It can often be helpful to talk through these concerns with a trusted person, others who have been through similar experiences or to be able to use creative outlets to express emotions.

Together All is a new online offer for Shropshire residents and health and social care staff working in Shropshire providing opportunities to do this in a safe and anonymous digital environment.

Together All is an online community for anyone aged 16 and above to share experiences about their mental and emotional health in confidence, offer peer to peer support, utilise creative tools and is accessible 24/7 with trained professionals always available. There are also options to participate in a range of free self-guided courses to do at your own pace covering topics such as managing sleep problems, stopping smoking, stress & worry, social anxiety and anger management as well as access to self-assessments and resources to help people look after themselves, take control and feel better.

Together All (cont.)

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Together All is free for anyone aged 16 and above to access at www.togetherall.com and only requires a postcode and email address to register.

Free access to **Together All** is funded by Shropshire Council as part of the social response to COVID19, recognising that many individuals and communities have been affected by the pandemic with mental wellbeing being negatively impacted. The offer is part of a suite of mental wellbeing resources recently launched by Shropshire Council including the new **free bereavement support service** (accessible via calling **0345 678 9028**). More information about local and wider mental health and emotional wellbeing support can be found on the dedicated Shropshire Council webpages at:

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Shropshire Council is supporting people aged 65+ to get online and learn how to use technology safely through a project called **Digital Skills for Shropshire Citizens**. The project links local support to people who want help to learn how to use their laptops, mobile phones or tablets and get the most out of the internet. Learning slowly, taking small steps and having the time to practice are keys to success.

If you'd like more information about this service, please contact Andrea Miller, Shropshire Council's Digital Champion Lead on 01743 254834 (available Tues, Weds & Fri) or email andrea.miller@shropshire.gov.uk

Please note: Due to the COVID 19 virus, learning and support opportunities are temporarily on hold. Please get in touch to register your interest in this project as soon as possible so that when services reopen you can get the help you need.

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We want children around the world to know that God loves them and has not forgotten them during this time of fear and uncertainty. We are trusting God as we make plans to collect Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes during National Collection Week 9-16 November, 2020.

So, please do get ready to pack your shoebox again this year

Every year at St Mary's Church we encourage people in the village to join with us to send shoeboxes, packed with small items, to children across the world, who won't be receiving anything else this Christmas. At Christmas we are celebrating the birth of Christ. Jesus came with a message of peace and generosity towards those less fortunate than ourselves. Sending a shoebox via ***Samaritan's Purse*** is a small step in that direction.

Go on-line and check out www.samaritans-purse.org.uk

Contact **Revd Val Smith** tel. 861966 or valandkeiths@aol.com for boxes (50p each or cover your own shoebox with Christmas wrapping paper) and lists of appropriate items or more information.

More details next month!

Val Smith



Perry & Phillips update - new shop site

Perry and Phillips are nearing the end of their renovation work in Highley and are expected to be completed by the first week in October.

Funeral Director, John Adams, said, "It has been a really positive experience seeing the site grow and evolve from when we first purchased it from Mr and Mrs. Cowley at the end of last year. What we are doing is for the long-term for the community in which we serve and it needs to be more than just right. It's also important to again mention the builders, Mike Lee and his team, for their selfless work and communication throughout the project. They truly are more than builders. We also wanted to thank so many residents of Highley for their support and good will throughout this transition. We have been overwhelmed with positive comments and feedback from so many locals for what is being done. It has also been a pleasure to work closely with Mrs. Gay Lilley and her team from St Mary's Church Charity shop for the work being done for the relocation of the shop within the site. Their patience, understanding and appreciation has meant so much.

The three-bedroom cottage is now also complete and is now ready for potential tenants, this will be online over the next few weeks.

Our last thank you is to Sylvia from Coronation Street for the weekly sugar treats for Mike and his team. These small gestures have being greatly appreciated by all of the team!"

Perry and Phillips will hold an opening day prior to the official opening.

John Adams

 <p>Rachel Siddall DipCFHP, MPSPract</p> <p>Foot Health PRACTITIONER</p> <p>Member of the Accredited Register of Foot Health Practitioners</p>	<p>Severn Edge VETERINARY GROUP</p>
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<p>07478 007 913 rachelsiddalldy14@gmail.com</p> 	 <p>Call us to see when we're in your area</p> <p>Ask about our Healthy Pet Club — helping you spread the cost of care for your dog, cat or rabbit</p> <p>  www.sevg.co.uk</p>

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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 Selva	Bridgnorth Road	861572
Highley Mini Minors Toddler Group	Mrs Sharon Dalziel		862087
Highley Minors Childcare Centre	Dawn Bethel / Kath Davies	Severn Centre	860005
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Highley 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



NO CHRISTENINGS, WEDDINGS OR FUNERALS
TO REPORT THIS MONTH IN HIGHLEY

NOTE: TEMPORARY TIMETABLE: Diamond Buses www.diamondbuses.com 0121 322 2222
Bridgnorth—Highley—Bewdley—Kidderminster—Stourbridge. 125

This may revert back to a normal timetable
Please check before travelling

Monday to Saturday

Stourbridge Bus Station	0840	1010	1140	1310	1440	1610	1740
Broadwaters Heath, Hare and Hounds	0855	1025	1155	1325	1455	1625	1755
Kidderminster Bus Station	0905	1035	1205	1335	1505	1635	1805
Kidderminster Bus Station	0727 0907	1037	1207	1337	1507	1637	1807
Kidderminster General Hospital	0734 0914	1044	1214	1344	1514	1644	1814
Bewdley Load Street	0745 0925	1055	1225	1355	1525	1655	1825
Button Oak	0751 0931	1101	1231	1401	1531	1701	1831
Kinlet	0758 0938	1108	1238	1408	1538	1708	1838
Highley	0808 0948	1118	1248	1418	1548	1718	1848
Highley Garden Village	0813 0951	1121	1251	1421	1551	1721	1851
Chelmarsh	0818 0956	1126	1256	1426	1556	1726	1856
Eardington	0823 1001	1131	1301	1431	1601	1731	1901
Bridgnorth, Sainsburys	0833 1008	1138	1308	1438	1608	1738	1908

Bridgnorth - Stourbridge
via Bewdley & Highley - Kidderminster

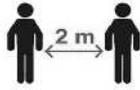
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Bridgnorth, Sainsburys	0710	0840	1010	1140	1310	1440	1610	1740
Eardington	0719	0849	1019	1149	1319	1449	1619	1749
Chelmarsh	0724	0854	1024	1154	1324	1454	1624	1754
Highley Garden Village	0728	0858	1028	1158	1328	1458	1628	1758
Highley	0731	0901	1031	1201	1331	1501	1631	1801
Kinlet	0741	0911	1041	1211	1341	1511	1641	1811
Button Oak	0749	0919	1049	1219	1349	1519	1649	1819
Bewdley Load Street	0755	0925	1055	1225	1355	1525	1655	1825
Kidderminster General Hospital	0805	0935	1105	1235	1405	1535	1705	1835
Kidderminster Bus Station	0811	0941	1111	1241	1411	1541	1711	1841
Kidderminster Bus Station	0813	0943	1113	1243	1413	1543	1713	1843
Broadwaters Heath	0819	0949	1119	1249	1419	1549	1719	1849
Stourbridge Bus Station	0835	1005	1135	1305	1435	1605	1735	1905

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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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 Except for Food Share

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
- Computer Support Sessions: Wednesdays 10.30am-12.30pm

Community Room,
73 Rhea Hall Estate,
WV16 6LD

CROSSWORD Solution from page 15

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Waste / Recycling Collections

Black bins: Monday 7th & 21st

Crates & green bins: Mon 14th & 28th
Apart from the small area of Garden Village and Highley Park Homes which has a collection the following day.

Forthcoming Events

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

Currently not taking place

All Round Property Maintenance	11	Haycox, P & Son (Funerals)	25	Severn Edge Vets	29
Bache PR (Carpenter)	10	Highley Garage	22	Severn Valley Stoves	10
Cleobury Country Centre	26	Highley Pharmacy	18	Stark, A, Carpentry	19
Clive Powell (General Garden)	27	Holford, CE (Electrical)	11	Tele - Satt Aerials	19
Cleobury Country Centre	11	Ince, B (Funeral Directors)	25	Vivians Mobile Hairdressing	27
Cost Cutter	11	Irena Foot Clinic	31	Village Butcher & Farm Shop	17
David Dexter (Motor Repairs)	11	Jenpac Computers	10	Wyre Forest Pest Control	17
Eagle & Serpent	11	JSM Foot Health Care	10		
Edwards AJ Decorating Services	17	Kidderminster Storage & Removals	27		
Foot Health Practitioner	29	Kinlet C of E School	24		
Garden Services (Clive Powell)	27	Kinlet Hall	19		
Harris, Edwin & Sons (Funerals)	25	Martin, Tony (Plumbing etc.)	9		
		Millfields Boarding Kennels	11		
		Northwood & Sons (Funerals)	25		
		Ovenclean	19		
		Park House Nursing Home	9	Bus Information	32
		Perry & Phillips (Funerals)	25	Events - Church	33
		Piano Tutor - Francis Engelheart	11	Events - General / Waste	33
		Physic Health Consulting	22	Library	3
				Parish Registers	32
				Registrar's Office	25

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS & mention HIGHLEY FORUM



Every Tuesday from 10.30 am-midday.
Come along and have a chat whilst enjoying a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit. Voluntary donations to Mary's Church.

Venue: Yvonne 861723

Gay & Jill, Church St
Moira & Ivor, Church St
Gill & Alun Rees,
Denise Lobban, 14 Church St
Mary & David Rayner, Prestwood House, Netherton Lane
Janette Hill, 62 Yew Tree Grove

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

A warm welcome is extended to all

Cancelled until further notice



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

**Programme
Cancelled
until the new year**

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

Photo Gallery



Severn Valley benefice
HARVEST FESTIVAL
St. Peter's, Chelmarsh
Thursday 24th September
at 7pm
Guest speaker: **David Dutton**
Borderlands Rural Chaplaincy

Space limited due to Government guidelines,
so please book your place
by contacting:
Glenys Williams: 01746 861971 or
Derek Arnold: 07956844854.

Billingsley Harvest
6pm Sunday 13th September
Glazeley Harvest
10am Sunday 20th September
Highley Harvest
10am Sunday 4th October



Severn Valley Benefice



St. Mary's has recently undergone some 'deep cleaning' in preparation for re-opening for worship. Here the team are working hard and then enjoying a break!

SEPTEMBER 2020

September Services
Morning services at 10am
 DAYS OF PRAYER
 St. Mary's open 6th, 12th 20th September
 9.30am to 3.30pm
 Bishop Richard will be here 12 noon on 12th.

6th Highley (FC) 'No Longer in Chains'
Philemon - last in series

13th Chelmarsh (HC) 10am
6pm Harvest at Billingsley

20th Harvest Festival at Glazeley (HC) 10am

Thurs 24th Harvest at Chelmarsh 7pm
 with Guest Speaker (see pg.35)

27th Billingsley HC 8am
 Highley Family service 10am

We continue with virtual services
at www.stmaryshighley.co.uk




Community nursing
 In Malawi
 Victoria Kawinga.
 See article on page 4.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning Prayer 9:00am HOME GROUPS 7.30pm The Byre, Woodhill Farm	Morning Prayer 9:00am Coffee Morning 10:30 - 12 noon (page 34 - venues)	Holy Communion 9:30am HOME GROUPS 10.30am The Rectory, Church St 7.30pm Prestwood House, Netherton Lane	(Currently not taking place) Next Copy Date: <u>September 15th</u>	Morning Prayer 9:00am Friday Event 19:30 at the Parish Hall Term time