

ONNYCAMLAD PARISHES (November 2018)

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Lydham, More, Snead, Churchstoke & Hyssington

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Sunday Services, and other worship. November 2018

Thur 1st	11.15	Holy Communion (All Saints' Day)	All Saints', Norbury
Sun 4th	9.45 10.30 11.15 2.30 6.30	Holy Communion Morning Praise Holy Communion Harvest Festival Evensong	St Etheldreda's, Hyssington St Nicholas', Churchstoke All Saints', Norbury Kinnerton Chapel St Michael & All Angels, Wentnor
Sun 11 th	10.30 10.45 3.00	Remembrance Remembrance Remembrance	St Nicholas', Churchstoke More (Gates re-dedicated) Holy Trinity and outside at War Memorial, LYDHAM
Sun 18 th	9.30 9.45 10.30 2.30 6.30	Holy Communion Holy Communion Sunday Central Afternoon service Evening Prayer	St Margaret's, Ratlinghope St John the Baptist, Myndtown St Nicholas', Churchstoke Kinnerton Chapel St Michael & All Angels, Wentnor
Sun 25 th	8.30 9.30 9.45 10.30 2.15 6.30	Holy Communion Morning Praise Holy Communion Holy Communion United Service Evening Prayer	All Saints', Norbury St Margaret's, Ratlinghope St Michael & All Angels, Wentnor St Nicholas', Churchstoke Hyssington Methodist Chapel St Peter's More.

Dear Friends,

Rev. Deborah is recovering, but is still not quite well enough to come back to work. She has asked me to thank you all for your kind concern, understanding and prayers.

Thank you to all those who have taken services in her absence. Your help is much appreciated. And thank you to all the Churchwardens for the work they are doing, not only in keeping things running as normal, but also in trying to put in place better support for Rev. Deborah when she returns.

All of the normal services have been covered for the next month, as shown in the arrangements listed above.

For any enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals please contact the Rural Dean, Revd Stephanie Fountain, (01588 630324) because Revd Deborah Swann is not quite well enough to come back to work. Please hold her in your prayers, asking God to heal and bless her.

Thank you, Revd Carol Whittock.

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Co-operation

Lord Radstock was staying in a hotel in Norway in the nineteenth century and he heard a little child attempting to play the piano downstairs in the hall. She was making a terrible noise, plink, plonk, plink. It was driving him mad! But then a man came and sat down beside her and began playing the piano with her, filling in the gaps and creating beautiful music. He later discovered that the man was the girl's father, Alexander Borodin, composer of the opera, Prince Igor.

Jesus calls us into a relationship which involves co-operation with Him. He comes and sits alongside us calling us to respond. He takes our plink, plonk, plink and transforms our lives as we co-operate with Him in His mission to bring the Kingdom of God into our world; the Kingdom where everything is beautiful, just, whole, good and full of joy and life.

This includes our becoming more and more like Jesus. St Paul says Jesus gives us the Holy Spirit to help us to grow in 'love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control'. (Galatians 5:22)

But for this to happen we have to ask Jesus into our lives and ask Him to pour out His Spirit upon us every day. We can't do it without Him, just like the little girl couldn't create beautiful music on her own without her father playing the piano with her.

Revd Carol Whittock

Life Events from mid-June will, hopefully, be in the next issue.





Dave Marpole Memorial fund



In January of this year the village of Wentnor sadly lost Dave Marpole. Dave was well known throughout the Parishes and beyond and is greatly missed by all who knew him or of him.

The Wentnor PPC have been searching for a suitable memorial for Dave and have decided on a project to refurbish the Wentnor Church clock, which is 235 years old, and reinstate the chimes which have not been heard for some years now. Dave would have seen the Church clock every time he left for work. Members of the community at large will have many memories of Dave and it is hoped that when the chimes are heard once more they will be reminded of him and the memories will not fade away.

A Memorial Fund has been set up to raise the £4500 needed to fund the project. Donations may be made by:

- (1) Contributions at The Crown, and at The Inn on the Green, Wentnor.
- (2) Cheques to be sent to:
Wentnor Clock Appeal, Birch House, 7 Maithen Crescent, Bowbrook,
Shrewsbury, SY5 8QE.
Please make cheques out to Wentnor PCC and mark the back with
'D Marpole Clock'.
- (3) By bank transfer – Sort code 40-12-02 Account 11060635. Please
include 'DM Clock' in the reference box.

Thank you

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, LYDHAM

11 November. 100 years after end of WW1

Service at Lydham, with wreath laying at the War Memorial

3.00 pm Sunday 11 November 2018

AROUND THE PARISHES: Future events, and News from the Parishes

All events from ALL Parishes in our group are in this section, in date order. Followed by any news from individual parishes.

QUIZ NIGHT

with a French Flavour

Friday 9 November in The Village Hall at Norbury

Doors open at 7.00

French food served at 7.30 (Vegetarian option available)

Teams of up to 6 people – £10 per person

To enter, please contact:

Valerie: 01588 650940 valerie.woodmansey@btinternet.com

Christine: 01588 650869 christine.williams03@gmail.com

Don't worry if you can't get a full team of 6. We can put smaller groups and individuals together on the night

Entry with ticket only due to limited numbers

All proceeds to local charities

Thursday 1 November (and every Thursday): 10.30-12.00 **CoffeeCraft** at Churchstoke Community Hall. See Churchstoke Notes for more details.

Monday 5 November, and every Monday: 2pm-4pm. Afternoon of **TABLE TENNIS** in Village Hall at Norbury on Monday 5 Nov (& every Monday). All welcome even if you're a novice. Phone Len Williams 01588 650869.

Weds 7 November 7.30. Community Hall. **Churchstoke WI**. AGM followed by games evening and supper. See 'Churchstoke Notes' for more details.

Thursday 8 November: Evening. Fashion Show at M & Co, Churchsoke. See 'News from St Peter's, More' for further details.

Thursday 8 November: 7.30. Village Hall at Norbury. **Norbury & District WI**. AGM, followed by Social Evening. Hostesses: All members to contribute to a POT LUCK SUPPER. Flowers: Christine Mansell. Competition: A plate of your favourite comfort food.

Friday 9 November: 7.00pm for 7.30. **Quiz Night** in Village Hall at Norbury. See above notice for more details.

Friday 9 November: 7.15 for 7.30. **FILLING STATION** at Newcastle Community Centre. The usual refreshments from 7.15, followed by informal worship and an inspiring talk from **Wayne Davies** who is appointed by Hereford Diocese as part of the intergenerational mission team for Ludlow. See front of Magazine for more details.

Monday 12 November: 2.30pm Hyssington Village Hall **Friendship Club:** 'Vanishing Buildings'. Mary Napper & Geoff Taylor.

Tues 13 November: 7.30. Hyssington Village Hall. **Book Club.** 'The Chrysalids' by John Wyndham.

Weds 14 November: **Churchstoke WI** Christmas shopping trip to Chester. See 'Churchstoke notes' for more details.

Sat 17 November: 7 for 7.30. Night at the Movies. See 'Hyssington news'.

Sat 24 Nov:10-12 **Coffee Morning**, Churchstoke. See 'Churchstoke notes'

Weds 28 Nov: Day trip with **Onny Valley Social Club** to Chester Christmas Market. To book: Richard & Wendy Edwards, 01588 650 607

Thursday 29 Nov: 7.30. Village Hall at Norbury. '**THURSDAY SOCIAL EVENINGS**'. Meet us at the Hall on the last Thursday of each month for an evening of socialising and playing games like Table Tennis, Cards, Scrabble, Dominoes & Darts. £2.50, including Refreshments, Wine and Pizza.

Saturday 1 December: 10-12 at St Peter's, More.

SHERRY AND SHORTBREAD

Saturday 1 December:

10-12noon at St Peter's Church, More:

Available for Sale:

Bulbs for Christmas, Cakes and Raffle

Tickets: £6

From: Doris Wright: 01588 650360

Jacqui Self: 01588 650757

Or on the Door on the Day! All welcome.

Sun 2 Dec: 3-5pm **Advent Party.** See 'Hyssington news' for full details.

AGE UK Lunches for those 60 & over at the Crown Inn, Wentnor, 12.30pm. Normally **SECOND WEDNESDAY and THIRD TUESDAY** in the month.

Next Wednesday Lunches: 14 November 2018

Next Tuesday Lunches: 20 November 2018.

To book please ring Trevor Jones 01588 650758 (Wednesday lunches) or Margaret Cooke 01588 650280 (Tuesday lunches).

Mrs Janet Brandon on 01588 650232 is the 'Age UK Parish Link'

CHURCHSTOKE Notes

Worship in St Nicholas', Churchstoke, 10.30am every Sunday
Be part of it!

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Sunday Central

on Sunday November 18th at 10.30am

Family Church - Relaxed and lively worship



with drama, meditation, big craft construction and fun activities for all ages

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Christmas Coffee Morning

At the Community Centre on

Saturday, 24th November 10am – 12 noon.

St Nicholas Church and Churchstoke School are holding a
joint **COFFEE MORNING**.

There will be some stalls, a raffle and (hopefully) a Santa's Grotto.
Do try and come along to support both the church and the school.

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Christmas Tree Festival

14th 15th 16th December

St Nicholas' Churchstoke

Come and see many beautiful Christmas Trees, each
decorated by local businesses and organisations.

The festival will culminate in a

Family Carol Service

at 4pm on **Sunday 16th December**

Seasonal refreshments served after this service
Entrance is free but donations would be welcome: to St Nicholas' Reordering Fund; and to 'Open Doors' – to support Christians persecuted in North Korea

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Youth Group – Ignite Meet on alternate Wednesdays in

Churchstoke vicarage 7pm – 8.45pm. *Ignite* for school years 7 - 9

Games Food Worship Drama Prayer Chat

For more details ring Revd Carol 620693

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Food Bank

St Nicholas Church, Churchstoke, an outpost of
CLUN COMMUNITY LARDER

For referral to the **Food Bank** contact: Revd Carol Whittock 01588 620693

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CoffeeCraft is a drop-in for all ages which meets every Thursday morning in Churchstoke village hall from 10.30 to 12.30. You can just come for friendship, a chat and a drink, or you can bring along a craft of your own to do – knitting, sewing, painting, drawing – anything you like! At the moment we are making hats, gloves and blankets for children in Rumania and South Africa, and knitting decorations for our Christmas tree for the Tree Festival in church. Coffeecraft is not a club so you can come if and when you can. The cost is £2 each week which includes refreshments and craft items. Ring Jo on 01588 620434 for further details.

Churchstoke WI meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7.30 in Churchstoke Village Hall. The **November meeting is on 7th** and is the AGM when a new committee will be elected. The business will be followed by a games evening with supper. We would very much welcome new members. Your first evening is free. We are a group of very friendly ladies who enjoy listening to a variety of speakers each month, and we also have outings, and Scrabble afternoons, throughout the year. If you would like to know more, please ring Sue Hughes, the President, on 01588 620130. We still have a few places available on our **Christmas shopping trip to Chester**. This will take place on **Wednesday, 14th November**. The bus leaves from Co-op top car park at Churchstoke. The cost is a very reasonable £10 and full details can be obtained from Carol Gittins on 01588 620 650.

HYSSINGTON: News from St Etheldreda's

Our Harvest Festival was led by Mr Nigel Hirst. It was a morning service, breaking *temporarily, perhaps*, with tradition. It was a happy, social gathering but we did miss those who traditionally attend the 3pm service!

Hellebores and violets bloom in the garden but we are still hoping to see an 'Earth Star' in the churchyard again, near the pine tree. More yellow rattle seeds have been planted by Alex (Caring for God's Acre) and Simon and Sally, to break down the tough grass. Cyclamen are flowering on Bryn Bryan/ Shirley's Summit and a variety of wild flowers are also found on what was a very large stump of a fir tree, built up by removing numerous mole hills!

On **Friday November 2nd, All Souls' Day**, as last year, there will again be an opportunity to light a candle and say a prayer and give thanks for the life of a loved one. Do contact Anne 07776 204328 if you cannot pop in between 10am-4pm or are too far away and a candle will be lit and a prayer said on your behalf for you and your loved one.

Services/Other Activities

Sunday 4 Nov: 9.45 Holy Communion. St Etheldreda's.

Sunday 25 Nov: 2.30 United Service at the Methodist Chapel.

Monday Nov 12th 2.30-4.30pm **Friendship Club**; at the Village Hall. A talk on the subject of 'Vanishing Buildings' with Mary Napper & Geoff Taylor

Tuesday Nov 13th 7.30pm **Book Club** VH 'The Chrysalids' John Wyndham

Saturday Nov 17th 7pm for 7.30pm 'A Night at the Movies' in aid of the Village Hall. Tickets:£5 and free pop corn! Please dress as a favourite film character and enjoy 'songs and shenanigans'.

Sunday Dec 2nd 3pm-5pm **Advent Party**, Village Hall. All welcome! No service at St Etheldreda's that day. A social gathering, with carols, craft, games, chat and tea.

LYDHAM news

Over 60 people came to Lydham Village Hall on a hot Sunday in August to hear David Preshous and Marian Gatward present '**The Lark over the Trenches**', a programme of poetry and prose of the Great War, with readings from the letters of local soldiers.

It was a moving occasion with the audience sharing memories over tea. £292 was raised for the Royal British Legion.

Those named on memorials in the OnnyCamlad benefice were also represented in the very comprehensive **1914 -18 Exhibition**, which was an important part of Bishop's Castle Michaelmas Fair, when a further £272 was raised for the RBL.

The annual **Remembrance Day service** wreath-laying will take place at Lydham at **3pm on Sunday 11th November**.

A group from the Caring for God's Acre Project visited Bishop's Castle, More & Lydham on 4 October, in search of fungi – they were rewarded with a good variety, and they much appreciated a beautiful day in the churchyards.

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The results of the September 2018 draw (our first of the 2018-2019 season) on 4th October 2018 were as follows :

1st Paula Brayford (£12); 2nd Shirley Rowson (£5); 3rd David Preshous (£4.50)

Application forms for next season which starts in September 2019 are available from Tony Martin. Tickets are £1 per month.

Tony Martin 01588 630313

MYNDTOWN News

We had a very successful Harvest Service and Supper on Friday 12th October. 80 people attended and enjoyed the service followed by a lovely three course supper. Thank you to everyone for coming and we made a fabulous profit of £840.

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News from St Peter's, MORE

More Draw: September: 1. Jean Rice; 2. J Preshous; 3. David Wright
October: 1. Wood; 2. Marion Denwood; 3. Meddins

Thursday 8 November: Evening: **Fashion Show at M & Co**, Churchstoke, to have an enjoyable evening and raise funds for our church. All welcome.

Full Details and Tickets from M & Co, Churchstoke, in store, or from Jaqui & Richie (01588 650757)

Saturday 1 December: 10-12noon **SHERRY AND SHORTBREAD** at St Peter's Church, More. See Notice a few pages back for full details.

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RATLINGHOPE news

Ratlinghope 200 Club draw results:

July: £20 Sue Dalton, £10 Geoff Jarrat, £5 Jim Jarrat.

August: £20 Mo Medicott, £10 Emma Brandon; £5 Janet Brandon

Our Harvest Festival on 14 October was a warm and cheerful celebration. The church was wonderfully decorated with traditional flowers and fruits; and we also had many tins of food and other items to take to our Community 'Food larder', based in Clun, where it will help to sustain people less fortunate than ourselves.

The generous collection was given to David Jelves to put towards the work being done, in Kenya, by the church that is attended by David & Jo's son-in-law. He died suddenly (aged only 49) and his wife and children are going to raise the funds needed to build another classroom, in his memory,

at a school that has long been supported by their church. The total given by Ratlinghope to this project is £200. Thank you to all who contributed.

In addition we thought it may be the last Harvest service that Mette will take at Ratlinghope because Mette & Frank are planning to move closer to their children. We had a good party after the service, to celebrate all they have done for us over many years.

Hereford Diocese website: www.hereford.anglican.org

For details of service times at the **Cathedral**, please telephone 01432 374212 or visit the **Cathedral website:** www.herefordcathedral.org.

Do you want a Magazine? Or do you know someone who might like to subscribe at £6 for the year (10 issues)? Please encourage sales! Contact Margaret Cooke 01588 650280 (Shropshire & Snead parishes) or Jo Jelves 620434 (Churchstoke & Hyssington)

Bishop's Castle Dial-a-Ride and Community Car scheme: For individuals or groups regardless of age or disability. All journeys must be pre-booked. Volunteer drivers & escorts required. Contact Adrian Varcoe 01588 638350

Bus enquiries: 08702 412216 **National Rail Enquires:** 08457 484950

Myndtown Combined Parish Council: Parish Clerk Mrs L Thomas 650509

Wentnor Stores: The Post Office OUTREACH service is OPEN on TUESDAY 9.30AM – 11.30am - offering personal banking, Car Tax & Euros- please support the village shop WENTNOR STORES as much as possible.

Hall Bookings: **Lydham Hall:** N. Le Gras, 01588 630639.

Email: treasurerlydhammorevillagehall@gmail.com

Churchstoke Community Centre: Victoria Butcher, 01686 668955

Hyssington Village Hall: 01588 620197

Village Hall at Norbury: bookings: Anita Bright, 01588 650242

COPY DATE for December 2018 is: 14 November 2018

Please send contributions to the Compiler for your Parishes.

David Hardham (dhardham@yahoo.co.uk) is the Compiler for Wentnor, Lydham, More, Myndtown, Norbury, Ratlinghope & Snead.

In Hyssington it's Afrienne Jones (afriannedenysjones@gmail.com).

In Churchstoke it's Rev Carol Whittock (carolwhittock@btinternet.com) 01588 620693. They will forward contributions to David Hardham.

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Sunday Services, and other worship, December:

Sun 2 nd Advent Sunday	10.30 11.15 2.30 3-5 6.30	Morning Praise Holy Communion Afternoon Service Advent party (incl prayers & carols) Evensong	St Nicholas', Churchstoke All Saints', Norbury Kinnerton Chapel Hyssington Village Hall St Michael & All Angels, Wentnor
Sun 9 th	9.30 10.30 11.15 6.30	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Evening Prayer	St Margaret's, Ratlinghope St Nicholas', Churchstoke St Peter's, More All Saints', Norbury
Sun 16 th	11.15 2.30 4.00 6.00 6.30	Holy Communion Carol Service Family Carol Service Hunt Carol Service Carol Service	Holy Trinity, Lydham Kinnerton Chapel St Nicholas', Churchstoke St Peter's, More Hyssington Chapel (final service before Chapel closes)
Friday 21 st	6.30 7.00	Carol Service Carol Service	St Margaret's, Ratlinghope All Saints', Norbury
Sun 23 rd	9.45 10.30 6.30	Holy Communion Holy Communion Benefice Carol Service	St Michael & All Angels, Wentnor St Nicholas', Churchstoke St Peter's, More
Mon 24 th	4.00 6.30	Family Crib Service Candlelit Carol Service	St Nicholas', Churchstoke St Etheldreda's Hyssington
Christmas Day	10.30 10.30	Holy Communion Holy Communion	St Michael & All Angels, Wentnor St Nicholas', Churchstoke
Thurs 27 th	7.30	Carol Service	St John the Baptist, Myndtown
Sun 30 th	10.30 2.30	United Service for the whole Benefice. Afternoon Service	All Saints', Norbury Kinnerton Chapel

United Benefice Service Sunday 30th December 10.30pm
 For everyone in the OnnyCamlad Group of Parishes – and friends!
 Holy Communion at All Saints, Norbury
 Come and be a part of it!

January 2019

Sat 5th		Twelfth Night service and party	St Mary the Virgin, Snead
Sun 6 th Epiphany	10.30 11.15 2.30 6.30	Morning Praise Holy Communion Afternoon Service Evensong	St Nicholas', Churchstoke All Saints', Norbury St Etheldreda's Hysington St Michael & All Angels, Wentnor
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Confirmation

There will be a Confirmation Service next summer. If you have never been confirmed, but would like to be, please contact Revd Carol Whittock. We already have 4 adult candidates for 2019.

carolwhittock@btinternet.com

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We wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year!

From Revd Deborah Swann and Revd Carol Whittock

Everyone who calls

Someone I know broke down on the M6 in the dark in rush hour. She was in significant danger. She was not a member of the AA so had no right to call for rescue. But she knew that if she called on the name of the AA in her day of trouble, stating her need and asking for help, she could be become a member over the phone. That's what she did; she was rescued and has been an AA member ever since.

- Calling for help is the key.
- Stating your need and asking for rescue.
- Relying on the AA to save you.

It's the same with God.

- Calling for help is the key.
- Stating your need and asking for rescue.
- Relying on Jesus to save you.

So often we are too proud to call for help. Well yes it does require humility. Often we think we don't need Jesus – that we can manage on our own. Our society encourages us to be self-reliant. But God wants us to rely on Him. In order to receive help we need to believe and trust in Him, in Jesus.

Or we think we can't call on Jesus because we don't deserve help from God. We haven't lived a good enough life; we haven't thought about God or been to church so we have no right to call on God for help. This is true of course. No-one deserves His help. Rescue by God cannot be earned by doing good works.

**RESCUE comes not from earning and deserving –
but by believing and receiving.**

2,000 years ago God Himself came into our world. He came as a little baby. Then, as a man, He showed us what God is like. People killed Him. But He rose from the dead to open the way for us to go to heaven to live with Him, so we can be with Him, the Lord Jesus, for ever.

He did this for everyone who calls on His name.

'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Romans 10:13

This Christmas open your heart to Jesus; believe in Him and receive Him into your life.

Don't put it off. Make sure you are one who calls on His name to save you.

Revd Carol

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Candlelit Christmas Concert

Saturday 15th December 7.30

In Myndtown Church,
with The More Singers.

£10 per person including Tea,
Coffee and Biscuits.
Wine will be on sale

*Myndtown Church
Myndtown
Bishops Castle
SY7 8BL*



Booking: 01588 680100

or email: info@myndtownchurch.co.uk

or on line at:

www.myndtownchurch.co.uk/myndtown-church-online-shop



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14th, 15th & 16th December

St Nicholas' Churchstoke

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Christmas Eve Crib Service

A Family Event

at St Nicholas' Churchstoke

Monday 24th December 4pm

Carols, Drama, the greatest true story ever told, with children taking part.

Children: Come dressed as shepherds or angels if you want to!



Dave Marpole

Memorial fund – Update



The Memorial fund for Dave Marpole now stands at over £1,200 thanks to the generosity of those who knew of Dave and his work. Thank you to you all for your donations.

For those of you who may be interested in Wentnor Church, which is the focus of the Memorial, we have discovered that the clock was made by the village blacksmith of Rushbury some 235 years ago. Obviously he was a

very skilled blacksmith and in many fields. Multi tasking is not a modern phenomenon!

The inscription on the clock frame also bears the names of two Churchwardens – J Phipps and Job Harris. Does anyone out there know anything of these two gentlemen?

The Dave Marpole Memorial Fund has been set up to raise the £4,500 needed to fund the project to refurbish the clock and restore the chiming mechanism. We can all remember Dave when we hear the chimes down the valley and beyond. Donations may be made by

- (1) Contributions at Wentnor Stores, The Crown and The Inn on the Green, Wentnor.
- (2) Cheques to be sent to:- Wentnor Clock Appeal,
Birch House,
7 Maithen Crescent, Bowbrook,
Shrewsbury, SY5 8QE.

Please make cheques out to Wentnor PCC and write 'D Marpole Clock' on the back.

- (3) By bank transfer – Sort code 40-12-02 Account 11060635.
Please include DM Clock in the reference box.

Thank you

AROUND THE PARISHES: Future events and News from the Parishes:

All events from ALL Parishes in our group are included in one section, in date order. Followed by any news from individual parishes.

But first a brief note that a 2-bedroom home, and two 1-bedroom properties, at Trinity 'Hospital', Clun, will become available for rent by local person(s) over 55 years of age. More details in the front section of this magazine.

Sunday 2 Dec: 3-5pm **Advent Party.** See 'Hyssington News' for full details.

Monday 3 Dec, and every Monday: 2.00-4.00 Afternoon of **TABLE TENNIS** in Village Hall at Norbury on Monday 3 Dec (& every Monday). All welcome even if you're new to the game. For enquiries, phone Len Williams 01588 650869. Table tennis will be every Monday even through the festive season!

Tuesday 4 Dec Village Hall at Norbury **OnnyValley Social Club Christmas Lunch** with Norbury school children to entertain. (01588 650 634).

Wednesday 5 Dec: Churchstoke WI. No evening meeting in December as we are having Christmas lunch instead. No meeting in January. Our next evening meeting is **6 February**. See 'Churchstoke News' for details.

Thursday 6 December: 10.30-12 **CoffeCraft**. See 'Churchstoke News'.
(Meets every Thursday except 27 December and 3 January).

Thursday 13 December: 7.30. Village Hall at Norbury. **Norbury & District W.I.** CHRISTMAS PARTY. Storeyteller – Simon Martin. Hostesses: 'The Committee'. Competition: 'A candleholder with a candle'.

Friday 14 Dec: 7.15 for 7.30. Newcastle Community Centre. **Advent bring & share**, to meet and celebrate. See details in front section of magazine.

14, 15 & 16 Dec: St Nicholas', Churchstoke. **Christmas tree Festival**. Culminating in a **Family Carol Service** 4pm Sunday 16th. See detailed Notice a few pages back.

Saturday 15 December: 7.30. Myndtown Church. **Candlelit Carol Concert** with 'The More Singers'. See detailed Notice earlier in this section.

Monday 24 December 4pm St Nicholas' Churchstoke. **Crib Service**. More details in the Notice a few pages back. This is a FAMILY event.

Sun 6 Jan Onny Valley Social Club trip to **Theatre 7** to see **Mother Goose**. 50 have booked. Contact: Richard & Wendy Edwards (01588 650 607)

Tuesday 8 January: 2.30 Village Hall, Norbury: **Onny Valley Social Club, Soups & Puddings** with entertainment from Tom Wenlock. (01588 650634).

Thursday 10 January 7.30. Village Hall at Norbury. '**Race Night**' with **Norbury & District W.I.** Hostesses: Krystyna Lawson, Valerie Woodmansey, Charlotte Earnshaw, Joanna Mitton-Gore. Flowers: Sally-Anne Jones. Competition: 'A hat fit for the races'.

Weds 23 Jan: 7.30 Lydbury North Village Hall. '**Birds, Bees & Broad Beans**' a talk by Malc Mollart about how an open field was turned into an area of allotments that has become a multi-award-winning community space. More details should be in front part of magazine, or from 01588 680454.

Friday 8 February: 7.30 in The Village Hall AT Norbury. A play from the Oddments Theatre Co: '**THE HIDING PLACE**'; the Corrie Ten Boom story. See front section of Magazine for full details.

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CHURCHSTOKE NEWS

Food Bank St Nicholas; Church, Churchstoke, is an outpost of CLUN Community Larder / Food Bank.

For referral to the **Food Bank** contact: Revd Carol Whittock 01588 620693

Ignite Youth group for Years 7-8.

Wednesday evenings: 7.00 - 8.45pm at Churchstoke Vicarage.

Games – food – worship – drama – prayer – chat

Ring Revd Carol for details (620693)

Kidz Klub

Kidz Klub is on the first Sunday of the month – **2nd December & 6th January**. Parents - please drop children (primary age) at the vicarage in Churchstoke at 10.25am for a mix of games, drinks, story, prayer and activity. Children will re-join their parents in church at 11.15am for the final song etc. If you are interested in this please contact Revd Carol 01588 620693

Christmas Tree Festival on 14, 15, 16 December inside the Church; with a **Family Carol service** at 4pm on Sunday 16 Dec.

Christmas Eve Crib Service (a family event) at St Nicholas' church at 4pm. For full details of these events, see the artistic Notices a few pages back.

Churchstoke W.I. meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30 in Churchstoke Village hall, but not this January because of the likely bad weather, and not in December as we have Christmas lunch instead.

We have a variety of speakers and other events during the year, and it's a fantastic way of making new friends. The next meeting is on **6 February**, when Elizabeth Woodall will give a talk about WI memorabilia. The beginning of the year is an ideal time to join us, so do come and give us a try. Your first evening is free. For further information ring Sue Hughes on 01588 620130.

CoffeeCraft is a drop-in for all ages which meets every Thursday morning in Churchstoke village hall, **10.30-12.30**. (but no meeting on 27 December or 3 January).

You can just come for friendship, a chat and a drink; or you can bring along a craft of your own – knitting, sewing, painting – anything you like! At the moment we are making hats, gloves and blankets for children in Rumania and South Africa, and knitting decorations for our Christmas tree for the Tree Festival in church.

CoffeeCraft is not a club so you can come if and when you can. The ladies of CoffeeCraft often meet at other times during the week for friendship and company, visiting places of interest, going to see films, or just going for a

meal. The cost of the CoffeeCraft session is £2 each week which includes refreshments and craft items. Ring Jo on 01588 620434 for further details.

HYSSINGTON: News from St Etheldreds's

On 2nd and 3rd November a good number of people popped into the church to light a candle and remember their loved ones by saying their own prayers or by reading a variety of prayers, Bible verses, or the Liturgy for All Souls' Day, 2nd November. It has become a simple tradition, full of poignant moments.

On Sunday 4 November we welcomed Bishop Richard as he officiated at our service of Holy Communion. His sermon highlighted the importance of the church as a building, standing as the presence of God in the community and, of course, the importance of recognising our role as 'The Church'; and the varied ways in which we demonstrate our faith and God's presence. We gave thanks for St Etheldreda and for all the saints - people who have been, and still are, an example to us over the years.

How wonderful that Bishop Richard spoke with every member of the congregation before departing for All Saints, Norbury.

Perhaps in the future planning of the life of the Benefice, this necessary pattern of hospitality, of having time, however brief, to exchange a word or two, with simple refreshment, may be accorded more thought so that its valuable importance is established. Forming a pastoral moment, not just for people in the congregation, but more especially for the priest, or for whoever has led the worship. We are not just 'there' to receive, but to freely give.

St Etheldreda's was decorated in a most poignant way with countless poppies reminding one of the many who fell 100 years ago, and of those who fell in World War II, and in warfare and training since. There were also posies of laurel leaves. With the impending closure of Hyssington Methodist Church following the Carol Service on December 16th, arrangements are being made to relocate the village War Memorial from the chapel to St Etheldreda's for future safe keeping.

There is no grant as yet available for the safe removal and relocation of the Memorial but we await replies and await estimates. Safeguarding the memorial is a community responsibility despite its location in a church or chapel. Times have changed but community responsibility hasn't!

Services/ Activities:

Sunday 2 Dec: 3pm-5pm ADVENT PARTY, Village Hall. Everyone is welcome for a chat over a cup of tea and a mince pie etc. This year's theme is 'shepherds' and SHEEP! We begin with a prayer. The afternoon also includes carol singing and craft for adults & children. We light the first Advent Candle; then Mary and Joseph begin their journey to Bethlehem.

During Advent, Mary and Joseph will travel from household to household, down lanes and over fields. Please give your name to Margaret (01588 620354) if you would like to give them shelter for a night before you help

them on their way to another host. Please tell your neighbours just in case they don't take the Deanery Magazine!

Sunday 16 Dec 6.30pm Hyssington Methodist Church Carol Service. This is the Chapel's final service before it closes.

CHRISTMAS EVE 6.30pm CAROLS & READINGS BY CANDLELIGHT: ST ETHELDREDA'S .

Sunday 6 Jan Epiphany (2.30 pm)

LYDHAM News

Results of '100 Club' draw on 10 November: 1st: Barrie Geddes £12; 2nd: Geoffrey Houlding £5; 3rd: Pete & Allie Jones £4.50.

Application forms for next season which starts in September 2019 are available from Tony Martin. Tickets are £1 per month. 01588 630313

On 11 November David Preshous led us in a special, moving, Remembrance Service with wreath laying at the War Memorial to honour all those from Lydham who fell in the two World Wars. We will never forget them.

News from St Peter's, More

Firstly, we would like to thank everyone who contributed their time for the **Fashion Show** at Churchstoke Shopping Centre on **Thurs 8 November**:-- M & Co. who hosted and put on the show; Midcounties Co-op who generously provided the delicious biscuits, mince pies and drinks; the wonderful models and helpers, headed up by Daphne; and, especially, to all those of you who came and supported the event. Thank you! **£200 was raised** and great fun was had by all.

This event was swiftly followed by a special Remembrance Service held for the first time at More, to coincide with the re-dedication of the newly made Lych Gates, cleverly incorporating parts of the original and following its original design.

This service was held to honour the fallen of the parishes of More, Snead, Ratlinghope, Wentnor, Norbury and Myndtown. It was taken by Revd Preb. Michael Pollit, the organist was George Baker, and the Homage to the 18 who died in both World Wars was delivered by Lt. Ivan Livingstone of the signals Regiment.



The Lych Gate was commissioned by St Peter's, More, with generous donations from Alick Barratt, Mrs Babs Cavan & Christopher Cavan, and the

Moore's family. The gates were made by Russ Davies (07974 798442). Do please come and see them and visit the church. They should last 300 years!

It was a very special service and our thanks go to the 100 attendees. Thank you for coming and lending your support. £450 was raised for the Royal British Legion. When we gathered in the churchyard for the Homage and Re-dedication, we were bathed in the warm glow of autumn sunlight.

We will remember them, and that special Sunday.

Now, about those Lych Gates! You can come and see them on your own in the peace and quiet of More Church, open all day.

You could also come to some or all of the following:

December 1 st	Sherry and Shortbread	10am-12pm
December 16 th	Hunt Carol Service	6.00 P.M.
December 23 rd	Benefice Carols	6.30 P.M.

RATLINGHOPE News:

Ratlinghope 'Ladies Lunch' is on Tuesday 11th December.

On **Friday 21 December**, at 6.30, we have our special Carol Service, followed by mulled wine and other refreshments. (Weather permitting!)

SNEAD CHURCH News

Summer and autumn have been quiet times at Snead Church as we had hoped we would be having our new floor and drainage work done.

Unfortunately when we received the Builder's estimate we found that the cost had doubled and we had insufficient funds to be able to start work.

We are now being helped by The Diocese Community Officer to apply for more grant aid to pay for the works – the cost of which is now £45,000.

In the New Year we hope to begin a new series of small events and some services to keep us ticking over starting with a **Twelfth Night party and service on Sat 5th January**. Details to follow.

In November we received our annual visit of volunteers to help clear the ditches around the church and do essential churchyard maintenance.

We are grateful to the Caring for God's Acre Task Team and to Shropshire Wild team for all their hard work. They were rewarded with an appetising lunch at the Snead Mill which kept them going and happy!

There will be a Nativity in the church for Advent and Christmas. In memory of Phyllis France who some years ago knitted a complete set of Nativity figures for us. We do miss Phyllis and Tom very much and hope that their family will get to know about this small tribute.

Enquiries about services: contact Pam Blaxland (CWdn) 01588 638145

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Hyssington Village Hall: 01588 620197

Lydham Hall: N. Le Gras, 01588 630639.

Email: treasurerlydhammorevillagehall@gmail.com

Village Hall at Norbury: bookings: Anita Bright, 01588 650242

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ONNYCAMLAD PARISHES (Aug & Sept 2018)

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Sunday Services, and other worship. August 2018

Sat 4 th	3pm	Wedding	St Margaret's Ratlinghope
Sun 5 th	10.30 11.15 6.30	Morning Praise Holy Communion Chapel Anniversary Holy Communion	St Nicholas', Churchstoke All Saints, Norbury Hyssington Methodist Chapel
Fri 10 th	1.30	Wedding	St Etheldreda's, Hyssington
Sun 12 th	9.30 10.30 2.30 6.30	Holy Communion Holy Communion Afternoon Service Evening Prayer	St Margaret's, Ratlinghope St Nicholas', Churchstoke Kinnerton Chapel All Saints, Norbury
Sun 19 th	9.45 10.30 6.30	Pet Service Sunday Central Evensong	St John the Baptist, Myndtown St Nicholas', Churchstoke St Michael & All Angels, Wentnor
Sat 25 th	12.00 3.00	Wedding Baptism	St Etheldreda's, Hyssington St Michael & All Angels, Wentnor
Sun 26 th	9.30 9.45 10.30 2.30 6.30	Morning Praise Holy Communion Holy Communion Afternoon Service Evening Prayer	St Margaret's, Ratlinghope St Michael & All Angels, Wentnor St Nicholas', Churchstoke Kinnerton Chapel St Peter's More.
Sun 29 th <i>Trinity 9</i>	10.30	Holy Communion <i>all parishes together</i>	St Peter's More

Please note the slim-line approach to services in August (agreed in June). The rationale for this is to:

Have a change of pace

Ease the work of a few when people are away on holiday or have family commitments

Maintain sufficient services to cater for summer visitors.

Originally to allow Revd Deb Swann chance to talk to people after services.

Pets You Love
Come to say thank you for them.

Sunday 19TH August

9.45am St John the Baptist, Myndtown.

A service of thanksgiving,
 with readings, poems and music celebrating pets,
 and refreshments after.



September 2018:

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Sun 30th	10.30	United Service All Parishes Together	St Nicholas, Churchstoke <i>To be confirmed</i>

Revd Deborah Swann is not well and is off work until mid-August.
 Please hold her in your prayers, asking God to heal and bless her.
 Please also be aware there may be some changes to services.

For any enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals please contact
 the Rural Dean, Revd Stephanie Fountain. 01588 630324

It's the heart that matters

It's interesting to note that all the men and women in the Bible whom God chose to use had weaknesses and made mistakes. We might think of Abraham (who pretended his wife was his sister in order to save himself), Jacob (who deceived his father to gain the birthright), Moses, (who killed a man), Jonah (who ran away from God), David (who committed adultery and had a man killed), Sarah (who doubted God and plunged ahead with her own solution), the Samaritan woman at the well (who was living with a man not her husband) and Peter (who denied Jesus).

But God saw that their hearts were turned towards Him and He blessed them and did great things through them.

It's the heart that matters.

The Hebrew understanding of 'the heart' included the emotions, but it also involved the mind, the conscience and the will. It means everything that is going on inside you.

'Your heart lies open before the Lord' (Proverbs 15:11). Only God sees and knows the heart of every human being.

God is interested in your heart.

We may think we are inadequate or unworthy; we may know very well the mistakes we have made. We are all broken.

The important thing is whether we repent and turn back to God – like Peter, who gives us all hope: he went to Jesus and Jesus showed him love and forgiveness and He reinstated him, and then he was used mightily in the spread of Christianity and the extension of the Kingdom of God.

God loves you and me so much He is dying for us to come to Him, to turn our hearts to Him.

No matter what our past is like it's our future that's important.

No matter what our circumstances are, our hearts can be full of joy.

No matter what our weaknesses are, it's our attitude to Jesus that's key.

It's Jesus who makes the difference – if our hearts are turned to Him.

You may like to pray this prayer:

Lord Jesus my heart is turned to You. Yet You know how often I fail. Please forgive me. Thank You that You enable me to turn back to You each day. Thank You that You fill my heart with joy. Help me to follow You today with my whole heart. Amen

Revd Carol Whittock

Life Events from mid-June will be in the next issue



AROUND THE PARISHES: Future events, and News from the Parishes

All events from ALL Parishes in our group are included in one section, more or less in date order.

Followed by any news from individual parishes, in alphabetical order.

But ... first:----

A New Adult Reading Charity Needs Your Help



If you're reading this article without any difficulty, then you're probably someone who, like most of us, gives little thought to what life would be like if you couldn't read.

Can you imagine how different your life would be if you couldn't read forms, medicine instructions, letters from your electricity supplier or bed time stories to your child or grandchild?

Research shows that 5% of adults in England and Wales can recognise only a few common words, with a further 2.1% barely able to read simple notices. That's hundreds of thousands of people.

Help is at hand. A charity called 'Read Easy UK', which was set up to tackle this 'invisible' problem, has already helped hundreds of people by providing free, one-to-one; coaching for anyone who struggles with reading.

We are setting up a branch in the Ludlow and Knighton area – but need volunteers to join a small team to launch and run the service. We would also like to hear from you if you can provide a coaching venue, or if you are interested in coaching.

To find out more, please contact Caroline Keely on 07811 582256 or email her at ludlowandknighton@readeasy.org.uk.

Or look at the website: www.readeasy.org.uk

Thursday 2 August (and every Thursday): 10.30-12.00 **CoffeeCraft** at Churchstoke Community Hall. See Churchstoke Notes for more details.

Monday 6 August, and every Monday: 2pm-4pm. Afternoon of **TABLE TENNIS** in Village Hall at Norbury on Monday 2 July (& every Monday). All welcome even if you're a novice. Phone Len Williams 01588 650869.

Thursday 9 Aug 6.00pm Walk with Krystyna, Jo and Kath **Norbury and District WI**. Meet at Pontesford Hill carpark, 6pm. Eating afterwards at the Nags Head, Pontesbury. Email krystynalawson@btinternet.com for details.

Weds 15 August: Day trip to Aberystwyth with **Onny Valley Social Club**: To book: contact Richard & Wendy Edwards, 01588 650 607

Bank Holiday Monday 27 August
GRAND FETE; from 1.00pm

Village Hall at Norbury.
Hog roast starts at 1.00pm.
Stalls and sideshows. Vintage vehicles
Teas and lots of homemade cake!

Thursday 30 Aug: 7.30. Village Hall at Norbury. '**THURSDAY SOCIAL EVENINGS**'. Meet us at the Hall on the last Thursday of each month for an evening of socialising and playing games like Table Tennis, Cards, Scrabble, Dominoes & Darts. £2.50, including Refreshments, Wine and Pizza!

Friday 7 Sept: 7.30pm. Village Hall at Norbury. **Onny Valley Social Club**. Skittles with the W.I.

Saturday 8 Sept: Ride & Stride. Let this year be the year when all our churches participate – getting sponsors to back us as we ride, or stride, or walk gently, or visit far-flung churches in our cars. All proceeds are divided 50:50 between your local church and Shropshire Churches Historic Trust.

Participating churches also provide welcome drinks and biscuits etc. for any Riders/Striders that visit.

In recent years many of our churches have provided welcome refreshments to our visitors; but only one has got around to collecting any sponsors and raising any funds. 'Watch this space!!'

Thursday 13 Sept 7.30. Village Hall at Norbury. **Norbury & District WI**. Speaker from Pricklebums Hedgehog Rescue. Hostesses: Liv Goode, Rita Preston, Krystyna Lawson-Iles. Flowers: Ros Payne. Competition: 'A Harvest Produce Basket'. Produce stall & Visitors' evening.

Weds 19 Sept: Day trip with **Onny Valley Social Club** to Anderson Boat Lift Cruise & Salt Museum. To book: Richard & Wendy Edwards, 01588 650 607

Tuesday 2 October 2.30 Village Hall at Norbury. AGM **Onny Valley Social Club** Tea Hostesses:: Anne, Joyce, Edna.

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CHURCHSTOKE Notes

Alpha An opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment.



The Alpha Course:

Starting on **Thursday 27th September**, 7.30 – 9pm in Churchstoke Vicarage.

For more information contact Revd Carol

carolwhittock@btinternet.com

Youth Groups - Ignite and Encounter

Meet on alternate Wednesdays in Churchstoke vicarage. 7pm – 8.45pm

Ignite for school years 7 and 8 starts on Wednesday 12th September

Encounter for school years 9 and 10 starts on Wednesday 19th September

Games Food Worship Drama Prayer Chat

For more details ring Revd Carol 620693

Sunday Central

on **Sunday August 19th and September 16th** at 10.30am

Family Church - *Relaxed* and lively worship



with drama, meditation, big craft construction and fun activities for all ages

This year our **Harvest Celebration** is:

Harvest Sunday Central

on **September 16th** at 10.30am

Come and thank God for all His blessings and provisions



User-friendly

Non-drowsy

Please come and bring your friends. Everyone is welcome.

Followed by a Bring-and-Share Lunch in Church

CoffeeCraft

CoffeeCraft meets every Thursday morning from 10.30 to 12.30 in Churchstoke Community Centre. We do a variety of crafts, but recently we have been concentrating on knitting hats, simple mittens and soft toys for a charity which sends goods out to Rumania and South Africa. We have also been making red poppies to commemorate 100 years of the RAF and these will be displayed in The Square in Shrewsbury. HOWEVER – you do not need to craft at all if you don't want to, or you can bring a project of your own to work on. You can come just for friendship, chat and tea or coffee. Anyone and everyone is welcome. We charge £2 a session to cover the cost of the hall and refreshments. We look forward to welcoming you.

Churchstoke WI

Churchstoke WI meets on the **first Wednesday of every month** except for August. We meet at 7.30 in the Community Centre Churchstoke. We are a very friendly group of ladies and always have good speakers. Our Speaker for September is Barbara Davies, who will be demonstrating flower arranging. Barbara is very talented so I'm sure we will learn a lot. We have been lucky enough to welcome some new members this year, but there is always room for more. If you would like to join us, please ring Jo on 01588 620434 or Marilyn on 01588 620418 who will be glad to tell you more.

HYSSINGTON: News from St Etheldreda's

July: a month which included tending the churchyard preserving wild areas for the Botanical Training Day and for future continued participation in The Beautiful Burial Ground Project. We learn and delight in the variety of grasses and flowers growing in the wilder areas whilst appreciating and respecting the love, and care that people show in their various ways by tending the resting places of family or friends.

July: another month of division and seeking compromise between those who do not yet appreciate the natural treasure trove in the churchyard and the fact that there is space for both kinds of 'management' to co-habit.

Please note! It would be appreciated if no glass ware was left behind gravestones. A strimmer in the short-grass area by the black graves had caught a jam jar which splintered. Please be careful kneeling, just in case all has not been retrieved.

July: Thank you especially to Brian and to Johnny, Trevor and Scott Millichope for maintenance of the churchyard. Thank you to the stonemason for such thorough work and for preparing a report for future renovation and completing before the Outdoor Celebration on July 22nd.

We were so sorry to learn of the sudden death of Jo and David Jelves' son-in-law and send our sincere condolences and remember the family in our prayers.

August will be a month of celebrating for the families of Matt Rees and Jess Harris who marry on Friday 10 August and Mark Jones and Samantha Maddox who marry on Sat 25th. We wish both couples much happiness.

Services:

Sunday 5 August: **No morning service. We unite to celebrate Hyssington Methodist Chapel Anniversary at 6.30pm with a service of Holy Communion conducted by Revd. Deborah Swann at the Chapel.**

There is no service at St Etheldreda's in August.

Sunday 2 September: 9.45 Holy Communion St Etheldreda's

Sunday 23 September: 2.30. United Service at the Methodist Chapel.

Advance notice! Harvest Festival at St Etheldreda's is at 09.45 on Sunday 7 October. There will be no afternoon service.

Other dates:

Monday 13 August: Friendship Club Outing: Canal Trip. Time to be confirmed.

Tuesday 14 August: 7.30 Book Club Village Hall tbc

Saturday 8 September: Ride & Stride, (or Cycle or Drive) in aid of Shropshire Historic Churches and St Etheldreda's. Ready, Steady, Go and fundraise! Sponsorship forms will be available soon. Please support! St. Etheldreda's will be open; with refreshments for visiting participants.

Monday 10 Sept: 2.30 Friendship Club: Talk by Mr Haydon: 'Sky at Night'

Tuesday 11 Sept: 7.30. Book Club.

Thursday 27 Sept: 7.30 A very Social Club: Prosecco and Puddings

LYDHAM NEWS

The results of the June 2018 draw (our Last of the July 2017-June 2018 season) on 1st of July 2018 were as follows :

First: £15, Janet Preshous. Second: £7, Ursula Hotchkiss

Third: £5, Jimmy Garnier

The draw was based on 56 tickets for the month.

Application forms for next season which starts in July 2018 are available from Richard Semple or Tony Martin. Tickets are £1 per month.

News from St Peter's, MORE

June draw. 1st R Houlding. 2nd Lucy and Ben Cooke. 3rd Alan Speke.

July draw: 1st Bev & Simon Harris. 2nd Sue Wood. 3rd Paul Amess

RATLINGHOPE news

Janet and Alan Brandon would like to thank all those who attended their grandson Dan's recent cello recital at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. This was a most enjoyable event culminating in a successful fund raiser for St. Margaret's, Ratlinghope - £300 and Severn Hospice - £100, and an appreciative audience for Dan and Susie Allan.

RIDE & STRIDE: Try to keep yourself clear of other events on **Saturday 8 September** and get sponsors to back you in one of our walks or drives, so as to have fun and raise some funds for St Margaret's and Shropshire Churches Historic Trust.

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Dear Friends,

Rev. Deborah **is** recovering, but is still not quite well enough to come back to work. She has asked me to thank you all for your kind concern, understanding and prayers.

I would like to thank all the Churchwardens for the work which they are doing, not only in keeping things running as normal, but also in trying to put in place better support for Rev. Deborah when she returns. I would also like to thank all those who have taken services in her absence. Your help is much appreciated.

All of the normal services have been covered for the next month, as you will see from the rotas. I do hope you enjoy sharing your Harvest celebrations and meals together.

Kind regards, Rev. Stephanie (Rural Dean)

For any enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals please contact the Rural Dean, Revd Stephanie Fountain, because Revd Deborah Swann is not quite well enough to come back to work. Please hold her in your prayers, asking God to heal and bless her.

Thank you, Revd Carol Whittock.

The Purpose of Bernard

This week at our IGNITE Youth Group the teenagers acted out a funny sketch where members of a person's body (Baby Bernard) had a Committee Meeting to decide Bernard's purpose. Brain, Intestines, and Nerves – (the Waste Disposal System sent his apologies as he had a lot on!) discussed the important issues – but from their own perspective.

The Soul, having not been invited, rang in and was told he wasn't needed at the moment!

They had a funny and heated debate about the purpose of life. In the end they came to no conclusion and decided to adjourn the meeting – for another 70 years!

In the discussion with the teenagers which followed we looked at what Jesus had to say: 'Life is more than food and the body more than clothes.' (Luke 12).

We read the Parable of the Rich Fool, who decided to 'eat, drink and be merry'. God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you.' Jesus continued, 'This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God.' (Luke 12:20-21).

The point of the parable is very clear: the most important thing in life is our relationship with God and if we haven't got that relationship at the end of our lives because we've let other things take priority, then we've got nothing, and that is tragic.

Our purpose is to begin and maintain a relationship with Jesus in this life, a relationship which starts now and continues beyond the grave. It's the only thing we can take with us when we die, the only thing which lasts.

There are circa 70,000 Christians in prisons and labour camps in North Korea. They are there because they believe in and follow Jesus and have been arrested for worshipping with other Christians or owning a Bible! They are kept in squalid conditions and suffer torture and persecution. They face death daily - but they know they have an eternal future with God.

A relationship with Jesus is the only thing that lasts.

Revd Carol

Life Events from mid-June will, hopefully, be in the next issue.



Ride & Stride.

This is the year when nearly all our churches participated. What a great achievement. Well done to all involved.

Welcome drinks and other refreshments were laid out in More, Norbury, Myndtown, Ratlinghope and Wentnor, and even in 2 of our Welsh churches: Hyssington and Snead. Although they are in Wales they can still claim grants from the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust, if they wish to do so, because they are within the English Diocese of Hereford.

Malcolm and Afrienne were on hand in Myndtown and Hyssington to give a personal welcome to the visiting Riders & Striders, offering a wide array of drinks, biscuits and home-made cakes. Thank you, both.

The objective is partly to encourage us to visit other churches, sometimes going into churches you've never stepped foot in before, and partly to raise money – getting sponsors to back us as we ride, or stride, or walk gently, or visit far-flung churches in our cars. All proceeds are divided 50:50 between your local church and Shropshire Historic Churches Trust (SHCT).

In recent years many of our churches have provided welcome refreshments to our visitors; but only one had been able collect any sponsors and raise any funds. This year was different because 4 of our churches had one or more Riders and/or Striders. Some walked in the rain, some drove in their cars, and two rode on electric bikes. All these participants had sponsors, so they all raised useful funds for their churches and for SHCT.

Thank you to all who were involved in this National annual event, including all the generous sponsors.

THE GRAND FETE on 27 August was enjoyed by all, raising a total of £4,393 to be split between the parishes of Norbury, Myndtown, Norbury and Ratlinghope. This is £199 less than last year but, considering the indifferent weather, and the fact there was no 'dog show', it is a very good result.

Thank you to all our helpers and to everyone who contributed to this highly successful annual event.

The breakdown is: Draw £769; Teas & ice creams £590; 'New' stall £512; Plants £446; Hog roast £437; Tombola £424; Cakes £293; 'Myndtown Squares' £173; Side shows (skittles, 'fruit machine', coconuts, bowling £170; Bric-a-brac £159; Magnum £151; £50 notes £100; Books £83; Teddy bear £50; Bar £36.

AROUND THE PARISHES: Future events, and News from the Parishes

All events from ALL Parishes in our group are in this section, in date order. Followed by any news from individual parishes.

But first:- Len Williams (of Table Tennis fame) has a tent for sale; an Outwell BearLake 4 tent (with 2 bedrooms for 4 people & large sitting "room"). He confirms it's in excellent condition & sturdy with fitted groundsheet. £150 Ring Christine / Len Williams (Norbury) 01588 650869

Monday 1 October, and every Monday: 2pm-4pm. Afternoon of **TABLE TENNIS** in Village Hall at Norbury on Monday 2 July (& every Monday). All welcome even if you're a novice. Phone Len Williams 01588 650869.

Tuesday 2 October 2.30 Village Hall at Norbury. AGM **Onny Valley Social Club** Tea Hostesses: Anne, Joyce, Edna.

Weds 3 October 7.30. Community Hall. **Churchstoke WI.** Pat Davies: 'The Maharajahs of Rajasthan'. See Churchstoke Notes for more details.

Thursday 4 October (and every Thursday): 10.30-12.00 **CoffeeCraft** at Churchstoke Community Hall. See Churchstoke Notes for more details.

Thursday 4 October (and every Thursday): 7.30-9.00. **Alpha** course, in Churchstoke Vicarage. See Churchstoke Notes for more details.

Saturday 6 Oct: 10.00-3.15 Newcastle Community Centre. **Filling Station.** A teaching and reflection day, to bring refreshment & encouragement, and to build up our individual and corporate identities as Christians in a world where identity (or confusion about it) is increasingly a big issue. Our 'Kingdom identity' is precious indeed and this day is designed to strengthen and deepen that identity. This day is instead of the usual Friday evening meeting.

Saturday 6 October 2pm. Village Hall at Norbury. **Jumble Sale.**

BUMPER JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 6th October, from 2pm,
in the Village Hall at **Norbury.**

Homemade sandwiches, cakes, cream teas and raffle.

In Aid of All Saints' Church, Norbury."

Saturday 6 Oct 7.00. Hyssington Village Hall **Harvest Supper** Tickets £7.50 from Jo by Oct 1st (!) 01588 620706

Monday 8 Oct 2.30pm Hyssington Village Hall **Friendship Club:** 'Christmas Cards' with Mrs Shirley Rowson'.

Tues 9 Oct 7.30. Hyssington **Book Club** 'Mission to Paris' by Alan Furst'

Thursday 11 October: 7.30. Village Hall at Norbury. **Norbury & District WI.** Jack Dent – **MAGICIAN.** Hostesses: Valerie Woodmansey, Sally-Anne Jones, Joanna Mittom Gore. Flowers: Shirley Betton. Competition: 'A Carved pumpkin or other vegetable'.

Friday 12 Oct: 6.30. Village Hall at Norbury: **Myndtown Church is holding its annual Harvest Festival** and **Supper.** Tickets £15 from Matt or Malcolm.

Weds 17 Oct: Day trip with **Onny Valley Social Club** to Cotswold Wildlife Park and Garden. To book: Richard & Wendy Edwards, 01588 650 607

Thursday 18 Oct: 10-12.30. Village Hall at Norbury. **Information event about Osteoporosis.** Are you affected by osteoporosis or think you may be at risk? Does a member of the family have the condition? If so please come to this **free** information and education event. You need to book your place in advance with **Katie Hall** from the Osteoporosis Society **on: 07545 788872**

Thursday 25 Oct: 7.30. Village Hall at Norbury. **'THURSDAY SOCIAL EVENINGS'**. Meet us at the Hall on the last Thursday of each month for an evening of socialising and playing games like Table Tennis, Cards, Scrabble, Dominoes & Darts. £2.50, including Refreshments, Wine and Pizza.

Saturday 27 Oct 7.3 for 8.00. Hyssington Village Hall. **Halloween Dance** for Hyssington Social Club.

AGE UK Lunches for those 60 & over at the Crown Inn, Wentnor, 12.30pm. Normally **SECOND WEDNESDAY and THIRD TUESDAY** in the month.

Next Wednesday Lunches: 10 October 2018

Next Tuesday Lunches: 16 October 2018.

To book please ring Trevor Jones 01588 650758 (Wednesday lunches) or Margaret Cooke 01588 650280 (Tuesday lunches). Mrs Janet Brandon on 01588 650232 is the 'Age UK Parish Link'

CHURCHSTOKE Notes

Sunday Central
on Sunday October 21st and November 18th at 10.30am
Family Church - *Relaxed and lively* worship



with drama, meditation, big craft construction and fun activities for all ages

Youth Group – Ignite---

Meets on alternate Wednesdays in Churchstoke Vicarage 7.00pm – 8.45pm

Ignite is for school years 7, 8 and 9

Games Food Worship Drama Prayer Chat

For more details ring Revd Carol 620693



Alpha

An opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment.

Starting on Thursday 27th September in Churchstoke Vicarage at 7.30pm – 9pm and continuing on Thursday evenings.

Q. How will the evening go?

A. We begin with Puddings, then a Presentation on DVD, followed by a short Discussion.

For more information contact Revd Carol carolwhittock@btinternet.com

Kidz Klub From Sunday 7 October:

We are starting a Kidz Klub on the first Sunday of the month from October 7th. Parents - please drop children (primary age) at the vicarage in Churchstoke at 10.25 for a mix of games, drinks, story, prayer and activity.

Children will then re-join their parents in church at 11.15 for a final song etc.

This has come out of requests and comments from parents that they never get to adult worship and also requests from children that they want more things like Sunday Central. Our trial run in May was very successful.

If you are interested in this please contact Revd Carol 01588 620693

Confirmation There will be a Confirmation Service next summer. If you or someone you know would like to be confirmed (age 12-100) you need to contact Revd Carol Whittock now! carolwhittock@btinternet.com

CoffeeCraft is a drop-in for all ages which meets every Thursday morning in Churchstoke Community Hall from 10.30 to 12.30. You can just come for friendship, a chat and a drink, or you can bring along a craft of your own to do – knitting, sewing, painting, drawing – anything you like! It is not a club so you can come if and when you can. The cost is £2 each week. We very much look forward to welcoming you. If you would like to know more about CoffeeCraft, please ring either Jo on 01588 620434 or Marilyn on 620418.

Christmas Tree Festival and Carol Service

It seems very hard to believe that it's coming up to 'that time of year' yet again. This year our annual Christmas Tree Festival will be held on the 14th, 15th and 16th December in St Nicholas' Church, culminating in a Carol Service at 4pm on Sunday 16th. All groups, organisations and individuals are welcome to display a Christmas Tree. Invitations will be sent out to all those who have taken part in the past, but if you would like to decorate a tree and

haven't done so before, please contact David on 01588 620434 who will be happy to include you. The festival is always a joyful occasion which is enjoyed by many in the community so please consider taking part.

Jo Jelves

Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for their concern, sympathy and support following the sudden death of our son-in-law, Jonathan Seabrook in July. Jon was a keen cyclist, and a group of his friends and family, including our 11 year old grandson Joshua, are organising a charity bike ride of 49 miles starting in Market Harborough, Leics. It's called 'The 49er' as that was Jonathan's age.

Any sponsors for this event would be very much appreciated. The money will go to a village in Kenya which is supported by Jon's church, and it is intended to buy bicycles which will enable the children to get to school. There is a Just Giving website which can be accessed through Facebook, or any other donations can be given to us. Thank you in advance.

David and Jo Jelves

Churchstoke WI meets on the first Wednesday of every month in the community hall at 7.30. We are a very friendly group of ladies who welcome new members. We have a very varied programme of speakers and events throughout the year. Our **October meeting is on 3rd** and our speaker is Pat Davies who will be telling us about 'The Maharajahs of Rajasthan'. I'm sure this will be an interesting talk so do please consider coming along. The first evening is free. For further details ring Jo on 01588 620434.

We would also like to invite you, your friends & partners to join us on our **Christmas Shopping trip to Chester**. This will take place on **14 November**. We leave the Cooperative car park Churchstoke at 8.30 a.m. and hope to leave Chester at 4.00 so we should get back to Churchstoke by around 6.00. The cost of the outing is £10. The trip is open to everyone, not just WI members. Please contact Carol Gittins on 01588 620650 to book a place.

HYSSINGTON: News from St Etheldreda's

It's a long time since the excitement of the Botanical Training Day; the cutting of the wild areas in the churchyard, under the enthusiastic leadership of Bryan Llewellyn; the camaraderie and good nature of all who helped on the main clearance day; a book-worth of jokes over a prepared lunch.

Thank you to everyone who participated, who gave their time – all day, or several hours after work. Thank you so much!

Certain areas were left uncut as the knapweed was in flower and, on cutting the bank, Bryan was discovered by some very healthy 'tunnelling bees' and found himself with more company than he bargained for! The grass was tipped into a trailer and collected repeatedly by Alan Jones of The Farm, Snead, and used for composting. For next year, it would be excellent to have a one-bale baler: I have the design but require someone with the time and skill to make it!

I hope that people will see the management plan developing as we work towards protecting 'our living treasure' amongst the dead. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with your views. We are however grateful for the guidance of **Georgina** and **Alex** from 'The Beautiful Burial Ground Project', **Rob Rowe**, our local singing botanist and **Tammy**, Conservation Officer from the Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust.

It was excellent that Tammy could attend the Outdoor Thanksgiving and afterwards quietly point out various insects and flowers, for she was as patient with the insects as the humans!

Revd Carol Whittock graciously 'topped and tailed' our Thanksgiving service. Thank you Carol!

Flynn and **Lyra** helped with the story of 'St Colomanus and the Bear'. The oak tree became an apple tree (non G-M) and the story illustrated how all creatures and living things can co-exist. Humanity has a lot to learn from its own behaviour and from the intelligence of the wildlife around us.

Flynn looked after Bear (Ursa Orvis) as we processed from shaded areas of the churchyard and finally into church where people had the opportunity to hear the dawn chorus in an afternoon. Flynn and Lyra and Lucy had decorated a window with life-like birds but it was unusual to hear a puffin!

Thank you to everyone who helped or provided the tea and especially **Sheila** who found herself to be surprisingly in charge of the teapot.

It was lovely to experience the happiness of family and friends at the weddings of **Jessica Harris** and **Matthew Rees** (August 10th) and **Samantha Maddox** and **Mark Jones** (August 25th). The church bells must have been heard in Churchstoke, Jean!

It was delightful to see **Bill Hopkins** though for too short a time, when he visited friends in the vicinity. **Gerry** was not well enough to accompany him but we wish them both well.

Finally St Etheldreda's was 'manned' for the '**Ride and Stride**' fundraising event organised by the Historic Churches Trust. We welcomed 8 participants and enjoyed the opportunity to offer hospitality. One person collected some Ride & Stride sponsors, which will raise a small amount to be divided between St Etheldreda's and the Historic Churches Trust.

RATLINGHOPE news

Ratlinghope 200 Club draw results:

May. £20 Alan Jones; £10 Annie Douglas-Hamilton; £5 John Fildes

June. £20 Wendy Oakley; £10 Maureen Walker; £5 Mervyn Owen

RIDE & STRIDE on Saturday 8 September: Ratlinghope had three people who collected sponsorship and travelled to other churches – mainly within

our local parishes; but a small number walked around churches in the centre of Shrewsbury on that wet Saturday morning.

It was good to meet people in other churches, including the Abbey, and the Cathedral. I've been going past the United Reformed Church at English Bridge for over 45 years but never been inside before!

Meanwhile we had several visitors who enjoyed our hospitality when they visited us. At the time of writing it's too early to know exactly how much was collected, but rest assured that some welcome funds have been raised for our church and for Shropshire Historic Churches Trust, to help other small churches pay for vital repairs. Thank you to all who helped in any way.

David Hardham

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For details of service times at the **Cathedral**, please telephone 01432 374212 or visit the **Cathedral website:** www.herefordcathedral.org.

Do you want a Magazine? Or do you know someone who might like to subscribe at £6 for the year (10 issues)? Please encourage sales! Contact Margaret Cooke 01588 650280 (Shropshire & Snead parishes) or Jo Jelves 620434 (Churchstoke & Hyssington)

Bishop's Castle Dial-a-Ride and Community Car scheme: For individuals or groups regardless of age or disability. All journeys must be pre-booked. Volunteer drivers & escorts required. Contact Adrian Varcoe 01588 638350

Bus enquiries: 08702 412216 **National Rail Enquires:** 08457 484950

Myndtown Combined Parish Council: Parish Clerk Mrs L Thomas 650509

Wentnor Stores: The Post Office OUTREACH service is OPEN on TUESDAY 9.30AM – 11.30am - offering personal banking, Car Tax & Euros- please support the village shop WENTNOR STORES as much as possible.

Hall Bookings: **Lydham Hall:** N. Le Gras, 01588 630639.

Email: treasurerlydhammorevillagehall@gmail.com

Churchstoke Community Centre: Victoria Butcher, 01686 668955

Hyssington Village Hall: 01588 620197

Village Hall at Norbury: bookings: Anita Bright, 01588 650242

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ONNYCAMLAD PARISHES (July 2018)

Revd. Deborah Swann, (01588 650253)
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Lydham, More, Snead, Churchstoke & Hyssington

Revd. Carol Whittock, Mission Priest of Churchstoke (01588 620693)

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Mette Wardle, Reader (01694 751466)

Sunday Services, and other worship.

Sun 1 st <i>Trinity 5</i>	9.45 10.30 11.15 2.30 6.30	Holy Communion Morning Praise Holy Communion Afternoon Service Evensong	St Etheldreda's, Hyssington St Nicholas', Churchstoke All Saints, Norbury Kinnerton Chapel St Michael & All Angels, Wentnor
Sat 7 th	1.30	Wedding Blessing	All Saints, Norbury
Sun 8 th <i>Trinity 6</i>	9.30 10.30 11.15 3.30 6.30	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Deanery Evensong Last service to be conducted by Revd Hazel Ratcliffe	St Margaret's, Ratlinghope St Nicholas', Churchstoke St Peter's, More Hereford Cathedral Hyssington Chapel
Sat 14 th	2pm	Wedding	St Michael & All Angels, Wentnor
Sun 15 th <i>Trinity 7</i>	8.30 9.45 10.30 2.30 6.30	Holy Communion Holy Communion Confirmation Afternoon Service Evening Prayer	St Margaret's, Ratlinghope St John the Baptist, Myndtown St Nicholas', Churchstoke Kinnerton Chapel St Michael & All Angels, Wentnor
Sun 22 nd <i>Trinity 8</i>	8.30 9.30 9.45 10.30 1pm 3pm 6.30	Holy Communion Morning Praise Holy Communion Sunday Central Baptism Outdoor Thanksgiving Evening Prayer	All Saints, Norbury St Margaret's, Ratlinghope St Michael & All Angels, Wentnor St Nicholas', Churchstoke St Michael & All Angels, Wentnor St Etheldreda's, Hyssington St Peter's More.
Sun 29 th <i>Trinity 9</i>	10.30	Holy Communion <i>all parishes together</i>	St Peter's More

Confirmation Service by Bishop Alistair

Sunday 15 July 10.30am, at St Nicholas', Churchstoke.

Dear Readers,

Many millions of people will be on the move this July and August. Some of you will be going on holiday, choosing to travel, hopefully to a lovely destination. Others will be on the move because they're refugees or migrants, very uncertain of their destination and survival, as recent news events have highlighted.

The idea of travel and journey are ancient metaphors for life changing experience and the distance one can travel spiritually within oneself. Early Christians were known as followers of 'The Way' and Jesus Christ claimed, *I am the way the truth and the life* (John 14.6).

'The way' is a helpful concept to explain at Baptisms and Confirmation (both happening in the coming months). Baptism is the start, hopefully, of a person's life-long journey with Christ and Confirmation is the moment when a person makes a decision, confirms, that he or she, does want to travel with Christ and deeper into Christ, for the rest of their life. Marriage too, is a commitment to a new way, of living and being and loving and it's wonderful that so many weddings are taking place in our Churches this year.

Saint Christopher was popularised as the patron saint of travellers. His feast day used to be on the 25th of July until the Church effectively demoted him due to the rather fantastical stories and superstitious practices linked to him. He is most frequently shown carrying the Christ child across a river.

The story goes, that Christopher was performing Christian service by living alone by a ford and carrying travellers across the river on his massive back, (he was of giant like proportions!). One of his passengers, a small child, grew so heavy that half way across the river, Christopher feared they would both be drowned despite his great strength. The child then revealed himself as Christ and explained to Christopher that he had just carried the creator of the world and all the weight of its sin on his back. The saint's Greek name, *Christophoros*, means *one who carries Christ*, the 'Christ-bearer'.

Like many stories surrounding saints they often lead us into deeper spiritual insights, regardless of the historicity. In this case Saint Christopher reminds us that we are called to be 'Christ-bearers'. Wherever we go and whoever we meet on our travels, we are called to be Christ to others.

Not all of us are able to travel physically anymore. Some of you reading this may be based at home now because of sickness, or caring responsibilities, farming commitments or lack of money. If this is the case - please know that you are remembered and prayed for, God knows who you are!

And for those of you who are off on travels or going away, travel safely and have a happy holiday.

Revd Deb Swann

Life Events mid- May – mid June 2018



We entrusted to God:

John Clive Habgood Funeral 19th May, St Nicholas' Churchstoke
Ian Gray Cavan Funeral 7th June, St Peter's, More

Please continue to pray for these individuals and families represented.

The **Beautiful Burial Ground project**
is running a training session in plant identification.

At **Hyssington churchyard**,
with Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust,
on **Monday 16th July** 10:30am-2:30pm.

Some of the grass is being left uncut so we can identify as many different species as possible.

If you would like to join this free session please contact Georgina on 01588 673041 or email george@cfga.org.uk.

(More details in Hyssington News, a few pages on)

Joint OnnyCamlad PCC Meeting – All 9 PCCs

Wednesday 25th July 7- 9 pm. Village Hall at Norbury,
with refreshments midway!

To coordinate festival services, dates and events and
to hear a **Presentation by Revd Val Smith** on the 'Parish Giving Scheme'
followed by questions and discussion about whether PCCs want to
implement this scheme.

The 'Parish Giving Scheme' is a Church of England initiative to save time and hassle because the 'accountancy paperwork' is done for you, for free!

It seems to be a great way to:

Minimise Treasurers' workloads.

Reduce the work of gift aiding.

Encourage planned giving to the Church by regular worshippers,
and by community supporters – even of very small amounts.

Encourage us to regularly review our giving.

Please come to plan, and sort dates; and to find out about a potentially more efficient way to support our Churches for a long term, sustainable presence in our communities!

Many thanks Revd Deb Swann

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Saturday 30 June: 3 – 5pm Village Hall, Churchstoke. **Strawberry Tea.**

This is a major event for Churchstoke that we can all support and enjoy. Teas £4.50. Primary age children free. Stalls with plants, homemade cakes, and craft items. See 'Churchstoke Notes' for more details.

Monday 2 July, and every Monday: 2pm-4pm. Afternoon of **TABLE TENNIS in Village Hall at Norbury on Monday 2 July (& every Monday). All welcome even if you're new to the game. For enquiries, phone Len Williams 01588 650869.**

Tuesday 3 July: Day trip with **Onny Valley Social Club:**

Cider Musuem, and free time in Hereford

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Thursday 5 July (and every Thursday): 10.30-12.00 **CoffeeCraft at Churchstoke Community Hall.**

Thursday 5 July 7.30 at The Fold, Ratlinghope **Norbury and District WI**

Note a change of date from the original programme.

"At home with our President, Kath Hughes". Hostesses are Margaret Cooke, Brenda Jones and June Pinches and the competition is "Sunflower in a Pot".

Why not come and join our friendly WI and meet up with old friends and make new ones? Visitors are always welcome and if you are thinking of joining the first meeting is free. We'd love to see you.

Sunday 8 July Our Deanery has been invited to **Evensong at Hereford Cathedral at 3.30pm followed by tea.**

Anyone from the Deanery is welcome, and I do hope that you will take this opportunity to enjoy the choir and special worship at the Cathedral, and to meet the Dean of Hereford Cathedral.

Revd Stephanie Fountain, Rural Dean (01588 630324).

Monday 9 July 1pm. **Hyssington Friendship Club: visit to 'The Discovery Centre', Craven Arms.**

Tuesday 10 July 7.30pm: Hyssington village hall. **Book Club ('The Quickenning Maze' by Adam Foulds)**

Friday 13 July 7.15 for 7.30 – 9.30. **FILLING STATION** at Newcastle Community Centre. The usual refreshments from 7.15, followed by informal worship and an inspiring talk. See front of Magazine for more details.

Monday 16 July 10.30-2.30pm Botanical Training Day St Etheldreda's 'The Beautiful Burial Ground project' See our notice a few pages back. And Hyssington News, a few pages on, for more information.

Weds 18 July: Day trip with **Onny Valley Social Club** to Althorn House
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Ignite

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Sunday Central

on Sunday July 22nd at 10.30am

Family Church - *Relaxed* and *lively* worship



with drama, reflection, big craft construction and fun activities for all ages

Strawberry Tea

St Nicholas' Church is holding a Strawberry Tea on **Saturday 30th June** from 3pm to 5pm in the Village Hall. The cost will be £4.50 for adults with primary school age children free. There will be strawberries and cream and delicious cakes etc. to eat, and there will be a stall selling a variety of things – cakes, plants and craft items.

Come along and enjoy good food and good company.

Confirmation by Bishop Alistair

Confirmation Service on **Sunday 15th July**
at 10.30am at **St Nicholas' Churchstoke**.

This year 3 adults and 3 members of Ignite will be confirmed
Come and be a part of it!!

HYSSINGTON: News from St Etheldreda's

On **Monday 16 July** from 10:30-2:30pm We're incredibly fortunate to be hosting the Botanical Training Day. (See notice a few pages back)

Please contact Georgina on 01588 673041 or email george@cfga.org.uk if you would like to come and participate, just so that we have an idea of numbers.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided but you may bring your own picnic, and extra water to drink. Hyssington Village Hall will be open 'for your convenience' as we don't have such facilities up at the church.

This **Beautiful Burial Ground Project** is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, for four years, and managed by 'Caring for God's Acre'. The first newsletter, introducing the team and the aims of the project, can be requested from the above email address and explains the project's potential

for training recorders nationwide in plant biodiversity and in the 'social and built heritage of churchyards, chapel yards and burial grounds'.

It encourages our communities to value our burial grounds. Places that can explain our social history. Also they are refuges for a great variety of wildlife, which will be recorded as data accessible through the 'National Biodiversity Management Atlas(!) connecting also with monument records.

We have a lot to learn even if we go to our own churchyard many times to visit the graves of family and friends. If Monday is your time to visit a family grave, do come along as usual but stop for a chat and a cup of tea too!

Depending on the weather, **from Tuesday 17th July, the churchyard will be cropped** and we hope that extra people will volunteer to help our loyal and hardworking churchyard team. Paths to regularly visited graves have been maintained and the wild flowers and grasses alongside have been admired. Why not visit other churchyards in the Benefice and see how they are managed?

Sunday 22 July 22, at 3pm: We are having our '**Outdoor Thanksgiving**' (formerly 'Open Churchyard'). The service, conducted by Revd Deborah Swann, will take place at different points in the churchyard. Followed by afternoon tea. Of course it won't be raining!

We are looking forward to the children taking part and hope to have some botanical puzzles 'up our sleeves'. Please come along-even if 'church' isn't your thing! It's a social gathering too.

Hyssington History Group

The books by Hyssington History Group: 'Hyssington Memories' and 'Hyssington Histories', glimpses into the life of a village, have proved so successful that there has been a reprint of 50! They are available at £10 per set. Please telephone Liz Woodcock on 01588 620027.

Other Dates for the Diary:

Sunday 8 July 6.30pm. The last service conducted by Revd Hazel Ratcliffe, will be at Hyssington Chapel at 6.30pm.

Monday 8 July 1pm Friendship Club Visit to 'The Discovery Centre', Craven Arms.

Tuesday 10 July 7.30pm Book Club: Village Hall ('The Quickening Maze' by Adam Foulds)

Saturday July 28th 6.30pm Social Club 'Summer Barbeque'

Please check Village Hall Notice Board for events.

LYDHAM NEWS

The results of the May 2018 draw (our Eleventh of the July 2017-June 2018 season) on 26th May 2018 were as follows: First Prize ,£15 Barrie Geddes. Second Prize, £7 Phil Powell. Third prize, £5 Marion Denwood.

Application forms for next season which starts in July 2018 are available from Richard Semple or Tony Martin. Tickets are £1 per month. Richard Semple 01588 630664. Tony Martin 01588 630313

Ratlinghope news Draw results:

£20 Richard Langford. £10 Nigel Harley-Holmes. £5 Margaret Cooke.

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Sun 10 <i>Trinity 2</i>	9.30 10.30 11.15 6.30	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Evening Prayer	St Margaret's, Ratlinghope St Nicholas', Churchstoke St Peter's, More All Saints, Norbury
Sun 17 <i>Trinity 3</i>	8.30 9.45 10.30 11.15 2.30 6.30	Holy Communion Holy Communion Sunday Central Holy Communion Afternoon Service Evening Prayer	St Margaret's, Ratlinghope St Mary the Virgin, Snead St Nicholas', Churchstoke Holy Trinity, Lydham Kinnerton Chapel St Michael & All Angels, Wentnor
Sun 24 <i>Trinity 4</i> <i>Birth of John the Baptist</i>	8.30 9.30 9.45 10.00 10.30 11.30 6.30	Holy Communion Morning Praise Holy Communion United Service Holy Communion Holy Baptism Evensong	All Saints, Norbury St Margaret's, Ratlinghope St Michael & All Angels, Wentnor St Etheldreda's, Hyssington St Nicholas', Churchstoke St John the Baptist, Myndtown St Peter's More.
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Two ways to live

Albert Einstein said, 'There are only two ways to live your life: one as though nothing's a miracle, and the other as though everything's a miracle'.

Jesus Himself said there are ultimately only two ways to live: two paths, two gates, two destinations, two groups of people. (Matt 7:13-14)
It's all a question of which way you choose.

There are two ways and two destinations and ultimately everything depends on the person you believe in and follow:

- 1) Believe in yourself and follow your own desires
- 2) Believe in Jesus and follow Him

This choice defines everything: group, path, destination, way.

Psalm 50 describes two attitudes to God: hate and honour. Hate means ignoring or forgetting God. Honour means thanking and praising God.

The great Russian novelist Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, having in mind the great disasters of the twentieth century which killed 60 million Russians, saw the principle trait of the twentieth century was that 'people have forgotten God'.

There are times in all our lives when we forget God and mess things up.

Peter gives us hope: he messed up but Jesus forgave him. He failed but God used him in a huge way – because he went to Jesus and repented, and he was reinstated.

This gives us all hope. It's never too late to turn to Jesus and restore relationship. Through Jesus we can be forgiven and restored, but we do have to turn to Him.

Peter was changed from coward to brave leader.
If God can change Peter He can change me.

You may like to pray this prayer: 'Lord, today I want to honour You by thanking You for all the blessings You have given me. Please forgive me for all the times I have forgotten You. Help me to believe in You Lord Jesus and to choose to follow You every day.'

Revd Carol Whittock

Life Events mid-April - May 2018



We welcomed through:

Marriage:

David Boyle Viscount Kelburn and Lavinia Hardham

5th May, St Michael & All Angels, Wentnor

We entrusted to God the souls of:

John Hattersley

24th April, St Margaret's, Ratlinghope

Jim Cooke

10th May, St Margaret's, Ratlinghope

Please continue to pray for these individuals and families represented.

Mini- PCC Meetings

to confirm Parish Offers (due end of June) and any other essential business:

Wentnor – Sunday 3 June – directly after 6.30pm Service in Church

Hyssington – Monday 4 June – 7pm Hyssington Methodist Chapel

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Thurs 10		Ascension Day – see services across Deanery	Start of 11 days of ecumenical and global prayer: <i>Thy Kingdom Come</i>
Sun 13 <i>Christian Aid week begins</i>	9.30 10.30 11.15 11.15 6.30	Holy Communion Holy Communion Celtic Celebration of Sacred Land Holy Communion Evening Prayer	St Margaret's, Ratlinghope St Nicholas', Churchstoke St Mary the Virgin, Snead, St Peter's, More All Saints, Norbury
Sun 20 <i>Pentecost</i>	8.30 9.45 10.30 11.15 2.30 6.30	Holy Communion Holy Communion Pentecost Sunday Central Holy Communion Afternoon Service Pentecost Praise	St Margaret's, Ratlinghope St John the Baptist, Myndtown St Nicholas', Churchstoke Holy Trinity, Lydham Kinnerton Chapel St Michael & All Angels, Wentnor
Sun 27 <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	8.30 9.30 9.45 10.30 2.30 6.30	Holy Communion Morning Praise Holy Communion Holy Communion United Service Evensong	All Saints, Norbury St Margaret's, Ratlinghope St Michael & All Angels, Wentnor St Nicholas', Churchstoke Hyssington Methodist Chapel St Peter's More.

Dear Friends,

Writing this letter, on April 14th, the news is all about Syria and the air strikes by the US, UK and France, following alleged chemical attacks. Donald Trump explained that the western allies had 'marshalled their righteous power against barbarism and brutality'. I would suggest that no 'righteous' power has been in evidence during the long years of war in Syria.

A grim topic to start May perhaps, when we want to think of sun and spring and positive things, but this month various religious events and festivals do encourage us to think about power and how it is used:

- On Rogation Sunday (6th), the tradition of 'beating the bounds' of parishes is linked to asking for God's blessing on the land and people – his blessing being powerful for good
- On Ascension Day (10th) we remember Jesus' parting words to his disciples to '*stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high*' Luke 24.49
- Ascension also marks the start of the ecumenical and global prayer movement *Thy Kingdom Come* when we are encouraged to pray for God's Mission and a different kind of power and politics to be realised in the world around us
- Christian Aid week begins on the 13th and despite the abuse and misuse of power by some Aid Charities, Christian Aid does seek to empower the powerless, in many parts of the world, to positive life changing effect
- Pentecost (20th), is about the gift of power, the power of the Holy Spirit to Jesus' disciples, (now us), so that we might be his witnesses in the world, spreading the Gospel
- And finally, on Trinity Sunday (27th), we celebrate the mystery of the all-powerful triune God we worship, who subverts worldly power, to save and to heal.

All of the above gives us a different perspective on power and what 'righteous' action might mean personally and globally. We are called to witness to a God who offers redemption and reconciliation as Good News and to work for a kingdom to come - of peace with justice. Let's pray for God's righteous power to be realised in our world this month and for Syria.

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Mary's Concert

Ratlinghope is having a Beating the Bounds walk on **Sunday 6 May**, and, in the evening, Mary has, at last, agreed to sing for us

Eat your hearts out Simon, Garfunkle, and Joan Baez

... Ratlinghope's very own Mary Hardham will sing your songs to her own guitar accompaniment
Plus other songs including some she wrote herself

In the Tipi at **Upper Knolls Farm**. 7.00 – 9.30

£5 per head To include a glass of wine
(Children free)

Vast array of drinks at the bar.

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Want a different view of Valentine's Day?

Then join us for a

'Very Valentine' Service

St John the Baptist, Myndtown

6.30pm, Friday, February 16th

*Music, hymns and readings to reflect
Lent and Love... but no mushy stuff!*

With refreshments afterwards.



Dear Readers,

Lent begins on the 14th February this year (yes, Valentine's Day).

The word Lent is a shortened version of an Old English word, *lencten*, meaning 'spring' or 'springtime'. The season of spring, like the Church season of Lent, can trigger all kinds of associated thoughts, feelings and images, some positive and some less so.

Sadly, one of the less pleasant associations, I now have with spring and Lent, is linked to cars! For the last 8 years or so, the servicing and MOTing of cars in our household, has fallen in Lent. As our vehicles get older, the trepidation prior to this process has increased. What work will be needed? How much money will we need to spend this time? The days when we serviced our first cars - minis - prior to MOTing them, is long gone.

The annual servicing of cars is actually a bit like the purpose of Lent. The 40 days of Lenten preparation prior to Easter is a time for us to put ourselves through something like an annual spiritual service, asking ourselves:

- How are we running?
- What areas in our lives need attention?
- What's not working and in danger of breakdown?
- What can we do to change things and make things work better?

Just as no car can keep functioning safely and efficiently, without attention and care, so our ability to 'function' as Christians needs work too. Lent is an opportunity to make time to evaluate our relationship with God and others. It's a time for repentance, to recognise our need to change and to turn to Christ afresh, seeking a new way forward.

Throughout Lent, there are opportunities to take time out, to reflect and pray and also opportunities to put faith into practice. For example:

- Fair Trade fortnight falls during Lent (Sun 26th – Sun 11th March) – prompting us to question how we support global and local Fair Trade.
- Special services - starting on Ash Wednesday.
- Lent study groups - encouraging us to question and learn about our faith.

If we can spend money, time and effort, keeping our cars on the road, how can we spend money, time and effort, seeking to serve God and others this Lent?

Revd Deb Swann

Ash Wednesday: death, sin and reconciliation



'Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.

Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ'.

These stark and powerful words are said again and again on Ash Wednesday, at the beginning of Lent, as people come forward to be marked with ash, in the sign of a cross, on their foreheads. It's a very powerful and symbolic moment.

Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence, i.e. acknowledging and feeling deep remorse for how we have sinned in thought, word and action; and this custom of being marked with ash, at the start of Lent, began in the Middle-Ages. Although 'ready-made ash' can be bought, customarily, the ashes are made out of the previous year's palm crosses, for added symbolism.

Being 'ashed' and told to *'remember that you are dust'*, reminds us of our mortality. There is no getting away from the fact that we will die and that we do not know when. Reminding ourselves of death can be a positive thing because it means we are made conscious of the preciousness and fragility of life. This can help us to value the present moments of living. It can also help us reflect on *how* we are living and whether our lives reflect our faith in God and our hope in the resurrection.

So, on Ash Wednesday, we come face to face with our mortality but also with the opportunity to commit ourselves afresh to *'turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ'*. This is what the Lent journey is all about – the journey that leads us away from all that lies behind us, our past failures, weaknesses and regrets and the journey that leads us towards a new way of living that offers love, forgiveness, healing and reconciliation ... a new start, new hope.

The origins of *Shrove Tuesday* are linked to this practice of reconciliation. Today Shrove Tuesday just tends to be associated with pancakes - whether you observe Lent or not - but the word *'shrove'* comes from the practice of *'shriving.'* This was when Christians would make their confession of sin and receive absolution, i.e. being reconciled with God in the presence of a priest, prior to the start of Lent.

Ash Wednesday is a great opportunity to think about reconciliation and the steps we need to take towards it, firstly with God but also with other people. The 'Ashing,' that will take place at all our services of Holy Communion on this day, is a visible reminder of our call to seek reconciliation.

If you haven't experienced it before, come and see!

Rev'd Deb

Local Lent Study Courses – All Welcome:

At Churchstoke - Thursday 2pm, in The Vicarage, Churchstoke, starting Thursday 22nd Feb. **Facilitated by Revd Carol Whittock:**
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At Norbury - Monday 7pm at Norbury Hall, Norbury, SY9 5DX,
(Note: It's at Nigel's home, in Norbury, NOT at the village hall)
Starting **Mon 19 Feb**. Co-facilitated by **Revd Deb Swann** and **Nigel Hirst:**



This study group, at Norbury, is a 'Pilgrim Course' on 'The Eucharist'
It's a study that's been prepared by the Church of England
If you have questions about Holy Communion, why we do it, how we do it
and what the origins and deeper meanings are
And if you fancy discussion that encourages different perspectives ...
... please contact Nigel or Deb to find out more or confirm you'll come:
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ONNYCAMLAD PARISHES (March 2018)

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More and Snead, with Churchstoke & Hyssington

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Sunday Services and other worship.

Sun 4th <i>Lent 3</i>	9.45 10.30 11.15 6.30	Morning Praise + APCM Morning Praise Holy Communion Evening Prayer	St Ethelreda's, Hyssington St Nicholas' Churchstoke All Saints, Norbury St Michael & All A, Wentnor
Sun 11th <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	9.30 10.30 11.15 2.30 6.30	Mothering Sunday Service Mothering Sunday Central Mothering Sunday Service Mothering Sunday Evening Prayer	St Margaret's, Ratlinghope St Nicholas' Churchstoke St Peter's, More Kinnerton Chapel All Saints, Norbury
Sat 17th	5pm	Spring Sing! Service	St Mary the Virgin, Snead
Sun 18th <i>Lent 5</i>	8.30 10.30 6.30 6.30	Holy Communion Holy Communion + APCM Evening Prayer Evening Prayer + APCM	St Margaret's, Ratlinghope St Nicholas' Churchstoke St Michael & All A, Wentnor Holy Trinity, Lydham
Sun 25th <i>Palm Sunday</i>	8.30 9.30 9.45 10.30 11.15 2.30 3pm	Palm Sunday Eucharist Palm Sunday Praise Palm Sunday Eucharist Palm Praise Palm Sunday Praise Afternoon Service United Service	All Saints, Norbury St Margaret's, Ratlinghope St Michael & All A, Wentnor St Nicholas', Churchstoke St Peter's, More Kinnerton Chapel Hyssington Methodist Church
Holy Week			
Mon 26	12noon	Stations of the Cross	St Nicholas' Churchstoke
Tues 27	12noon	Stations of the Cross	St Nicholas' Churchstoke
Weds 28	12noon	Stations of the Cross	St Nicholas' Churchstoke
Maundy Thursday 29 th	10.30 7pm	Chrism Eucharist Compline & Reflection on the 'Last Supper'	Hereford Cathedral All Saints, Norbury
Good Friday 30 th	10.30 12noon 2.30	Good Friday Meditation Meditation & Music Good Friday Observance	St Nicholas', Churchstoke Holy Trinity, Lydham St Margaret's, Ratlinghope
Sat 31 st	8pm	Easter Vigil	St Ethelreda's, Hyssington

This year, as far as possible, all our Annual Parochial Church Meetings, APCMs, (the equivalent of Annual General Meetings), will take place after we've had 2018 PCC meetings. APCMs will take place in the context of a

Sunday Service – worship first, then refreshments then APCM. This makes the meeting accessible to all and reminds us of our unity in Christ and that all our 'business' is God's.

Additional APCM dates, (other than those in the above schedule of services):

Snead	Mon 5 th March 8pm	Meeting at The Mill
Ratlinghope	Sun 8 th April 9.30am	St Margaret's
Norbury	Sun 8 th April 6.30pm	All Saints
Myndtown	Sun 15 th April 9.45am	St John the Baptist
Wentnor	Sun 15 th April 6.30pm	St Michael & All Angels

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Norbury	Tues 6 th March 7pm	Meeting at Norbury Hall
Wentnor	Weds 7 th March 7pm	Meeting at The Rectory
Ratlinghope	Weds 14 th March 7pm	Meeting at The Coppice

The new structure and process of the APCMs will be explained at PCCs. Thank you for being prepared to change arrangements this year. We'll see how it goes and can review things for next year.

Revd Deborah Swann

CONFIRMATION by Bishop Alistair

There will be a Confirmation Service on **Sunday 15 July** at St Nicholas' Churchstoke. If you would like to be confirmed (or baptised) please contact Revd Deb (560253) or Revd Carol Whittock (620693). See 'Churchstoke Notes' (a few pages on) for more details.

Life Events mid Jan – Feb 2018



We entrusted to God the souls of:

Elizabeth <u>Jean</u> Richards	27 th Jan, St Michael & All Angels, Wentnor
Rupert <u>Oliver</u> Pryce	1 st Feb, St Etheldreda's, Hyssington
John Gareth Pugh	6 th February, Emstrey Crematorium, Shrews
David Christopher Marpole	10 th Feb, St Michael & All Angels, Wentnor
Ronald Batson	16 th Feb, St Peter's, More

Please continue to pray for the families of those who have died.

Re. David Marpole - if anyone would like a copy of Revd Norman Morris' Eulogy, please email or ring Revd Deb Swann.

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