

**ONNYCAMLAD PARISHES** (Dec 2019 & Jan 2020)

**Revd Vivienne Hatton** - Rector of Wentnor with Ratlinghope, Norbury,  
Myndtown, Lydham, More & Snead  
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**Reader** – **David Jelves (01588 620434)**

**Revd Carol Whittock - Mission Priest of Churchstoke (01588 620693)**

Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> December	9.30 9.30 10.30	Morning Praise Holy Communion Morning Praise & Kidz Klub	Ratlinghope Hyssington Churchstoke
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	11.30 2.30 6.30	Holy Communion Holy Communion Evening Prayer	Norbury Kinnerton Chapel Wentnor
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	7.00pm	Licensing of the Rev'd Vivienne Hatton	More**
Sun 8 Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	9.30 10.30 11.30 6.30	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Evensong	Ratlinghope Churchstoke More Norbury
Sun 15 Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	9.30 11.30 2.30 4.00 6.30	Holy Communion Holy Communion Carol Service Carol Service BCP Evensong	Myndtown Ratlinghope Kinnerton Chapel Churchstoke Wentnor
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30	Benefice Carol Service	More
Sun 22 Dec 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	9.30 10.30	Holy Communion Holy Communion	Norbury Churchstoke
Tues 24 Dec <b>Christmas Eve</b>	4.00pm 11.30pm	Crib Service Midnight Communion	Churchstoke Wentnor
Wed 25 Dec <b>Christmas Day</b>	10.00 10.30	Christmas Communion Christmas Communion	Ratlinghope Churchstoke
Sun 29 Dec 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas	10.30 2.30	Whole Benefice Morning Praise Methodist Service	Village Hall at Norbury Kinnerton Chapel

\*\*Re: Licensing service on 2 Dec: Car Parking at Norbury Village Hall with bus shuttle service to and from the Hall to include refreshments afterwards.

Sun 5 January  2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas	9.30	Morning Praise	Ratlinghope ('DIY')
	9.30	Holy Communion	Hyssington
	10.30	Morning Praise & Kidz Klub	Churchstoke
	11.30	Holy Communion	Norbury
	3.00	Twelfth Night Service for Epiphany	Snead
	6.30	BCP Evening Prayer	Wentnor
Sun 12 Jan  1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	9.30	Holy Communion	Ratlinghope
	10.30	Holy Communion	Churchstoke
	11.30	Holy Communion	More
	2.30	Methodist Covenant Service	Bishop's Castle
	6.30	Evensong	Norbury
Sun 19Jan  2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	9.30	Holy Communion	Myndtown
	10.30	Sunday Central	Churchstoke
	11.30	Holy Communion	Ratlinghope
	6.30	BCP Evensong	Wentnor
Sun 26 Jan  3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	8.30	Holy Communion	Norbury
	10.00	Holy Communion	Wentnor
	10.30	Holy Communion	Churchstoke
	2.30	Methodist Service	Kinnerton Chapel

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You can call and leave a message on the Rectory phone but please note this now has a new number 01588 650857. It will be regularly checked but if your matter is urgent you can ring 01588 650580.

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Dear Friends.

As my time in the Onny Camlad Benefice draws to a close, I would like to take the opportunity to say how much I have enjoyed being amongst you during the past few months. I have greatly appreciated all the support and friendship given to me by so many people in so many ways, and I have been most impressed by the strong community spirit.

By the time you read this I should imagine that many of us will be busy with Christmas cards ... decorations ... hampers ... chocolates ... crackers ... cases of wine ... turkeys ... Christmas carols! One of the 'traditional' carols I remember singing as a child begins with the question:

*'Who is this so weak and helpless, child of lowly Hebrew maid,  
Rudely in a stable shelter'd, coldly in a manger laid?'*



And the answer follows:

*"Tis the Lord of all creation, who this wondrous path hath trod;  
He is Lord from everlasting, and to everlasting God".*

Here we have one of the many traditional carols which presents the true meaning of Christmas which I hope will be central amidst all our exchanging of greetings cards and presents this year,

I wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas.

Love from Christine

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### **Wentnor Harvest Supper**

The Harvest Supper for 2019 was held on 25<sup>th</sup> October where we were served an excellent roast beef meal by Vanessa and her team at The Crown. Thank you to all concerned.

The lucky square was drawn for a knitted Nativity Scene with a hand-made stable, which was won by Rachel Bright.

Our thanks to Roger and Angela Turner together with Joy Martin who created and donated this lovely prize, which raised £100 for the clock fund. The general raffle raised a further £90.

Thank you to all who supported such a happy community evening.

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### **Castle Voices Midwinter Concert**

Wednesday 18 December at Lydham Church 7pm.

### **Seasonal songs readings and music**

We are pleased to welcome Castle Voices to Lydham.

They have entertained us well in previous years and we hope you can be with us this year to enjoy their concert.

Contact, Tony Martin, 01588 630313

**AROUND THE PARISHES: Future events. 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.

**Monday 2 December, and every Monday:** 2.00-4.00. **TABLE TENNIS** in the Village Hall at Norbury. All welcome even if you're new to the game. For enquiries, phone Len Williams 01588 650869

**Tues 3 Dec:** Christmas dinner at The Green, with **OnnyValley Social Club**. Contact: Edna Jones (01588 650634)

**Weds 4 Dec:** Churchstoke WI **Christmas lunch**. See 'Churchstoke Notes'.

**Thurs 5 Dec:** Christmas shopping trip to Hereford, with **Onny Valley Social Club**. Contact: Richard & Wendy Edwards (01588 650 607).

**Thursday 5 December,** and every Thursday, 10.30-12.30 **CoffeeCraft**. At Churchstoke Village Hall. See 'Churchstoke Notes'.

**Sunday 8 December:** 2pm. **Middle Marches Community Land Trust**. Land Mapping at Pollardine Farm, Gatten, (Nr Ratlinghope), Pontesbury. An afternoon hosted by Lizzie Hulton-Harrop to explain how Pollardine Farm has used Land Mapping technology to improve efficiency on the farm. Post code:SY5 0SJ. Free to Members. Small donations from non-members.

**Thurs 12 December:** 7.30. Village Hall at Norbury: **Norbury & District WI**. Play: 'Re-electing a President'. Competition: Best-wrapped shoe box for charity. Hostesses: the Committee. Flowers: table decoration.

We are a friendly, welcoming group; and the first meeting is free!

**Weds 18 Dec.** 7.00, Lydham church, **Castle Voices Midwinter Concert**. See notice a few pages earlier.

**Weds 25 Dec:** 11.30-3pm Church Barn, Bishop's Castle: **Christmas Lunch** for people on their own at Christmas. Festive Friends: 01588 630409 (Linda)

**Tuesday 7 January:** 2.30 in Village Hall at Norbury. Soup and Puddings with **Onny Valley Social Club**. Contact: Edna Jones. ( 01588 650634)

**Weds 8 Jan:** 7.30. **Churchstoke WI** (see 'Churchstoke Notes' for details)

**Thurs 9 January:** 7.30. Village Hall at Norbury: **Norbury & District WI**. Talk by Helen Robinson: 'Architectural Stained Glass'.

Competition: Coloured glass object. Hostesses: Jayne Pugh, Wendy Oakley, Jayne Goodman. Flowers: Ros Payne.

We are friendly group, welcoming visitors and new members. The first meeting is free so why not come along and meet us and enjoy the variety of speakers we have for you this year?

**Sunday 12 Jan: Onny Valley Social Club** are making their annual theatre trip to Shrewsbury, to see the Pantomime – **Aladdin**. Contact: Richard and Wendy Edwards (01588 650607).

**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:** 11 December & 8 January

**Next Tuesday Lunches:** 17 December & 21 January

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'

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**CHURCHSTOKE NOTES** (Website: [www.stnicholaschurchstoke.org.uk](http://www.stnicholaschurchstoke.org.uk))

### **Follow the clues**

I love detective stories; and whenever you turn on your television, whether you're on Netflix or Iplayer or Prime etc., there are always plenty of programmes about detectives solving crimes. People seem to be fascinated with discovering what clues will lead to. The Old Testament is full of clues (over 300) about Jesus being born and about the purpose of His life.

But when He arrived, His birth never made the headlines and He wasn't recognised by many people as the long-awaited Messiah; maybe they hadn't joined the dots!

But Mary & Joseph knew Him; the wise men knew Him; some shepherds got the shock of their lives when they were treated to a glimpse of heaven as thousands of angels appeared in the sky praising God; and the powers of darkness knew and tried to get rid of Jesus through Herod's cruel plans.

But God's plan prevailed.

His plan to come and rescue us Himself.

His plan for a close relationship with each of us.

When Jesus, God the Son, came into our world it was with the intention of sacrificing Himself so that we would have the chance of eternal life. If we accept this – His sacrifice for us – if we repent and turn from our old ways and follow Jesus and serve Him as His disciple – then we can enjoy a wonderful relationship with God which starts now and goes on forever.

Because Jesus came to usher in a New Covenant, a new agreement, a new relationship.

The Old Covenant made between God and His people on Mt Sinai, hadn't been working. His people kept running off and following their own selfish ways. And so God told Jeremiah His plan six centuries in advance:

'The time is coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will make a New Covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people'. (Jer 31:31). To Jeremiah's amazement, God was telling him about a New Covenant that would override the one with Moses and deal with

every aspect of Israel's sinfulness. It would restore a relationship that had been damaged by rebellion. It would mean that everyone could know God. It would involve total forgiveness.

Now let's jump forward in time to an evening when Jesus is eating a meal with His close friends. After supper He takes the cup of wine and announces: 'This is my blood of the New Covenant which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins'. (Matt 26:28)

If you'd been there would you have joined the dots?

Jesus is talking about the New Covenant, this new relationship with God which begins with His death on the cross.

So this Christmas as we sing the well-loved carols and reflect on the birth of our Saviour let us praise God and thank Him for His plan of the New Covenant, the relationship with God that is only possible through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

If we follow the clues and examine the evidence it will lead us to the Truth – that God Himself became a little baby – to rescue you and me!

May God bless you all this Christmas!

Revd Carol

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**Ignite** Youth Group for school years 7 – 9:

Meets alternate Wednesdays 7-8.45pm in the vicarage.

**Games Food Worship Drama Prayer Chat**

Contact Revd Carol

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**Kidz Klub**

Kidz Klub is on the first Sunday of the month – 1<sup>st</sup> December, 5<sup>th</sup> January  
Parents - please bring children (primary age) to 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 11.20am for the final song etc.

This is led by parents and church members and is working very well.

If you are interested in **Kidz Klub** please contact Revd Carol 01588 620693

**Christmas Eve Crib Service**

**4pm Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

Come and hear the beautiful account of the birth of Jesus Christ  
and see it enacted before your eyes

Children please come dressed as shepherds or angels if you wish

# Sunday Central

on **Sunday January 19<sup>th</sup>** at 10.30am

## Family Church –

*Relaxed and lively* worship

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



N.B. The third Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, there will not be Sunday Central as it will be the Christmas Tree Festival Carol Service at 4pm. See you there!!

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## **Christmas Tree Festival**

13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> December

St Nicholas' Churchstoke

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

The festival will culminate in a

**Family Carol Service**

at 4pm on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Seasonal refreshments served after this service.

Entrance is free but donations to Open Doors & St Nicholas' Reordering Fund would be welcome

Times of opening: Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 1.30 to 4.30

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.30 to 4.30

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Dec, 12 noon until the Carol Service at 4.00.

If you would like to exhibit a tree, either real or artificial, or one you have made yourself, please contact David Jelves on 01588 620434

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**CoffeeCraft** meets every Thursday morning from 10.30 to 12.30 in Churchstoke village hall. CoffeeCraft is not a club so you can drop in whenever you can. You don't have to craft. You can just come for friendship, a chat and a drink, or you can bring along something of your own to do – anything you like! The cost is £2 each week which includes refreshments. Ring Jo on 01588 620434 for further details.

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## **Churchstoke WI**

At our AGM in November, Mal Hill was elected as our new president, as Sue Hughes had served her 3-year term of office. Congratulations to Mal and many thanks to Sue. Also we discussed the time of our monthly meetings. Many people don't like venturing out on cold, dark, winter's nights so after much debating it was decided to have our meetings from November to March

inclusive, on the first Weds of the month from 4.00 to 6.00 instead of 7.30 to 9.30. From April to Oct (incl) we will meet in the evenings from 7.30 to 9.30.

Our **Christmas lunch is on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec** and this replaces the usual meeting. In January we will meet in Churchstoke village hall on **8<sup>th</sup> January** at our new Jan time of 4.00. NB: we are NOT meeting on the first Weds of Jan because that is New Year's Day. There will be a speaker and we would love to welcome new members. If you have any questions about WI please contact Mal on 01588 620766 or Jo 01588 620434. We look forward to seeing you.

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## **St Etheldreda's & Hyssington**

We held an evening service to rededicate the WW1 Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. An excellent congregation paid tribute to the five men lost from our community in The Great War, and to the single casualty of WW2. The service was conducted by Rev Christine Brewster, who received the Royal British Legion Standard from Mr David Baldwin, (Churchstoke Branch). St Etheldreda's was bedecked with Stephen's poppies and wreaths.

The names of the Fallen were read by Mr Ian Rogers, following in his father's footsteps. Played by Mr Clive Roe, from Snailbeach Brass Band, the Bugle resounded, punctuated by The Silence. It truly made this a deep and personal remembrance of those of our men who died in the two world wars, and of those who had been with them but were able to return home and keep their own silence.

Wreaths were laid by Ms. Megan Lawley on behalf of The Royal British Legion (Churchstoke Branch); and by Mr Gary Frost, representing Hyssington and community as the local Councillor; and by Miss Sian Rogers representing the younger generations, and also as a distant connection to William Heath Evans - The Llanerch (colloquial pronunciation 'The Lann-er').

An additional marble plaque gave details of the first unveiling and dedication in Hyssington Primitive Methodist Chapel in 1921 and of the generous funding received from Powys War Memorials Project and The National Heritage Lottery Fund. Local fundraising covered the obligatory 10%. We are grateful to D & G Stone Services for the pride they took in the project.

Refreshments were served after the service. Thank you to everyone who helped throughout the project, and those who attended. We wove another thread of Hyssington's history and paid a fitting mark of respect.

## **Services**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec:** Advent Sunday 0930 Holy Communion. AND **Advent Party** at 3–5pm in Village Hall. Craft and story, tea and chat. Mary and Joseph begin their travels around the community. They have a full itinerary!

**Tues 24 Dec:** Christmas Eve 6.30pm Carols and Readings by Candlelight.

**Sunday 5 Jan:** 09.30 Holy Communion

## **Village Events**

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 6.30 for 7pm Social Club Christmas Supper. VH  
Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2.30- 4.30 Friendship Club Christmas Party and Carols. VH  
Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30pm Book Club. VH  
Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.30-12.30 Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy books. VH  
Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 10.30-12.30 Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy books. VH  
Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 7.30pm Book Club. VH

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**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. [Adrian Varcoe](mailto:Adrian.Varcoe) or ring 01588 638350

**Myndtown Combined Parish Co:** Parish Clerk Mrs L Thomas 650509.

**Wentnor Stores:** The Post Office outreach service is OPEN on Tuesdays 9.30–11.30. Please support the village shop as much as possible.

## **Hall Bookings:**

**Churchstoke Community Centre:** Victoria Butcher, 01686 668955

**Hyssington Village Hall:** 01588 620197

**Lydham Hall:** Shirley Rowson, 01588 638016. [rowson950@btinternet.com](mailto:rowson950@btinternet.com)

Email: [treasurerlydhammorevillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:treasurerlydhammorevillagehall@gmail.com)

**Village Hall at Norbury:** bookings: Lesley Oldham 07494 088463

**Website:** <http://www.villagehallnorbury.co.uk>

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Churchstoke & Hyssington

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Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	9.30	Morning Praise	Ratlinghope (DIY)
Trinity 20	9.30	Holy Communion	Hyssington
	10.30	Morning Praise (Kidz Klub 10.25 in Vicarage)	Churchstoke
	11.30	Holy Communion	Norbury
	2.30	Holy Communion	Kinnerton Chapel
	6.30	Evening prayer	Wentnor
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	10.15	Remembrance	Wentnor
Trinity 21	10.50	Remembrance	Churchstoke
Remembrance Sunday	3.00	Remembrance	Lydham
	6.00	War Memorial Rededication	Hyssington
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30	Holy Communion	Myndtown
Trinity 22	10.30	Sunday Central	Churchstoke
	11.30	Holy Communion	Ratlinghope
	2.30	Holy Communion	Kinnerton Chapel
	6.30	Evening Prayer	Wentnor
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30	Holy Communion	Wentnor
Sunday next before Advent	10.30	Holy Communion	Churchstoke
	11.30	Holy Communion	Ratlinghope
	6.00	Service of Light	Norbury

### **FOOD BANK**

The people who manage our local Community Larder, based in Clun, have been in touch, saying how grateful they are for our gifts of food and other supplies, including some large donations from Harvest Festivals.

They have explained that they will need some festive food for Christmas: like chocolates, tinned or boxed biscuits, & some items for children.

(I used to love those Christmas stockings that were filled with a variety of Mars bars & other chocolate bars). (Still do!)

It would be kind if we could contribute such items. Please bring them to the food bank collection box at your church. Or contact Benefice Administrator at [admin@onnycamlad.co.uk](mailto:admin@onnycamlad.co.uk). 01588 650580 to arrange collection.

We aim to take these supplies to Clun on Thursday 12 December.

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**Dear Friends,**

I wonder how many of you have seen, pinned up in someone's office, or on a family notice board, the prayer that begins, 'God, grant me the grace to accept with serenity the things I cannot change'.

I've certainly seen these words many times, and I know that they've brought strength and encouragement to numerous people in times of difficulty. Yes, we all know the first few lines of this prayer, but how many of us know the full prayer, which reads as follows?

God, grant me the grace to accept with serenity  
the things that I cannot change,  
courage to change the things I can,  
and wisdom to know the difference,  
living one moment at a time;  
accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,  
taking as you did, this sinful world as it is,  
not as I would have it;  
trusting that you will make all things right,  
if I surrender to your will;  
that I may be reasonably happy in this life,  
and supremely happy with you forever in the next. Amen.

This prayer, which is attributed to Niebuhr, is one of my favourites and I believe that it expresses many universal truths. As we celebrate and enjoy so many good things here in the OnnyCamlad Benefice - the friendly community spirit, the wide variety of societies and organisations, the many opportunities for education and the beauty of the countryside, may we always 'live one day at a time' in the knowledge that God 'will make things right'.

**'Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done.'** (Matthew 6:10)

Love from Christine.

**Friday 8 November.** 7.00 Village Hall at Norbury

**QUIZ with a Greek Flavour** (Moussaka)

Doors open 7.00. **Moussaka served 7.30**  
(Vegetarian option avail)

£10 per person. Teams up to 6 people. Cash Bar.

Entry with ticket only due to limited numbers. For details, contact:

Valerie: 01588 650940 / valerie.woodmansey@btinternet.com

Christine: 01588 650869 / christine.williams03@gmail.com

*We can team up small groups and individuals together on the night!*

## **"Christmas Cheer"**

**Flower Arranging: by Jane Pugh, the singing florist**

**Friday 15th November**

**7 for 7.30pm in The Village Hall at Norbury**

**Raffle and Christmas stalls**

**In aid of Wentnor Church.**

**£10 to include refreshments**

**Tickets available from Wentnor Shop, Jane's Petals or on the door.**

## **COFFEE MORNING**

**Saturday 23 November. 10.30-12**

All are welcome to Lane Cottage, Norbury,  
the home of Liv and Oliver Goode.

For a friendly chat, coffee and cake.

Bring and Buy (including produce) etc.

This is a time to relax before or during your Christmas preparations

## **BULBS and PROSECCO**

**Saturday 30 November** 10.30-12.30

Frank and Mary Astley are having a  
**SALE OF CHRISTMAS BULBS**

At The Smithy, Linley.  
In aid of St Peter's, More.

Enjoy a glass of Prosecco with us!

## **Deanery Study Day Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

9.30am – 3.30pm Bishop's Castle Church  
Worship Leader Training led by John Daniels  
Bring and Share Lunch

During the day we will cover the first 3-4 sessions of the '**In Spirit and in Truth**' course. No previous worship leading is necessary. Those who have signed up already have been involved with a variety of different activities. See article near front of magazine on page XX for more details and, if you are going to attend, please tell Cathy Owen: [ridgeway.ba@gmail.com](mailto:ridgeway.ba@gmail.com) or 01588 630610 (leave a message). No cost; but don't forget some lunch!

## **Marion Denwood – retiring.**

For about 10 years we have been blessed with Marion's love and expertise in the preparation of some beautiful, angelic, music for our services of Nine Lessons and Carols every Christmas. Now she has decided it's time to retire from this activity, but she will still be one of our organists in our local group of parishes.

Thank you, Marion, for all that you have done, and are still doing, for us.

Marion has asked us to print this letter to the Christmas Benefice Choir:

I am writing to tell you that, after ten years, I am retiring from preparing the Benefice Choir for the Candlelight Service on Nine Lessons and Carols at St. Peter's, More.

I want to give my sincere thanks to all singers – past and present, for the support and enjoyment they have given me whilst preparing our music for the service.

It has been a great joy to have you all in my home.

With thanks and love,  
Marion.



## DAVE MARPOLE

We have done it!

The members of Wentnor PCC are very pleased to report that the target for the Dave Marpole Memorial Church Clock appeal has reached its target. A huge thank you to all.

There has been a good deal happening behind the scenes through the summer with the involvement of the Diocese Clock Adviser following the award of a grant to assist the project. He recommended a further two Conservationists be asked to submit quotes for the work, one of whom came in with a price which enabled us to do “more” with the available funding.

In summary the 235 year old clock will be removed and taken away to be fully renovated. An automatic winder will be installed which means the large granite weights which had to be manually wound up every 3 days will not be required. This also removes the risk associated with these very heavy lumps of granite being suspended in the bell tower.

The hourly chime will be restored with a timer included to avoid night time chiming. In addition the revised figures have allowed us sufficient funds to renovate the clock face.

It is proposed that the works will take place throughout the winter months with completion early in the New Year.

The fund-raising has been a tremendous achievement and a testimony to a much loved and missed member of Wentnor and the wider community.

Once again thank you everyone

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**Norbury and District WI** would like to thank everyone who supported their coffee morning on September 21st. The wonderful sum of £430 was raised which included £100 from Margaret Rowson's plant sales. A big thank you to her and all the helpers on the day. Our chosen charity was **Hospice at Home (Severn Hospice)** which is close to the hearts of many members  
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**Saturday 23 Nov:** 10.30-12.00 **Coffee Morning** with Liv and Oliver Goode at their home – Lane Cottage, Norbury. See Notice a few pages back.

**Sunday 24 Nov:** 11am, at 'The Hurst', Clunton: a talk: '**Soil, Food and Wildlife**' by **Mark Measures**, Farm Adviser and Soil Specialist. This event is from the **Middle Marches Community Land Trust**. See p XX for details.

**Saturday 30 November:** 10.30-12.30. '**Bulbs and Prosecco**', at The Smithy Linley; home of Frank & Mary Astley. See bigger Notice, a few pages back.

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N.B. The third Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, there will not be Sunday Central as it will be the Christmas Tree Festival Carol Service at 4pm. See you there!!

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This is led by parents and church members and is working very well.

If you are interested in **Kidz Klub** please contact Revd Carol 01588 620693



**Remembrance Day**

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November at

10.50am at St Nicholas'

Churchstoke

Service begins at the War Memorial



## Christmas Tree Festival

13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> December

St Nicholas' Churchstoke

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

The festival will culminate in a

Family Carol Service

at 4pm on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Seasonal refreshments served after this service

Entrance is free but donations to Open Doors and St Nicholas' Reordering Fund would be welcome

If you would like to exhibit a tree, either real or artificial, or one you have made yourself, please get in touch with David Jelves on 01588 620434. We would love to see YOUR tree there.

Don't forget to put the date in your diary to come and view the trees which are always beautiful and well worth seeing.

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Congratulations and thank you Dora.

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## **News from ST ETHELDREDA'S & HYSSINGTON**

Hyssington and community World War 1 Memorial has been mounted in St Etheldreda's and looks like it has always been there. **Rev. Dr Christine Brewster** will officiate at a service of re-dedication on Sunday 10 November:

Remembrance Sunday, at 6pm. Light refreshments will be served afterwards at the church. Please do come!

Remember this memorial is the community's mark of respect for the five young men who gave their lives in the 'Great War'. We received generous funding from Powys War Memorials Project and The National Lottery Heritage Fund. It seems a long time since the initial fund-raising entertainment in January.

Services

**Sat 2 Nov.** All Souls Day. Church opening hours 10am to 4pm. This is a day to especially remember those who are near to us who have died, to light a candle, say or read a prayer and give thanks. Take time to reflect and make a cup of tea/coffee. This is for anyone of faith or none.

**Sun 3 Nov.** 9.30 Holy Communion

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**NEWS FROM ST PETER'S, MORE:**

Frank & Mary Astley are having a sale of Christmas bulbs on Saturday 30 November from 10.30-12.30. See Notice near the front of our section, a few pages back, for more details.

October Draw: 1. Cheryl Jones; 2. Kath Hughes; 3 Sharon Thomas.  
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**NORBURY'S NEWS & EVENTS:**

**Remembrance:** Would you like the time and space to remember a departed loved one? We welcome you to join us in a short informal Service of Light in the peaceful setting of Norbury church: 6pm Sunday 24 November. Sprigs of rosemary will be available, as well as candles to light and we look forward to seeing you.

**Coffee Morning.** Sat 23 Nov with Liv and Oliver. See Notice on page XX.  
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### **Ratlinghope news:**

We had a warm, friendly, cheerful, all-age service for our Harvest Festival last month, led by Revd Dr Christine Brewster, who just refers to herself as 'Christine', and has been a wonderful help to us this year. Thanks, Christine!

The church was decorated with numerous tins and bottles of food and other supplies which were kindly donated by the congregation for our local Food Bank which is based in Clun.

There is a need for gifts of 'Christmas food' in the next few weeks – See the notes just below OnnyCamlad's schedule of services (a few pages back).

Draw results: £20 Rosie Jones; £10 Jackie Mathews; £5 David Cooke

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### **COPY DATE for Dec/Jan double issue is 14 November** 2019.

Please send contributions **to the Compiler for your Parishes.**

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

In Hyssington send to Afrienne Jones ( [afriannedenysjones@gmail.com](mailto:afriannedenysjones@gmail.com) ).

In Churchstoke send to Rev Carol Whittock ( [carolwhittock@btinternet.com](mailto:carolwhittock@btinternet.com) ) 01588 620693. They will forward contributions to David Hardham.

PLEASE do not copy to the Magazine Editor/Compiler, Carol Morgan, as she cannot deal with individual items and articles from all the Groups of parishes.

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**Do you want a Magazine?** Do you know someone who would subscribe at only £6 for the year (10 issues)? Please encourage sales & distribution. Contact Margaret Cooke 01588 650280 (Shropshire & Snead parishes) or Jo Jelves 620434 (Churchstoke & Hyssington)

**Wentnor Stores:** The Post Office outreach service is OPEN on Tuesdays 9.30–11.30. Please support the village shop as much as possible.

**Myndtown Combined Parish Co:** Parish Clerk Mrs L Thomas 650509.

### **Hall Bookings:**

**Churchstoke Community Centre:** Victoria Butcher, 01686 668955

**Hyssington Village Hall:** 01588 620197

**Lydham Hall:** Shirley Rowson, 01588 638016. [rowson950@btinternet.com](mailto:rowson950@btinternet.com)

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

Website: <http://www.villagehallnorbury.co.uk>

**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. Adrian Varcoe or ring 01588 638350

**ONNYCAMLAD PARISHES** (Oct 2019)

Wentnor, Ratlinghope, Norbury, Myndtown, Lydham, More, Snead.  
Churchstoke & Hyssington

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**Revd Christine Brewster - Temporary Priest During The Interregnum**  
**[cbmichaelmas@gmail.com](mailto:cbmichaelmas@gmail.com) (01544 267338)**

**Reader – David Jelves (01588 620434)**

**Revd Carol Whittock - Mission Priest of Churchstoke (01588 620693)**

Sun 6 Octobr 16 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	9.30 10.30 11.30 2.30 6.30	HARVEST Communion HARVEST Praise (Kids' Club: 10.25 in the Vicr'ge) Holy Communion HARVEST Festival HARVEST Festival	Hyssington Churchstoke  Norbury Kinnerton Chapel Ratlinghope
FRIDAY 11 <sup>th</sup> October	7.00pm	HARVEST Service and Supper, in The Village Hall at Norbury	For Myndtown
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Sun 27 Oct Trinity 19 – Bible Sunday	8.30 9.45 10.30 6.30	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Evening Prayer	Norbury Wentnor Churchstoke More

**Benefice Administrator** – If you have any queries about baptisms, weddings, funerals or any other Benefice matters please contact Sue Cooke, the Benefice Administrator. Sue will be working from home initially and can be contacted at [admin@onnycamlad.co.uk](mailto:admin@onnycamlad.co.uk).

**You can call and leave a message on the Rectory phone but please note this now has a new number 01588 650857.** It will be regularly checked but if your matter is urgent you can ring 01588 650580.

Dear Friends,

On 18<sup>th</sup> October the life and work of St Luke is celebrated. We honour him as one of the four Gospel writers and as the personal friend and travelling companion of St Paul. Luke was probably the last friend to remain with Paul in his captivity before, according to tradition, Paul was martyred in Rome.

As well as being St Paul's companion, Luke was a doctor, and many churches and hospitals around the country have been dedicated to him. St Luke's Day is celebrated as a time of prayer and thanksgiving for the gift of healing.

***' ... imagine ourselves into the thoughts  
and minds of others'***

When we look at our own country and around the world today, we can't ignore the fact that there are tensions and conflicts of one kind or another in almost every country. Many people, as we all know, are suffering poverty, unhappiness and illness, through no fault of their own.

Shortly after the horrific events of 11<sup>th</sup> September 2001, Ian McEwan, the novelist, made the following comments, 'If the hijackers had been able to imagine themselves into the thoughts and minds of the passengers', he wrote, 'they would have been unable to proceed. It is hard to be cruel once you permit yourself to enter the mind of your victim. Imagining what it is like to be someone other than yourself is at the core of humanity. It is the essence of compassion and it is the beginning of morality.'

Perhaps we should take time at St Luke's this year to imagine ourselves into the thoughts and minds of others and to ask for God's help amongst all the troubles which exist both in our own country and in the world today. We can be of immense help in showing compassion and in caring for the physical, spiritual and mental needs of others, but only God, through his healing spirit, can restore us to total well-being.

*Lord of all peace, whose will is the total well-being of all humanity, may your healing spirit be at work in our hearts, in our homes, in our countries and in the world. Through your way, your truth and your life, may we find together, that peace which you desire for us, through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen.*

With love from Christine

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**THE GRAND FETE** on 26 August was enjoyed by all, raising a total of £4,270 to be split between the parishes of, Ratlinghope, Norbury, Wentnor and Myndtown. This is a very good result considering that the beautiful weather caused many people to travel away for the long weekend.

**Thank you to all our helpers** and to everyone who contributed to this highly successful annual event, and a special welcome to the Dog Show (we didn't have one last year).

The breakdown is: Draw £718; Teas & ice creams £581; Plants £389; Tombola £373; Cakes £328; Hog roast £324; 'New' stall £247; Bric-a-brac £225; Books £186; Magnum £162; £50 notes £100; Polar bear £50. Jigsaws, a new stall this year, raised £157 WELL DONE; Kids' corner £61. Sideshows: Nail in a bale, bowling, coconuts: £164. Many other items also helped raise funds and provide an enjoyable afternoon. Thank you. A few things didn't happen this year due to a lack of volunteers: 'Myndtown squares', bowling, 'fruit machine', &, saddest of all on a HOT day, the Bar! (The total that we raised is £122 less than last year; £425 less than 2017). Please contact Nigel Hirst early if YOU can help next year! (01588 650863)

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**Flower Arranging: by Jane Pugh, the singing florist**

**Friday 15th November**

**7 for 7.30pm in The Village Hall at Norbury**

**Raffle and Christmas stalls**

**In aid of Wentnor Church.**

**£10 to include refreshments**

**Tickets available from Wentnor Shop, Jane's Petals or on the door.**

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Please put the notice about the Quiz Night 'with a Greek Flavour' on Friday 8 November on the fourth page of OnnyCamlad's section

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The Village Hall at Norbury:

Doors open 7.00

Moussaka served at 7.30 (Vegetarian option available)

Cash Bar and raffle.

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### Harvest Thanksgiving and Lunch

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am**

Our annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch in church.

This was very successful last year and now we have more room to enjoy the lunch as we have space in the side aisles! Kidz Klub is also on 6<sup>th</sup> October.

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### Faith for the Future

We love our church building; we're very grateful for it; and we're grateful to the men and women in the past who have maintained and updated it to make it fit for purpose in their generation. We believe that now is God's time for us to do the same for our generation and for the future.

We have now raised over half the funds for the whole project (including meeting room and toilets) and are planning to install the new heating system later this year. Our vision is to install toilets and a meeting room next year. Please help us to make this happen! Please bring your gift to St Nicholas Church.

### **Gift Day – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

Please give generously in gratitude to the Lord

*'Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.'* Luke 6:38

*'He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows generously will also reap generously. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance so that you may always have enough of everything and provide in abundance for every good work.'* 2 Corinthians 9:6 & 8

#### What do I do?

- Pray the Gift Day Prayer every day (see below)
- Ask God what He wants you to give
- Bring your gift on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October to the service at 10.30am or bring it to church between 2-5pm
- Please bring your gift in an envelope marked 'Gift Day'

If you are a tax payer please sign a Gift Aid form (available in church) which enables us to claim 25p back from the government for every £1 you give.

Thank you very much indeed for your support and prayers. *Carol*

**The Gift Day Prayer**

*Dear Father God, Thank you for Your great generosity and unfailing love toward us. Inspire us by Your Holy Spirit to respond by pouring out our lives in obedience and service to You every day. As we approach the Gift Day show us please what we should give. May our gifts be an outpouring of praise to You and a reflection of our love and gratitude. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen*

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Starting at 10am, experts **James Forster** and **Joseph Trinder, auctioneers and valuers** from **Halls**, will cast their eyes over artworks, antiques, toys and tableware to estimate their potential value in the auction room.

James Forster, Auctioneer and Picture Specialist commented; "We're delighted to have been invited to raise funds for St Nicholas Church to help towards their project to install a new heating system, toilets and a meeting room. It's always interesting to see what people bring along to these events and although we occasionally uncover something really valuable, most of the time owners are intrigued to know more about their possessions."

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## **St Etheldreda's and Hyssington News.**

The Faculty for relocating the WW1 Memorial has now been granted and David Andrews of D &G Stone Services, Craven Arms will have completed the work during the latter days of September. An additional plaque denoting history and sources of funding will be mounted at a later date. We hope to have a service of re-dedication and a tea complete with spam sandwiches.

The Methodist Chapel will be up for auction by Halls on 9 October.

Service Sunday **6 October**. 9.30 **Harvest Festival** and Holy Communion

Village Events

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct.** 7.30pm Book Club V Hall.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct.** 10.30am -12.30 VH Coffee Morning. Book Bring & Buy.

Also, at 7.30pm **Village Harvest Supper**. Tickets: £7.50 VH. See posters.

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct** 2pm Meet in VH car park. **Friendship Club outing** to Kings' Nursery and tea in Montgomery.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct.** 7.30 **Social Club Hallowe'en Party** VHall. Fun,games and stories. Fancy dress is optional. Bring own drinks. Have a spooky time!

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**LYDHAM News**

The results of the August 2019 draw (The last of the 2018-2019 season) on 4th August 2019 were as follows :

1<sup>st</sup> £12, Ursula Hotchkiss; 2<sup>nd</sup> £5 Rosie Newcombe; 3<sup>rd</sup> £4.50 Sandra Jones.

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

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**News from St Peter's, MORE.**

On **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November** from 10-12 there will be an open house at The Smithy, home of Frank and Mary Astley. Bulbs and Prosecco.

Thanks to all who gave and supported our More Breakfast. It raised £1,000.

July Draw: 1. David Wright; 2 Mrs Jean Rice; 3 James Moores.

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August draw: £20 Lizzie Harley £10 Rev'd Norman £ 5 Marion Middleton.

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We are very pleased and proud that Myndtown has been selected as one of their venues.



Tickets £10 to include tea and coffee. Wine and Prosecco on sale.

To book: [www.myndtownchurch.co.uk](http://www.myndtownchurch.co.uk) to pay by credit/debit card or PayPal.  
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# **GRAND FETE and FUN DOG SHOW**

Village Hall at Norbury.

**Bank Holiday Monday 26 August**

Gates open at 1.00pm

Hog roast from 1.00pm.

Teas with homemade sandwiches and cakes.

Usual attractions including Garden Games and sideshows.

A wide variety of stalls:

Tombola, Home-made cakes, Plants, Books, and more.

A new stall this year - sale of new and second-hand jigsaws.

Offers of homemade cakes, new items for the 'NEW stall', tombola prizes, garden produce, plants, raffle prizes, and help on the day are most welcome. Plants, vegetables, & homemade cakes are popular so offers will be gratefully received. We especially need homemade cakes!

Rosie Jones & Lorna Middleton need tombola prizes – please leave at Wentnor Shop.

Good quality second-hand books, including children's books, wanted please

Steve Griggs would like donations of jigsaws, please, for his new stall.

Steve is at School House, Norbury. 01588 650729

For further information and advice contact: Nigel Hirst (650863), Margaret Cooke (650280), Rita & Barry Preston (650671), any other church warden.

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## **AROUND THE PARISHES: Future events. 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.

**Monday 1 July, and every Monday: 2.00-4.00. **TABLE TENNIS** in the Village Hall at Norbury. All welcome even if you're new to the game. For enquiries, phone Len Williams 01588 650869**

**Tuesday 2July: Trip to Lake Vyrnwy. 11am depart. **Onny Vally Social Club.** Contact Richard & Wendy Edwards (01588 650 607).**

**Wednesday 3 July: 7.30. **Churchstoke WI.** See 'Churchstoke Notes'**

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At Jayne Goodman's. Hostesses: Margaret Cooke, Brenda Jones, June  
Pinches. There will be a QUIZ instead of our usual competition.

We are friendly group, welcoming visitors & new members. The first  
meeting is free, so why not come along to meet us and enjoy the variety of  
speakers we have this year?

**Friday 12 July** 7.15 for 7.30 Newcastle Community Centre '**Filling Station**'  
See article near front of Magazine, or contact Brian Angel (01588 640029).

**Saturday 13 July**: 10.30-12.30 Hyssington Village Hall. **Coffee Morning**  
and **Book 'bring & buy'**.

**Weds 17 July**: Trip to Llandudno. 8am depart. **Onny Valley Socal Club**.  
Contact Richard & Wendy Edwards (01588 650 607).

**Saturday 20 July**: 3.00-5.00. Hyssington V Hall. **Mad Hatter's Tea Party**  
(see Hyssington News for details).

**Friday 26 July**: 10.30-2pm. 'Learn to Scythe' training event at Hyssington  
Churchyard. See Hyssington News for full details.

**Sunday 28 July**: 3pm Hyssington Churchyard: **Summer Service and Tea**.  
See Hyssington News, below, for more details.

**Tues 13 August**: 7.30. **Concert**. Myndtown. See Notice, above, for details.

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**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 July

**Next Tuesday Lunches**: 16 July

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'

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**CHURCHSTOKE NOTES** (Website: [www.stnicholaschurchstoke.org.uk](http://www.stnicholaschurchstoke.org.uk))

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**Confirmation by Bishop Alistair**

Confirmation Service on **Sunday 14 July** at 10.30am  
at **St Nicholas' Churchstoke**.  
Come and be a part of it!!

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**Sunday Central**

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**Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup>** at 10.30am

Family Church - *Relaxed* and *lively* worship



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

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**Ignite**

Youth Group for school years 7 - 9 meets alternate Wednesdays  
7.00-8.45pm in the vicarage.

Games Food Worship Drama Prayer Chat

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**Strawberry Tea**

St Nicholas Church is holding a

**Strawberry Tea**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July** from 3pm - 5pm  
in Churchstoke Village Hall.

Cost will be £4.50 for adults with children (11 and under) free.  
There will be strawberries and cream and delicious cakes etc. to eat.  
Come along and enjoy good food and good company.

# Faith for the Future

## Update on our Reordering Project

We have now sold all the pews from the north and south aisles giving us much needed space ...

Space for Big Craft Construction

Space for adults and children to worship with beautiful flags

Space for lunch together after Church

Space for craft activities at Sunday Central

Space for exhibitions: to showcase paintings by Jo Mattox (and others)  
to display children's work  
to have a community exhibition

Have you got an idea to use this space?

Come in and see! Church is open every day 9-5pm

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## Churchstoke WI

The next meeting of WI is in the community hall at 7.30 on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July. The Air Ambulance volunteers will be coming to speak to us about this fantastic and vital organisation so do think about coming to join us. As well as the monthly meetings, there are also Scrabble sessions and outings throughout the year. We would love to see you. Contact Jo, 01588 620434, or Marilyn, 01588 620418 for more details.

**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 present we are knitting items for the Charity 'Knit for Life' but you do not have to do that if you don't want to! 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.

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## HYSSINGTON NEWS from St Etheldreda's.

Hyssington has been welcoming guests from near and afar, for the NGS days, coffee mornings and the village 'Open Gardens' event. Thank you to everyone who played their part. It was lovely to see St Etheldreda's looking so pretty! The gardeners at Chelsea aren't the only ones who love a mix of wild, cultivated flowers and herbs. We're on trend with minimal miles! There are as many 'thank you's' owed as petals on the flowers!

A pleasant company gathered at the home of Jean and Rod Blaine for the coffee evening in aid of St Etheldreda and The Marsh Church. Thank you for such warm hospitality and Joyce's bid for a place in the Guinness Book of Records for the most raffle prizes. (Can any one answer that one?!)

Next service : Sunday 7 July 9.30am

Please come along on **Friday 26 July** 10am -2pm to a 'Learn to Scythe' training event at St Etheldreda's using an Austrian Scythe. The wild flowers in the churchyard are increasing in variety and will have seeded by then. Bring your own picnic. Drinks will be provided. Booking is essential (places are limited). Please contact [andrea@cfga.org.uk](mailto:andrea@cfga.org.uk) or ring 01588 673041.

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

#### NEWS from St Peter's, MORE

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They are on a 5-venue tour, supported by the Arts Council, to launch their album ‘Rain Over Nubia’ (Antigen Records). Release date: 12 August.

We are very pleased and proud that Myndtown has been selected as one of their venues.



Tickets £10 to include tea and coffee. Wine and Prosecco on sale.

To book: [www.myndtownchurch.co.uk](http://www.myndtownchurch.co.uk) to pay by credit/debit card or PayPal. Or phone John Burt on 01588 680100. Email: [info@myndtownchurch.co.uk](mailto:info@myndtownchurch.co.uk)

# **GRAND FETE and FUN DOG SHOW**

Village Hall at Norbury.

**Bank Holiday Monday 26 August**

Gates open at 1.00pm

Hog roast from 1.00pm.

Teas with homemade sandwiches and cakes.

Usual attractions including Garden Games and sideshows.

A wide variety of stalls:

Tombola, Home-made cakes, Plants, Books, and more.

A new stall this year - sale of new and second-hand jigsaws.

Offers of homemade cakes, new items for the 'NEW stall', tombola prizes, garden produce, plants, raffle prizes, and help on the day are most welcome. Plants, vegetables, & homemade cakes are popular so offers will be gratefully received. We especially need homemade cakes!

Rosie Jones & Lorna Middleton need tombola prizes – please leave at Wentnor Shop.

Good quality second-hand books, including children's books, wanted please

Steve Griggs would like donations of jigsaws, please, for his new stall.

Steve is at School House, Norbury. 01588 650729

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At Churchstoke Village Hall. See 'Churchstoke Notes'.

**Saturday 6 July** 3pm - 5pm: **Strawberry Tea**. See 'Churchstoke Notes'

**Monday 8 July**: 11am: Hyssington V Hall Car park. **Friendship Club**:  
Canal Boat trip.

**Tues 9 July**: 7.30pm **Hyssington Book Club**: In the Village Hall.  
'Havisham' by Ronald Frame.

**Thursday 11 July**: 7.30 GARDEN MEETING. **Norbury & District WI**.  
At Jayne Goodman's. Hostesses: Margaret Cooke, Brenda Jones, June  
Pinches. There will be a QUIZ instead of our usual competition.

We are friendly group, welcoming visitors & new members. The first  
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**Saturday 20 July**: 3.00-5.00. Hyssington V Hall. **Mad Hatter's Tea Party**  
(see Hyssington News for details).

**Friday 26 July**: 10.30-2pm. 'Learn to Scythe' training event at Hyssington  
Churchyard. See Hyssington News for full details.

**Sunday 28 July**: 3pm Hyssington Churchyard: **Summer Service and Tea**.  
See Hyssington News, below, for more details.

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Normally **SECOND WEDNESDAY and THIRD TUESDAY** in the month.

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**Confirmation by Bishop Alistair**

Confirmation Service on **Sunday 14 July** at 10.30am  
at **St Nicholas' Churchstoke**.  
Come and be a part of it!!

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**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July** from 3pm - 5pm  
in Churchstoke Village Hall.

Cost will be £4.50 for adults with children (11 and under) free.  
There will be strawberries and cream and delicious cakes etc. to eat.  
Come along and enjoy good food and good company.

# Faith for the Future

## Update on our Reordering Project

We have now sold all the pews from the north and south aisles giving us much needed space ...

Space for Big Craft Construction

Space for adults and children to worship with beautiful flags

Space for lunch together after Church

Space for craft activities at Sunday Central

Space for exhibitions: to showcase paintings by Jo Mattox (and others)  
to display children's work  
to have a community exhibition

Have you got an idea to use this space?

Come in and see! Church is open every day 9-5pm

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## Churchstoke WI

The next meeting of WI is in the community hall at 7.30 on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July. The Air Ambulance volunteers will be coming to speak to us about this fantastic and vital organisation so do think about coming to join us. As well as the monthly meetings, there are also Scrabble sessions and outings throughout the year. We would love to see you. Contact Jo, 01588 620434, or Marilyn, 01588 620418 for more details.

**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 present we are knitting items for the Charity 'Knit for Life' but you do not have to do that if you don't want to! 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.

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## HYSSINGTON NEWS from St Etheldreda's.

Hyssington has been welcoming guests from near and afar, for the NGS days, coffee mornings and the village 'Open Gardens' event. Thank you to everyone who played their part. It was lovely to see St Etheldreda's looking so pretty! The gardeners at Chelsea aren't the only ones who love a mix of wild, cultivated flowers and herbs. We're on trend with minimal miles! There are as many 'thank you's' owed as petals on the flowers!

A pleasant company gathered at the home of Jean and Rod Blaine for the coffee evening in aid of St Etheldreda and The Marsh Church. Thank you for such warm hospitality and Joyce's bid for a place in the Guinness Book of Records for the most raffle prizes. (Can any one answer that one?!)

Next service : Sunday 7 July 9.30am

Please come along on **Friday 26 July** 10am -2pm to a 'Learn to Scythe' training event at St Etheldreda's using an Austrian Scythe. The wild flowers in the churchyard are increasing in variety and will have seeded by then. Bring your own picnic. Drinks will be provided. Booking is essential (places are limited). Please contact [andrea@cfga.org.uk](mailto:andrea@cfga.org.uk) or ring 01588 673041.

**Sunday 28 July 3pm Summer Service and Tea.** Please support this community gathering. We will be grateful for offers of help.

Village Events

**Monday 8 July** Friendship Club Canal Boat Trip 11.am car park VH

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**Saturday 20 July** 3pm -5pm Mad Hatter's Tea Party! Family event. Bring your sandwiches, make a mad hat to wear! Tea and cake provided. VH.

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**LYDHAM NEWS**

June Draw: (our 10th of the 2018-2019 season).

1<sup>st</sup> £12 Jane Semple; 2<sup>nd</sup> £5 David Jones; 3<sup>rd</sup> £4.50 Christine Forest.

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

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**NEWS from St Peter's, MORE**

May Draw. 1: Christine Finigan, 2: A D Williams, 3: Jan Glover

June Draw. 1: M R Rowson, 2: Jackie Bebb, 3: Crystal Hamer

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**COPY DATE for Aug/Sept 2019** magazine is **14 July** 2019.

Please send contributions **to the Compiler for your Parishes.**

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

In Hyssington send to Afrienne Jones ( [afriannedenysjones@gmail.com](mailto:afriannedenysjones@gmail.com) ).

In Churchstoke send to Rev Carol Whittock ( [carolwhittock@btinternet.com](mailto:carolwhittock@btinternet.com) ) 01588 620693. They will forward contributions to David Hardham.

PLEASE do not copy to the Magazine Editor/Compiler, Carol Morgan, as she cannot deal with individual items and articles from all the Groups of parishes.

**Hereford Diocese website:** [www.hereford.anglican.org](http://www.hereford.anglican.org)

For details of service times at the **Cathedral**, please telephone 01432 374212 or visit the **Cathedral website:** [www.herefordcathedral.org](http://www.herefordcathedral.org).

**Do you want a Magazine?** Do you know someone who would subscribe at only £6 for the year (10 issues)? Please encourage sales & distribution.

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. Adrian Varcoe or ring 01588 638350

Bus enquiries: 08702 412216 National Rail Enquires: 08457 484950

**Myndtown Combined Parish Co:** Parish Clerk Mrs L Thomas 650509.

**Wentnor Stores:** The Post Office outreach service is OPEN on Tuesdays 9.30–11.30. Please support the village shop as much as possible.

**Hall Bookings:**

**Churchstoke Community Centre:** Victoria Butcher, 01686 668955

**Hyssington Village Hall:** 01588 620197

**Lydham Hall:** Shirley Rowson, 01588 638016.

Email: rowson950@btinternet.com

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

Website: <http://www.villagehallnorbury.co.uk>

**ONNYCAMLAD PARISHES** (Aug/Sept 2019)

Wentnor, Ratlinghope, Norbury, Myndtown, Lydham, More,  
Snead, Churchstoke & Hyssington

**Benefice office – [admin@onnycamlad.co.uk](mailto:admin@onnycamlad.co.uk) (01588 650857)**

**Revd Christine Brewster - Temporary Priest During The Interregnum**  
[cbmichaelmas@gmail.com](mailto:cbmichaelmas@gmail.com) (01544 267338)

**Reader – David Jelves (01588 620434)**

**Revd Carol Whittock - Mission Priest of Churchstoke (01588 620693)**

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Sun 11 August Eighth Sunday after Trinity	9.30 10.30 11.30 2.30 3.30 6.30	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Methodist Service Holy Communion Evening Prayer	Ratlinghope Churchstoke More Kinnerton Snead Norbury
Sun 18 August Ninth Sunday after Trinity	9.30 10.30 11.30	Holy Communion Sunday Central Holy Communion	Myndtown Churchstoke Ratlinghope
Sun 25 August Tenth Sunday after Trinity	8.30 9.30 10.30 2.30 6.30	Morning Praise Holy Communion Holy Communion Methodist Service Evening Prayer	Norbury Wentnor Churchstoke Kinnerton More
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September services, continued:

Sun 15 Sept Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	9.30 10.30 11.30 6.30	Holy Communion Sunday Central Holy Communion Evening Prayer	Myndtown Churchstoke Ratlinghope Wentnor
Friday 20 Sept	tbc	Welsh Championship Ploughing Service	Churchstoke
Sun 22 Sept Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	8.30 10.00 10.30 2.30 6.30	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Methodist Service Evening Prayer	Norbury Wentnor Churchstoke Kinnerton More
Sun 29 Sept Trinity 15 – St Michael & All Angels	10.30	Whole Benefice <b>Harvest Festival</b> (No services anywhere else in our Benefice)	Village Hall at Norbury

**Benefice Administrator** – If you have any queries about baptisms, weddings, funerals or any other Benefice matters please contact Sue Cooke, the Benefice Administrator. Sue will be working from home initially and can be contacted at [admin@onnycamlad.co.uk](mailto:admin@onnycamlad.co.uk).

**You can call and leave a message on the Rectory phone but please note this now has a new number 01588 650857.** It will be regularly checked but if your matter is urgent you can ring 01588 650580.

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**Benefice Singers**

At the initial meeting of the 'Benefice Singers' it was decided that each time we have a fifth Sunday in a month there will be two rehearsals to specifically learn/practise songs for that Benefice Service.

In order to prepare for the **Benefice Harvest Festival** there will be a rehearsal on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September** at 7.30 pm in Norbury Church and another on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September** at 7.30pm in The Village Hall at Norbury. Each rehearsal will be for one hour.

The HARVEST FESTIVAL service will then be taking place in the **Village Hall, at Norbury on the 29<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30 am.**

Everyone is welcome to come along to these rehearsals. For more details contact Sue Cooke via [admin@onnycamlad.co.uk](mailto:admin@onnycamlad.co.uk) or 01588 650580.

If you cannot make it to the rehearsals this time, please look out for the ones leading up to the service at the end of December!

Dear Friends,

When I was training for the priesthood, I was privileged to undertake a pastoral placement in Kenya. The churches were about two hours north of Nairobi in the Diocese of Kirinyaga, where the terrain varies from equatorial rain forests, undulating fertile hills, to dry desert. The church buildings were large, simple, barn-like structures, where the needs of local poverty-stricken parishioners were considered to be the priority. People often walked well over ten miles to church, and instead of cash, they offered maize and tea which was auctioned at the end of the service, and funerals took place on the hillsides amongst the shambas and tea plantations, always with joyous singing and brightly coloured flowers.

Here was a very different culture from ours, and the local Bishop built his thinking and practice very much upon the belief that the Christian faith is universally accessible through the medium of different cultures; God's love and mercy unites all people everywhere, regardless of cultural practices.

Whilst I was on this placement, I came across a poem, written in English and pinned up in isolation on one of the church walls. The poem, entitled 'The Road of Life', has stayed with me, and whoever we are, wherever we live, whatever our culture, whatever our church traditions or practices, we're all on the road of life, and we have to decide who'll be doing the steering!



### The Road of Life

At first I saw God as my observer, my judge, keeping track of the things I did wrong, so as to know whether I merited heaven or hell when I die. I recognised his picture when I saw it, but really didn't know him.

But later on, when I met Christ, it seemed as though life were rather like a bike ride, but it was a tandem bike, and I noticed that Christ was on the back, helping me to pedal.

I don't know just when it was that he suggested we change places, but life has not been the same since. When I had control, I knew the way. It was rather boring, but predictable; it was the shortest distance between two points. But when he took the lead, he knew delightful long cuts, up mountains and through rocky places at breakneck speeds. It was all I could do to hang on, even though it looked like madness!

I worried and was anxious and asked 'Where are you taking me?' He laughed and didn't answer, and I started to learn to trust. I forgot my boring life and entered into the adventure, and when I'd say 'I'm scared', he'd lean back and touch my hand. He took me to meet people with gifts that I needed, gifts of healing, acceptance and joy. They gave me gifts to take on my journey, my Lord's and mine, and we were off again! He said. 'Give the gifts away; they're extra baggage, too much weight'. So I did, to the people we met, and I found that in giving I've received, and still our burden was light.

I didn't trust him at first, in control of my life. I thought he'd wreck it; but he knows bike secrets, knows how to take sharp corners, knows how to jump to clear rocks, knows how to fly and shorten the scary passages.

I'm learning to shut up and pedal in the strangest places, and I'm beginning to enjoy the view and the cool breezes on my face with my delightful companion, Jesus Christ ... and when I'm sure I can't do any more, he just smiles and says 'Pedal!',

... so who's doing the steering in your life?

Love from Christine

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## **RIDE AND STRIDE Sat 14<sup>th</sup> September**

People sometimes worry that our Churches are lacking finance, but here is a fun way to raise some money:-

- (1) Get a sponsorship form from me or your Church's R&S rep\*.
- (2) Get your friends to sponsor you a few £ each for you to walk or ride around some participating churches.
- (3) Do a walk/ride on Sat 14 Sept, then your Church sends the money you collect, with any collected by others in your Church, to Shropshire Historic Churches Trust and they send 50% back to your church, keeping the other half to provide grants for repairs, including some grants to our Churches.

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

Last year eight of our Churches provided welcome refreshments to our visitors; but only four had any 'Rider/Striders' who collected sponsorship.

Sometimes people do not know where to start, so I am planning a **walk in Shrewsbury in the morning**, visiting several Churches in the town centre, **and a car-ride in the afternoon to our local Churches that are participating.**

If any people from any of our churches want to get sponsors, and come on the walk and/or the ride, then half their sponsorship money would go to **their** church (not to Ratlinghope!) and the other half would be for SHCT.

\* Your R&S reps: Hyssington = Afrienne. More = Richie. Myndtown = Val. Norbury = Hilary. Snead = Pam. Wentnor = Rita. Lydham = Tony Martin. Ratlinghope = David H (I have sponsorship forms for anyone who wants one)

'May the road rise up to meet you ...' David Hardham  
(01588 650362 dhardham@yahoo.co.uk)

## **CONCERT AT MYNDTOWN CHURCH**

Tuesday 13 August 7.30pm **KADDAL - MERRILL**

Music from Daniel Merrill – a British violinist  
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A new stall this year - sale of new and second-hand jigsaws.

**The Fun Dog Show is back!** No advance booking is required.

For details of categories, and other details, please contact Jo Mitton-Gore at  
01588 650849. Email: [flippermitton9@gmail.com](mailto:flippermitton9@gmail.com)

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Offers of homemade cakes, new items for the 'NEW stall', tombola prizes,  
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**Coffee Morning**

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Saturday September 21 from 10.30-12.30  
in the Village Hall at Norbury.

Cake stall, Plant stall and Raffle.

Proceeds in aid of Hospice at Home (Severn Hospice).

*Come along and enjoy a coffee with friends, and meet new ones.*

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**Date for your diary: Friday 8 Nov.** 7.00 Village Hall at Norbury

**QUIZ** with a **Greek Flavour** (Moussaka) **ΜΟΥΣΣΑΚΑ**

Doors open 7.00. **Moussaka served 7.30** (Vegetarian option avail)

£10 per person. Teams up to 6 people. Cash Bar.

Entry with ticket only due to limited numbers. For details, contact:

Valerie: 01588 650940 / valerie.woodmansey@btinternet.com

Christine: 01588 650869 / christine.williams03@gmail.com

*We can team up small groups and individuals together on the night!*

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**Thurs 15 August:** Churchstoke WI trip to British Iron Works, Oswestry. See 'Churchstoke Notes' for details. Depart 9.00am.

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**Wednesday 4 Sept:** 7.30 Belly dancer at **WI**. See 'Churchstoke Notes'

**Friday 6 Sept:** 7.30, Village Hall at Norbury. **Onny Vally Social Club**. Skittles with WI.

**Tuesday 10 Sept:** 7.30 Norbury Church. Singing practice for Harvest Festival. See a few pages back (just after the table of services) for details.

**Thursday 12 Sept:** 7.30 V. Hall at Norbury. **Norbury & District WI**. **Sara Evans** – painting on silk. Hostesses: Jo Mitton-Gore, Sue Brown, Sally-Anne Jones. Competition: design for a silk scarf. Flowers Christine Mansell

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**The term is over – the holidays have begun!**

One of my childhood memories is waking up on the first day of the school summer holiday and realising that I would soon be on a train speeding from Somerset to Reading to be met by my grandparents. This would be the beginning of a wonderful holiday playing with friends in the fields, cricket with Grampa on the lawn and going on trips. And of course the sun would always be shining. What joy!

CS Lewis was one of the great writers of the twentieth century, responsible, among other things, for the famous Narnia books. In the last chapter of the last Narnia book (The Last Battle) Aslan says to the children: 'There was a railway accident. Your father and mother and all of you are – as

you used to call it in the Shadowlands – dead. The term is over; the holidays have begun. The dream is ended – this is the morning.’

Lewis always meant his Narnia books to be understood as an allegory of the Christian faith. Aslan is Jesus; the children are Christian believers; Shadowlands is the world; the holidays is Heaven.

He was also keen to get people to think about eternity and the deeper things of life. We can get so wrapped up in the life of this world and think it so important. If we ever think of eternity and heaven we think of it as an afterthought, a very long retirement, not doing very much. (That seems more like hell than Heaven). It is also far from the truth. In fact this Shadowlands life is but a very, very short introduction to what existence is really all about – which is our relationship with God. Compared to eternity this life is a couple of seconds in a million years. But .. they are vital seconds because they represent this short life when our most important decision is to enter into a personal relationship with the living God through Jesus Christ.

In the Book of Ecclesiastes which is in the Old Testament it says: ‘God has set eternity in the hearts of men and women’ Chapter 3, verse 11. This means that in the human soul there is an awareness of - a longing for - eternity.. It gives rise to that nagging feeling that there is so much more to existence than what we have now. This was beautifully expressed by Freddie Mercury in his song ‘Want to live forever’.

The answer is that we can live forever in the great adventure of eternity if we choose to come in repentance before God, declaring our belief that His Son Jesus Christ died for our sins, and committing our lives to Him. When the Term is ended the Holidays will begin.

Have a lovely, and at times, reflective holiday. Michael Whittock

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## **Sunday Central**

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**Family Church - *Relaxed and lively* worship**



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7.00-8.45pm in the vicarage. Starts again Wednesday 11 September

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July Draw: (our 11th of the 2018-2019 season):  
1<sup>st</sup> £12 Rachel Coles; 2<sup>nd</sup> £5 Chris Cavan; 3<sup>rd</sup> £4.50 Russell Price.  
Application forms for next season, which starts in September 2019, are available from Tony Martin. 01588 630313. Tickets are £1 per month

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Or plan your own ride/stride if you wish to do so, and David will give you a sponsorship form.

The main thing is to start collecting sponsorship sooner rather than later!

Draw results, July (first draw of the new season) 1<sup>st</sup> John and Jean, £20; 2<sup>nd</sup> Tomos Evans, £10; 3<sup>rd</sup> Joyce Pinnock, £5. Thank you all for your support.

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## **Hall Bookings:**

**Churchstoke Community Centre:** Victoria Butcher, 01686 668955

**Hyssington Village Hall:** 01588 620197

**Lydham Hall:** Shirley Rowson, 01588 638016. [rowson950@btinternet.com](mailto:rowson950@btinternet.com)

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

**Website:** <http://www.villagehallnorbury.co.uk>

**ONNYCAMLAD PARISHES** (Aug/Sept 2019)

Wentnor, Ratlinghope, Norbury, Myndtown, Lydham, More,  
Snead, Churchstoke & Hyssington

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**Revd Christine Brewster - Temporary Priest During The Interregnum**  
[cbmichaelmas@gmail.com](mailto:cbmichaelmas@gmail.com) (01544 267338)

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Friday 20 Sept	tbc	Welsh Championship Ploughing Service	Churchstoke
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Sun 29 Sept Trinity 15 – St Michael & All Angels	10.30	Whole Benefice <b>Harvest Festival</b> (No services anywhere else in our Benefice)	Village Hall at Norbury

**Benefice Administrator** – If you have any queries about baptisms, weddings, funerals or any other Benefice matters please contact Sue Cooke, the Benefice Administrator. Sue will be working from home initially and can be contacted at [admin@onnycamlad.co.uk](mailto:admin@onnycamlad.co.uk).

**You can call and leave a message on the Rectory phone but please note this now has a new number 01588 650857.** It will be regularly checked but if your matter is urgent you can ring 01588 650580.

### **Benefice Singers**

At the initial meeting of the 'Benefice Singers' it was decided that each time we have a fifth Sunday in a month there will be two rehearsals to specifically learn/practise songs for that Benefice Service.

In order to prepare for the **Benefice Harvest Festival** there will be a rehearsal on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September** at 7.30 pm in Norbury Church and another on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September** at 7.30pm in The Village Hall at Norbury. Each rehearsal will be for one hour.

The HARVEST FESTIVAL service will then be taking place in the **Village Hall, at Norbury on the 29<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30 am.**

Everyone is welcome to come along to these rehearsals. For more details contact Sue Cooke via [admin@onnycamlad.co.uk](mailto:admin@onnycamlad.co.uk) or 01588 650580.

If you cannot make it to the rehearsals this time, please look out for the ones leading up to the service at the end of December!

Dear Friends,

When I was training for the priesthood, I was privileged to undertake a pastoral placement in Kenya. The churches were about two hours north of Nairobi in the Diocese of Kirinyaga, where the terrain varies from equatorial rain forests, undulating fertile hills, to dry desert. The church buildings were large, simple, barn-like structures, where the needs of local poverty-stricken parishioners were considered to be the priority. People often walked well over ten miles to church, and instead of cash, they offered maize and tea which was auctioned at the end of the service, and funerals took place on the hillsides amongst the shambas and tea plantations, always with joyous singing and brightly coloured flowers.

Here was a very different culture from ours, and the local Bishop built his thinking and practice very much upon the belief that the Christian faith is universally accessible through the medium of different cultures; God's love and mercy unites all people everywhere, regardless of cultural practices.

Whilst I was on this placement, I came across a poem, written in English and pinned up in isolation on one of the church walls. The poem, entitled 'The Road of Life', has stayed with me, and whoever we are, wherever we live, whatever our culture, whatever our church traditions or practices, we're all on the road of life, and we have to decide who'll be doing the steering!



#### The Road of Life

At first I saw God as my observer, my judge, keeping track of the things I did wrong, so as to know whether I merited heaven or hell when I die. I recognised his picture when I saw it, but really didn't know him.

But later on, when I met Christ, it seemed as though life were rather like a bike ride, but it was a tandem bike, and I noticed that Christ was on the back, helping me to pedal.

I don't know just when it was that he suggested we change places, but life has not been the same since. When I had control, I knew the way. It was rather boring, but predictable; it was the shortest distance between two points. But when he took the lead, he knew delightful long cuts, up mountains and through rocky places at breakneck speeds. It was all I could do to hang on, even though it looked like madness!

I worried and was anxious and asked 'Where are you taking me?' He laughed and didn't answer, and I started to learn to trust. I forgot my boring life and entered into the adventure, and when I'd say 'I'm scared', he'd lean back and touch my hand. He took me to meet people with gifts that I needed, gifts of healing, acceptance and joy. They gave me gifts to take on my journey, my Lord's and mine, and we were off again! He said. 'Give the gifts away; they're extra baggage, too much weight'. So I did, to the people we met, and I found that in giving I've received, and still our burden was light.

I didn't trust him at first, in control of my life. I thought he'd wreck it; but he knows bike secrets, knows how to take sharp corners, knows how to jump to clear rocks, knows how to fly and shorten the scary passages.

I'm learning to shut up and pedal in the strangest places, and I'm beginning to enjoy the view and the cool breezes on my face with my delightful companion, Jesus Christ ... and when I'm sure I can't do any more, he just smiles and says 'Pedal!',

... so who's doing the steering in your life?

Love from Christine

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## **RIDE AND STRIDE Sat 14<sup>th</sup> September**

People sometimes worry that our Churches are lacking finance, but here is a fun way to raise some money:-

- (1) Get a sponsorship form from me or your Church's R&S rep\*.
- (2) Get your friends to sponsor you a few £ each for you to walk or ride around some participating churches.
- (3) Do a walk/ride on Sat 14 Sept, then your Church sends the money you collect, with any collected by others in your Church, to Shropshire Historic Churches Trust and they send 50% back to your church, keeping the other half to provide grants for repairs, including some grants to our Churches.

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

Last year eight of our Churches provided welcome refreshments to our visitors; but only four had any 'Rider/Striders' who collected sponsorship.

Sometimes people do not know where to start, so I am planning a **walk in Shrewsbury in the morning**, visiting several Churches in the town centre, **and a car-ride in the afternoon to our local Churches that are participating.**

If any people from any of our churches want to get sponsors, and come on the walk and/or the ride, then half their sponsorship money would go to **their** church (not to Ratlinghope!) and the other half would be for SHCT.

\* Your R&S reps: Hyssington = Afrienne. More = Richie. Myndtown = Val. Norbury = Hilary. Snead = Pam. Wentnor = Rita. Lydham = Tony Martin. Ratlinghope = David H (I have sponsorship forms for anyone who wants one)

'May the road rise up to meet you ...' David Hardham  
(01588 650362 dhardham@yahoo.co.uk)

## **CONCERT AT MYNDTOWN CHURCH**

Tuesday 13 August 7.30pm **KADDAL - MERRILL**

Music from Daniel Merrill – a British violinist  
and Fayrouz Kaddal – an Egyptian Flautist

Combining flute and violin,  
their music is inspired by Nubian, Oriental and British traditions.

They are on a 5-venue tour, supported by the Arts Council, to launch their  
album 'Rain Over Nubia' (Antigen Records). Release date: 12 August.

We are very proud that Myndtown has been selected as one of their venues.

Tickets £10. Includes coffee & tea. Wine and Prosecco on sale.

To book: [www.myndtownchurch.co.uk](http://www.myndtownchurch.co.uk) to pay by credit/debit card or PayPal.  
Or phone John Burt on 01588 680100. Email: [info@myndtownchurch.co.uk](mailto:info@myndtownchurch.co.uk)

## **GRAND FETE and FUN DOG SHOW**

Village Hall at Norbury.

**Bank Holiday Monday 26 August**

Gates open at 1.00pm. Hog roast from 1.00pm.

Teas with homemade sandwiches and cakes.

Usual attractions including Garden Games and sideshows.

A wide variety of stalls:

Tombola, Home-made cakes, Plants, Books, and more.

A new stall this year - sale of new and second-hand jigsaws.

**The Fun Dog Show is back!** No advance booking is required.

For details of categories, and other details, please contact Jo Mitton-Gore at  
01588 650849. Email: [flippermitton9@gmail.com](mailto:flippermitton9@gmail.com)

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Offers of homemade cakes, new items for the 'NEW stall', tombola prizes,  
garden produce, plants, raffle prizes, and help on the day are most welcome.

Plants, vegetables, & homemade cakes are popular so offers will be  
gratefully received. We especially need homemade cakes!

Rosie & Lorna need tombola prizes – please leave at Wentnor Shop.

Good quality second-hand books, including children's books, wanted please

Steve Griggs would like donations of jigsaws, please, for his new stall.

Steve is at School House, Norbury. 01588 650729

For further information and advice contact: Nigel Hirst (650863), Margaret Cooke (650280), Rita & Barry Preston (650671), any other church warden.

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**Coffee Morning**

**Norbury and District WI** is holding a **Coffee Morning**  
Saturday September 21 from 10.30-12.30  
in the Village Hall at Norbury.

Cake stall, Plant stall and Raffle.

Proceeds in aid of Hospice at Home (Severn Hospice).

*Come along and enjoy a coffee with friends, and meet new ones.*

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**Date for your diary: Friday 8 Nov.** 7.00 Village Hall at Norbury

**QUIZ** with a **Greek Flavour** (Moussaka) **ΜΟΥΣΣΑΚΑ**

Doors open 7.00. **Moussaka served 7.30** (Vegetarian option avail)

£10 per person. Teams up to 6 people. Cash Bar.

Entry with ticket only due to limited numbers. For details, contact:

Valerie: 01588 650940 / valerie.woodmansey@btinternet.com

Christine: 01588 650869 / christine.williams03@gmail.com

*We can team up small groups and individuals together on the night!*

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**AROUND THE PARISHES: Future events. 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.

**Thursday 1 Aug.** and every Thursday, 10.30-12.30 **CoffeeCraft**.

At Churchstoke Village Hall. See 'Churchstoke Notes'.

**Monday 5 Aug. and every Monday:** 2.00-4.00. **TABLE TENNIS** in the Village Hall at Norbury. All welcome even if you're new to the game.

For enquiries, phone Len Williams 01588 650869

**Thursday 8 August: Norbury & District WI:** Summer walk – bring a bottle and a dish for a get together at Jo's after the walk. 650467 for more details

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We are friendly, welcoming group. The first meeting is free, so why not come along to meet us and enjoy the variety of speakers we have this year?

**Friday 13 Sept** 7.15 for 7.30 Newcastle Community Centre '**Filling Station**' See article near front of Magazine, or contact Brian Angel (01588 640029).

**Weds 18 Sept:** Trip to Canal & Locks. Time tbc. **Onny Valley Social Club**. Contact Richard & Wendy Edwards (01588 650 607).

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**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 Aug & 11 Sept

**Next Tuesday Lunches:** 20 Aug & 17 Sept

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'

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**CHURCHSTOKE NOTES** (Website: [www.stnicholaschurchstoke.org.uk](http://www.stnicholaschurchstoke.org.uk))

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**The term is over – the holidays have begun!**

One of my childhood memories is waking up on the first day of the school summer holiday and realising that I would soon be on a train speeding from Somerset to Reading to be met by my grandparents. This would be the beginning of a wonderful holiday playing with friends in the fields, cricket with Grampa on the lawn and going on trips. And of course the sun would always be shining. What joy!

CS Lewis was one of the great writers of the twentieth century, responsible, among other things, for the famous Narnia books. In the last chapter of the last Narnia book (The Last Battle) Aslan says to the children: 'There was a railway accident. Your father and mother and all of you are – as

you used to call it in the Shadowlands – dead. The term is over; the holidays have begun. The dream is ended – this is the morning.'

Lewis always meant his Narnia books to be understood as an allegory of the Christian faith. Aslan is Jesus; the children are Christian believers; Shadowlands is the world; the holidays is Heaven.

He was also keen to get people to think about eternity and the deeper things of life. We can get so wrapped up in the life of this world and think it so important. If we ever think of eternity and heaven we think of it as an afterthought, a very long retirement, not doing very much. (That seems more like hell than Heaven). It is also far from the truth. In fact this Shadowlands life is but a very, very short introduction to what existence is really all about – which is our relationship with God. Compared to eternity this life is a couple of seconds in a million years. But .. they are vital seconds because they represent this short life when our most important decision is to enter into a personal relationship with the living God through Jesus Christ.

In the Book of Ecclesiastes which is in the Old Testament it says: 'God has set eternity in the hearts of men and women' Chapter 3, verse 11. This means that in the human soul there is an awareness of - a longing for - eternity.. It gives rise to that nagging feeling that there is so much more to existence than what we have now. This was beautifully expressed by Freddie Mercury in his song 'Want to live forever'.

The answer is that we can live forever in the great adventure of eternity if we choose to come in repentance before God, declaring our belief that His Son Jesus Christ died for our sins, and committing our lives to Him. When the Term is ended the Holidays will begin.

Have a lovely, and at times, reflective holiday. Michael Whittock

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All volunteers who collect sponsorship and do a 'Ride' or a 'Stride' will be gratefully appreciated by our Treasurer!! See notice a few pages back about a morning walk in Shrewsbury centre, visiting some participating churches, and afternoon car ride around our local churches. Walk and ride organised by David: 01588 650362 for more details and sponsorship forms. ([dhardham@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dhardham@yahoo.co.uk)).

Or plan your own ride/stride if you wish to do so, and David will give you a sponsorship form.

The main thing is to start collecting sponsorship sooner rather than later!

Draw results, July (first draw of the new season) 1<sup>st</sup> John and Jean, £20; 2<sup>nd</sup> Tomos Evans, £10; 3<sup>rd</sup> Joyce Pinnock, £5. Thank you all for your support.

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### **Dave Marpole.**

From the minutes of the Vacancy meeting on 10th April. (A meeting to consider how we prepare for another vicar):--

'Wentnor – There had been a sad beginning to the year (2018) with the death of Dave Marpole, a church warden for many years. **However, the church clock was being restored in his memory and the fundraising was now more than half way** towards its goal.'



**Thank you to you all.** We still have some way to go to reach our target and have decided to keep the fund open until the Harvest Supper in 2019.

(1) 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).

(2) By bank transfer – Sort code 40-12-02 Account 11060635.

Please include DM Clock in the reference box. Thank you.

ALSO there will be a **Ceilidh** on **Saturday 29 June**; (see Notice below).  
Any profits will go towards this fund to restore the church clock at Wentnor.

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## **HiJinx Ceilidh Band**

are back for a repeat performance of  
Dance & Music

**Saturday 29 June** in Village Hall at Norbury...  
...an evening of some energy & lots of laughter

Doors open 7.00 - First Dance 7.30

Bar available all evening

£10 per person, including Supper at 8.30

All proceeds are for the Dave Marpole 'Clock Fund'

Tickets: Valerie (01588 650940)

Christine (650869) or Ros (650940)

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## **The More Breakfast is Back!!**

**Breakfast & Prosecco**

Saturday 29 June, 10.30-12.00 at Lydham Village Hall

Tickets include free entry into Special Prize Draw

Tickets from Doris (650360) or Jacqui (650757)

£10 (children £5)

And, on the next day, Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm:

**Choral Evensong with the Benefice Choir,**

at St Peter's, More.

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**Read Easy:** Last year we made some appeals, including in your magazine, asking for volunteers to help set up a local branch of Read Easy to help adults who struggle with reading. We had a great response, and have now trained a local group of volunteer reading coaches, providing free one-to-one coaching. Please see longer article near front of magazine for details, including how to contact us at [shropshirehills@readeasy.org.uk](mailto:shropshirehills@readeasy.org.uk)

**Trinity 'Hospital', Clun:** 2 one-bedroom ground floor properties, for rent by local person(s) over 55 years. More details in the front section of magazine.

### **AROUND THE PARISHES: Future events. 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.

**Sunday 2 June:** 11.00-5.00pm Snead Church and Snead Mill gardens: Open day in conjunction with Open Gardens & Flower Festival at Hyssington. See 'Hyssington News' & 'Snead News' for more details.

**Monday 3 June, and every Monday:** 2.00-4.00. **TABLE TENNIS** in the Village Hall at Norbury. All welcome even if you're new to the game. For enquiries, phone Len Williams 01588 650869

**Tuesday 4 June:** depart at 11.30 **Onny Valley Social Club**, Sabrina Boat Trip in Shrewsbury. Contact Richard & Wendy Edwards (01588 650 607).

**Wednesday 5 June:** 7.30. **Churchstoke WI.** See 'Churchstoke Notes'

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**Tues 11 June:** 7.30pm **Hyssington Book Club:** In the Village Hall.

**Thursday 13 June:** 7.30 Village Hall at Norbury. **Norbury & District WI.** Tony Wilson giving a talk: 'Men and Sheds'. Competition: 'A picture of a shed'. Hostesses: Liv Goode, Rita Preston, Madelene Wilkinson.

We are friendly group, welcoming visitors & new members. The first meeting is free, so why not come along to meet us and enjoy the variety of speakers we have this year?

**Thursday 13 June:** 7pm at 'Tan-y-Bryn' (White Gritt SY5 0JL, courtesy of Rod and Jean Blaine) **Coffee Evening** and '**Draw of the year**' in aid of Hyssington Church.

**Friday 14 June** 7.15 for 7.30 Newcastle Community Centre '**Filling Station**' See article near front of Magazine, or contact Brian Angel (01588 640029).

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**Saturday 22 June:** 6.30. Hyssington V Hall. **Social Club: BBQ**

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**Saturday 29 June:** 7.00pm for first dance at 7.30; Village Hall at Norbury. Following a fun-packed evening last October, the **HiJinx Ceilidh Band** is returning. See Notice a few pages back. If last year is anything to go by, very few people know any of the dances, so the caller is much appreciated. £10, including Supper. Tickets: [valerie.woodmansey@btinternet.com](mailto:valerie.woodmansey@btinternet.com) or [christine.williams03@gmail.com](mailto:christine.williams03@gmail.com) or [ros@creativeresearch.co.uk](http://ros@creativeresearch.co.uk)

**Tuesday 2July:** Trip to Lake Vyrnwy. 11am depart. **Onny Vally Social Club.** Contact Richard & Wendy Edwards (01588 650 607).

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**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:** 12 June

**Next Tuesday Lunches:** 18 June

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'

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**CHURCHSTOKE NOTES** (Website: [www.stnicholaschurchstoke.org.uk](http://www.stnicholaschurchstoke.org.uk))

Truth?

It's like this: You're with a good friend at a party. He gets drunk, really drunk, off his head. He picks up his car keys to drive himself home. You try and stop him – for his own safety and the safety of everyone else on the road.

But he won't listen – he cannot see his own folly – he is totally convinced he is capable of driving – sure of his own ability to know what is right. He refuses to listen, refuses offers of help, refuses to let you drive him home – confident he is right and you are wrong. He is on the path to death & destruction.

We live in a world where many people are intent on self-destruction, where they refuse to listen to truth and reason; confident they are right, they can't see the Truth. Proud and stubborn, they refuse to believe in Jesus.

Jesus is the one offering the **reasonable choice** – the choice which means Life.

Jesus is telling us the truth – and the world doesn't like it – just like the drunk doesn't like you trying to stop him taking the car.

The prevailing world view today, the spirit of the age, is a soft acceptance of everything. You can do what you want – as long as you don't hurt anyone; people don't consider whether it's morally right. You can believe what you want – all religions lead to the same place don't they? – No they don't! Because of the dominance of the individual, people have become their own expert; you can make up your own religion from a smorgasbord of bizarre things: 'I rather like the idea of reincarnation and I like the idea of people becoming stars when they die so I think I'll believe that'. The prevailing view is: 'You've got your truth and I've got my truth. Both are fine.'

Truth has become relative.

That's the world view into which Jesus says: **'I am the Truth. No-one comes to the Father except through me'**.

And many people find that difficult – even offensive. That is our culture. Jesus however is counter-cultural: His words and actions went against the prevailing world view 2,000 yrs ago and it's the same today.

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Revd Carol

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Sundays June 16..July 21..Aug 18..Sep 15 ... at 10.30am

Family Church - *Relaxed and lively* worship



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

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**Ignite** Youth Group for school years 7 – 9  
meets Wednesdays 7-8.45pm in the vicarage.  
Games Food Worship Drama Prayer Chat

Contact Revd Carol for more details: 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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## **Kidz Klub**

Kidz Klub is on the first Sunday of the month – 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup> July  
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 then re-join their parents in church at 11.20 for the final song etc  
This is led by parents and church members and is working very well.

If you are interested in **Kidz Klub** please contact Revd Carol 01588 620693

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## **PEWS for Sale: Saturday 8 June 10.30 am**

We need more space for all the things happening in church – and for new things we are planning – so we are removing the pine pews from the side aisles and we are offering them for sale at £40 each.

The sale will be on **Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am**. You can come and view them at any time – church is open daily from 9.30am -5pm.

Please organise your own transport to remove them.

For further information please contact David Jelves 01588 620434.

**Churchstoke WI**, meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7.30 in Churchstoke village hall. The June meeting is on **Weds 5<sup>th</sup>** when our speaker will be Helen Anthony who will be talking about 'Images of gardens in our area'. Do come and join this friendly group of ladies.

On June 12th we have an outing to Llandudno by coach. The cost is £10 per person and is always a fun day out. There are still a few places available at the time of writing. Please contact Carol Gittins on 01588 620650 to book.

**CoffeeCraft**, meets every Thursday morning at 10.30 in Churchstoke village hall. CoffeeCraft is a drop-in for people of all ages, both male and female.

We do craftwork which can be anything from card making to knitting. At present we are concentrating on knitting for the charity 'Knit for Life' which sends finished garments to needy people in South Africa and Romania.

You can bring your own project if you have one, or you can just sit and enjoy some company without crafting at all. The charge is £2 per session. You will be made very welcome so do come along.

### **HYSSINGTON NEWS from St Etheldreda's.**

As CADW are not listing Hyssington Primitive Methodist Chapel, the WW1 war memorial will need to be relocated. The consensus is for the memorial to be relocated to the church. We will work with the necessary authorities and with Powys WW1 Project to this effect. It will be a little while before we can apply for a faculty and gain approval from Hereford Diocese.

A 'Memories Day' will be planned at the Chapel, and digitalised.

On Sunday 2 June at 09.30, there will be a service of Holy Communion at St Etheldreda's.

**Also on 2 June** 'Hyssington Open Gardens' will be in aid of the Village Hall.

Members of St Etheldreda's will be involved but the main floral display will be in Hyssington village hall. As you wander through the village, do pop into St Etheldreda's as it will be simply decorated and we hope to have a display about bio-diversity hotspots. Equipment and books for plant or insect identification will be available. Just come and rest in the tranquillity of the church after watching the 'tunnelling bees' work whilst you're not!

We also hope that people will write a prayer on a paper flower so that these too will make a floral arrangement.

Please enjoy the view sitting on the commemorative WW1 seat on the mound by the car park and admire the gazebo too.

**A coffee evening and 'Draw of the year' will be held on Thursday 13 June at 7pm at 'Tan y Bryn', White Gritt SY5 0JL, courtesy of Rod and Jean Blaine.** This event is jointly in aid of St Etheldreda's and The Marsh Church. Joyce is very busy collecting draw prizes. Your support will be greatly appreciated!

Advance notice: **Friday 26 JULY** at St Etheldreda's: Austrian Scythe Training Day and cutting of the churchyard.

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The good news from Snead is that CADW have confirmed they will be giving us a grant for our floor, ventilation and drainage works.

We have also received an assurance of additional funds from Laslett's Charities. So it looks as though we will be able to make a start on our drainage works this year in the autumn!

#### **Forthcoming events at Snead:**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** 11.00 am – 5.30 pm **Open Day** Snead Church and Snead Mill Gardens. In aid of Hyssington Village Hall.

Teas will be served in Hyssington Village Hall where there is also a **Flower Festival competition**. Not to be missed.

Several gardens open in Hyssington as well as Gorsty House.

£5 for the guide to everything at the gate.

Parking at Snead is by the Log Cabin and in the Lay-by on A489.

**Saturday and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> June** 11 am – 5.30 pm Snead Mill gardens and Snead Church will be open in aid of the church itself, Hyssington Church and Crisis UK. £2.50 entry at the gate. Parking available by the Log Cabin, overflow in the lay-by on the A489 above.

Refreshments available in church both days.

And at **2.30 pm on Sunday 9 June:** A **Guided Tour of the Snead Mill gardens** with Pam Blaxland. Meet in the Log Cabin car parking area. Followed by afternoon service in church at 3.00 with Rev.Christine Brewster

The gardens at Snead Mill, which are immediately adjacent to the Church and Churchyard, have been evolving for 35 years. Mature trees and shrubs, native species mainly with wild flowers often left to self-seed. Herbaceous borders with varied planting.

Some gradients and uneven grassland. Toilet available at The Mill.

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### **Dave Marpole.**

From the minutes of the Vacancy meeting on 10th April. (A meeting to consider how we prepare for another vicar):--

'Wentnor – There had been a sad beginning to the year (2018) with the death of Dave Marpole, a church warden for many years. **However, the church clock was being restored in his memory and the fundraising was now more than half way** towards its goal.'



**Thank you to you all.** We still have some way to go to reach our target and have decided to keep the fund open until the Harvest Supper in 2019.

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Please include DM Clock in the reference box. Thank you.

ALSO there will be a **Ceilidh** on **Saturday 29 June**; (see Notice below).  
Any profits will go towards this fund to restore the church clock at Wentnor.

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## **HiJinx Ceilidh Band**

are back for a repeat performance of  
Dance & Music

**Saturday 29 June** in Village Hall at Norbury...  
...an evening of some energy & lots of laughter

Doors open 7.00 - First Dance 7.30

Bar available all evening

£10 per person, including Supper at 8.30

All proceeds are for the Dave Marpole 'Clock Fund'

Tickets: Valerie (01588 650940)

Christine (650869) or Ros (650940)

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We are friendly group, welcoming visitors & new members. The first meeting is free, so why not come along to meet us and enjoy the variety of speakers we have this year?

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**CHURCHSTOKE NOTES** (Website: [www.stnicholaschurchstoke.org.uk](http://www.stnicholaschurchstoke.org.uk))

Truth?

It's like this: You're with a good friend at a party. He gets drunk, really drunk, off his head. He picks up his car keys to drive himself home. You try and stop him – for his own safety and the safety of everyone else on the road.

But he won't listen – he cannot see his own folly – he is totally convinced he is capable of driving – sure of his own ability to know what is right. He refuses to listen, refuses offers of help, refuses to let you drive him home – confident he is right and you are wrong. He is on the path to death & destruction.

We live in a world where many people are intent on self-destruction, where they refuse to listen to truth and reason; confident they are right, they can't see the Truth. Proud and stubborn, they refuse to believe in Jesus.

Jesus is the one offering the **reasonable choice** – the choice which means Life.

Jesus is telling us the truth – and the world doesn't like it – just like the drunk doesn't like you trying to stop him taking the car.

The prevailing world view today, the spirit of the age, is a soft acceptance of everything. You can do what you want – as long as you don't hurt anyone; people don't consider whether it's morally right. You can believe what you want – all religions lead to the same place don't they? – No they don't! Because of the dominance of the individual, people have become their own expert; you can make up your own religion from a smorgasbord of bizarre things: 'I rather like the idea of reincarnation and I like the idea of people becoming stars when they die so I think I'll believe that'. The prevailing view is: 'You've got your truth and I've got my truth. Both are fine.'

Truth has become relative.

That's the world view into which Jesus says: **'I am the Truth. No-one comes to the Father except through me'**.

And many people find that difficult – even offensive. That is our culture. Jesus however is counter-cultural: His words and actions went against the prevailing world view 2,000 yrs ago and it's the same today.

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Let Him drive you home!

Revd Carol

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## Sunday Central

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Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup> and every third Sunday of the month:

Sundays June 16..July 21..Aug 18..Sep 15 ... at 10.30am

Family Church - *Relaxed and lively* worship



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

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**Ignite** Youth Group for school years 7 – 9  
meets Wednesdays 7-8.45pm in the vicarage.  
Games Food Worship Drama Prayer Chat

Contact Revd Carol for more details: 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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## **Kidz Klub**

Kidz Klub is on the first Sunday of the month – 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup> July  
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 then re-join their parents in church at 11.20 for the final song etc  
This is led by parents and church members and is working very well.

If you are interested in **Kidz Klub** please contact Revd Carol 01588 620693

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## **PEWS for Sale: Saturday 8 June 10.30 am**

We need more space for all the things happening in church – and for new things we are planning – so we are removing the pine pews from the side aisles and we are offering them for sale at £40 each.

The sale will be on **Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am**. You can come and view them at any time – church is open daily from 9.30am -5pm.

Please organise your own transport to remove them.

For further information please contact David Jelves 01588 620434.

**Churchstoke WI**, meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7.30 in Churchstoke village hall. The June meeting is on **Weds 5<sup>th</sup>** when our speaker will be Helen Anthony who will be talking about 'Images of gardens in our area'. Do come and join this friendly group of ladies.

On June 12th we have an outing to Llandudno by coach. The cost is £10 per person and is always a fun day out. There are still a few places available at the time of writing. Please contact Carol Gittins on 01588 620650 to book.

**CoffeeCraft**, meets every Thursday morning at 10.30 in Churchstoke village hall. CoffeeCraft is a drop-in for people of all ages, both male and female.

We do craftwork which can be anything from card making to knitting. At present we are concentrating on knitting for the charity 'Knit for Life' which sends finished garments to needy people in South Africa and Romania.

You can bring your own project if you have one, or you can just sit and enjoy some company without crafting at all. The charge is £2 per session. You will be made very welcome so do come along.

### **HYSSINGTON NEWS from St Etheldreda's.**

As CADW are not listing Hyssington Primitive Methodist Chapel, the WW1 war memorial will need to be relocated. The consensus is for the memorial to be relocated to the church. We will work with the necessary authorities and with Powys WW1 Project to this effect. It will be a little while before we can apply for a faculty and gain approval from Hereford Diocese.

A 'Memories Day' will be planned at the Chapel, and digitalised.

On Sunday 2 June at 09.30, there will be a service of Holy Communion at St Ethedreda's.

**Also on 2 June** 'Hyssington Open Gardens' will be in aid of the Village Hall.

Members of St Etheldreda's will be involved but the main floral display will be in Hyssington village hall. As you wander through the village, do pop into St Etheldreda's as it will be simply decorated and we hope to have a display about bio-diversity hotspots. Equipment and books for plant or insect identification will be available. Just come and rest in the tranquillity of the church after watching the 'tunnelling bees' work whilst you're not!

We also hope that people will write a prayer on a paper flower so that these too will make a floral arrangement.

Please enjoy the view sitting on the commemorative WW1 seat on the mound by the car park and admire the gazebo too.

**A coffee evening and 'Draw of the year' will be held on Thursday 13 June at 7pm at 'Tan y Bryn', White Gritt SY5 0JL, courtesy of Rod and Jean Blaine.** This event is jointly in aid of St Etheldreda's and The Marsh Church. Joyce is very busy collecting draw prizes. Your support will be greatly appreciated!

Advance notice: **Friday 26 JULY** at St Etheldreda's: Austrian Scythe Training Day and cutting of the churchyard.

**Sunday 28 July** 3pm St Etheldreda's Service & Tea

Village Events

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Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup> 6.30pm Social Club BBQ VH / Car park

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**LYDHAM NEWS**

May Draw: (our 9<sup>th</sup> of the 2018-2019 season).

1<sup>st</sup> £12 Tony Martin; 2<sup>nd</sup> £5 Russell Price; 3<sup>rd</sup> £4.50 Wendy Howells.

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

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### **NEWS from St Peter's, MORE**

**29 June: The More Breakfast is Back!** With Prosecco! 10am - noon; Lydham Village Hall. (See Notice a few pages back)

**30 June.** 6.30: Choral Evensong at More Church, with the Benefice Choir.

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### **SNEAD NEWS**

The good news from Snead is that CADW have confirmed they will be giving us a grant for our floor, ventilation and drainage works.

We have also received an assurance of additional funds from Laslett's Charities. So it looks as though we will be able to make a start on our drainage works this year in the autumn!

#### **Forthcoming events at Snead:**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** 11.00 am – 5.30 pm **Open Day** Snead Church and Snead Mill Gardens. In aid of Hyssington Village Hall.

Teas will be served in Hyssington Village Hall where there is also a **Flower Festival competition**. Not to be missed.

Several gardens open in Hyssington as well as Gorsty House.

£5 for the guide to everything at the gate.

Parking at Snead is by the Log Cabin and in the Lay-by on A489.

**Saturday and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> June** 11 am – 5.30 pm Snead Mill gardens and Snead Church will be open in aid of the church itself, Hyssington Church and Crisis UK. £2.50 entry at the gate. Parking available by the Log Cabin, overflow in the lay-by on the A489 above.

Refreshments available in church both days.

And at **2.30 pm on Sunday 9 June:** A **Guided Tour of the Snead Mill gardens** with Pam Blaxland. Meet in the Log Cabin car parking area. Followed by afternoon service in church at 3.00 with Rev.Christine Brewster

The gardens at Snead Mill, which are immediately adjacent to the Church and Churchyard, have been evolving for 35 years. Mature trees and shrubs, native species mainly with wild flowers often left to self-seed. Herbaceous borders with varied planting.

Some gradients and uneven grassland. Toilet available at The Mill.

Any queries email [pamblaxland@gmail.com](mailto:pamblaxland@gmail.com) or telephone 01588 638145

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Bus enquiries: 08702 412216 National Rail Enquires: 08457 484950

**Myndtown Combined Parish Co:** Parish Clerk Mrs L Thomas 650509.

**Wentnor Stores:** The Post Office outreach service is OPEN on Tuesdays 9.30–11.30. Please support the village shop as much as possible.

**Hall Bookings:**

**Churchstoke Community Centre:** Victoria Butcher, 01686 668955

**Hyssington Village Hall:** 01588 620197

**Lydham Hall:** Shirley Rowson, 01588 638016.

Email: [rowson950@btinternet.com](mailto:rowson950@btinternet.com)

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

Website: <http://www.villagehallnorbury.co.uk>

**ONNYCAMLAD PARISHES** (May 2019)

Wentnor, Ratlinghope, Norbury, Myndtown, Lydham, More,  
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	6.30	Evening Prayer	More

Dear Friends,

During a recent visit to Scotland, on reaching Rannoch Moor, I couldn't help noticing that there were no trees in sight. A sign at the side of the road indicated that I was nearly 1,200 feet above sea level, and herds of wild red deer were grazing on the sparse vegetation nearby.

There was very little traffic on the highland road, and I could almost 'feel' the remoteness. Having decided that there were no trees at all in this area, I found myself glancing to my left as I stopped at one of the passing places. To my surprise I noticed one single, lonely tree, and, in contrast to the barren countryside all around, this isolated tree was perfectly healthy.



I wondered how this tree could be so healthy in such a desolate area, and I was told later that the roots of this tree weren't actually in the ground, but

that the tree was growing out of a crack in the top of the rock. I also discovered that the Forestry Commission had once planted lots of trees there, but that the red deer had eaten all the saplings because they were so tasty! The deer couldn't reach this particular seedling though, and consequently it continues to bear leaves every year. This tree has been saved by the rock!

As I drove along, I couldn't help thinking about how some people in the world try so hard to get rid of God, and how, just like this lonely tree, he always rises above every form of opposition. Whether we're in a busy city or on a remote moor, we can never lose God, because he is our rock.

Many of you will know the hymn 'Rock Of Ages Cleft For Me' and others will know 'The Wise Man Builds His House Upon The Rock'. Whichever hymn you know best, the sentiment is the same; God is our rock.

***Matthew 16:18 'Upon this rock will  
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Love from Christine

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**Thank you to you all.**

We still have some way to go to reach our target and have decided to keep the fund open until the Harvest Supper in 2019. The collection in the jars has slowed considerably and so we suggest we will withdraw this at the end of April and have small "opening" event to ensure accountability.

We have been pleasantly surprised that donations are still being made directly which makes us think that perhaps we are not contacting as many of Dave's friends as we might. We would therefore appreciate it if word could be spread via the "grapevine" that the fund is still open.

Once again, Thank you.



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**Afternoon Concert** ... 'Contented with the Time'...

Some words with a Little Music for Solo Violin

Presented by Vincent Raven

St Margaret's, Ratlinghope. Sunday 19 May; 3.00pm.

Refreshments during  
the interval

Suggested donation to  
the Church: £5.00



*"Vincent Raven has put together a programme of words and  
music which he performs to raise money for good causes.  
Vincent started his musical career as a full time violinist with  
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**Weds 15 May:** Trip to Tintern Abbey. 8am depart. **Onny Valley Social Club.** Contact Richard & Wendy Edwards (01588 650 607).

**Thursday 16 May** 7.30. Hyssington V Hall. **Social Club:** Suzanne & Jake Tumnus, 'The Elfin Knight' and other stories.

**Sunday 19 May:** 3.00pm. **Concert; Ratlinghope Church:** 'Contented with the Time'. With solo violin by Vincent Raven. See Notice a few pages back.

**Sunday 2 June:** 10.00-5.00pm Snead Mill and Snead Church. Open day – open gardens at Snead Mill, and 'Snead Memories' display in church. Also Open Gardens & Flower Festival at Hyssington. See 'Snead Church News' for more details.

Date for your diary: **Saturday 29 June:** A fun evening of **Country Dancing and Music** at The Village Hall at Norbury with the HiJinx Ceilidh Band and Caller to show us all the moves! This is a follow-up to last autumn's very successful and hilarious evening. More details in future issues.

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### **It's the Resurrection, Stupid!**

There are many reasons why Christianity is totally different from other religions like Islam, Buddhism etc. One of them is the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

No one actually saw the resurrection take place. It happened in an enclosed tomb in the middle of the night. But there can be no doubt it did happen. The tomb was found to be empty, and then Jesus appeared to His disciples on several occasions proving that He was not a ghost or apparition by sharing meals with them.

The Resurrection makes a tremendous difference to the way we see Jesus. This greatest event in history makes it obvious how important and significant Jesus is.

I'm reminded of a debate between the then Governor Bill Clinton and President George Bush (senior). Bill Clinton asked the President what he thought was the most important problem facing Americans at the time. The President denied there were any problems. Exasperated, Bill Clinton exclaimed: 'It's obvious – it's the economy, stupid!'

Many people have questions about Jesus Christ which in fact have an obvious answer in the Resurrection. To coin that rather 'edgy' phrase – 'It's the Resurrection, stupid'.

For instance there are many who say that Jesus is just one founder of a religion amongst many, and therefore on a par with the likes of Mohammed and Buddha. But their graves remain occupied! The grave of Jesus Christ is empty because He rose from the dead. When people ask: Which religion is the Truth? – Which one brings us into contact with the living God? They should remember the Resurrection which vindicated Jesus' claim to be 'the Way, the Truth and the Life'. (John's Gospel, chapter 14, verse 6)

Many also say that Jesus was just a great teacher and a wonderful example of how to live a life of faith, love and service to others. He is those things, but His Resurrection shows us that He is much more than that. Jesus does in fact make some amazing claims for Himself, particularly that He is the Son of God. In other words that He is God come into the world in human form, born of Mary in Bethlehem.

It is awesome that God should divest Himself of His divine glory and become a man. But He did that in Jesus Christ. And the Resurrection shows that it's true because God cannot be defeated by anything including death. And the wonderful message of Easter is that all who believe in Jesus and are truly united and committed to Him will actually share in His victory over death. He made this promise to all believers: 'I am the Resurrection and the Life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die'. (John 11:25)

Finally there are some who question whether we should believe in Jesus and become His committed followers. He said that He had come into the world to restore our relationship with God which had been broken by our sin and rebellion against Him. To do that Jesus had to sacrifice Himself through His suffering and death on the cross. And three days later He was raised from the dead. And this showed that His sacrifice and death was accepted and that all who truly believe in Him will be restored to a personal, loving relationship with God which will last forever in the glory of heaven.

'For we know that since Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over Him. The death He died, He died to sin once for all, but the life He lives, He lives to God. In the same way count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Jesus Christ.' (Letter to the Romans, chapter 6, verses 9-11)

Michael Whittock

Accounts of the Resurrection can be found in the Gospels of Matthew chapter 28, Mark 16, Luke 24 and John 20 & 21.

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**Ignite**

Youth Group for school years 7 – 9

meets Wednesdays 7-8.45pm in the vicarage.

Games Food Worship Drama Prayer Chat



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**Website**

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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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## Kidz Klub

Kidz Klub is on the first Sunday of the month – 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 7<sup>th</sup> July  
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 then re-join their parents in church at 11.20 for the final song etc  
This is led by parents and church members and is working very well.

If you are interested in **Kidz Klub** please contact Revd Carol 01588 620693

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## **PEWS for Sale June 8<sup>th</sup> 10.30am**

We are removing the pine pews from the side aisles and we are offering them  
for sale at £40 each. The sale will be on **Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>** at 10.30am.

You can come and view them at any time – church is open from 9.30am -5pm.  
Please organise your own transport to remove them.

For further information please contact David Jelves 01588 620434.

**Churchstoke WI.** The next meeting of WI is in the community hall at 7.30  
on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May. We will discuss the 2019 Resolution at this meeting,  
and then Sue Blower, Town Crier of Montgomery, will be talking to us. Her  
talk is entitled 'Sex for the Over 60s'!! Do come along and join this very  
friendly and welcoming group. As well as the monthly meetings, there are  
also Scrabble sessions and outings throughout the year. We would love to  
see you. Contact Jo, 01588 620434, or Marilyn, 620418, for more details.

**CoffeeCraft:** 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 present we are knitting items for the Charity 'Knit for Life' but you do not have to do that if you don't want to! 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. We will not be meeting on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May if we are having European Elections on that day and our room is being used for that. If we do not have the elections then we will meet as usual. Ring Jo on 01588 620434 for further details.

## **HYSSINGTON NEWS from St Etheldreda's.**

### **Biodiversity 'Hotspots in Wales' Project.**

'Caring for God's Acre' has obtained funding from Natural Resources Wales, to support 8 groups across Wales in managing the grassland of their burial grounds.



We are delighted that St Etheldreda's, in Hyssington, is one of these.

The project involves providing advice, management and training sessions. A wildflower identification session took place last year, which revealed so many species that the churchyard has been put forward as a 'Local Wildlife Site'. This year we will be holding a scything workshop in the churchyard on **Friday 26 July, from 10-2,** using the popular lightweight Austrian scythe.

A churchyard or burial site may be the most ancient enclosed piece of land in a parish, perhaps even older than the church building, having its roots in pre Christian times.

During the Second World War these sacred sites escaped the fate of the wider countryside when six million acres of flower rich grassland were ploughed to grow cereals. This decline continues today and now we have lost over 97% of wildflower meadows.

Apart from grave digging, the grassland in churchyards has been relatively undisturbed; re-seeding naturally for hundreds if not thousands of years. It will have been scythed for hay in the summer and grazed by animals in the autumn. One benefit of this continuity of management is that the diversity of grasses and flowers, along with the associated fauna, has been preserved.

As well as being a sanctuary for people, churchyards are now one of the few havens left for many species of wildflowers and invertebrates.

If you would like further information or book a place on the course please contact Andrea Gilpin at Caring for God's Acre: [andrea@cfga.org.uk](mailto:andrea@cfga.org.uk) (01588 673041) [www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk](http://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk)

Due to the removal of the 'green bins' in Churchstoke, the church bins have also been removed. The PCC requests that everyone take their old flowers and cellophane home. Thank you for your co-operation. Thank you to the volunteers who have emptied and sorted the bins before disposal.

Thank you to Andrea, CfGA for writing the informative article (above) about Biodiversity Hotspots in Wales. (Which includes us, at Hyssington!)

Service: **Sunday 5 May**, 9.30 Holy Communion. Please note time change.

Village:

**Saturday 11 May** 10.30 am -12.30 Coffee Morning & Book Bring & Buy VH

**Monday 13 May** 2.30-4. Friendship Club: Sarah Screen 'Encaustic Art' VH

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May** 7.30pm Book Club 'Zorro' Isobel Allende VH

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May** 7.30pm Social Club Suzanne & Jake Tumnus 'The Elfyn Knight' & other stories. VH

**Sun 2 June:** Hyssington open gardens & Flower Festival. See Snead news

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### **LYDHAM NEWS**

April Draw: (our 8<sup>th</sup> of the 2018-2019 season).

1<sup>st</sup> £12 Derek Rowson; 2<sup>nd</sup> £5 Jan Brown; 3<sup>rd</sup> £4.50 Christine Forest.

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

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**NEWS from St Peter's, MORE** April Draw:-

First, Gareth Purslow. Second, Anthea Jones. Third, Philip Roberts.

**29 June: The More Breakfast is Back!** With Prosecco! 10am - noon; Lydham Village Hall.

**30 June.** 6.30: Choral Evensong at More Church, with the Benefice Choir.

For further details please see the bigger Notice, a few pages back.

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### **Ratlinghope News:**

On **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May** at 3.00pm we are having an Afternoon Concert in the Church – 'Contented with the Time'. This is a programme of poetry, prose and music, put together by Moira's friend, Vincent Raven, who is an excellent violinist and will be playing solo violin as part of the concert.

Refreshments will be provided in the interval.

Suggested donation, for the Church, is £5.00.

See Notice near the beginning of this OnnyCamlad section.

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### **SNEAD CHURCH NEWS**

The church is open every day during daylight hours. In May the churchyard has a variety of wild flowers in bloom so is well worth a visit.

On **Sunday 2nd June** the church will have an **Open Day** and the **Snead Mill Gardens** will be open to visitors. This is in aid of Hyssington Village Hall.

Refreshments will be served in **Hyssington** where there will be several Open Gardens during the day, 11am-5.30, and a Flower Festival.

Snead Gardens and church will be open from 10.00 am to 5 pm. Inside the Snead church there will be an exhibition called 'Snead Memories' with photographs of the Flower Festival held here in 1999 to celebrate the restoration work carried out the previous year. Some of the exhibits prepared then on the history of the church, the hamlet of Snead, and more, will be displayed for people to enjoy once again. All welcome!

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**COPY DATE for June 2019** magazine is **14 May** 2019.

Please send contributions **to the Compiler for your Parishes**.

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In Churchstoke send to Rev Carol Whittock ( [carolwhittock@btinternet.com](mailto:carolwhittock@btinternet.com) ) 01588 620693. They will forward contributions to David Hardham.

PLEASE do not copy to the Magazine Editor/Compiler, Carol Morgan, as she cannot deal with individual items and articles from all the Groups of parishes.

**Hereford Diocese website:** [www.hereford.anglican.org](http://www.hereford.anglican.org)

For details of service times at the **Cathedral**, please telephone 01432 374212 or visit the **Cathedral website:** [www.herefordcathedral.org](http://www.herefordcathedral.org).

**Do you want a Magazine?** Do you know someone who would subscribe at only £6 for the year (10 issues)? Please encourage sales & distribution. 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. Adrian Varcoe or ring 01588 638350

Bus enquiries: 08702 412216 National Rail Enquires: 08457 484950

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**Myndtown Combined Parish Co:** Parish Clerk Mrs L Thomas 650509.

**Wentnor Stores:** The Post Office outreach service is OPEN on Tuesdays 9.30–11.30. Please support the village shop as much as possible.

**Hall Bookings:**

**Churchstoke Community Centre:** Victoria Butcher, 01686 668955

**Hyssington Village Hall:** 01588 620197

**Lydham Hall:** Shirley Rowson, 01588 638016.

Email: [rowson950@btinternet.com](mailto:rowson950@btinternet.com)

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

Website: <http://www.villagehallnorbury.co.uk>

**ONNYCAMLAD PARISHES** (April 2019)

Wentnor, Ratlinghope, Norbury, Myndtown, Lydham, More,  
Snead, Churchstoke & Hyssington

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**Rev'd Christine Brewster - Temporary Priest During The Interregnum**  
[cbmichaelmas@gmail.com](mailto:cbmichaelmas@gmail.com) (01584 871070)

**Reader – David Jelves (01588 620434)**

**Rev'd Carol Whittock - Mission Priest of Churchstoke (01588 620693)**

Sun 7th	9.45 10.30 11.15 2.30 6.30	Holy Communion Morning Praise & APCM Holy Communion Afternoon Service Evening Prayer	Hyssington Churchstoke Norbury Kinnerton Chapel Wentnor
Sun 14th Palm Sunday	9.30 10.30 11.15 6.30	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Evening Prayer	Ratlinghope Churchstoke More Norbury
Mon 15th	12.00	Stations of the Cross	Churchstoke
Tues 16th	12.00	Stations of the Cross	Churchstoke
Weds 17th	12.00	Stations of the Cross	Churchstoke
Thur 18th Maundy Thursday	6.30pm	Meditation Service, remembering The Last Supper	Norbury
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> Good Friday	10.30 6.30pm	Good Friday Meditation Good Friday Reflections	Churchstoke Myndtown
Sat 20th	8.00pm	Easter Vigil	Hyssington
Sun 21st Easter Day	9.45 10.30 2.30 11.15	Holy Communion Holy Communion Easter Service Holy Communion	Wentnor Churchstoke Kinnerton Chapel Lydham
Sun 28th	8.30 9.30 10.30 3.00	Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Praise Holy Communion & APCM	Norbury Ratlinghope Churchstoke Snead

**Benefice Administrator** – With the departure of Rev'd Deborah the Benefice is now in interregnum until a new Rector is appointed. In the meantime if you have any queries about baptisms, weddings, funerals or any other Benefice matters please contact Sue Cooke who is the new Benefice Administrator. Sue will be working from home initially and can be contacted

at [admin@onnycamlad.co.uk](mailto:admin@onnycamlad.co.uk). The phone at the Rectory (01588 650253) will be regularly checked for messages but if your matter is urgent you can ring 01588 650580.

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**A letter from Reverend Christine**

Dear Friends,

I'm really enjoying being with you and I'd like to thank you all for your warm welcome.

As we journey through Lent towards Easter I've been thinking about one particular Easter Day that I spent in Greece. On the evening of Easter Saturday I joined in the Celebration of the Resurrection alongside the local community. The tiny church was packed for this special service and everyone and everything was completely still and silent. There was an air of 'hushed expectation'.

Eventually the priest and his assistants entered and, after a further time of silence, broken only by quiet prayers, the entire congregation went outside for the Lighting of the New Fire. At this point the priest shouted, in Greek, at the top of his voice, 'Christ is Risen! Alleluia!' to which the people responded, equally loudly, 'He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia, Alleluia!' So far it was very much like many services that take place in this country on the Eve of Easter Day.

The greatest moment, however, came after the service was over, when everyone lit torches from the New Fire and streamed through the darkened streets to light lamps and candles in their own homes. The whole community came alight with the fire that had been kindled outside the church building.

I was left with a feeling that I'll never forget: that the resurrection wasn't just a 'hole in the corner' sort of event, confined to the church building, but that it was something that was of deep significance to the whole community: a significance that was underlined by the spreading of the Holy Flame into every home!

As we join in the Easter services in our communities, we may not experience a physical 'New Fire' outside our churches, but the Risen Christ will be very present with us, and afterwards we too can carry the Light of Christ back into our homes and into our everyday lives as we become beacons of God's love.

*Christ is Risen! Alleluia!  
He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Happy Easter to everyone!

Love from Christine

**BENEFICE APCM - Chaired by Rev'd John Daniels**  
**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm, Village Hall at Norbury**

The Parishes of Wentnor, Ratlinghope, Norbury, Myndtown, Lydham, More and Hyssington will be joining together for their Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The meeting will be in two halves:

The first part of the meeting will deal with the election of Churchwardens and any business common to all the churches of the Benefice.

In the second half of the meeting we will split into separate church groups around the hall to receive the annual reports for each church.

Afterwards there will be refreshments and a time for discussion.

Anyone is welcome to attend as long as you are on the church electoral roll for one of the listed Parishes. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Vacancy Review Consultation – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019**  
**At 9.30am in Lydham Village Hall**

**All parishioners in the OnnyCamlad Group are invited.**

Rev John Daniels (The Local Ministry Officer for the Diocese) will be with us at an **Open Meeting at Lydham Village Hall on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April**.

The consultation takes approximately three hours, starting with worship at 9.30am and finishing between 12.30pm and 1.00pm.

The meeting is to encourage discussion about the kinds of communities we live in; the needs of those communities; mission and ministry within the parishes (current and future), and what sort of church God is calling us all to be.

It is emphasised that **this meeting is for everyone** not just people who happen to be on the Parish Councils and PCCs.

Churchwardens and PCC members are encouraged to make this an absolute priority. It will be facilitated by John Daniels and will mainly be 'small group work' looking at what our nine parishes have to offer.

This is not intended to be an opportunity to debate the qualities desired in the next Incumbent, but rather to inform and resource those who will share in the task of writing the draft Statement of Needs.

**Confirmation by Bishop Alistair**

There will be a Confirmation Service on

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am at St Nicholas' Churchstoke.** If you would like to be confirmed (or baptised) please contact Revd Carol Whittock.

**National Open Day at UK Mosques.**

In the last Magazine there was an article about the Open Day on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, and, in particular, an invitation to the Mosque at Craven Arms.

Sue Harrison-Stone went to the Mosque and received a warm welcome. She has written a short piece about her illuminating visit, which is printed in full in the front section of this magazine.

**Trinity 'Hospital', Clun:** There are 2 one-bedroom ground floor properties, situated in the quadrangle, for rent by local person(s) over 55 years of age. More details in the front section of this magazine.

**AROUND THE PARISHES: Future events. 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.

**Monday 1 April, and every Monday:** 2.00-4.00. **TABLE TENNIS** in the Village Hall at Norbury. All welcome even if you're new to the game. For enquiries, phone Len Williams 01588 650869.

**Tuesday 2 April:** 2.30. **Onny Valley Social Club**, Village Hall at Norbury: Jim and Wendy are putting on their 'film show'. Memories of OVSC Trips.

**Weds 3 April** 7.30. **Churchstoke WI**; see 'Churchstoke Notes'.

**Thursday 4 April, and every Thursday:** 10.30-12 **CoffeCraft**. In Churchstoke Community Hall. See 'Churchstoke Notes'.

**Friday 5 April** 7pm for 7.30 start: **Cash Bingo night** Hyssington Village Hall

**Monday 8 April** **Friendship Club lunch**. Meet at 12 noon in Hyssington Village Hall car park: to go to lunch at 'The Inn on the Green'.

**Tuesday 9 April** 7.30pm Hyssington Village Hall: **Book Club**.

**Weds 10 April:** 7.00pm, Village Hall at Norbury. **JOINT APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting)** for 7 of our parishes (Hyssington, Lydham, More, Myndtown, Norbury, Ratlinghope, Wentnor) Details a few pages back.

**Thursday 11 April:** 7.30 Village Hall at Norbury. **Norbury & District WI**.

**Easter Party!!** Competition is "A Decorated Easter Egg".

We are friendly group and welcome visitors and new members. The first meeting is free so why not come along and meet us and enjoy the variety of speakers we have for you this year.

**Friday 12 April:** 7.15 for 7.30, "**Filling Station**" at Newcastle Community Centre: Go for Worship and Refreshment, (both Spiritual & physical). See article near front of magazine. For more information see [clunvalleyfs@gmail.com](mailto:clunvalleyfs@gmail.com) or ring Kate on 01588 640778.

**Saturday 13 April** 10.30-12.30, **Coffee Morning & Book Bring & Buy**. Village Hall, Hyssington.

**Sat 13 & Sun 14 April:** Gorsty House, Hyssington. NGS Bulbs light every part of this special garden!

**Weds 17 April** Leaving 9am. **Onny Valley Social Club:** Trip to Blue Planet & Cheshire Oaks. Contact Richard & Wendy Edwards (01588 650 607).

**Thursday 18 April** 6.30pm at BC Auction Yard car park: **Hyssington Social Club** 'Walk and Talk around Bishops Castle'

**Saturday 27 April** 9.30-12.30 Lydham Village Hall **Vacancy Review Consultation.** All parishioners invited. This is about seeking a new incumbent. See longer article a few pages back.

Date for your diary: **Saturday 29 June** for a fun evening of country dancing and music at The Village Hall at Norbury with the HiJinx Ceilidh Band and caller to show us all the moves! This is a follow-up to last autumn's very successful and hilarious evening. More details in future issues.

**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 April

**Next Tuesday Lunches:** 16 April

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'

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**CHURCHSTOKE NOTES** (Website [www.stnicholaschurchstoke.org.uk](http://www.stnicholaschurchstoke.org.uk))

### **The Third Day**

'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' (Luke 24:7)

Years ago I saw the musical 'Jesus Christ Superstar' in London with two friends. Afterwards they asked me what I thought. I said it was a pity they'd missed off the end. When they asked me what I meant I said 'Well it ends with the crucifixion and Judas hanging himself. But that's only what happened on Good Friday – the best bit of the story is what happened on the third day'.

It's true isn't it? If everything had stopped on Good Friday we would have the most depressing story. If Jesus Christ had not been raised from the dead, Christianity would not exist, and life would be very tough indeed, without any future hope.

Thank God for 'the third day'!

We know what happened on the third day but what is the significance?

You may have assumed the third day was just a statement of fact: Jesus was killed on day 1, in the tomb on day 2 and raised on day 3 - but there is more to it than that.

In Corinthians Paul says Christ was raised on the third day 'according to the Scriptures'. So if we skim through the Old Testament we find that the third day was often important. When Abraham went to sacrifice Isaac, it was on the third day that God provided a substitute so that Isaac might live. It's a precursor of what would happen with Jesus.

Last month I wrote about the blood sacrifice and the symbol of having the blood on your doorposts so that you would be saved – the symbol of membership. The Israelites were saved only by the blood of a lamb – and we can be saved only by the blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God.

At Mount Sinai God appeared powerfully to the people on the third day; Joshua led the people of Israel to the Jordan River where they camped for 3 days and on the third day he led them into the Promised Land; and Hosea prophesied that 'on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live in His presence'. Interesting isn't it?

And on the third day Jesus was vindicated. He was shown to be right. If Jesus had said all He'd said and done all He'd done but stayed in the tomb, we wouldn't be worshipping Him today, because he would have lost.

But the truth is – Jesus won!!

It seems that if we look through Scripture it's often on the third day that God shows up.

The truth of the resurrection is wonderful – it means new life for you and me, it means our sins can be forgiven and we too will be raised from death to life.

All because Jesus conquered the enemy, He conquered sin and death.

All because on the third day Jesus won!

May the truth of the victory of Jesus be even more significant in your lives this Easter!

God bless you.

Carol

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### **Prayer Meetings**

Wednesdays 2pm in church

We are holding special prayer meetings through March and April to pray in the vision God has given us for Churchstoke, for using our church building to bring glory to God and bless our community – our Project to create a meeting room, toilets, new heating and new sound and vision. Please come and pray!

**NB** **APCM** – Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>, after Morning Worship.

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meets Wednesdays 7-8.45pm in the vicarage.  
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**CHURCHSTOKE W.I.**

Churchstoke WI meets on the first Wednesday of every month in Churchstoke Community Hall at 7.30. We usually have a speaker and they talk on a variety of subjects. On April 3<sup>rd</sup> we have a speaker from the Shropshire, Staffordshire and Cheshire Blood Bikes organisation. They are an urgent volunteer service providing transportation of blood products for free, to NHS hospitals across the three counties and beyond. Their speakers are always interesting and inspirational. Do come along and join in. Your first visit is free of charge. We are a very friendly group of ladies and as well as our monthly meetings we also have several outings during the year, and we play Scrabble at a member's home each month. Ring our president, Sue Hughes, 01588 620310 to find out more.

**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 which will be sent out to South Africa and Romania. 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.

### **CHRISTMAS HAMPER BASKET**

We are still missing the basket from the main prize in the draw at the Christmas Tree Festival. This does not belong to us and we would love to return it to its owner! If you, or someone you know, won this prize we would be very grateful if the hamper basket could be returned to church please. Please contact Jo on 01588 620434 if you would like it to be picked up.

### **HYSSINGTON NEWS**

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April St Etheldreda's welcomes you to her Easter Vigil on Easter Eve at 8pm.

The church's oldest liturgical observance, the 'Paschal Vigil', is a celebration of the Christian *Pascha*, referring to the Passion, death and resurrection of our Lord. The evening darkens, the birds cease their last chorus and in the twilight, the service begins and one is standing as in a 'thin' place and we are led from darkness to light when the Paschal candle is lit and then gives light to everyone's candle. Thus, the Light of Christ fills the church in its most symbolic way.

**Services:** see schedule at front of the OnnyCamlad section.

### **Meetings: Village Dates for the diary:**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 7pm for 7.30pm start 'Cash Bingo' night VH

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### **NEWS from St Peter's, MORE** March Draw:-

First, John Matten. Second, Ray Heighway. Third, Margaret Cooke.

**Notes for your diary**, with full information to follow:

29 June: **The More Breakfast is Back!** 10am - noon; Lydham Village Hall.

30 June: Choral Evensong at More Church. Time to be arranged.

### **RATLINGHOPE NEWS:**

Ratlinghope 200 club draw: November:

£20 Jim Jarrett; £10 David Cooke; £5 Eddie & Josie McNamara.

December: £20 Rosa Malseed; £10 Christine Mansell; £5 Colin Hughes.

January: £20 Claire Leggatt; £10 Eddie & Josie McM. ; £5 Mandy Black.

### **SNEAD NEWS:**

The church is open daily for visitors. The church path hedge has now been laid from top to bottom – all 65 metres of it. Thanks to the Caring for God's Acre team for their hard work!

The good news this month is that we have received a grant award from the Prince of Wales's Charitable Fund towards our floor, drainage and ventilation works. This means that we are hopeful of being able to make a start on the essential drainage works needed to take water out of the churchyard and prevent further deterioration of the existing floor joists.

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Dear Friends,

By now, many of you will have heard that I am leaving my post as a Priest in the OnnyCamlad group of parishes. I officially finish on 31<sup>st</sup> March. This has been a very difficult decision to make and I feel a great sense of sadness and loss, at not being able to return to live and work with you.

I have loved getting to know you and experiencing life in such an incredible area. As individuals, church congregations and communities, you have been so welcoming and accepting of me and I have very much appreciated your support, encouragement and kindness.

Sadly, following my father's death last year, my family circumstances, including my mother's care needs, became much more difficult to manage alongside the demands of work. 'Depression' has many triggers and I just experienced too many, too quickly, to stay well.

I continue to believe, however that vulnerability and the experience of suffering can be a great strength, especially in any line of caring work. Knowing one is weak can help us value the strengths of others more and increase our dependence on God. A favourite bible passage of mine, is of St Paul speaking about his weaknesses and God's words to him, have always encouraged me:

*'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness'  
(2 Corinthians 12.9).*

God's grace has come to me over the years, through many people who have helped me in times of need, including yourselves. Thank you, for your prayers while I've been off sick and thank you too, for your cards and messages. I'm sorry I've not been in touch but I still find interacting with people very exhausting and painful. I very much hope to visit properly and see you again, once I am better.

Finally, thank you, to so many of you, who have kept on 'keeping on', continuing to look after the church communities in OnnyCamlad. I would particularly like to thank our Church Wardens, Treasurers, PCC members, other Lay Leaders, retired Clergy and the Revd Carol Whittock. You have been an absolute pleasure to work with and I have learned a huge amount from you. Thank you for working alongside Revd Stephanie Fountain in my absence to manage things and plan for the future.

God bless you, keep you and guide you in the time ahead.

May God who knows our paths,  
and the places where we rest,  
be with us in our waiting,  
be our good news for sharing  
and lead us in the way that is everlasting. Amen

*(Journeying On - The Iona Community)*

With love,

Deborah

*Revd Deborah Swann*

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Our Bishop has recognised that we need a priest to help us during the forthcoming interregnum and he has appointed Revd Christine Brewster, who sends us this message:

**A message from Christine ...**

As you may have heard, Bishop Alistair has asked me to help in your parishes during your interregnum, and I've been invited by your Rural Dean, Stephanie, to tell you a bit about myself.

Having been born and brought up in rural North Yorkshire, I studied Music and Theology at Newcastle University before embarking on a teaching career in Buckinghamshire. This culminated in my being Headteacher of a Middle School in High Wycombe for sixteen years. I also taught at Her Majesty's Young Offenders' Institution in Aylesbury for a while, and at Aylesbury Music Centre for many years.

Following this I trained for the priesthood in Oxford where I was ordained in Christchurch Cathedral. My ministry has been mainly in rural areas which have included parishes in Buckinghamshire and North Yorkshire, Wetherby and Mid Wales (Carno and Caersws). Since coming to live in Shropshire on my retirement I've helped in the Middle Marches and Bromfield Benefices as well as at St Laurence's Church in Ludlow.

Along the way I've studied Psychology (in London) and Empirical Theology (at Bangor) which involved a research project concerning stress and coping amongst rural clergy. My interests include music, walking and most importantly, people.

By the time you read this I will have met with Stephanie when details of my involvement with the parishes will be clarified. Meanwhile I look forward to meeting you all.

With every good wish  
Christine (Brewster)

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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.

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We are still collecting but we are still some way off our target of £4,500 to refurbish Wentnor Clock and restore the chiming mechanism.

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**Sunday 3 March** 12-5pm **Invitation to visit Craven Arms Islamic Centre** #VisitMyMosque. (Noor House, Newton Street, Craven Arms SY7 9PQ) This is a national open day, to which we are warmly invited. If arriving by 1pm or 3:45pm we are invited to observe the prayer followed by light refreshments and a tour of the building. Members of the Islamic Centre have also been invited to visit some of our Churches.

**Monday 4 March, and every Monday:** 2.00-4.00. **TABLE TENNIS** in the Village Hall at Norbury. All welcome even if you're new to the game. For enquiries, phone Len Williams 01588 650869.

**Tuesday 5 March:** 12.30 for 1.00 **Onny Valley Social Club** in Village Hall at Norbury. **Fish & Chips and Skittles.**

**Wednesday 6 March:** 7.30. **Churchstoke WI.** In the Community Hall. See 'Churchstoke Notes' for more details.

**Thursday 7 March, and every Thursday:** 10.30-12 **CoffeCraft.** In Churchstoke Community Hall. See 'Churchstoke Notes'.

**Friday 8 March:** 7.15 for 7.30. **'Filling Station'** Newcastle Community Centre. Informal worship (and good refreshments). Speaker Pauline Mack: 'What is the New Thing?' For us as individuals and in Shropshire as a whole – leading up to a **'prayer walk' along the Shropshire Way** from Ludlow on 30 May to The BRIDGES on 9 June. More details near front of magazine.

**Saturday 9 March:** 10-12 **Coffee Morning**, with **bring & buy book sale**, at Hyssington Village Hall, and the 100 Club draw (up to 45 members now). This will be a regular event every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday; in aid of the Village Hall.

**Monday 11 March:** 2.00 meet at Hyssington Car Park: **Friendship Club**, meet to go and visit the pottery in Chirbury.

**Tuesday 12 March:** 7.30 **Book Club**. Hyssington Village Hall

**Thursday 14 March:** 7.30 Village Hall, Norbury. **Norbury & District WI** Ellie Tarratt is giving a talk called 'Pretender to the Throne'. Competition is a home-made brooch. We are friendly group and welcome visitors and new members. The first meeting is free so why not come along and meet us and enjoy the variety of speakers we have for you this year.

**Thursday 28 March:** 7.30 **Friendship Club** at Hyssington Village Hall.

**Tuesday 2 April:** 2.30. **Onny Valley Social Club**, Village Hall at Norbury: Jim and Wendy are putting on their 'film show'.

**Saturday 6 April:** 7 for 7.30: Cash Bingo night at Hyssington Village Hall.

Date for your diary: **Saturday 29 June** for a fun evening of country dancing and music at The Village Hall at Norbury with the HiJinx Ceilidh Band and caller to show us all the moves! This is a follow-up to last autumn's very successful and hilarious evening. More details in future issues.

**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:** 13 March

**Next Tuesday Lunches:** 19 March

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'

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## **CHURCHSTOKE NOTES**

### **Symbol of membership**

People get into Britain because of their passports, not their knowledge of cricket! Cash machines will give me money because of my pin, not my ability to handle money. We live in a society of clubcards and special accounts, all of which give us privileges, regardless of our suitability or character. All I need is the symbol of membership, whatever it may be. As long as I have that I get all the privileges of belonging.

The most powerful example of this in history was the Passover.

The children at KidzKlub have just covered the account of the escape from Egypt of the people of God – the Israelites. You know the story: Pharaoh refuses to let the Israelites (his slaves) go free despite ‘having his nation carpet-bombed with frogs, gnats, boils, locusts and the rest’.<sup>1</sup>

Moses tells him the firstborn of every Egyptian family will die unless he releases the slaves.

Pharaoh still refuses. Why hasn't he learnt? You don't mess with God!!

God sends the destroying angel through Egypt, killing every firstborn son, bringing destruction and grief. The Israelites though are protected by an extraordinary symbol of the grace of God. They are told to kill a Passover Lamb and daub its blood on the lintel and doorposts so that when Yahweh sees the blood he will pass over the house and not destroy the firstborn.

The only thing that separated the Israelites from death was the blood on their doorposts. They were not protected by good behaviour or obedience or a special deal. Yet they were saved anyway.

Because of the blood.

The blood on the doorpost wasn't *another* factor which God took into consideration when deciding who to rescue and to destroy. It was the only one.

It was the symbol of membership. And it made all the difference.

When we look at Jesus, the Passover Lamb who was sacrificed, we see the same principle in operation.

We see that our rescue from the slavery of sin is based not on our performance - but on His sacrifice. That is the grace of God.

The only factor, *the only factor*, that God takes into consideration, is whether we have cried out for the blood of the Lamb, the blood of Jesus, to save us.

Revd Carol

<sup>1</sup> Andrew Wilson: 'God Stories'

If you'd like to discuss this further, please get in touch.

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**FOOD BANK** St Nicholas Church, Churchstoke. An outpost of the Clun Community Larder.

For referral to the Food Bank, contact Rev Carol Whittock 620693

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**IGNITE:** Youth group for years 7-9; Wednesday evenings 7 to 8.45 at Churchstoke Vicarage.

**Games – food – worship – drama – prayer – chat**

Ring Revd Carol for details, 620693

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**Kidz Klub.** On first Sunday of the month – 3<sup>rd</sup> March and 4<sup>th</sup> April. Parents please drop children (primary age) at the Vicarage in Churchstoke at 10.25 for a mix of games, drinks, story and activity. Children will rejoin parents in church for the final song etc. If you are interested, please contact Rev Carol.

**Sunday 7 April:** APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting). It will follow our Morning Praise service.

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**Sunday Central:** 17 March at 10.30am ... *Relaxed* and *lively* worship with drama, meditation, and fun activities for all ages

**MOTHERING Sunday:** 31 March at 10.30am  
Come and be a part of this celebration

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### **Hamper!!**

If you, or someone you know, were the lucky winner of the main hamper prize in our draw at the Christmas Tree Festival, we would be very grateful if the hamper basket could be returned to church please. It doesn't actually belong to us and we would love to return it to the person who very generously fills it each year, so that it can be used again. If you have it, or you know who won the prize, and would like someone to pick it up, please contact Marilyn on 01588 620418, or Jo on 01588 620434. Thank you so much.

**W.I. Churchstoke WI** meets on the first Wednesday of every month in Churchstoke Community Hall at 7.30. We usually have a speaker and they talk on a variety of subjects. March's meeting is on 6<sup>th</sup> and we will be having a cookery demonstration. This is a very popular evening as it usually involves tasting some delicious food. Do come along and join in. Your first visit is free of charge. We are a very friendly group of ladies and as well as our monthly meetings, we also have several outings during the year, and we play Scrabble at a member's home each month. Ring our president, Sue Hughes, 01588 620310 to find out more.

**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 which will be sent out to South Africa and Romania. **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.

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### **HYSSINGTON NEWS: from St Etheldreda's correspondent.**

St Etheldreda's is, excitingly, one of a selection of burial grounds from across the UK to feature on the Caring for God's Acre website.

It has been chosen because it is valued as a well-managed site, rich in wildlife and heritage and one which people will be encouraged to visit. It is wonderful to be chosen and we will endeavour to continue a similar pattern

of management to last year's. There is still much to learn and more plants such as yellow rattle to establish in the areas of tough grass.

Please continue to tend around family graves but don't trim more than is necessary so that the wild flowers and grasses will flourish. We value your co-operation and will ensure to mow paths to attended graves and for safe access around the churchyard. If you do have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to tell us. We would love your help too!

Service Sunday 3 March 09.45 Please check service rota.

Other dates for the diary:

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Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL Gorsty House NGS: Take pleasure in seeing a kaleidoscope of colour! Check next magazine for times of opening.

\*Advance notice!\* Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE Hyssington Open Gardens and Flower Festival 11am – 5.30pm

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**LYDHAM NEWS:**

Results of January Draw:

1<sup>st</sup> £12, Russell Price; 2<sup>nd</sup> £5, Phil Powell; 3<sup>rd</sup> £4.50, Nancy Beamond.

The draw was based on 43 tickets for the month.

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February: 1 Susan Jones; 2 Cynthia Cooper; Mr Donald Evans.

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**SNEAD NEWS**

At the time of going to press, two hedge-laying days have been well supported and 30 metres of hedge-laying completed, which is about half way

down the path to the church from the Log Cabin paddock. Another day has been arranged for 21<sup>st</sup> February but after that further work will have to wait until next year. The Caring for God's Acre Task Team organiser is suggesting that the second, more ancient hedge along the path will also be tackled next year. Our thanks go to the Caring for God's Acre charity for their tremendous support.

All the movement of brash and many footsteps has been on what was soft grassy ground but is now rather muddy, so no services will be held at the church in the immediate future, to give the grass chance to re-grow. Some reseeding may need to be done too.

The church will remain open daily in daylight hours for visitors. Parking is best at the Snead 'Welcome to Wales' layby on the A489 between Bishop's Castle and Churchstoke. It's then a 100 yards walk down the lane leading out of the layby to the paddock/Log Cabin Noticeboard gate. It's best to wear strong/waterproof shoes if you are visiting the church. The best route to take is around the side of the Log Cabin where there is a stony surface.

A PCC meeting will be held on **11<sup>th</sup> March** in Bishop's Castle, and an APCM will also be arranged shortly.

### **Snead Stop the Rot Appeal for Floor and Drainage Work**

**Our fund-raising work** continues with new grant applications being made in the next month or two. Donations to our **Building Fund** are very welcome!

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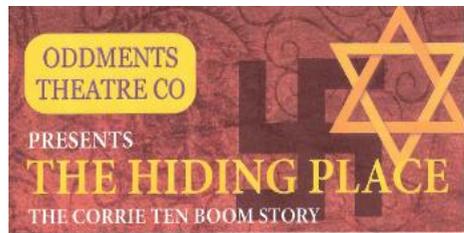
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**'The Hiding Place'**  
in the Village Hall at Norbury.  
5-star rating – don't miss out! See  
poster near front of magazine for  
information and booking details.



Tickets £10 from [www.oddments-theatre.co.uk](http://www.oddments-theatre.co.uk) or on the door.

This is a real play with real actors! Refreshments will be available.

'The Hiding Place' is the true story of Corrie ten Boom, a Christian woman in Holland who could not stand by and watch the abominable treatment of Jewish people by the Nazi invaders in WW2, so she set out to rescue them.

'The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men, and women, to do nothing'.

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## Dave Marpole Memorial Fund - Update



The Memorial fund for Dave Marpole now stands at over £1,300 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?

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Thank you

## **The Story of the Treasure in the Piano**

Tuesday 26 February 7.30

Community College, Bishop's Castle

The Real Story behind the hidden store of gold coins discovered in the piano at the community College.

Presented by Peter Revell from the British Museum.

Also to be revealed:

The winning entry from a competition between students at the College for the best alternative story.

**Entry is Free,**

(but donations are requested to support SpArc Centre)

Bar serving wine & soft drinks. Raffle.

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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 the TECHNICS ORGAN (EX35) at Hyssington Church is **for sale. £100.** It has a wide variety of functions, and the choice of selecting 10 preset organ sounds. Contact Anne (07776 204328).  
NEAT MID-DARK BROWN WITH PULL-DOWN LID.

**Monday 4 February, and every Monday:** 2.00-4.00. **TABLE TENNIS** in the Village Hall at Norbury. All welcome even if you're new to the game. For enquiries, phone Len Williams 01588 650869.

**Tuesday 5 February:** 2.30 **Onny Valley Social Club.** Village Hall at Norbury: Janet and David Preshous and Marian Gatward: **'Letters from Home'**, a talk about the First World War soldiers from Bishop's Castle, including letters that were written to and from them during that war.

**Wednesday 6 February:** 7.30. **Churchstoke WI.** In the Community Centre. See 'Churchstoke Notes' for more details.

**Thursday 7 February:** 10.30-12 **CoffeCraft**. See 'Churchstoke Notes'. (Meets every Thursday:- 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> at the same time).

**Friday 8 February:** 7.30. Village Hall at Norbury: **'The Hiding Place'**. A play by Oddments Theatre Co. The Corrie ten Boom story about saving Jewish people in Holland from persecution by Nazis during WW2. See earlier in this Magazine for more details.

**Friday 8 February:** 7.15 for 7.30. **'Filling Station'** Newcastle Community Centre. Speaker Hellie Brunt. On Isaiah 43:19, where the Lord says, "See I am doing a new thing". More details in article near front of magazine.

**Saturday 9 February:** 10-2.30ish Church Barn, Bishop's Castle. **'Perpetrators, Bystanders and Resisters'**; Deanery study day to reflect on issues raised by the play 'The Hiding Place'. Led by Dr John Warren. Bring lunch to share. See front of magazine for more details.

**Saturday 9 Feb:** 10-12 **Coffee Morning**, with **bring & buy book sale**, at Hyssington Village Hall. This will be a regular event every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday; in aid of the Village Hall.

**Monday 11 February:** 2.30-4.30 **Friendship Club**, at Hyssington Village Hall: Speaker: Dan Hodgkiss – Montgomery Wildlife Trust.

**Tuesday 12 February:** 7.30 **Book Club**. Hyssington Village Hall

**Thursday 14 February:** 7.30 Village Hall, Norbury. **Norbury & District WI** Rosie Cantrill is giving a talk on **Natural Skincare**. Competition is for a skin care beauty tip. We are friendly group and welcome visitors and new members. The first meeting is free so why not come along and meet us and enjoy the variety of speakers we have for you this year.

**Saturday 16 February:** 7.30pm **'An Evening of Entertainment'**. Hyssington Village Hall; in aid of War Memorial relocation. See Hyssington News.

**Tuesday 26 February:** 7.30pm **'Treasure in the Piano'**. Community College Bishop's Castle. See notice on previous page and longer article in the front section of this magazine.

**Weds 27 February:** 7.30 at Lydbury North Village Hall: **'Pruning Shrubs and their Aftercare'**; talk by Duncan Coombs, brought to us by SW Shrops Gardening Club. See front section of this magazine for details.

**Tuesday 5 March:** 12.30 for 1.00 **Onny Valley Social Club** in Village Hall at Norbury. **Fish & Chips and Skittles**.

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## **CHURCHSTOKE NOTES**

**WI** The first meeting of the New Year is on Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 in the village hall. The speaker will be Elizabeth Woodall who will be talking about WI Memorabilia. This would be an ideal time to come and see what WI is all about as it's at the beginning of the year. We are a friendly group of ladies and we are ready to give you a very big welcome. The first meeting is free.

**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 which will be sent out to South Africa and Romania. 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.

## **THANK YOU**

We would like to say a huge 'thank you' to everyone who took part in our Christmas Tree Festival in December. The standard of trees this year was better than ever, and they were well worth seeing. We had lots of positive comments from visitors, all of whom enjoyed seeing the lovely displays. Donations amounted to £933. We were able to send £441.50 to Open Doors, a charity helping persecuted Christians overseas, but especially in North Korea. Thank you to everyone who came to the Festival for your support.

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## **HYSSINGTON NEWS: from St Etheldreda's correspondent.**

**'I can no other answer make but thanks, and thanks and ever thanks'.**

Our sincere, heartfelt appreciation to everyone who has contributed to the life of St Etheldreda's over the past year and kept her heartbeat pulsing.

Some with acts of kindness or thoughtfulness; some with skill of hand or voice. By friends or strangers –people of faith or none.

People who value an ancient place where one can sit in peace, in the quiet of one's breathing: a place of retreat. Whether one is connected because of family graves, or interested in history, botany or God, there is an 'indoor congregation' and an equally important 'outdoor congregation' or gathering, working together.

Everything seems to require a 'Mission Statement' – hospitals, supermarkets and churches! What does St Etheldreda's mean to each one of us?

What purpose or reason is there for the church to continue?

Why do we do what we do?

Of course it is important in a different way to those of us not attending on a Sunday.

There will be other serious questions to address in the coming months or, hopefully, years. Having quoted William Shakespeare, after two+ degrees in theology, the final words of guidance for the rest of the year ahead are first spoken by the mother of Cinderella and taken to heart: 'Have courage and be kind'. They're in that Bible somewhere....

**Service: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 9.45 **Candlemas Holy Communion****

Other dates for the diary:

**Saturday 9 February 10-12.00 **Village Hall Coffee Morning and Book Bring and Buy****. Everyone welcome! This is a monthly event to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month in aid of the village hall.

**Hyssington 100 Club**: the first draw takes place this month at the coffee morning. If you would like to join, please contact Annie 01588 620953.

Please look out for further information on the Village Notice Boards/ Hyssington community and Hyssington Village Hall Facebook pages. Watch out for **Bingo** night! (Date to be confirmed).

**Monday 11 February 2.30pm- 4.30pm **Friendship Club**** at the Village Hall. Speaker: Dan Hodgkiss from Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust. Please note! Men and women are welcome to every meeting.

**Tuesday 12 February 7.30pm **Book Club**** Village Hall

**Saturday 16 February 7.30pm Village Hall 'An Evening of Entertainment'** in aid of War Memorial Relocation. Tickets:£5. Contact Anne:07776 204328. Check posters and Hyssington Community Facebook page. Not to be missed!

\*Advance notice. NGS Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April at Gorsty House. Delight in 1,000s of daffodils! Not just 'a golden host'..

\* Sat 1<sup>st</sup> & Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> June Hyssington Open Gardens. If you are willing to open your garden or help with refreshments, please contact Annie 01588 620953

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**LYDHAM NEWS:**

Results of November Draw (our 3<sup>rd</sup> of the 2018-19 season):

1<sup>st</sup> £12, Anthea Jones; 2<sup>nd</sup> £5, Doris Wright; 3<sup>rd</sup> £4.50, Mrs Cavan.

December Draw:

1<sup>st</sup> £12, Rosie Newcombe; 2<sup>nd</sup> £5 Barbara Geddes; 3<sup>rd</sup> £4.50, Norman Jones.

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

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**NEWS FROM ST PETER'S, MORE:**

Draw results:

November: 1 Wendy Howells; 2 Florence Denwood; 3 David Petwood

December: 1 Lyn Powell; 2 R. Tanner; 3 Mrs May Jackson

January: 1 Mr Delwyn Price; 2 Martin Owen; 3 Diana Newcombe

We would like to thank everyone who attended the 'Sherry and Shortbread morning' at More Church. Over £900 was raised. Our thanks go to Frank and Mary Astley for all the wonderful Hyacinth Bulbs they have cultivated, giving us spectacular displays in our homes at Christmas; to everyone who made delicious cakes and other delights to eat, the decorations and the scrummy home-made apple juice from Linley Hall.

Thank you for all the hard work put in by Doris who makes every event happen! It was a good 'Pre-Christmas Get-together'.

We shall keep you posted of other events through the year.

## **RATLINGHOPE NEWS**

Draw results

October: £20 John Hughes; £10 Rhys Evans; £5 J.R.Morris

November: £20 Jim Jarrett; £10 David Cooke; £5 Josie & Eddie McNamara

We had a wonderful, but rather informal, Christmas service on the Friday before Christmas. The church was full – standing room only – and we were entertained by a short Nativity play reflecting on the difficulties that would have affected Mary & Joseph, which they overcame with help and support from many sources, secular and spiritual. Then we were entertained by the very new Community Choir. Followed by refreshments, mulled wine and other goodies.

Thank you to all the many people who helped make this become such a warm and memorable evening.

Just before Christmas a film crew from National Geographic came to our church in connection with the new series of 'The Story of God', narrated by Morgan Freeman. Their main interest is with the life and times of Richard Munslow, the last known sin-eater in Britain, who lived until 1906 and is buried in the churchyard. We do not yet know if we 'made the final cut', but the series is to be aired in April or thereabouts. Exciting!

## **SNEAD NEWS**

Snead Church started the New Year with another unique service/event to celebrate Twelfth Night on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Thanks to all those who came and contributed to the occasion! There was a good turnout and the conditions underfoot were good enough to make the walk down from the main road comparatively straightforward.

Over the Christmas period a new fund-raising campaign was launched on our Facebook page 'Snead Church, Powys'. We are appealing for contributions towards the cost of replacing the wooden flooring in the nave and chancel and to install a new drainage and ventilation system to prevent future damage from dampness. We have to raise an additional £25,000 on top of the original quote of £20,000 for which funds had already been pledged. It is an enormous task but any contribution no matter how small is

welcome. Cheques can be sent to our Treasurer, made payable to Snead Parochial Church Council: Eryri, Abermule, Powys SY15 6NL.

**Hedge Laying Days** Thursdays 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> February 10 am to 3 pm

In February there will be two days organised by Caring for God's Acre to start work on laying the hedge along the path which leads down to the church. No experience is necessary. Tools and refreshments will be provided. Bring a packed lunch and wear suitable clothing. Booking can be made through Alex Logan at CFGA – [alex@cfga.org.uk](mailto:alex@cfga.org.uk) or phone 01588 673041. Alternatively contact Pam Blaxland at [pamblaxland@gmail.com](mailto:pamblaxland@gmail.com) or phone 01588 638145.

We hope to have another special service in March or April; watch this space.

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**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:** 13 February

**Next Tuesday Lunches:** 19 February

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'

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**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. Adrian Varcoe or ring 01588 638350

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

**Myndtown Combined Parish Co:** Parish Clerk Mrs L Thomas 650509.

**Wentnor Stores:** The Post Office outreach service is OPEN on Tuesdays 9.30–11.30. Please support the village shop as much as possible.

**Hall Bookings:**

**Churchstoke Community Centre:** Victoria Butcher, 01686 668955

**Hyssington Village Hall:** 01588 620197

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

Email: [treasurerlydhammorevillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:treasurerlydhammorevillagehall@gmail.com)

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

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