

## ONNYCAMLAD PARISHES (February 2020)

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Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February  <b>Candlemas</b>	9.30	Morning Praise	Ratlinghope (DIY)
	9.30	Holy Communion	Hyssington
	10.30	Morning Praise & Kidz Klub	Churchstoke
	11.30	Holy Communion	Norbury
	6.30	Evening Prayer	Wentnor
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> February (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent)	9.30	Holy Communion	Ratlinghope
	10.30	Holy Communion	Churchstoke
	11.30	Holy Communion	More
	2.30	Methodist Service	Kinnerton Chapel
	6.30	Evensong	Norbury
Friday 14 Feb	6.30	Valentine's Service	Myndtown
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent)	10.30	Sunday Central	Churchstoke
	11.30	Holy Communion	Ratlinghope
	6.30	Evensong	Wentnor
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February (The Sunday before Lent)	8.30	Holy Communion	Norbury
	9.45	Holy Communion	Wentnor
	10.30	Holy Communion	Churchstoke
	2.30	Methodist Service	Kinnerton Chapel
26 February <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	10.30	Holy Communion with the imposition of Ashes	Churchstoke
	6.00	Holy Communion with the imposition of Ashes	Lydham

**This month sees the beginning of Lent with Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February and Ash Wednesday on 26<sup>th</sup> February.**

I'm sure lots of you will be enjoying a pile of pancakes, whether the religious significance of the day is recognised or not.

**But how many do anything to mark Ash Wednesday?** Probably very few.

This year, there will be two '**Ash Wednesday Services**' in the Benefice.

The first service will take place at **10.30 am at Churchstoke** and the second service will be a Holy Communion with Ashes at **6 pm in Lydham**.

Everyone is welcome to come along to these services.  
If you have not experienced one before, it will be good to see you there to explain what it is about.

**Benefice Lent Course** – During the Lent season we will be running Lent courses to help us look at the health of our churches.

Please look out for the dates and venues in the March magazine when more details will be available.

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Dear Friends,

My family and I have been overwhelmed with the warm welcome we have received around the benefice and deanery. Thank you everyone.

It seems appropriate that I was licensed right at the beginning of the church's New Year – a time of fresh starts in so many ways. I know that you have had a hard time lately but I believe that God will use those experiences to bless you in the future.

In Jeremiah 29:11 God says: *For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.* (NIV)

His promise was for Israel but it shows how God works with his people so we can take that promise for ourselves. I hope that, like me, you are excited to see what God will do through us and in us.

In the meantime, I wish you all a blessed New Year.

Love from Vivienne

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### **'My First Retreat'**

'The night before I headed to Oxfordshire for the Retreat I really wondered if I had made a mistake. I'd never been on a Retreat and was really quite nervous. But for me it turned out to be a revelation and a challenge as a Christian.

'There were 18 of us with 2 leaders. We were a mixture of Anglicans and Quakers and our retreat centre was a lovely Cotswold Manor House owned by the Society of Friends.'

These are the opening paragraphs of a short piece by Sue Harrison-Stone, from our benefice, who went on a Retreat in Oxfordshire last autumn. She tells me that it was an incredible experience. Her contribution is for the whole of the Clun Forest deanery, so it's published in full in the front section of the magazine, on page XX. Well worth a read!

David Hardham

## Christmas cheer with Jane Pugh the singing florist

**Wentnor PCC** would like to thank everyone who supported our flower demonstration on 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Special thanks to Jane for the amazing arrangements and entertainment. Also to the stall holders who brought a selection of Christmas gifts.

It was a happy, community, occasion which raised £900 for church funds.

Thank you to all.

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## Bulb Sale and Prosecco

**More Church** would like to thank Mary and Frank Astley for all their hard work in putting together this event, and for their warm hospitality and generosity at the Christmas Bulb Sale and Prosecco Morning.

£857 was raised for the Church Funds and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the morning.

Thanks also to everyone who came and gave support to this event.

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Hyssington Village Hall

## **Coffee Morning and Book Bring and Buy**



**Second Saturday of every month**

**Next date 8<sup>th</sup> February  
10.30-12.30**

Come and join us for tea, coffee, homemade cake, and a natter with friends old and new. Everyone welcome!

*Hyssington 100 Club numbers will be drawn!  
100 Club tickets available from Louise, Jo or Annie.  
Hope to see you there.*

*Contact email: [HyssingtonVH@outlook.com](mailto:HyssingtonVH@outlook.com)*

## **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.

### **But first a short note about RIDE and STRIDE:**

Clun Forest was **the best deanery** in the whole of Shropshire, raising **£5,564.50!!** See longer article on page XX. Half of all money that could be raised by you goes to your church, and half to Shropshire Historic Churches Trust to be given as grants to churches that need repairs.



I've had more information since that article was written: **Clungunford** and **Lydbury North** are in the top 5 churches countywide (2nd and 3rd position). They will be awarded special R & S certificates of recognition in due course.

Here, in OnnyCamlad, only three of our churches did some riding or striding, with sponsors, which raised a total of £499, which is more than last year and infinitely more than 3 years ago (when we raised a Big Fat Zero!).

However, as (some of) my school reports used to say, 'Could try harder'. Nearly every church seems to be belly-aching about a lack of finance, but this is a fun way to raise a few pounds and have a good day out. For the past few years I've been trying to get motivated; trying to raise the profile of Ride & Stride. And now I'm pleased to say that Pam Blaxland (Snead) has just volunteered as a 'co-County Organiser' with the Ride & Stride team at SHCT (Shropshire Historic Churches Trust). Now there will be no hiding place – except maybe the South Pole! But, seriously, I'm so glad of her help!

- Best wishes and happy fund-raising, David Hardham.

**Monday 3 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.

**Tues 4 February:** 2.30 in Village Hall at Norbury. **Onny Valley Social Club.** Angela Povey – 'Weaving and Spinning'. Contact: Edna Jones. (01588 650634).

**Weds 5 February:** Churchstoke WI. See 'Churchstoke Notes'.

**Thursday 6 February,** and every Thursday, 10.30-12.30 **CoffeeCraft.** At Churchstoke Village Hall. See 'Churchstoke Notes'.

**Saturday 8 February:** 10.30-12.30 Hyssington Village Hall. **Coffee Morning** and **Book 'bring & buy'**. See notice on previous page for full details.

**Monday 10 February:** 2.30-4.30 Hyssington Village Hall: **Friendship Club.**

**Tuesday 11 February:** 7.30 Hyssington Village Hall, **Book Club.**

**Thurs 13 February:** 7.30. Village Hall at Norbury: **Norbury & District WI.** **Deborah Alma**, the **Emergency Poet**, will be entertaining us with poetry and a description of her Poetry Pharmacy at Bishop's Castle – the only Poetry Pharmacy in the whole wide world (for now). Covered by the BBC and the national press – described as a 'haven in an old Edwardian ironmongers' ... that's Ron Davies' old shop! Hostesses: Jan Barnbrook, Sue Brown, Ros Payne. Competition: a heart-shaped collage.

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?

**Friday 14 Feb:** 7.15 for 7.30 Newcastle Community Centre '**Clun Valley Filling Station**' See article near front of Magazine. Contact: Brian Angel (01588 640029). Facebook 'The Filling Station-Clun Valley'

**Saturday 22 February:** 2pm. **Middle Marches Community Land Trust.** Woodland walk hosted by forester, Richard Craven, in a mixed species wood, converted from conifers and managed so as to avoid clear felling. Meet at 'The Plough Inn', Wistanstow, SY7 8RG. See article on page XX. Free to Members. Voluntary donations from Non-members.

**Tuesday 3 March:** 12.30 for 1pm. Village Hall at Norbury. Fish & Chips and Skittles. **Onny Valley Social Club.** Contact: Edna Jones (01588 650634)

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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 Lunch:** 12 February

**Next Tuesday Lunch:** 18 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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**CHURCHSTOKE NOTES** (Website: [www.stnicholaschurchstoke.org.uk](http://www.stnicholaschurchstoke.org.uk))

**Faith for the Future – Reordering project – Fit for Purpose!**

It is now four years since the Church Council began working on this project to put into effect our vision for a re-ordered church building, making it fit for purpose for the twenty-first century and beyond. And the purpose is the worship of God, the mission of the Church and service to the community.

The plan is to begin installing our new heating system as soon as possible. This will include placing an oil tank in the churchyard, to be placed some distance from the church for safety reasons. This will entail laying a pipe from the tank to the church, the route of which should not encroach

upon any graves. Of course great care will be taken during this work.

The next stage of the project will be the installation of toilets and a meeting room at the back of the church. The installation of an audio-visual system, a raised dais at the front and some new lighting will complete the project.

We have received £96,000 so far from donations and grants. We have the money to install the heating and some lighting. We have a specific grant to create a dais and we have the promise of the money for the audio-visual system. But we still need £50,000 approx to build the meeting room and install toilets. Our aim is to finish this work as soon as possible and certainly by the end of the year. And so we will be focussing our prayer, giving and grant applications with that in mind. There may be some disruption to our services.

We are praising God for all that He has undertaken for us so that we have been blessed with this money so far. He has moved us to great generosity and this really motivates us to continue until the work He has given us to do is complete.

Revd Carol

## Kidz Klub/Ignite

Kidz Klub/Ignite is on the first Sunday of the month – 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup> March. Parents - please bring children (ages 5 – 13) to the vicarage in Churchstoke at 10.20am for a mix of games, drinks, story, prayer and activity. Children will then re-join their parents in church at 11.20 for a final song etc. This is led by parents and church members and is working very well. If you're interested in **Kidz Klub/Ignite** please call Revd Carol 01588 620693

## Sunday Central

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Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10.30am

Family Church - *Relaxed and lively* worship



with drama, reflection, big craft construction and fun activities for all ages  
N.B. **March 22<sup>nd</sup>** will be **Mothering Sunday Central**.  
See you there!!

## **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

## **CHURCHSTOKE WI**

WI members met for the first meeting of the New Year at the new winter time of 4.00. The meeting was very well attended and the speaker, Dee Hanson, gave a brilliant talk about her journey on the 'Road to Samarkand'. Our February meeting is on **5<sup>th</sup> Feb at 4.00** in Churchstoke Village Hall.

Our speaker will be Barbara Gillespie whose subject is 'Flowers, Spain and Castle hotels'.

We welcome new members. The first meeting is free and if you would like to know more, please contact Mal Hill on 01588 620766 or Jo Jelves 01588 620434, who will be very pleased to answer any questions you may have.

**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. At present we are knitting for the charity 'Knit for Life', but if you don't knit it's no problem as you don't have to craft or knit! 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

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

December seemed the quickest month ever, beginning with a fun-filled Advent party and festive celebrations at both Friendship and Social Clubs.

Regular travel updates of Joseph, Mary and the Donkey, sometimes travelling by Sat Nav, ensured their safe arrival at the candlelit Christmas Eve service. During the carols, the characters from the Nativity story are placed in the stable. We would love to thank a mother and her angelic daughter for so tenderly laying the baby Jesus in the stable. With the Cross surrounded by candles, standing prominently whilst we sung of the Saviour's birth, it was a poignant moment when Revd. Preb Michael Pollit dedicated the wrought-iron Paschal Candle stand. It was crafted by Ed Middleton, commissioned and decorated by Shirley Gwyther, his grandmother, in memory of her husband Robert.

The themes of Mary nurturing her young son and the cruelty of his crucifixion with prickly holly and red carnations like drops of blood, were also evident in Ruth's arrangement encircling the Madonna. Elsewhere, St Etheldreda's shone with glorious, festive array: Christmas trees and baubles inside and, outside, the coloured lights were guiding our path. Thank you to everyone who took part: that's what makes the evening seem so special. 'Yet what I can I give Him – give my heart'.

We first welcomed Revd Vivienne on Christmas Eve and look forward to working and walking alongside her.

**Service:** Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 09.30 Holy Communion

We have a big project concerning the 900 year old yew along the path. A major branch has split but fortunately has not appeared to damage gravestones when it fell in strong winds before Christmas. We await quotations and advice from tree surgeons but will require a Faculty before we proceed. Thank you for your patience, especially those of you who cannot attend family graves.

**Village:**

Sat 8 Feb 10.30 – 12.30 Coffee Morning & Book Exchange: bring or buy a book. Village Hall. (See big notice a few pages back on page XX).

Mon 10 Feb 2.30 – 4.30pm Friendship Club; Village Hall.

Tues 11 Feb 7.30 Book Club; Village Hall.

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**News from St Peter's, More**

See earlier for a short piece about our highly successful 'Bulbs & Prosecco' event. Thank you to all who helped and attended.

Meanwhile, we have had two draws:

December: 1<sup>st</sup> Susan Cooke, 2<sup>nd</sup> R Holding, 3<sup>rd</sup> Colin & Marian Middleton.

January: 1<sup>st</sup> Robert Carlos, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mandy Black, 3<sup>rd</sup> Martha Godman.

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**Ratlinghope News:**

Our small team of **Riders & Striders** braved the elements last September, raising £429 in sponsorship. We were pleased to receive a cheque from the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust for **£215**. (50% - approx.). Thank you to the 'team' and, especially, thanks to everyone who sponsored them.

And thank you to those who arranged refreshments in our church to welcome the Ride & Stride visitors – all 4 of them. OnnyCamlad is just getting started!

**October** Draw: £20, Margaret Davies, £10 Mandy Black, £5 Brenda Jones.

**November:** £20 Adria Jones; £10 Lavinia Kelburn; £5 John Brandon.

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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

**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

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