

ONNYCAMLAD PARISHES (March 2020)

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Sunday 1 st March 1st Sunday of Lent	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 8 th March	9.30	Holy Communion	Ratlinghope
	10.30	Holy Communion	Churchstoke
	11.30	Holy Communion	More
2 nd Sunday of Lent	2.30	Methodist Service	Kinnerton Chapel
	6.30	Evensong	Norbury
Sun 15 th Mar 3 rd Sunday of Lent	10.30	Holy Communion	Churchstoke
	11.30	Holy Communion	Ratlinghope
	6.30	Evensong	Wentnor
Sunday 22 nd March Mothering Sunday	9.45	Holy Communion	Wentnor
	10.30	Mothering Sunday Central	Churchstoke
	10.30	Mothering Sunday MP	Norbury
	2.30	Methodist Service	Kinnerton Chapel
Sunday 29th March 5 th Sunday of Lent	10.30	Whole Benefice Service (The only service in our Benefice on this 5 th Sunday of the month)	Village Hall at Norbury

Benefice Lent Course: 'Being Spiritually Healthy'. See next page for details.

PCC Meetings - The dates for PCC meetings in March are:

Lydham – 10am Wednesday 4 March @ Anthea's home
Snead - 1.15pm, Monday 9th March, @ Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Wentnor - 7pm, Wednesday 11th March @ Inn on the Green
More - 7pm, Tuesday 17th March @ Marion Denwood's home
Ratlinghope - 7.30pm, Tuesday 24th March @ Coppice Farm
Myndtown - Monday 30th March - time and venue tbc
Hyssington - 7pm, Tuesday 31st March @ Ty Glyn, Snead
Norbury - date to be arranged.

APCM - The OnnyCamlad Benefice APCM for all churches except Churchstoke will take place on **Thursday 30th April at 7pm in Lydham Village Hall**. Everyone who is on the electoral roll of these churches is invited to attend. [APCM = 'Annual Parochial Church Meeting'].

A Whole Benefice Lent Course – Being Spiritually Healthy



Throughout Lent we (the benefice) will be considering the spiritual health of our churches and, since the church is not the building but its members, that means we will be examining our own personal spiritual health too.

We shall consider how we measure up against what the Bible tells us God expects from his people and what steps we might want to take to grow closer to him.

There will be an opportunity to put forward suggestions for the benefit of our churches and time for personal reflection.

Three groups will be meeting over 4 weeks as follows:

**Thursday afternoons 2pm @ Ty Glyn, Snead
Shirley and Afrienne Jones' home.**
(first meeting Thursday 27th February)

Thursday evenings 7pm @ Churchstoke Vicarage
(first meeting Thursday 27th February)

**Monday evenings 7.30pm @ Norbury Hall
Nigel & Joan's House (*not the Village Hall*)**
(first meeting Monday 2nd March)

For further details please ring the Benefice Office on 01588 650580

Each group will be looking at the same material so, if you are unable to make your usual group, you will be welcome to join another group that week.

To all my friends – A note from Rev Viv

We will be in Lent throughout March. Harking back to the time when Christians did serious fasting in Lent, many people give up something they enjoy for Lent (like chocolate). A couple of years ago a new initiative was started for Lent called “40 Acts”.

It has various forms but the idea is that you do something every day throughout Lent (such as 40 acts of generosity or 40 acts of kindness). This is a good way to reflect on our relationship with God in preparation for Easter which is what Lent is all about.

Many like to attend a Lent course. This year our Lent course will be reflecting on the spiritual health of our churches and benefice. God created His Church to help Him grow His Kingdom in two ways:

- 1 By reaching out to those who do not know him; and
- 2 By assisting his people who do (that is, us) to grow closer to him.

To fulfil that role churches need to be spiritually healthy so, for our own benefit and that of our community, this Lent course is an important step for our benefice. God speaks through everyone, not just the church leaders, so I am hoping that all who can attend will do so.

There will be three groups all using the same material over four weekly sessions. At our joint service on 29th March we will review what we have learned and commit ourselves to follow where God is leading.

Whatever you decide to do for Lent, I pray that you will grow closer to Jesus and be ready to celebrate the best news of all – that Jesus, who died, is alive for ever more.

Vivienne

Deanery Synod: The next deanery Synod meeting is on Weds 18 March at Bishop’s Castle Church, 7pm. The main item of the evening will be about recent development in the schools – ‘I Sing POP’, Open the Book and other youth work in our area. Come and find out what’s happening. All welcome.

Benefice Singers

Once again, we are looking to have a small choir at our

Benefice 5th Sunday Morning Praise.

In order to prepare for this there will be **a rehearsal on Thursday 26 March at 7.30 pm** in The Village Hall at Norbury for about one hour.

Everyone is welcome to come along to this rehearsal to learn a song or two for us to sing at the service. For more details contact Sue Cooke via admin@onnycamlad.co.uk or phone on 01588 650580.

The service is Sunday 29 March at 10.30am in The Village Hall, Norbury.

World Day of Prayer
(formerly known as Women's World Day of Prayer)
Friday 6th March, 11am
Methodist Church. Bishop's Castle,
followed by Soup Lunch; proceeds to Christian Aid.
All welcome

FLICKS IN THE STICKS
IS COMING TO THE VILLAGE HALL AT NORBURY

Thursday 19 March: Doors Open: 7.00pm
Film Starts: 7.30pm (Ends 10.00pm)

Film: Green Book (12A)

Drama/Comedy: Dr Don Shirley is a world class African American Pianist, embarking on a concert tour in the Deep South in 1962. In need of a driver and protection, Shirley recruits Tony Lip, a tough-talking Italian-American bouncer from The Bronx. Despite their differences, the two men soon develop an unexpected bond while confronting racism and danger in an era of segregation.

"A great film. The audience was totally engrossed and the acting wonderful"

The aim is to trial this film (and one on 22 Feb). If successful, we'll run a programme through Autumn/Winter. **PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT US!**

To reserve tickets: 01588 650607/650869/650306
(or you can pay on the door) Adult Ticket Price £4.00

Bar and refreshments available



Bumper Jumble Sale
Village Hall at Norbury
Saturday 21st March from 2pm.
Homemade cakes, sandwiches, cream teas.
In aid of Norbury Church

Coffee Morning and Book Bring and Buy

Second Saturday of every month

Next date 14 March 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.
Contact email: HyssingtonVH@outlook.com*

Peter Lockerman will present
'An Evening with Jake Thackray'

at Myndtown Church

Saturday 18 April at 7:30 pm.

Peter, a local singer, songwriter and guitarist, has lived in Myndtown Parish for 43 years and performed all over Shropshire and beyond. Jake Thackray is his favourite songwriter and he promises "a very special evening of music from a truly great and unique composer".

Tickets £10, to include tea and coffee.

Wine, Beer and Prosecco on sale.

Proceeds shared between Greenpeace,
and the Myndtown Church Maintenance Fund.

To book:- Visit www.myndtownchurch.co.uk
where you can pay by PayPal, credit card or debit card
Or - E-Mail: info@myndtownchurch.co.uk
Or - Tel: John Burt on 01588 680100

Dave Marpole

Memorial fund – Update

At the time of writing (Feb 8th) we are pleased to say that the clock restoration project is under way.

We have experienced a few delays since we announced at the Wentnor Harvest Supper that we had reached our target figure for the appeal. Firstly we applied to the Hereford Diocese for a Faculty. This is official permission to carry out works on the church property. However although Hereford were happy for us to go ahead the official permission had to be granted by Church Of England HQ in London. This has proved to be a little bureaucratic and time consuming.



However the Faculty – a document with an Official Seal and signed by a Judge - arrived on 8th January. But, there was a condition that if bats were present in the tower we should obtain a report from a bat ecologist to confirm that the bats would not be affected by the proposed work. Fortunately, we knew of a local ecologist who carried out a survey and provided a report on 20th January. The C of E were content with report and we finally had the go ahead. Unfortunately the report cost us £190 of non budgeted expenditure.

Cumbria Clocks are due to remove the clock face on February 11th and take it away for cleaning and repainting. They will replace it in 2 – 3 weeks time. We were obliged to provide the scaffolding for this operation which is why one side of the tower is currently enveloped in pipework.

The clock itself will also be dismantled and removed on February 11th but this repair work will take up to 6 weeks due the delicate nature of the renovations to be undertaken.

We will keep you informed of further process as the project progresses.

Thank you. Wentnor PCC

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 plea from Norbury & District WI: “Has Anyone Seen Our Bell?!”

The Norbury & District WI bell has gone missing; it has not been seen since October 2019. If anyone has any idea of its whereabouts please get in touch with Margaret Cooke 01588 650280 or Kath Hughes 01588 650467. Or alternatively, please return it to Village Hall at Norbury. Thank you



Monday 2 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 3 March: 12.30 for 1pm. Village Hall, Norbury. Fish & Chips and Skittles. **Onny Valley Social Club. Contact: Edna Jones (01588 650634)**

Weds 4 March: Churchstoke WI. See 'Churchstoke Notes'.

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

Friday 6 March: 11am Methodist Church, Bishop's Castle. **World Day of Prayer. Followed by a lunch in aid of Christin Aid.**

Monday 9 March: 2.30-4.30 Hyssington Village Hall: **Friendship Club.**

Tuesday 10 March: 7.30 Hyssington Village Hall, **Book Club. (See Hyssington News for details of the two above events).**

Thurs 12 March: 7.30. Village Hall at Norbury: **Norbury & District WI.** Chris Davies from The Weird & Wonderful Cheese Company. Hostesses: Jo Mitton-Gore, Jill Turner, Madelene Wilkinson; Flowers: Dilys Owen. Competition: 'Home-made Mouse' (any medium)

We are friendly group, welcoming visitors and new members. The first meeting is free so why not come along and meet us?

Friday 13 March: 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 14 March 10.30-12.30 Hyssington Village Hall. **Coffee Morning and Book 'bring & buy'**. See notice a few pages back for full details.

Weds 18 March: 7.00pm Bishop's Castle church. **Deanery Synod.**

Thurs 19 March: 7.30 Social Club wine & cheese (see Hyssington News)

Thurs 19 March: 7.00 for 7.30. Village Hall at Norbury, **Flicks in the Sticks.** Showing the film 'Green Book'. See notice on p 4 for full details.

Friday 20 March: 1.00-3.00, repeated 6.00-8.00pm. Village Hall at Norbury. **Community Partnership & Funding Team Workshops.** An open invitation for Church Wardens and anyone involved with the fabric of church buildings and/or the Parish Giving Scheme. There is an article, with full details, in the full version of the Deanery Magazine – It is in the front section, but is not included in this short version of the magazine, which covers only the news etc. for our local in the 'OnnyCamlad' group of parishes.

Sat 21 March: 2pm Village Hall, Norbury. **Jumble Sale;** see Notice p.4.

Sat 21 March: 9.30-4.00 at Community College, Bishop's Castle. **Georgians in Stone Project seminar,** celebrating the town's Georgian heritage – talks, exhibitions, book stall. Free admission, but please book in advance via <www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/georgians_in_stone_project> (Caring for God's Acre phone is 01588 673041). See Ridgeway's section for details.

Tuesday 7 April: 2.30. Village Hall at Norbury **Onny Valley Social Club.** Street Pastor from Shrewsbury will give a talk about the valuable work done by the Street pastors. Contact: Edna Jones (01588 650634)

Sat 18 April. 7.30; Myndtown Church: **Concert.** See Notice on page 5.

Thurs 30 April: 7pm Lydham V Hall, Benefice **APCM.** See earlier for details

AGE UK Lunches for those 60 & over at the Crown Inn, Wentnor, 12.30pm.

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

Next Wednesday Lunch: 11 March.

Next Tuesday Lunch: 17 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'.

CHURCHSTOKE NOTES (Website: www.stnicholaschurchstoke.org.uk)

Too dynamic to be safe?

Dorothy Sayers once wrote: 'The people who crucified Jesus did not do so because he was a bore. Quite the contrary – he was too dynamic to be safe.'

Jesus was indeed dynamic. He was often at the centre of a scene where his words and actions can only be described as controversial or even scandalous: He touches the man with leprosy, He asks a single Samaritan woman for a drink, He breaks the Sabbath Law by eating grain, He receives a woman's adoration when she wipes his feet with her hair, He weeps at Lazarus' tomb then calls him to 'Come out!', He infuriates the Pharisees by healing on the Sabbath, He affirms the tax collector Zacchaeus by dining with him, He extravagantly creates vintage wine from washing water, He clears the moneylenders in the Temple and much more.

Jesus is free, gloriously free – free from what people think, free from religion, free from false obligation. He was a revolutionary, fierce with the Pharisees and loving and compassionate with ordinary people. He was definitely too dynamic to be safe.

Dorothy Sayers continued, 'It has been left for later generations to muffle up that shattering personality and surround him with an atmosphere of tedium.'

How do we react to that statement I wonder? Are we defensive? 'Our church is not tedious.' Well that may be true but - how much do we let Jesus be Himself in our worship? How often do we ask Him first what He wants rather than doing what we want.

In our Lent Course we will be exploring spiritual health – our own and the health of our churches. It will be a good time to take stock – Is this dynamic Jesus evident in our Church?

Revd Carol.

Ignite Youth Group for school years 7 and 8 -
meets Wednesdays 7-8.45pm in the vicarage.
Games Food Worship Drama Prayer Chat



Sunday Central



Mothering Sunday Central Sunday 22 March at 10.30am

Family Church - *Relaxed* and *lively* worship
... with drama, reflection, big craft construction and fun activities for all ages, and special things for mums!

Next Sunday Central, after March, is 19 April

Kidz Klub

Kidz Klub (with Ignite) on the first Sunday of the month – 1st March, 5th April
Parents - please bring children (ages 5-13) 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

Lent Course for the Whole Benefice, '**Being Spiritually Healthy**' See p.2 at the beginning of OnnyCamlad's section for details, dates and times.

APCM The APCM (the AGM of the Church) will take place on Sunday 5th April on Palm Sunday after worship. The service is at 10.30am as usual after which we will have coffee and the APCM will begin at 12 noon and aim to finish at 1.15pm approx. Everyone is welcome.

The Church Electoral Roll: There will be a period of revision of the Church Electoral Roll from 8th-22nd March when the Roll will be closed until after the APCM. A copy of the Roll is at the back of church. Application forms to join the Roll will be available in church or can be obtained from Revd Carol.

Full Peal of Bells Ringers from Chirk are coming to ring a full peal on Friday 13th March from 2-5pm approx.. During this time the bells will also be oiled. The five bells, 300 yrs old next year, are in good condition and ringing a full peal will help them remain so. We hope you enjoy the sound as they resonate through the village!

The bells will also be rung on 8th May to commemorate VE Day and after the wedding of Laura Munslow and Stuart Atkins on 11th July.

CHURCHSTOKE WI has continued to meet at the new winter time of 4.00. Our February meeting was well attended, and we had a very interesting talk with slides from Barbara and Bernard Gillespie who told us about their travels in Spain staying at Paradors. At our March meeting, 4 March at 4.00, our speaker will be Sue Blower who will be telling us about 'Nursing Home and Abroad'. Sue is an extremely entertaining speaker so I am sure it will be a fun evening. Do come along and join us as we always 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.

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', and we have just given the charity a large consignment of blankets, hats, hand warmers and toys, for which they were very grateful. 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.

Food Bank St Nicholas' Church operates a Food Bank, an outpost of Clun Community Larder. We receive donations of food from local people and from the Churchstoke Co-op Collection point.

If you are in need of food we are here to help -

If you dread school holidays because children won't have a school meal.

If you have mouths to feed and too much month left at the end of your money - - - Then contact us. Confidentiality is our priority.

If you are unable to collect and need a food parcel delivered please let us know.

Please contact Revd Carol on 01588 620693

NEWS FROM ST ETHELDREDA'S AND HYSSINGTON

The church was unscathed by the recent storms but our damaged ancient Yew, standing beside the church path, suffered devastating damage. Work to clear the fallen branches and to preserve what is left of the Yew will begin shortly by specialist tree surgeons. There has been some damage to ancient grave stones and the wrought iron surround of the Lockley children's graves. Please take every care when entering the church yard. There are still some broken branches caught high up in the drovers' pine.

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of John Morris of W.J. Morris and Son, Funeral Directors. John and his family have comforted many local families. He was always so diligent and professional with a personal touch. A smile and a story were never far away, even when John was ill and still working.

Our next service of Holy Communion is on St David's Day, March 1st 9.30.

Village

Monday 9 March Friendship Club 14.30-16.30 VH. Talk on 'The Dyfi Osprey Project' by Mr and Mrs Pennie. Non-members:£3 New Members are always welcome. If one is interested in joining, please telephone M. Philpott: 01588 650358. Interesting things to do throughout the year not forgetting the opportunity for a cup of tea and a chat!

Tuesday 10 March Book Club 7.30pm VH. After Andrea Levy's 'The Long Song', the next novel will be Emma Healey's 'Elizabeth is missing'. Please contact Liz:01588 620027

Saturday 14 March Coffee Morning and Book Bring and Buy 10.30 -12.30
Great coffee and great cakes!

Thursday 19 March Social Club 7.30pm VH 'Wine and Cheese'.
Membership:£15 p.a. Please contact Liz:01588 620027.

Bingo Nights: March, July and September, in aid of the Village Hall. Please check notice board.

During the weekend of 4th -5th April, **Gorsty House gardens will be open**, courtesy of Annie and Gary Frost to see their hosts of golden daffodils, and much more! This is their first NGS open garden of the year.

RATLINGHOPE NEWS:

Ratlinghope PCC would like to say how very grateful they are to everyone that attended and contributed towards the Wreath Making Day at The Village Hall, Norbury. We made £1,000.

A special thank you to Vicky for organising it all. Everyone's contribution is much appreciated.

February draw: £20 Ben Harley; £10 David Hardham; £5 Martin Pinches.
Congratulations and thank you for your continued support of our church

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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.

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Churchstoke Community Centre: Victoria Butcher, 01686 668955

Hyssington Village Hall: 01588 620197

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