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Note: All numbers are 01886 unless otherwise stated.

From the Rector

Sunday 13th January the Baptism of Christ.

There is a story often told of how bank clerks are trained to spot counterfeit notes. Admittedly, it may only be an urban myth, but it is one of those stories that even if it is not true it sounds like it should be!

In any case, the idea is that clerks are not exposed to many different varieties of fake bills. Instead they are put in a room and told to handle real money. They are encouraged to touch it, listen to it, and even smell it. There is no point in committing all the different bogus attempts to memory – counterfeiters will always be able to come up with new versions. But the hope is that if clerks become familiar with authentic money, then they will immediately know when they are in the presence of second-best imitations.

John the Baptist figures prominently in the opening sections of all four Gospels. When the pregnant Mary visits the pregnant Elisabeth, the **movement of John in Elisabeth's womb marks the first response to the incarnation, apart from Mary's own. As a preacher in the desert, John's message points to Jesus. As a baptiser who calls men to repentance, John's mission foreshadows that of Jesus. As a master of disciples, John's followers are models for the kind of followers that Jesus would gather around him. John's persecution and violent death at the hands of the Jewish puppet King Herod prefigures the kind of death Jesus would suffer**



under the joined powers of religion and state.

Today we see John as a secondary figure. But it is worth noting that in his time it was *John* and not Jesus, who was the man to be reckoned with. One of the reasons why the Gospel witnesses were so keen to talk about **John was that he was the “celebrity speaker” of his day. If you were going to make sense of the new movement begun by Jesus then you had to deal with John too.** Histories and accounts of the region roughly synonymous to the writings of the New Testament mention John more than they mention **Jesus. At the time, John's message was more culturally significant than that of any other itinerant Jewish preacher.** John was known throughout all levels of society, he attracted crowds of curious onlookers, and he had a large band of serious disciples.

John was not a counterfeit and his preaching was not false. Yet compared to the Messiah Jesus Christ, John was second best. A fact he knew **full well. “...one who is more powerful than I is coming... he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.”**

John's message and the baptism of Christ is a harbinger of good and bad news. The bad news is that we are

surrounded by false offers of security, identity and worship. The good news is that one has come who will burn this chaff away, revealing only what is true.

New vicar of Bromyard

The new vicar of Bromyard will be licensed in February. The clergy are still in short supply so the Bishop of Hereford has given permission for the churchwardens to:

- ◊ administer the chalice and sacrament;
- ◊ take the reserved sacrament to the sick;
- ◊ if necessary administer Holy Communion by extension.

The PCC is in full agreement with this policy and everyone was in favour. The new policy starts at the beginning of the New Year. I hope you will give the wardens your support and encouragement. *David Howell*

Women Bishops: A letter

We write to tell the people of Greater Whitbourne that we share the dismay of the Rt. Rev. Rowan Williams that the Synod of the Church of England voted against the appointment of women as Bishops.

Women have been active in the priestly ministry since 1993. Their ministry has been warmly welcomed. More, it has proved essential for the vitality of the Church. We can find no valid reason why women should not be appointed bishops. When we turn to the New Testament, the arguments in favour seem overwhelming.

From what you may have heard or read in the media, you might suppose **that “the Church has turned its back on women”**. **Not so.**

The Synod voted in three houses: Bishops, Clergy and Laity. Each house had to approve the proposal to allow women to be bishops by a two-thirds majority. Only the House of Laity failed – by a narrow margin – to produce such a majority.

So the proposal failed, even though the majority of those voting in Synod were in favour. So the tail wagged the dog.

We hope and believe that when the Synod next considers the proposal (perhaps in four years, perhaps sooner) this bizarre result will not be repeated.

David Howell—Rector

Dorian Williams, Assistant Priest

Parish News

Tiblands Nursery School

We would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and welcome everyone back to an exciting term ahead. The children ended last term with a nativity play, all dressed up and lots of lovely singing. Parents and visitors enjoyed it very much. A big thank you to Father David for attending. We also had a lovely party with a magic show and a visit from Father Christmas which was great fun. If you are interested in visiting the Nursery, then please contact Trish on 01886 821394.

Teme Valley Geological Society.

We kick off 2013 with a talk by Chris Darmon titled “**The Pre-Cambrian and Lower Palaeozoic Basement Rocks of the Midlands**“. This will be on Monday January 21st at 7.30 in Martley Memorial Hall. Chris is very well known being the publisher and editor of Down to Earth magazine and a tour de force in the geology world.

On Monday 18th February, same time same place, Ian Snowhill is giving a talk - the subject is yet to be advised and will be circulated to TVGS members and also non members who are on our mailing list. Finally on Monday March 18th Gawen Jenkins will give a **talk on “Snowball Earth”**.

On a more practical level, in October TVGS was awarded a second LEADER funding totalling £10,360 and plans are already well advanced to create two more Geo-Trails in the Martley area with illustrated guides and four interpretation boards. There will also be two geology courses created especially for young folk, some of whom will hopefully take up the subject and further enhance the splendid reputation enjoyed by The Chantry School for high achievement in this subject. For those thirsting for yet more detail and information our blog has it all,,,and MORE! www.geo-village.eu Harriet Howell

Pilates classes

Pilates classes run on Tuesday mornings at Whitbourne Village Hall. Contact Sue Bratton for details. Tel 07974 343609 email sue-bratton@tiscali.co.uk.

Friendship Club

We held our last meeting of the year at the beginning of December and started the Christmas celebrations. Although this is not our annual party, we were in festive mood and several of the ladies brought lovely cakes and nibbles for us - no lunch required that day. Rebecca (under supervision of Annette) made us some chocolate covered Christmas Trees which we all duly sampled - they were delicious. There was a large pile of presents on the table and everyone had a small gift - many thanks to Santa's little helper who organised that. In addition, we had a very Christmassy raffle table with so many prizes that everyone managed to win a Prize!!

We will not be meeting in January. Our next meeting is our post-Christmas party (more food!!) on Wednesday 6th February. Please let Jenny Mitchell (01886 821719) know if you cannot come, so we have an idea of how many to cater for.

Happy New Year to all.

This year's dates. The Friendship Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall at 11.00am for coffee, chat and occasional talk. Everyone is welcome to join us. If you would like more information please contact Ann Roberts (01886 821063) or Eileen Badger (01886 821501). **This year's dates** are: Jan - No meeting; Feb 6; Mar 7; April 3; May 1; June 5; July 3; Aug - no meeting; Sept 4; Oct 2; Nov 6; Dec 4.
Ann Roberts

The Whitbourne Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Parish Council working party is very grateful to Liz Cousins and Martin Yarnitt for troubling to write so fully in the December magazine.

However, they should not assume the working party are so unworldly as to ignore the obvious issues they enumerate, nor should they assume that the working party are without experience in local government or in neighbourhood renewal. Indeed, evidence of their practical involvement in the renewal of Whitbourne over the last 20 years is visible everywhere.

Readers should know that Neighbourhood Development Plans are a much more recent initiative by the government and the relative statutory instruments were published this year (2012). Since the N.D.Plans were mooted, members of the Parish Council have attended training sessions and conferences organised by Herefordshire Council. As the qualifying body under the regulations, the Parish Council have been granted a nominated planning officer as an adviser.

Nonetheless some time ago, I invited Martin Yarnitt to meet the working party in the New Year to share with us any suggestions he thinks may be helpful. That invitation still stands.

Maureen Williams, Chair, Parish Council Working Party

Tanga in Touch Coffee Morning

At the end of November, we held a coffee morning in the Live & Let Live in Whitbourne in aid of our annual Christmas Appeal for the orphans in Mapinduzi, Tanga (our link parish in Tanzania). It was timed to coincide with our tenth anniversary and in spite of many other events in and around Bromyard on the same day, we had a good turnout. Many thanks to all who came, all who sent raffle prizes and cakes, and all who helped in any other way. We raised £175, which means that, as I write a week later, we need another £100 to reach our target of £800.

We were delighted to welcome 'our' Olympian, Kate Lack's niece, who of course won our first Olympic gold medal this year with her rowing partner. Heather was prevailed upon to sign one of the raffle prizes (a Zanzibari spice boat), which was then auctioned by the Rector.

We will be helping to distribute the appeal money, in the form of school uniforms, books and pencils, in January. *Brenda Allan*

Looking for an alternative New Year's Resolution?

Bored of the same new year's detox diets or resolutions that never make it past January? This year, make a New Year's resolution that will last by taking part in Marie Curie Cancer Care's Great Daffodil Appeal 2013 and make a difference in your local community.

This February and March the charity will be holding their annual daffodil collections all over Herefordshire, encouraging local people to make a donation for a daffodil pin as a sign of their support. The funds raised are crucial to ensure our Marie Curie Nurses are able to continue their work in local communities caring for terminally ill patients and their families in their own homes.


We need your help to make the 2013 Great Daffodil Appeal bigger and better!

If you can spare an hour or two at a collection local to you or if you want to find out where your local collection is, please get in touch with the Herefordshire fundraising office on 0117 942 7132 or email richard.scott@mariecurie.org.uk



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Our County: Some census facts and figures

The 2011 Census estimated that 183,500 people were usually resident in Herefordshire on 27th March 2011.

The population of Herefordshire grew by 4.9% in the decade since the 2001 Census (8,600 more residents than the 174,900 then), compared to 7.1% in England & Wales overall (+3.7 million people).

Unlike nationally, which saw the fastest growth since the census began in 1801, the 4.9% growth in Herefordshire's population between 2001 and 2011 was much slower than in the previous two decades (9.1% from 1981 to 1991; 9.4% from 1991 to 2001).

Population density in Herefordshire in 2011 was 84 persons per square kilometre, the 20th lowest of all unitary and district authorities in England & Wales.

The usually resident population lived in 79,800 households (i.e. one person living alone or a group of people sharing living accommodation), giving a slightly lower average household size (2.34 persons per household) than nationally (2.40). This was only slightly smaller than average household size in the county in 2001 (2.35).

2,900 Herefordshire residents were living (for six months or more) in communal establishments such as nursing or residential homes. This equated to 1.6% of the total population, slightly lower than the 1.9% of the total population of England & Wales. The number of communal es-

tablishment residents had grown by 600 since 2001, when it was 1.3% of the county's population. Also recorded on 27th March 2011 were 1,300 short-term residents, i.e. People staying in the county for between three and six months. Almost two-thirds (800 people) of them were male.

Figure 1 shows how much older the age structure of Herefordshire is compared to England & Wales as a whole, with higher proportions of residents in all age groups from 45-49 upwards.

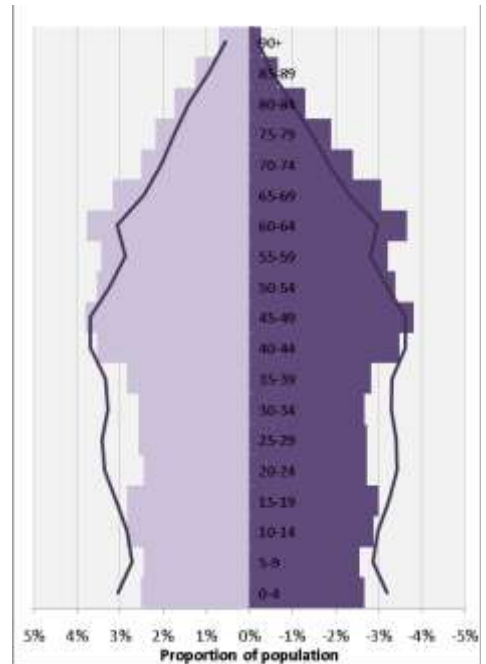


Figure 1: Age structure of Herefordshire (bars) and England & Wales (lines).

The population structure is ageing nationally: one in six people in England & Wales was aged 65 or over in

2011 (16.4% of the total) – the highest seen in any census. In Herefordshire one in five people was aged 65 or over (21.3%), although this is not as high as in some areas, particularly along the coast in the South West, South East, and East of England regions.

There were 1,800 residents of Herefordshire aged 90 or over in 2011, almost 40% more than in 2001 (when there were 1,300). In England & Wales overall the number grew by 25%.

There were fewer children in Herefordshire in 2011 than in 2001.

There were 13% more under 5s in England & Wales in 2011 than in 2001; locally there were 100 fewer children (9,500 under 5s). The number of 5-15 year-olds in Herefordshire fell from 23,300 in 2001 to 19,700 in 2011 (-12%).

Where to find out more: Results for Herefordshire can be found on the Facts & Figures about Herefordshire website, but the full set of results and supporting papers are all published at: www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/census/2011-census/population-and-household-estimates-for-england-and-wales/index.html.

Letter from the Bishop of Hereford

Hope is not the same as optimism. We all know that there are different ways of looking at a half full glass! The risk for the optimist is always that they ignore the bleaker issues, just as, conversely, the pessimist can be blind to what is good. Hope, however, is blind neither to the good nor

the bad. It is always based on realism, on evidence and facts.

We have turned the corner of the year. Once again the days are getting longer. Our hope, based on all the previous years of experience and our scientific understanding, is that the daylight will continue to increase until the summer solstice in June. It is a well-founded hope, tried and tested.

It is also a tried and tested fact that **the light of God's love reaches out** from the birth of Jesus into the whole year and the whole world. It is our hope, therefore, that His love will grow stronger not just in us as individuals, but in all people and all communities. This hope acknowledges the reality of darkness. It does not falsely pretend that everything is brighter than it really is.

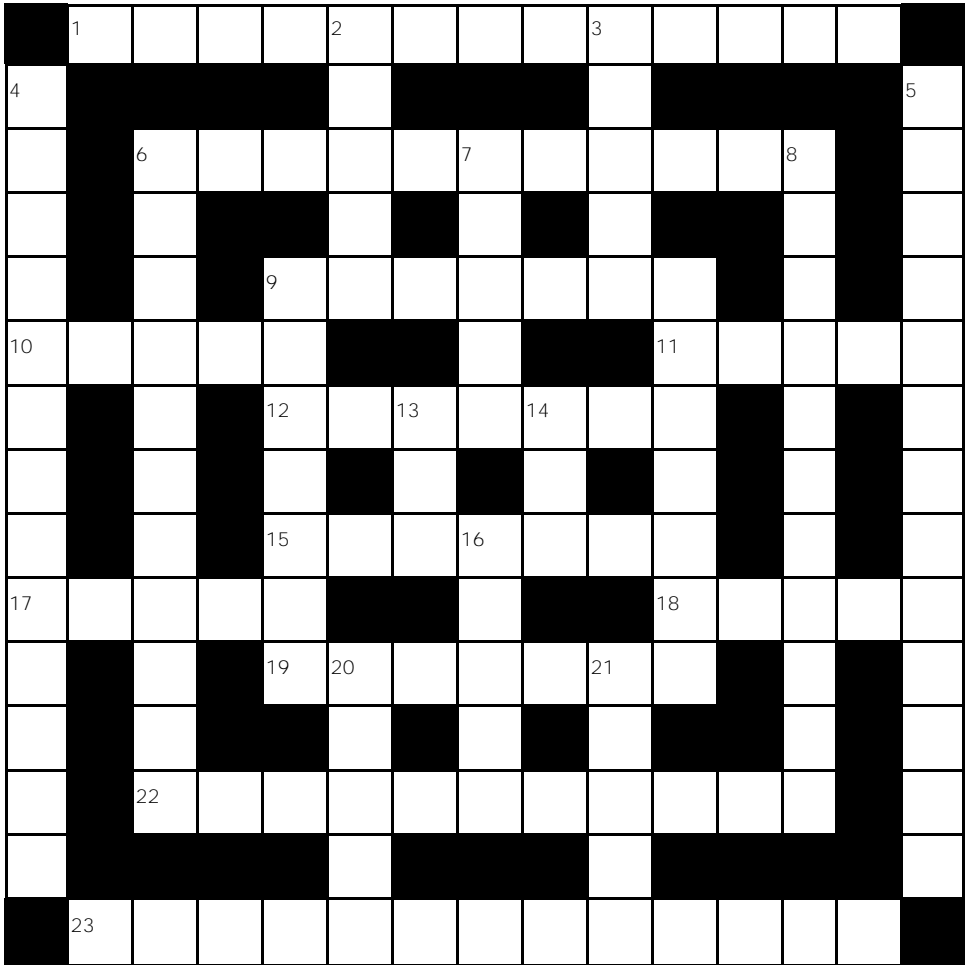
The significance of the birth of God's Son is in his name, which, as we know, means "Saviour". The very word acknowledges the reality that there is much from which we do need "saving", much that is bleak, dark, unloving and unjust.

It is because we have a Saviour that we have hope, and not just optimism. Our hope springs from the birth itself, as well, of course, as the resurrection following his death. Love is stronger than every other force and **power, because it is God's love and strength. It is love among us, love present here, now. There's hope. There's the basis for wishing you, and hoping you will have, a joyful and blessed New Year!**

Bishop Anthony Priddis

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Across

1. Author on Wild Things (7, 6)
6. Shown by tolerant bruin (11)
9. Putup? Again? (7)
10. **Plane's bent path** (5)
11. 1 & 3, for example. (5)
12. Red, boy-servant (7)
15. Lowering tones (7)
17. Abbrev. Trig. Funct. (5)
18. Powerless? Neutrally! (5)
19. Unblemished by refusal (7)
22. Being outside the law (11)
23. Marcell! Yoo-hoo! (9, 4)

Down



2. Stained by impregnation (5)
3. One-time vinegar magnate (5)
4. Not quite there (13)
5. Musical hothouse (13)
6. **Eliza's fantasy workplace** (8,4)
7. Change tack, to put.
8. Triangle made by 3x60° (11)
9. **Manderley's Mistress.** (7)
13. Just a little, boy! (3)
14. Belonging in now (3)
16. Return a modern carriage (5)
20. Parts-bin special (5)
21. (To be without a) suit is absurd!
(5)

Solution to Crossword No. 8.

Across 2.dashing; 7.Caesarea;
9.rings; 10.slush; 13.wassail;
14.apostle; 15.stirrer; 16.perfume;
17.rooms; 19.goose; 21.whiteout;
22.twelfth

Down 1.Magi; 3.star; 4.angels from
the; 5.realms of glory; 6.Bethlehem;
8.schnapps; 11.awestruck;
12.Clarence; 18.duff; 20.sing.

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Saturday 9th February Curry and Lasagne Evening, Sapey Golf Club 7.30pm. £12 per ticket in aid of Tedstone Church and Saltmarshe and District Hall. Contact Kathleen Harris 01885 483681.

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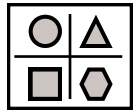
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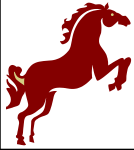
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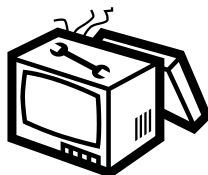
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13th January	Mrs A. Taylor
20th January	Mrs A. Taylor
27th January	Mrs M. Jones
3rd February	Mrs M. Jones
10th February	Mrs D. Baseley
17th February	Lent—No flowers
24th February	Lent—No flowers

Any queries relating to flowers, please contact Mrs Ann Taylor on 821744.

Sidesmen—Whitbourne

6th January	Mrs S Bland & S Cole
13th January	Mrs S Jones
20th January	Mr J Allan
27th January	Mr D Shaw
3rd February	Mrs S Bland & S Cole
10th February	Mrs S. Jones
17th February	Mrs M. Kneen
24th February	Mr. J Allan

Parish Communion Readers—Whitbourne

6th January	Mrs M Kneen
13th January	Mrs S Bland
20th January	Mrs B Allan
27th January	Mrs S Dodd
3rd February	Sir N. Harington
10th February	Mr. J. Allan
17th February	Mr C. Short
24th February	Mr. J Bland

Church Cleaning—Whitbourne

5th January	Mrs M Kneen
12th January	Mrs G. Stormonth Darling
19th January	Mrs A. Howell
26th January	Mrs E. James
2nd February	Mr J. Allan
9th February	Mrs E. & Miss L. Badger
16th February	Mrs A Evans
23rd February	Mrs M. Kneen

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Coffee - Whitbourne

6th January	Mrs E Badger & Mrs P Ransley
13th January	Mrs W Cummins & Mrs S Dodd
20th January	Mr J and Mrs S Bland
27th January	Mrs A Taylor & Mrs M Williams
3rd February	Mrs A. Evans & Mrs M. Schoonenberg
10th February	Mrs E. Badger & Mrs P. Ransley
17th February	Mrs W Cummins & Mrs S Dodd
24th February	Mr J and Mrs S Bland

Please note: there are some changes in the rotas from those published in December.

Any queries relating to flowers, please contact Mrs Ann Taylor on 821744. Anyone wishing to be included in the cleaning rotas can contact Carol Wilde on 853491 (Upper Sapey) or Myrtle Kneen on 821707 (Whitbourne). New volunteers for any of the rotas are always welcome.

If the dates shown for the rotas are inconvenient and you are not able to change with anyone else on the list, please let Myrtle Kneen know on 01886 821707. Thank you to all those who put so much effort into keeping our Churches running smoothly.

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Sunday 13th January Baptism of Christ	9.30 am 11 am	Holy Communion, Whitbourne Holy Communion, Upper Sapey
Sunday 20th January Epiphany 3	9.30 am 11 am 3 pm	Holy Communion, Whitbourne Holy Communion, Tedstone Delamere Holy Communion, Edvin Loach
Sunday 27th January Epiphany 4	9.30 am 11 am	Holy Communion, Whitbourne Holy Communion, Upper Sapey
Sunday 3rd February The Presentation	8.00 am 9.30 am	*Holy Communion, Whitbourne Holy Communion, Whitbourne
Sunday 10th February Sunday before Lent	9.30 am 11 am	Holy Communion, Whitbourne Holy Communion, Upper Sapey
Sunday 17th February Lent 1	9.30 am 11 am 3pm	Holy Communion, Whitbourne Holy Communion, Tedstone Delamere Holy Communion, Edvin Loach
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* denotes Book of Common Prayer

