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## From the Rector

***“I still have many things to say to you.” (John 16:12)***

Jamie couldn't do maths. He was enjoying going to school on the whole. He had made some friends, and he was really good at PE. Even literacy was OK, and his teacher was really nice. But every day when the maths worksheets came out his heart sank. Everyone else seemed to get it. Even the children who sat on the table with the special helper managed to write some numbers on their sheets. But **Jamie just didn't understand. He could write the numbers down, but they didn't mean anything. Why did  $2 + 1 = 3$ ?** He knew it must be true because his teacher told him, and he knew he had more buttons in front of him at the end of the sum than at the **beginning, but he didn't really see why.** Somehow numbers seemed too big for him to get his head round.

Sometimes we can feel about the doctrine of the Trinity a bit like Jamie with his numbers. We have been told **it's true, and we believe it in theory, but it's too big to get our heads round.** Today we use the language of Father, Son and Holy Spirit and we may sing **hymns about “three in one and one in three”, but when we stop to think about it, it doesn't really add up.** We may perhaps today read the creeds, put together by the greatest minds of the early Church to help us know what orthodox Christians believe. But we probably come away just as puzzled as when we started.

We sense the truth of the theory, even **though we don't understand it. We know it in our lives. It's a bit like**

quantum physics: we live in the world that quantum physics explains, and every action we take is based on the physical reality it describes. The fact **that we probably don't understand it doesn't make it any less true, or alter** the fact that we live in accordance with it all the time. The theory is based on observation of the world.

Similarly the doctrine of the Trinity originated in experience. It explains some things about God, things from human experience of God: that God is too much to be described as a single person; that those who met Jesus knew they were meeting God; that we sense God inside us as well as out there among the stars; that God is big enough to fill the universe but also small enough to fit into the human heart.

Another task of quantum physics is to stop us believing nonsense about the world. At a very basic level, we cannot believe that the earth is flat, however much it looks it under our feet. Similarly the doctrine of the Trinity stops us believing nonsense about God. That is the point of the creeds – they are there not to define what we believe but to define what we cannot believe, such as the idea that Jesus was straightforwardly human, or that **God was somehow not “out there”** during the time Jesus was alive. The doctrine stops us retreating into things we can straightforwardly understand.

The fact that we have trouble understanding the Trinity does not make it any less true. It tells us that God is bigger than our brains, that God is greater than our imaginings,

that God is more wonderful and magical and glorious than language can describe or logic define. The **people of ancient Israel said, “holy, holy, holy” in the presence of God because one “holy” was not enough.** Today we offer our praises three times over, acknowledging the God who created us, who rescues us from ourselves, who sustains and inspires us, and who is the force behind and beyond our universe and yet loves us and calls us by name.

## Parish News

### Friendship Club

We had a very impressive turnout for our May meeting - Ron James was obviously a strong draw. We welcomed 2 new members and various people who had not been able to come for a while were able to. Ron James kept us enthralled as he told us about his career in the Lifeguards. We learnt a great deal about the preparations for Ceremonial duties - for instance it took 2 hours to polish the boots they wear and 3 hours for the rest of the kit. We also heard how they learnt to ride - Ron hadn't ridden a horse before joining the Lifeguards - including having to hold the reins in only one hand. Ron also told us the daily routine for the Knightsbridge stables including early morning rides through the streets of London before the rush hour started; then back to barracks to groom the horses and feed them, all before the Troopers had their breakfast. Ron progressed through the ranks and finished his career as an Instructor,

teaching others how to instruct new riders and all the drills for ceremonial duties. As an Instructor he was encouraged to enter various equestrian competitions representing the Army. Many thanks to Ron, for an extremely interesting insight into his life in the Lifeguards. What talent we have in the village.

Our June meeting on Wednesday 5th is our annual outing. This year we are going to WildGoose training at Top Barn, near Holt. Wild Goose training is a charity providing training in horticulture and associated activities, for Adults with Learning Disabilities. It is managed by Noelle Wilson and Sue Bayliss who live in Whitbourne. We will be leaving the Village Hall at 10.45am prompt, so please do not be late. Directions will be available, if you do not know where Top Barn is.

The Friendship Club is open to everybody; if you would like further information, please contact Ann Roberts ( 01886 821063) or Eileen Badger (01886 821501). *Ann Roberts*

### Whitbourne WI

Well, what an awful wet evening for our May meeting. A small group of us met and quite a lot of people were away. We were welcomed by our stand-in President, Heather, and birthday posies were given out, minutes of the last meeting accepted and important dates announced (95 years of the federation in October, competitions and dates for future talks).

Next, we considered the resolution on the decline of the High Street in

towns and cities. The idea was for us all to work to make our High Streets flourish. **This resolution was in 'WI Life' which some have read.** Heather gave us a potted report. We concluded that we must support our local Bromyard High Street shops. The resolution was unanimously voted for. Constitutions were then read out and discussed and all were voted in favour of.

We then had a makeup demonstration by Denise Bishop from Boots No. 7 who told us about working for Boots for 40 years and No. 7 for eight years. Lots of training courses had been completed to keep up with Health and Safety regulations. At present, there is a popular promotion on nails.

Boots No. 7 has been on the market since 1936 and makes millions. After **the 'Horizon' programme 'protect and perfect' sold like hot cakes.** There were queues of people coming to buy it. **This made Boots and they haven't** looked back. Then, Denise gave us a demonstration and discussed what colours are suitable for different skin types. Then, we all had a go testing the makeup and a good time was had by all. A vote of thanks was given by Meg and then we all had tea and cakes provided by Margaret and Maureen. Next meeting is 11th June —Lifeboats. *Linda Grey.*

Saltmarshe & District W.I.

Monthly meetings are full of variety and the one in May was no exception. After a hearty rendition of Jerusalem, members enjoyed a glass of wine, before getting on with the main focus of the evening which was to

debate the proposition of this year's national W.I. campaign. This centres around the concern of the decline of our High Streets and the effects that has on the local communities.

Members are encouraged to "make YOUR High Street the destination of choice". The subject brought forth several viewpoints, but the joys of Bromyard's main street, both as a place to buy and a place to see people, were very well appreciated.

Since our last meeting, some members had been on a W.I. holiday to the Italian Lakes, which made for an interesting report. Others had been walking with some of our twin W.I. at Bosbury and yet more members told of their involvement with joining a W.I. Choir for Herefordshire.

One of our group then showed us how to make pretty beaded bracelets. It was fun seeing the end results. Some were carefully worked to a pattern, or to a colour, and some were random selections. It meant we could all go home having used our creative talents; even those that had been long dormant. *Jean Spelman*

### **The Children's Society**

I was able to bank £160 this year as a result of the box collection in Whitbourne. Many thanks to the box holders for your continued support. *Eileen Badger*

Pilates classes

Tuesday mornings (intermediate) at Whitbourne Village Hall. Tuesday lunchtimes (Beginners) at Martley

Village Hall Contact Sue Bratton for details or to book a place 07974 343609 or [sue-bratton@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:sue-bratton@tiscali.co.uk).

## BLING! and Things

I have taken delivery of the 2 lots of **BLING and THINGS for this year's fete** and at least 6 people have promised **me booty**. What "verray parfit gentil" folk they are.

Last month we thought about MEN. **Well, that's enough of that. This month we shall think OUTSIDE THE BOX. Let's concentrate on the THINGS** bit. So, here are a few ideas:

dressing table dishes/ plates, jewellery hanging trees, jewellery boxes, pretty baskets, wrapping paper, pretty present bags, new soap tablets, bubble bath, nail varnish, eye shadow, hand/body lotion, unwanted NEW clothes, handbags and shopping totes.

As you spring clean, keep me in your thoughts and fling the **BLING and THINGS my way please. I don't mind** how it comes - in a bag, in a box or even wrapped in **BLINGfilm!** (pause for heavy sighs!) *Margie Wall* 07928378668

## The Fete Plant Stall

Preparations for the Plant Stall at the Fete on Saturday 13th July are well on their way. During the autumn and the spring, cuttings were taken and rooted, seeds sown and plants split and potted up, in the hope that we would be able to offer a wide selection of well-grown specimens.

If you would like to donate any of your own, please pot them up; old clean pots will do fine, and label

them. Strips of old yoghurt pots **make good labels if you haven't any** of the real ones. Then bring them down to the Village Hall well before 12.00 midday on Saturday 13th July.

We look forward to having a really interesting variety of plants for sale; we hope to raise at least as much money as last year. *Elizabeth White*

## Whitbourne Neighbourhood Plan

If you attended the Drop-In on 15 May please let the Parish Council Members have your views if you have not already done so. If you were unable to come, please let us have your views. How do YOU feel Whitbourne should develop over the **next 20 years or so? Everyone's** thoughts are valuable so please let us know how you feel. *Maureen Williams, Chair P.C. Working Party.*

Whitbourne Hall presents  
Oddsocks (again!)  
The Comedy of Errors  
July 25th

Mad, bad and incredibly fab!

Tickets : 0774 7031701

[www.oddsocks.co.uk](http://www.oddsocks.co.uk)

[www.whitbournehall.com](http://www.whitbournehall.com)

Early birds: £12.50/£7

July 19th onwards: £15/£10

**"Brilliant"... "Don't Miss" Worcs Eve News**

**"If laughing makes you younger...I am ten years younger." Malvern Resident**

**"Madcap, hilarious, inspirational and sold out all week." The News, Portsmouth**

## Tiblands Nursery and PreSchool News

The children have already settled back into a busy term and we welcome lots of new faces to Tiblands and hope they enjoy their time with us. The children enjoyed planting sunflower seeds and they learnt lots of rhymes about the seeds growing. There followed a theme to make sunflower and caterpillar pictures which was a great big sticky mess. But as you can see from the photograph, we have some budding artists in the making who are very proud of their artwork. This also led to a story about a crunching, munching caterpillar!

The orchard is now coming into its own, with the trees the children planted last year already coming into bud. The children have also been enjoying the wooded area and the stream, which has lots of new life to explore. The babies have also been busy developing their creative skills — lots of painting and sticking activities.

If you are interested in a visit, please contact Trish on 01886 821394 — we are open throughout holiday periods with a holiday club for older children. We also collect from local primary schools. *Trish Garness*



## Fancy growing your own fruit and veg?



As well as providing a little light exercise, an allotment means cheap, freshly **picked, seasonal fruit and vegetables**. **If you want to be sure about what you're eating, enjoy the outdoors and like meeting people, start growing your own.**

Alongside the shop, there are allotments to rent for a modest charge. **Owned by the shop, they're managed by allotment holders themselves. If you're new to gardening, don't worry** – there will be plenty of help on hand.

Allotments are available in various sizes with the rent ranging from £10 a year for the smallest to £25. Kate Lack is the person to contact (01886 821978 or [klack@lack83.plus.com](mailto:klack@lack83.plus.com)) or leave your details at the shop (01886 821867).

Whitbourne Village Shop — Owned by the community — Run by volunteers

# You missed a treat

(Or perhaps you were there?)

A history of allotments in prose and song – **doesn't sound** too promising does it? But **Folk at the Fold's**



home-grown production proved a delight. It told the story of the ordinary **person's history of growing vegetables** from the middle ages right up to the present day – with a nod to **Whitbourne's new allotments**. Interspersed with a touching story where three old boys speculate about the new tenant of allotment 19, and discover – shock horror – **that it's a woman!**

Though I say home-grown, and it is an amateur group, the quality of the writing and musical performance was exceptionally high. This is a group of singers and players based at Bransford, and including our very own Rob Slater, who can hold their own in any folk venue in the country, with an absolutely exceptional female lead.

**They'd printed the words for the main choruses** so that the small audience could, somewhat diffidently, **join in**. **What a shame there weren't a few more to enjoy it.**

**I wouldn't normally criticise an amateur group – it's more than most of us** would do, to get up and perform your own work like that – but the standard **was so professional that I'm going to be picky: one of the main singers'** words were rather unclear, so the point of her songs got lost, and the

lighting was overly fussy and became distracting. But gosh, is that all? Yes – it was a really good show.

I was still humming the last tune as I went to sleep that night. *Paul Lack*

## Warm Embrace for New Village Shop

**Whitbourne's** response to its new shop has been tremendous. Overnight, sales have nearly doubled and stock is disappearing off the shelves almost faster than it can be replaced. Volunteers are working hard to keep up with your suggestions for new products – here are some of them.



A glass of wine or a beer with your dinner?

**Since the beginning of May, you've** been able to choose from a selection of mainly locally produced wine, beer and cider at the village shop. And in response to public demand, we now also stock cigarettes. Plus the famous scotch eggs on Thursdays, but they **go fast so don't leave it too late!**

**Tell us what you want and we'll try to get it in. And don't forget, you can** pre-order Green Cow beef joints, fruit and vegetables as well as bread, milk, papers and magazines.

Fresh fish

Fish in a Box – the mail order fresh fishmongers you may have seen at Knightwick Farmers Market – will be outside the shop on the fourth Friday in the month, from 12.30 – 3pm.



## Whitbourne Parish Footpath Officer

For the last twenty years or so Whitbourne has been part of the Parish

Footpath Partnership. Through it, Whitbourne Parish Council takes responsibility for the upkeep of the public footpaths in the parish and Herefordshire Council allocates an annual grant to maintain them

The Parish Council nominates and Herefordshire Council appoints a Parish Footpath Officer to check on the state of the footpaths and see to any clearance or repairs needed. I took over when Roger Norman left Whitbourne and now Neil Grant has agreed to take over from me.

I would like to thank all the farmers and landowners in Whitbourne for keeping paths across their fields clear from crops and obstructions. I have always appreciated the extra work and vexation involved for them in having public rights of way across their land. I hope that walkers have always been equally careful in keeping to the paths and controlling dogs.

I would also like to thank all those who have taken on a path or paths to keep an eye on. I am sure that Neil will be glad of their help too and help from anyone else who may be willing. **Neil's address is Neil Grant, the Old Shop, Stocking Lane, Whitbourne.** His tel no is 821727.

We are fortunate in having so many paths in Whitbourne through such



beautiful countryside. Enjoy them. If you would like to know more about their routes, you can get the guide to Walks around Whitbourne from the Village Shop. *Andrew Kneen*

## Bridal Service at St Michael's

Brides-to-be may be unaware of the fantastic bridal dresses the Hospice has available at its Bromyard shop, 44 Broad Street HR7 4AA. These include a range of new donated designer dresses at only £250 each (reduced from £300-£900), as well as pre-loved wedding dresses. All proceeds come to the Hospice, so future brides can choose from a fantastic range of beautiful dresses at below High Street prices secure in the knowledge that **they will be supporting the Hospice's vital work.**



Brockhampton Estate (near Bromyard) is open daily until 3 November and relies on a team of passionate and energetic volunteers to bring these stories to life for visitors. Volunteers work in a variety of roles including welcoming visitors to the estate; leading exciting tours; assisting with events; carrying out conservation work in the countryside and serving visitors in the shop and second-hand bookshop. To find out more about volunteering at Brockhampton Estate just drop-in or get in touch. For further details please call 01885 482077 or email [brockhampton@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:brockhampton@nationaltrust.org.uk).

## Dancing on air

Some people have noticed the strange structure that has appeared at Longlands Farm; it is in fact the dome rig that belongs to everyBODY dance. The charity is based at Longlands and is currently working on a performance project called Lovely Bugs. Our three weeks of devising has been wonderful and blessed with glorious weather; we have the rig up in the paddock which looks a bit science fiction surrounded by the beautiful trees. The dancers, Jess, **Eleni and Lisa have explored and created material which I've directed.** Our sound technician is ready to mix and the Remap designers are working on the interactive elements. Our intern student Jeni is helping out with everything and getting organised in the office and Dave is busy documenting the whole thing. Students from special and mainstream schools are invited to visit in June and July to watch the performance, have a go at flying, be led on a bug hunt and **stay for a picnic in the meadow. Also we have a public performance...**

Aerial dance for audiences of all ages; set on a spectacular 6m high dome rig **and giant spider's web, in the beautiful grounds of the Whitbourne Estate.**

Incy, Ladybird and Bee are on a quest based upon traditional rhymes; presented with a 21st century twist. *Rachel Freeman for everyBODY dance.*

Saturday 29th June,  
Gates open at 5pm for picnics, performance at 6pm.  
Longlands Farm, Whitbourne Hall Park  
£6 / £3 concessions  
Tickets reservations: [rfeverybodydance@gmail.com](mailto:rfeverybodydance@gmail.com) or 07870429528

Bring a picnic, have a go at flying and soak up the lovely surroundings. If raining the event will take place on Monday 1st July – if in doubt please phone us on 07870429528 for confirmation.

Lovely Bugs is supported by Dancefest, and funded by Arts Council England, The Elmley Foundation, Worcestershire County Council and The Becket Bulmer Fund.



## Whitbourne Village Fête 2013 and Garden Society Annual Show

will be held in and around Whitbourne Village Hall  
on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July from 1-4.30pm

New stalls and attractions : Meet the llamas : Enjoy a barbecue  
Grow your pumpkins for the autumn competition: Live music throughout the day

Grand Draw

*first prize - a balloon flight for two*

*In aid of St Richard's Hospice, Whitbourne Playing Fields Association and Whitbourne Church*  
*All donations of plants, cakes or books welcomed. Further information: Kate Lack (821978), Rachel Evans (821364) , Steve Symonds (821736), Elaine Brown (821012) , Chris Short (821631).*

## Whitbourne School

By the time you read this we expect that the Local Authority will have started the formal consultation process on the closure of Whitbourne C of E Primary School.

This threatens a history of primary education in Whitbourne going back more than 200 years. In order to preserve a school in Whitbourne village we need to create a centre of educational excellence that also provides a real and attractive choice for families of primary aged children. There are a sufficient number of primary schools in the local area providing the traditional, classroom based education and they are doing it extremely well. Closure of the Local Authority maintained school will present the freedom and opportunity to develop a school that can offer a genuine alternative to the way primary education is currently delivered in the UK.

In order for this project to work we need support from the local community and parents. We have been really

encouraged by the response to our earlier questionnaire asking for pledges to support the future school, and would like to thank all those who have already offered their time and financial support to the project. We now have the confidence that, with the help offered, we will be able to keep a school running in Whitbourne if the Local Authority decide to close it. By now every household should have received a questionnaire asking for your views on the importance of having a school in Whitbourne and our proposed ideas for the future educational provision. We are **interested in receiving everyone's response**, whether positive, negative or neutral – the more we receive the better idea we will have of the views of whole community and we would urge anyone who has not yet completed it to please do so at their earliest convenience. If anyone would like more information a longer letter will be available at the village shop, or email [anna\\_adshead@btinternet.com](mailto:anna_adshead@btinternet.com). Anna Adshead

## Mayday in Bangladesh

950 workers were killed when a clothing factory in Dhaka collapsed. Workers in other factories stopped work.

The president of the clothing manufacturers and exporters association **expressed his concern at “the disruption in production.”**

### **Red as their martyrs’ blood,**

Red flags used to lead  
The Workers of the World  
On May Day marches.  
They fought for justice  
And the brotherhood of man  
Against the tyranny of Capitalism.  
Despite oppression, violence and lies,  
They knew that one day they would win.

When that day came  
Their comrades marched  
**Beneath the Kremlin’s walls,**  
While Uncle Joe looked down.  
They could not see  
Beneath his big moustache  
The smile that killed uncounted millions.  
They filed through Tiananmen Square,  
Vowing to die for Socialism.  
Chairman Mao obliged.

Now we wear cheap clothes,  
**Stained with the workers’ blood,**  
But feel no guilt or shame,  
Because we know the market rules  
And will forever rule.  
And nothing can be changed.

*by Andrew Kneen*

## Uncover the secrets of your hidden treasures

A unique opportunity to discover the secrets of your hidden treasures will be on offer at a special Roadshow and Family Fun Day at Hartlebury Castle on Sunday, 2nd June 2013.

Hundreds of people are expected to attend the Hidden Treasures Roadshow and Family Fun Day between 11.30am and 5pm. Those who bring along their treasures – from books and porcelain to pictures, jewellery and toys – can meet a host of experts who will value the items and reveal more about their hidden history. Valuations will be available from midday. **The event will raise funds for St Richard’s Hospice towards the charity’s care of patients and their families.**

The historic venue will also host a range of family activities (face painting, maypole dancing, live music, traditional afternoon teas, Thai food, barbecue and a licensed bar) to ensure a great day out. Tickets are £10 per person in advance or £12 on the door, free for children under 12. Ticket also covers entrance to the ground floor of **the Bishop’s House, Castle State Rooms** including the magnificent medieval Great Hall and the beautiful Georgian Saloon, as well as the carriage circle and grounds.

## The view from Longlands Farm

Apologies for missing last month. Three weeks of lambing, most of the cattle still in and cows and calves that were out requiring a lot of feeding be-

cause of the cold wet weather - there **wasn't a moment**.

Considering the weather lambing went OK. Usually the ewes lamb inside over the first three weeks of April and get turned out onto fresh spring grass, carefully observed but left to get on with the job of growing their lambs. This year because of the cold, and very little grass, we were keeping them in for 5 or 6 days until the lambs were really strong enough to cope. Luckily we had space to do so despite the fact that calving cows were sharing the sheep shed in the bays the hay had been stored in (before being eaten). Although it was dry the east wind blew into the shed making it bitterly cold. I was alright working out there in thermals, two warm jumpers, overalls, warm coat, hat and gloves but if you were a lamb born in it at 1am you needed to look lively to get up and suckle and get licked dry otherwise you were in trouble - a few lambs did spend the night by the woodstove.

Days can be spent getting a lamb going through supplementary feeding by stomach tube and then bottle but most of them do get going as the **ewe's milk comes in and lambs get stronger and gain weight by the day**.

Care in the shed paid off and unlike some shepherds who had a heart-breaking time over lambing with severe losses of ewes and lambs we got off lightly, only losing two lambs after they had gone out and no ewes at lambing. National statistics are shockingly high with farmers reckoning to lose 5% of ewes and 10% of lambs at lambing in a normal year.

Calving did not go so smoothly with the Schmallenberg virus affecting 3 calves - one being born deformed and two dying shortly after birth. The midge bites the pregnant female infecting the foetus causing problems when born. A fourth calf was born with an umbilical hernia and its guts spilling out through the hole. Despite the vet spending an hour putting it right the calf died as she was packing up to leave. A vet had already been twice that weekend to deliver the deformed calf and to treat one of the horses for colic - a rather stressful and expensive 48 hours!

The 4 cows who lost calves are happily rearing some bought in Friesian and Belgian Blue calves - the black and white does rather stand out amongst the brown and roan of the Shorthorns.

A lot of lambing happened over the Easter holidays this year so no students about which was a blessing in some ways given how difficult the weather was. Youngsters love the lambs so there is always plenty of help with them in the shed but things can get a bit hectic. For the first time **in a decade I didn't have a daughter** at home needing pocket money but I did have Brenda, who had been involved with lambing the two previous seasons when she attended from the pupil referral unit. She was home from college and available - so this was her first proper job and excellent she was too; I need to be able to leave someone looking after newly lambed ewes while I get around the fields. Thank goodness for the 420 Worcester-Hereford bus! *Julia Evans*

# Church Matters

The main business of the church meetings on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April was elections and appointments. At the Annual Meeting, churchwardens were elected (no change from last year) and at the following short meeting, officers were appointed.



The only changes in PCC officers have been the retirement of Stuart Beare as Secretary – replaced by Brenda Allan, and the retirement of John Allan as joint Church Repairs Co-ordinator. An additional member is Mrs. S. Benbow of Tedstone Delamere.

We also considered the Annual Report for 2012. An abridged version of this follows. The full version can be seen on application to the Rector.

## Greater Whitbourne Parochial Church Council 2012 Annual Report (abridged)

The GWPCC is the body responsible for running our four churches – Edwin Loach, Tedstone Delamere, Upper Sapey and Whitbourne. Parish Share is collected from each church and passed on to the Deanery, which also collects Parish Share from Bredenbury, Frome Valley and Bromyard parishes, to pass on to the Diocese.

The PCC meets four times each year **to deal with 'official' church business** such as Health & Safety and Fire Risk policies and to encourage individual churches to work with the Rector in all aspects of his work.

Everybody is welcome to attend our regular services (listed in this Magazine). The average attendance at our Sunday services (excluding Christmas and Easter) in 2012 was: Whitbourne 25, Edwin Loach 16, Tedstone Delamere 12, Upper Sapey 9. 220 people came to our 2012 Christmas services, of whom 133 were communicants. At the end of April this year there were 91 people on the Electoral Roll. In 2012 we celebrated 9 baptisms and 14 weddings and held 10 funerals in our churches.

Tanga in Touch, although not run by the PCC, does work through the church to a certain extent, supporting the parish link with St. Francis in Tanga, and also the Misufini Leprosy Centre. We have recently installed solar power in two buildings at the latter. We were able to send £800, the result of our Christmas Appeal, to pay for the schooling of the orphans of Mapinduzi and, thanks to some generous donations, to increase the number of teenagers we support in vocational education. The Rector visited Tanga in January 2012, fortuitously being there in the week when the priest, Rev. Christopher Kiango moved on to become Vicar-General at Korogwe and a new priest, Rev. Francis Mahimbo, was welcomed.

Our church buildings are an ongoing problem as there are always repairs to be done. An application was made

to English Heritage for a grant towards repairs to Upper Sapey church. Unfortunately this application was turned down, but it is hoped to try again this year. Quinquennial (5-yearly) inspections were carried out in 2012. All four churches were found basically to be in good order (apart from the above), although all require some further attention.

The fund-raising campaign towards the Whitbourne Bell Restoration Fund has raised around £14,000. This has enabled us to repair the frame and there should be enough left to install an automatic chiming mechanism and to replace the broken gudgeons on no. 5 bell. We will then be able to ring the bells to a limited extent, and to chime them whenever necessary. If we see signs of enough new ringers coming forward, we will be in a position to continue fund-raising for building a ringing gallery and completely refurbishing the bells.

**RECTOR'S REPORT:** In his report the Rector reminded us that the whole point is Faith: "We live in an age of unbelief. What sets this apart from past generations is that today this is often as true within religious circles as outside them. The problem of faith today is especially that of unbelief among believers." Ronald Rolheiser.

In his review of the year he welcomed the two new vicars in the Deanery; at **Bishop's Frome and Bromyard**; a new Rural Dean and a new Deanery Co-chair and Secretary. He thanked everybody who has contributed to our churches throughout the year, especially Will McMorran and Kathleen Harris for repairs to Tedstone De-

lamere, the organisers of the Good Friday activity morning and Harvest Morning at Longlands, and Tanga in Touch for its work in Tanzania. He finished with a plea that we do not lose sight of the Gospel imperative.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** The Financial Report was gloomy. The Parish Share, which effectively pays the Rector's salary, housing and pension continues to increase while church collections and donations are decreasing. In 2012 we were unable to pay the Parish Share in full, (a shortfall of over £1700 from a total of around £46,000); 2013 looks like being worse. We now have to pay printing costs for the Magazine. It still makes a profit, albeit decreased.

We must raise money by other means; concerts, tourism, and please think **about supporting the 'buy at' scheme** through the website. You can buy almost anything on-line through this scheme, and the church gets a profit from each transaction.

Full versions of this report can be seen on application to the Rector. If there are any questions, please ask any of the church officials listed inside the front cover of this Magazine.  
*Brenda Allan*

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## Letter from the Bishop of Ludlow

You may have noticed the recent survey that revealed that Britain is becoming a more peaceful place. Research indicates that rates of murder and violent crime have fallen more rapidly in the UK in the past decade than in many other countries in Western Europe. The UK Peace Index, from the Institute for Economics and Peace, found UK homicides per 100,000 people had fallen from 1.99 in 2003, to 1.00 in 2012 with Broadland, Norfolk the most peaceful local council area and Lewisham, London the least. A separate study by Cardiff University suggests the number of people treated in hospital in England and Wales after violent incidents fell by 14% in 2012. The fact that we, as a nation, are less violent set me thinking as to whether this might be simply due to better surveillance and detection or whether we were indeed becoming happier with a greater sense of well being.

Well being, happiness and joy are sadly not always the first things people think about when reflecting on faith and Christian living. All too easily faith is associated only with rules and what not to do. However the ideas of joy, rejoicing and shalom – peaceful well being, are common and predominant in both the Old and New Testaments. As far back as the fourth century BC the philosopher Aristotle set out a scheme of ethics that was constructed around the concept of the good life and well being. His question was this; What does the good life consist of? This general question

does not necessarily have a single answer. Some may seek the good life in a way that is self obsessed. Others may do so in a way that sits loosely to moral values. But is the pursuit of happiness in this way the genuinely best life?

The Bible consistently asks us to hold together the twin aims of our own development and the service of others. Jesus in calling out disciples to follow him had much to say about wise living and the truly blessed or happy life. St Thomas Aquinas developed this kind of thinking. The most deeply satisfying life he suggests is one that encourages us to develop our own character and gifts and at the same time act in ways that help and enable others. This involves choices and is far more than simply **obeying rules although they aren't** absent. True satisfaction is not always about taking the easy way or the trouble free path. What in the end may most enrich us and bless others may not necessarily be easy and as I read recently in a book on Joy: While suffering is inevitable, misery is optional, pain cannot be avoided, but joy can. As with being a disciple it is a matter of choice. *Bishop Alistair Magowan*



### SHOP OPENING TIMES

Monday – Friday 8.30 – 5.30

Late night Thursday till 7pm

Saturday 9 – 3 Sunday 10 - 1



## At a glance

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June Whitbourne Village Hall AGM at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome, especially anyone interested in joining our Hall Committee.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June Fun Dog Show at Sevington Manor at 6.30. Prize draw; cake & plant stall; tombola; silent auction; hot dogs. Entrance £1. In aid of St Giles Church.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June Launch of new Exhibition "The Emergency Services in Bromyard & District" at The Local & Family History Centre Bromyard at 2pm. Free entry. Refreshments available.

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June: Lunch with Tanzanians. Three Tanzanian teachers will be joining us for lunch at the Wheatsheaf. Please contact Brenda Allan (821450).

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June BDLHS Trip to National Memorial Arboretum £15. Coach leaves Conquest Theatre car park at 9am. Booking essential:

01885 482543/077234 23354.

Friday June 14<sup>th</sup> Garden outing to Penpergw. Meet at Whitbourne Village Hall 11.00 am. Phone Sheila Dodd 01886 821835.

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June Organ Recital by Liam Cartwright at St Leonard's Church, Cotheridge 7.00pm. Tickets, available at the door, £7. Refreshments will be provided during the interval. Further details from Chris Baker 01905 333225.

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2013 Malvern Festival Chorus presents Music for a Summer Evening. Great Malvern Priory at 7.30pm. Tickets £12 at the door or from Malvern Theatres Box Office 01684 892277.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June Bromyard Tractor Events. Talk by Mervyn Ford on his career at Roadless and Massey Ferguson. The Falcon Hotel, Bromyard. Tickets £6 to include sausage and chips and must be pre booked.. Further details from Lynne Samuels tel 01886 853680 or [bluetractor1@gmail.com](mailto:bluetractor1@gmail.com).

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June Open Garden at Fawley Court, How Caple, Hereford noon-5pm. Enjoy Fawley Court and raise funds for the British Red Cross. Admission £3.50, children under 12 free. Light lunches and teas available. Plants for sale. Further details from the Hereford Red Cross office: 01432 373020.

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June Bromyard Tractor Events. A trip to Cheshire to visit a private Ford Collection. Pick up Bromyard. Further details from Lynne Samuels tel 01886 853680 or [bluetractor1@gmail.com](mailto:bluetractor1@gmail.com).

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July **'Wheelie Big Cycle' event in aid of St Michaels Hospice's.** 15, 33 or 60 mile circular routes around beautiful Herefordshire Countryside.. Further information: Mathew Ashcroft at the Hospice, 01432 851000 or e-mail: [mashcroft@st-michaels-hospice.org.uk](mailto:mashcroft@st-michaels-hospice.org.uk).

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July Garden Outing to The Orchards. Meet at Whitbourne Village Hall at 12 noon. Phone Sheila Dodd for further information 821835.

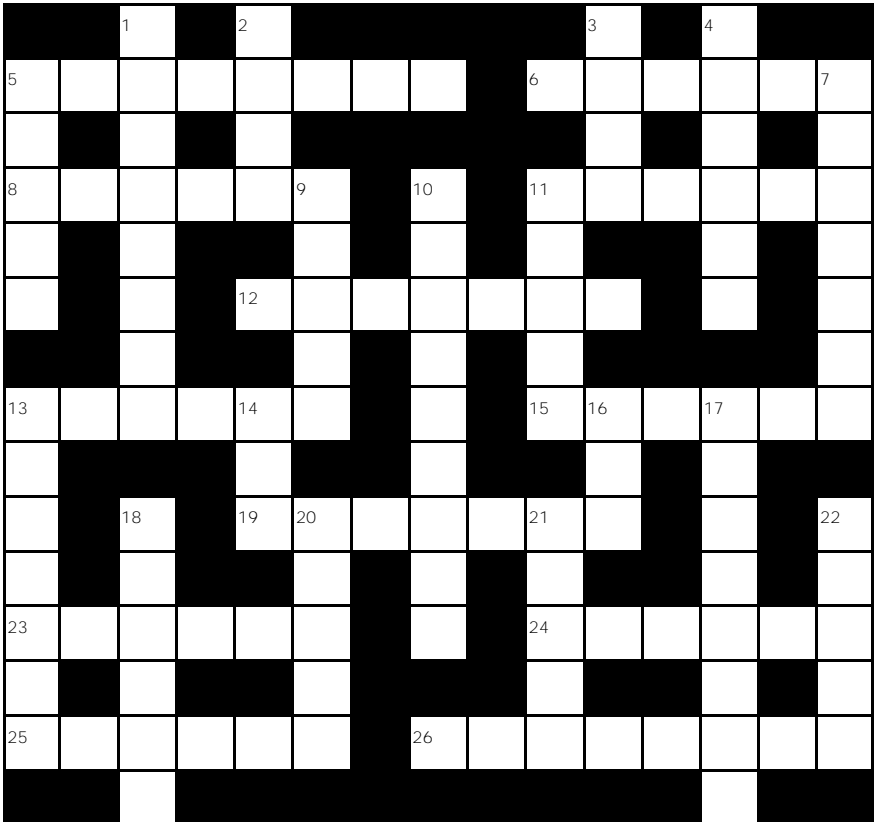
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Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September Greater Whitbourne Church Safari.

Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> Caribbean Evening 7.30pm Upper Sapey Golf Club.

Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup> Harvest Supper 7.30pm at Saltmarshe & District Hall.  
Entertainment : Bev Pegg.

Crossword No. 14 (Compiled by Lord Threadneedle of Whitbourne)



Solution to Crossword No. 13

Across 1. sampler ; 3. kingdom ; 8. that ; 10. well ; 11. aid ; 12. sweaters ; 16. Warhol ; 17. spring ; 18. octet ; 19. burrow ; 20. ensign ; 24. domestic ; 25. see ; 27. vair ; 28. high ; 30. manatee ; 31. unlucky. Down 1. swallow ; 2. lea ; 4. need ; 5. Dylan ; 6. mad-ding ; 7. queen ; 9. hawthorn ; 13. allowed ; 14. sisters ; 15. dressing ; 19. blossom ; 21. nosegay ; 22. omega ; 23. seven ; 26. tint ; 29. ill.

## Across

5. A testing person (8)
6. Gazump (6)
8. The Prince of Denmark (6)
11. See 13 Across
12. Cayman Island fisherman  
**Bond's argument (7)**
- 13 & 11. **June's moonlit fair**  
ground rides (6,6)
15. Near - Far East - Ok? (6)
19. Down to work with fist compo-  
nent (7)
23. Land-mass surrounded by wa-  
ter (6)
24. A young rogue (6)
25. \_\_\_\_\_, My God, to Thee; come  
close (6)
26. Sailing ship has no chores (8)

## Down

1. Harvest equipment with mighty  
swing (8)

2. **Infantry weapon of old? Don't**  
tell him! (4)
3. Make haste (4)
4. To be missing (6)
5. Surrey district (5)
7. Refuse to collect gorbliney  
trousers (7)
9. Takes scenic trips to this Loire  
city (5)
10. Uncovered cheeks! (9)
11. Unleash (5)
13. Splitting in Nuclear power (7)
14. **Octopus' defence (3)**
16. Underground riches (3)
17. Serengeti heavyweight (8)
18. Soprano sounds unfeeling (6)
20. Lowest point in drain (5)
21. **Hyena's call (5)**
22. Teutonic thunder god (5)

## You eat the cake: We gain the pounds

With Spring still around the corner why not start thinking ahead to Summer and celebrate the warmer weather by organising a Blooming Great Tea Party with friends and family all for a great cause.

This year we need your help to make the Blooming Great Tea Party bigger and better in Herefordshire! Get together with family and friends at home, or get your colleagues involved and tuck into your favourite slice of cake and raise the much needed funds for Marie Curie Nurses in Herefordshire. From a tea party fit for a queen to a competition bake sale at work it doesn't matter how you get involved, just eat cake!

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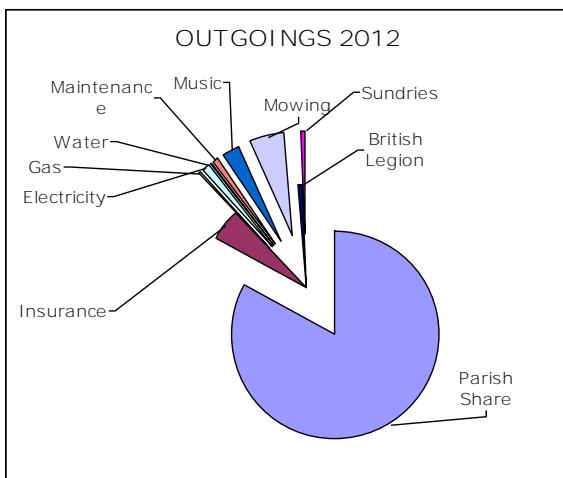
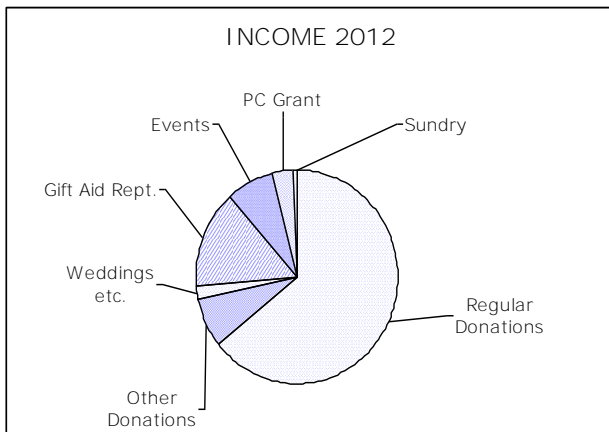
We are lucky in Whitbourne to have a beautiful Church, always welcoming, always there when we want or need it for christenings, weddings, funerals, memorial and celebration services. Because of its age it is very expensive to maintain. Funds have been raised recently towards restoring the bells and now we are raising money to renew the heating.

So many people, not all of them regular church-goers, are generous with their time, writing grant applications, helping with events, cleaning, arranging flowers, helping maintain the Church, caring for the Churchyard and Cemetery (helped by a grant from the Parish Council). A big thank-you to you all.

We are lucky to have our own Rector in the Parish. To pay his wages, housing and pension contributions we have to pay a **'Parish Share' to the Diocese**. This, as you can see in the Outgoings chart below, is a substantial proportion of our outgoings. Other items such as gas, electricity, insurance, etc. also have to be paid.

In 2012 the Parish Share was nearly £30,000 and other expenses came to nearly £6,000. The good news is that until now we have always managed to pay this in full. The bad news is that inflation, and the economic situation, have finally caught up with us. The Parish Share continues to increase. We did well with events - concerts, the Fete and Harvest Supper. But even so outgoings exceeded income, which totaled around £33,500. The bottom of the barrel has been well scraped; our reserves have run out.

We need more support to keep going, both in money and in kind. If you would like more information or feel that you could help with a



TOTAL INCOME:	£ 32,919
TOTAL OUTGOINGS:	£ 35,982

one-off donation or even better by a regular donation, however small the amount, (and enormous thanks to those who already do), please contact one of the Rector, Jerry Cummins, Kim Cunningham, Sylvia Bland, Myrtle Kneen or Brenda Allan. A form is enclosed with the magazine for this purpose. Please also support events throughout the year: the Whitbourne Fete, of which we get a share of the profits, and the Harvest Supper. Others are in the planning stage. We hope our church will still be there and fully functioning into the future but to achieve that we must keep it going now. Thank you. *David Howell, Rector; Sylvia Bland, Myrtle Kneen, Churchwardens.*

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The project offers information, training and support for Town and Parish Councils and for local people who would like to get more involved in their communities.

If you would like to be more involved in the work of your Town/Parish Council, either by putting yourself forward to become a Councillor, or by simply working closer together then the Democracy First project can help you to achieve that.

If you would like more information, or for a friendly, informal chat please contact Lynda Wilcox, Chief Executive, HALC on the Democracy First Information line 01432 355701 or by email on [Lynda@halchereford.gov.uk](mailto:Lynda@halchereford.gov.uk). Lynda is also very willing to come out to give a talk to local community groups and if you feel this would be useful please contact her.

*Lynda Wilcox*



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# Whitbourne Parish Council May Report



Whitbourne Parish Council called its Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 7th May.

This was well attended by members of the public and there was plenty of opportunity for them to speak and ask questions of their parish councillors. The Chairman, Cllr Richard Freeman, gave his annual report in which he thanked his fellow councillors, and reminded all those present that whilst all are volunteers there is always a lot of work to do and the posts do hold a great deal of responsibility. He then gave a resume of the year, which, in many instances, had been a difficult one. He commented that the possible closure of the school in its present form would be a huge blow to the village – as it was vital to have a community of all ages to keep it vibrant.

The opening of the new village shop had been a good step forward and he also detailed the Village Hall Committee and the Playing Fields Committee that have sometimes struggled to get volunteers, but now had new people to help.

The Clerk gave a brief summary of the accounts for the parish council – and was pleased to say that all spending had been well within budget and this had ensured that the council could keep the precept at the same level this year.

This was followed by the Annual Council Meeting at which Cllr Freeman was re-elected by his fellow councillors as Chairman, and Cllr Williams was re-elected as Vice-Chairman. There then followed a parish council meeting in the usual form allowing for discussion to take place on parish issues.

The Clerk had previously distributed the completed annual accounts and asked for council approval in order that they could go on to be audited both by an internal auditor (one appointed by the parish council) and then the external auditor (one appointed by Herefordshire Council). This was achieved – and the parish council started the new financial year.

Two reports had been received from the Village Hall Committee and these were read by the Chairman and there was a verbal report from the Playing Fields Committee.

Cllr Williams gave a report on the progress being made by the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 2nd July at 7.30pm – for further information please see the Parish Council website:

[www.whitbourneparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.whitbourneparishcouncil.org.uk)  
or contact the Clerk: [whit-bournepcclerk@gmail.com](mailto:whit-bournepcclerk@gmail.com) or 077234 23354. *Mary Seldon*

# News from Queen Elizabeth Humanities College

The College in Bromyard is opening its doors on Tuesday 11th June to Year 5 students from far and wide for a Fun Taster Day. So popular is the school becoming that a wider range of activities is being planned for youngsters to take part in during the day which will run from 8.30 to 3.00.

The theme for the day will be "A Right Royal Occasion" as it follows a week after the 60th Anniversary of the Coronation. In addition to trying their hand at Art, Technology, Food, Textiles and Music (all based on the theme) there will also be outdoors activities led by outside groups.

Assistant Headteacher David Kemp said, "We are extremely pleased that so many people want to join us for our themed Year 5 fun day. Our free transport service has led to a huge rise in parents interested in what we do at QE and this is another example of this in action."

Invitations have gone to local primary schools. Any other parents who would like their children to join in this day should contact David Kemp at the school (01885 482230) or on [dkemp@queenelizabeth.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:dkemp@queenelizabeth.hereford.sch.uk)

The College is once again leading the way amongst Herefordshire Schools in exam success. In 2011 the school topped the league table for school performance with 75% achieving A\* - C in five subjects including English and Maths. This is the Government benchmark on school achievement. This year around 70% of students

have already achieved this target in English and Maths through early entry and with the main exam period yet to start the school expects well over 80% to gain the necessary grades.

Deputy Headteacher, Bonnie Griffiths said, "**We are immensely proud of our students' achievement especially as a very high proportion of them have gained A and A\* grades putting us well above national standards. They are fantastic ambassadors for the school and well deserve this success.**"

Students have helped raise funds for local good causes, including the Bromyard Gala, Jubilee Celebrations, Christmas events for the Bromyard Lights Fund and will end the year with five members of Year 11 doing a **Sky Dive for Acorns Childrens' Hospice** in Worcester. The Head Boy and Girl Team have also been involved in promoting and planning for the new Sports Facilities at the school which will include a brand new, purpose built Sports Space for community use.

Last year, the school introduced additional bus routes to serve our wider community and meet demand. This has proved so successful that these routes are being expanded from September 2013 to cover an even wider area. Assistant Headteacher David Kemp says, "**Parents want success for their children and also want them to be involved in a dynamic school community. This is demonstrated by the fact that so many people now want to send their youngsters to QE. We are committed to our students and always welcome visits by parents ."**

*David Kemp*

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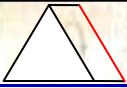


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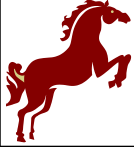
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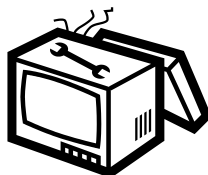
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23rd June	Mrs M Jones
30th June	Mrs M Jones
7th July	Mrs H Colley
14th July	Mrs H Colley
21st July	Mrs A Taylor
28th July	Mrs A Taylor

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## Sidesmen—Whitbourne

2nd June	Mr D. Shaw
9th June	Mrs S Bland & S Cole
16th June	Mrs S. Jones
23rd June	Mrs M. Kneen
30th June	Mr J. Allan
7th July	Mr J. Cummins
14th July	Mr D. Shaw
21st July	Mrs S Bland & S Cole
28th July	Mrs S. Jones

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2nd June	Mr J. Allan
9th June	Mr C. Short
16th June	Mrs S. Bland
23rd June	Mrs M. Kneen
30th June	Mrs B Allan
7th July	Mrs S. Dodd
14th July	Sir N. Harington
21st July	Mr J. Allan
28th July	Mr C. Short

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1st June	Mrs M. Kneen
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22nd June	Mrs E. James
29th June	Mr J. Allan
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13th July	Mrs A. Evans
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Sunday 16th June	9.30 am	Holy Communion, Whitbourne
Third Sunday after Trinity	11 am	Holy Communion, Tedstone Delamere
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Sunday 23rd June	10 am	Patronal Festival Whitbourne
Birth of St John the Baptist		
Sunday 30th June	9.30 am	Holy Communion, Whitbourne
Fifth Sunday after Trinity		
Sunday 7th July	8 am	*Holy Communion, Whitbourne
Sixth Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am	Holy Communion, Whitbourne
Sunday 14th July	9.30 am	Holy Communion, Whitbourne
Seventh Sunday after Trinity	11 am	Holy Communion, Upper Sapey
Sunday 21st July	9.30 am	Holy Communion, Whitbourne
Eighth Sunday after Trinity	11 am	Holy Communion, Tedstone Delamere
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