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From the Rector

On September the 29th we celebrate the feast of St Michael and All Angels at Upper Sapey Church, but do we believe in Angels? Mum was working **in the kitchen.** “**Be an angel,**” she said **to Katie, who was seven,** “**and bring me that colander.**” Katie obliged. John and Anna had not met for fifteen years. They had known each other in the youth group but had lost touch. Reminiscing about their youth group friends, Anna remembered one young girl of especially radiant beauty, “**She was stunning, she was an angel.**” Alex had a bad car accident but had **emerged with only minor injuries.** “**My guardian angel was looking out for me,**” he said.

Popular use of the word “angel” tends to centre on acts of kindness and helpfulness or on great beauty. But a trawl of the internet also reveals serious interest in a rather vague notion of “guardian angels” quite independent of the Christian faith. The Bible certainly has a place for angels but at the same time does not overstate their case because throughout it affirms the supreme authority of God the Trinity.

The word “angel” comes from the Greek *angelos*, meaning “messenger”. So it is that an angel brings God’s message to Mary foretelling the birth of Jesus. He also visits Zechariah over the birth of John the Baptist. Later a host of angels announces to some shepherds near Bethlehem the good news that Jesus the Saviour is born.

No doubt the archangel Michael has his messengerly functions to perform, but he is also referred to in the Bible



in other ways. So we find the Old Testament book of Daniel calls him “**one of the chief princes**” (10:13) who was contending against the “**prince of the kingdom of Persia**”. Later he is referred to as “**the great prince, the protector of your people**” (Daniel 12:1); protector, that is, of the people of Israel. Jude in the New Testament tells us that “**the archangel Michael contended with the devil**” (Jude 9), and Revelation 12:7 features him with **his angels fighting against “the dragon”, that is, the devil.**

It is this last picture that leads to confusion, especially in visual imagery, between Michael and St George, who also battled a dragon. These references, slight as they may seem, have given rise over the centuries to much elaborate imagery of Michael, who is frequently pictured in a suit of armour with sword in hand, doing battle with Satan, who is being trampled under foot.

In applying these ideas to ourselves, **the notion of our being God’s** messengers fits quite easily, since, as Christians, we too are called to bring **God’s message of good news to a** needy world. That may mean offering, in some theological and pastoral **depth, “an account of the hope that is**

in you” (1 Peter 3:15). It could be as simple as speaking positively with friends about your life in the local church. Or it could mean *being* “good news” in a practical way to a neighbour in need of a helping hand. Indeed it may well be all three!

Parish News

Saltmarshe & District W.I.

Kate and Janet, calling themselves "The Sewing Pixies " kept us royally entertained as they led us on a Patchwork Journey. Having met at Hereford College some time ago, they'd formed a friendship and went on, in their words, from being "rank amateurs to knowing what we were doing " and gaining their City and Guilds qualifications. Their passion and enthusiasm was a joy to see and listen to, and with their several quips along the way, they were reminiscent of a female version of Morecambe and Wise.

They showed us a huge portfolio of their work, describing the techniques used as they went along. They made a great team because Kate used a sewing machine while Janet preferred to hand stitch; one has lots of pieces still to be finished, the other likes to have the completed article; one likes bright, bold colours, the other chooses more blending hues. They showed us bed quilts, lap quilts, bags, wall hangings and had brought along a variety of other items which members could also buy, like needle cases, mobile phone covers, pin cushions.

Several pieces were incredibly complicated patterns and were fabulous to see. Kate's final piece for her City & Guild exam was "Falling Leaves " showing leaves from Spring green through the colour spectrum till the season of Autumn. Janet proudly showed us her Newspaper Rebellion : " Black and white and re(a)d all over " which she made to hang in her bathroom much to the chagrin of her husband who was hoping to keep that one room in their house quilt free! As they travel here and there, they frequently make detours to visit fabric shops and restock for future projects. They've won prizes for their work, but Kate felt a bit miffed that her careful depiction of a seashore scene, including fish, crabs and fine sand came second to the winner, a knitted poodle toilet roll holder, in a Bathroom category. No summary of their talk can leave out the words "Echo Quilting ". (You had to have been there to know why!!) We applauded them heartily and were delighted they'd come.

After tea and cake - courtesy of Norma celebrating a big birthday - we marvelled at an obelisk made during a Willow Weaving day at Staunton on Arrow, which two of our members had attended and enjoyed, being appreciative of the patience of their tutor, Dave. Other members had gone on a six-mile walk starting from Orleton on one of the hottest days of the summer and raised a smile or two at some of the happenings.

The evening drew to a close with a reminder of details about the trip to

Shrewsbury. More news of that next month. *Jean Spelman*

Victorian Cream Tea afternoon

Reminder: Mrs Sylvia Garness and Tiblands Nursery School would cordially like to invite you to a Victorian cream tea afternoon on Sunday 8th September at Littleton Grange (next to Tiblands Nursery School), from 3pm onwards, in aid of Whitbourne Church. Families welcome. Please contact Sylvia on 01886 822175 to discuss the afternoon in more detail. *Trish Garness.*

Whitbourne Village Fete—How do we make £3,000?

This year's village fete almost made it – we raised just more than £2,900, a **record this century at least, but didn't** manage to break through the £3,000 barrier and we think it can be done, but only with your help!

If you have ideas on how to bring more people in to the fete, thoughts on new attractions or stalls, come along to our AGM on Tuesday October 1 at The Wheatsheaf at 7.30pm.

We also need to know who you think the fete should raise money for – this year, the proceeds were split between the church, the playing fields association and St Richard's Hospice. **But we're always open to new** suggestions, especially relating to local charities or causes.

The local causes for which we raise money play a large part in the fete itself – representatives of the beneficiaries are on the committee,

and we always welcome more committee members. Come and join us on October 1 at 7.30pm and find out more about how you can support the cause closest to your heart. *Rachel Evans, on behalf of the fete committee.*

Whitbourne Church Heating

We have a new electric heating system to replace the old gas system. We are very grateful to all those people that gave to the heating fund that made it possible. Thank you.

To celebrate we are planning an evening of entertainment in the church in November. Details to follow. *Jerry Cummins on behalf of Whitbourne D.C.C.*

Teme Valley Geological Society

Brawn gives way to Brain as our monthly evening lectures take over from some memorable summer field trips. Our first three Speakers are as follows:-

Monday September 23rd @ 7.30pm:
John Clatworthy of the famous Lapworth Museum

Monday October 21st @ 7.30pm: Alan Browning, Development Officer for Fforest Fawr Geopark in the Brecons.

Saturday November 16th Professor **David Siviter on "The Fossils of the Herefordshire Lagerstatte"**

(This will be preceded by our AGM). Time to be advised.

Venue: Martley Memorial Hall

Cost: £1 members £3 non-members. School children free. BUT please check our Blog beforehand:

(www.geo.village.eu) as things can (and do!) occasionally go pear-shaped, or ring Harriet on 01886 888382.
Harriett Howell

Whitbourne Playing Fields Committee

The Whitbourne Playing Fields Committee is in urgent need of new members and, in particular, someone to act as Secretary. Anybody who feels able to help please contact Chris Hawkins on 822033. *Chris Hawkins*

Whitbourne Garden Show Results (226 entries)

Whitbourne Challenge Cup (Vegetables) - Penny Haywood

Howard Mason Trophy (Flowers) - Ann Roberts

Bill Pitman Trophy (Best exhibit) - Abigail Cunningham

Pimpernel Trophy (Art) - Andrew Kneen

Juro Trophy (Photographs) - Penny Haywood

Silver Jubilee Trophy (Flower Arranging) - Maureen Williams

Clarissa Jones Bowl (Cookery) - Rachel Freeman

Tiblands Trophy (Under 5s) - Megan Adshead

Hughes Brothers Trophy—Abigail Cunningham.

Thank you!

Hazel and Lyn would like to say thank you to all who donated to the cake stall at the Fete. We made £91.20. Many thanks - *Hazel*.

Meet Bill Wiggin

Your Member of Parliament for North Herefordshire invites you for tea and cakes on Friday 6th September 3.30-4.30 pm at Whitbourne Village Hall. For further information, please contact the office on 01586 612565 or email office@nhca.org.uk.



CARIBBEAN EVENING

**Saturday 28th September
at Sapey Golf Club
7.30 pm**

**Cold Buffet & Fresh Fruit
Platter**

**Queen Elizabeth Humanities
College Steel Band**

***Proceeds shared between:
Tedstone Delamere Church;
Saltmarshe and District Hall;
The First Responder.***

**Tickets £15 available from 1st
September from Kathleen
Harris: 01885 483681**

'Local, rural and yours'

The Fold Earth Fest is back for its 5th year to celebrate Worcestershire's and Herefordshire's rich agriculture, talent and skilled heritage.

Based in Bransford, Worcester, the event boasts two live music & dance stages, a forgotten arts arena, a large market stall area featuring the finest examples of local produce and wares; promising something for everyone including a hand-turned Victorian carousel and a host of new activities with plenty to do for all the family.

In the market stall you'll find artisan bread from organic baker Alex Gooch, chilli jams, oils and chutneys home grown at Pam Davenport's Chilli Pepper Plantation, organic cheese from Simon Weaver's Cotswold herds, and award-winning homemade fudge and sauces from Ruby's kitchen.



The forgotten arts arena will host demonstrations and exhibitions from blacksmiths, weavers, straw crafts, coracle maker and many other ancient & fascinating crafts. New additions for this year bring instrument makers to the Fold with an opportunity to see the craft behind the making of guitars, flutes and sounding bowls.

With rising popularity in a festival that celebrates alternative living, Director Will Tooby explains that the not-for-profit company encompasses an ethos that aims to inspire community living and encourage more sustainable ways of living.

He maintains "...we want to celebrate today's locally-produced food and home grown resources, supporting each other and the wider community"

The Fold's award-winning café will be serving local, seasonal and organic food and will also hold an outside food court; there will be an English wine bar & local ales and ciders.

Earth Fest will be running on Saturday 6th October 2013 10:00am-4:00pm

For information contact Karyn Claxton on: 01886 833633 or karyn@thefold.org.uk



The Fold is 3 miles west of Worcester on the A4103 road to Hereford; there are two bike racks, there is also a car park for up to 250 cars, and the bus stops right outside the gates! There will also be a Free shuttle bus between Worcester & Malvern running all day courtesy of the lovely people at First Buses, and a timetable for this will be on flyers, posters and the Fold website. Location: The Fold, New House Farm Bransford, Worcester WR6 5JB.

All welcome to this Year's



at the Village Hall

Saturday 12th October

7.30 for 8.

***Tickets, only in advance, £8
under 16 £4***

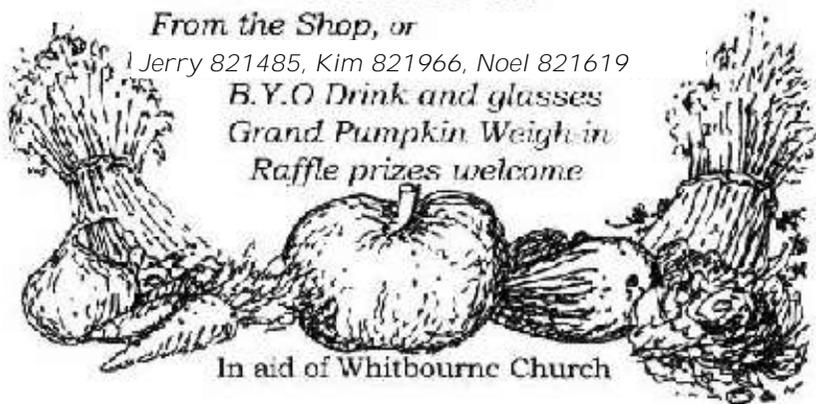
From the Shop, or

1 Jerry 821485, Kim 821966, Noel 821619

B.Y.O Drink and glasses

Grand Pumpkin Weigh in

Raffle prizes welcome



In aid of Whitbourne Church

At a glance

Wednesday 4th September. Friendship Club, Whitbourne Village Hall at 11 am. Coffee & chat and the occasional guest speaker. For further information, please contact Ann Roberts (01886 821063) or Eileen Badger (01886 821501). Also Wednesday 2nd October, 6th November and 4th December.

Friday 6th September Meet Bill Wiggin, Member of Parliament for North Herefordshire. Tea and cakes served 3.30-4.30 pm at Whitbourne Village Hall. Further information on 01586 612565 or email office@nhca.org.uk.

Sunday 8th September Victorian Cream Tea Afternoon at Littleton Grange, (next to Tiblands Nursery School) from 3pm onwards in aid of Whitbourne Church. Families welcome. Further information from Sylvia on 01886 822175.

Wednesday 11th September Bromyard & District Local History Society Anniversary Lecture. The View+ Project – The Share Initiative by Paul and Ann Haley 7.30pm at The Conquest Theatre Bromyard. Non members £3; members free. All Welcome.

Thursday 12th September Garden Outing, Staunton Park. Meet at Whitbourne Village Hall at 11.15. Phone Sheila Dodd for further information 821835.

Saturday 21st September, 10.00 - 4.30, Greater Whitbourne Church Safari. Visiting Upper Sapey, Edvin Loach, Tedstone Delamere and Whitbourne churches. Bus provided from Whitbourne Village Hall; £2 tickets must be booked in advance. More details next month.

Saturday September 28th Caribbean Evening 7.30pm Upper Sapey Golf Club.

September - **The Stanford History Group Course on ‘Birmingham : Small Beginnings to Second City’**. The Village Hall, Stanford Bridge WR6 6SP, on Mondays starting 30th September. For further information, call Simon Marriott 01886 853412 or Johnny Crabbe 01886 812373.

Thursday 3rd October. Trip to London organised by Eggs (Eccentrics and Geeks Group). Includes free tour of the Bank of England. There is also the Lowry exhibition at the Tate. But really you can plan to do what you like. Coach departs from Bromyard, cost approx £25. For more details contact Lynne Samuels on 01886 853680.

Sunday 6th October Saturday Garden Outing to Peucroft. Meet at Whitbourne Village Hall at 11.45. Phone Sheila Dodd for information 821835.

Saturday 12th October 1950s & 60s Dance Night in aid Bromyard Flag (Bunting) Fund at the Ball Room Falcon Hotel, Bromyard, 8pm – 12 Midnight. Music by Steve Palmer plus free Jive Dancing lesson from a professional teacher. Raffle £100 cash prize. Tickets (£5) from The Falcon Hotel or telephone 07729 262333 or 01885 488510. Fancy dress optional. Bottle of Champagne for best fancy dress.

Saturday 12th October Saltmarshe & District Hall Harvest Supper.

Saturday 19th October Upper Sapey Village Hall Harvest Supper.

Saturday 2nd November Film Night at the Conquest Theatre in aid of St **Mary’s Church, Edvin Loach. 7 pm.** Phone 01885 488226 for more information.

Friends of WISH

The end of July saw a very exciting development with regards to the future of the school – the trustees of the H.O.P.E. Family Centre have agreed to join with us and support the creation and running of Whitbourne C of E Independent School & Hub. We are all extremely excited by this partnership, and would like to thank the H.O.P.E trustees for their belief in our vision for the school and the support package they have offered us. Some of the H.O.P.E. trustees have agreed to join us as directors for the new Independent School. They have also offered us a very generous start-up grant, have agreed to release Sheenagh from H.O.P.E (and fund the cost of back-filling her position) and are giving us some administrative and legal support. More details of the partnership in issue two of the newsletter.

Our new newsletter was launched at the beginning of August. The first issue was delivered to most, if not all, households in the Parish – an absolutely mammoth task that I do not intend to repeat! Future newsletters will now only be distributed to those who have requested to receive them by signing up to become members of Friends of W.I.S.H. I would like to urge everyone who believes in the importance of a school for the Whitbourne community to become a member. Not only will it mean that you are kept up to date with all the developments (rather than relying on hearsay and rumour), but having a good size membership will be a fantastic way of illustrating support when the

Free School application is put in. To this end we have decided that we will have a membership prize draw. This will occur when our membership numbers hit 75, 100 & 150. Every member will have one entry, with advanced members receiving a bonus entry.

August also saw the start of some events for WISH. We held an **‘allotment afternoon’ down at the school’s site and an ‘Information and Coffee’ morning at the Village Hall.** Down at the allotment the children had a great opportunity to work with Sheenagh and Matt and get to know them better before September, as well as just having a good time digging in the dirt! We also had a family interested in bring their children to the school come along and meet us, and get stuck in helping out with the digging! The coffee morning was a huge success; we were overwhelmed by the numbers attending. It was a fantastic show of support, and a huge thanks to everyone who came! Although the main objective of the morning was to inform the local community, we also had some more potential parents come along and even managed to do a small amount of fund raising.

The next event is going to be a Quiz and Bring and Share supper on the 28th September at the Village Hall. Entry will be £10 per team of up to 6 (£8 if the team contains an advanced member!) Tickets will be available from the Village shop or Deb Walker.

Looking forward to September and the start of W.I.S.H. we are expecting to be in the School building by the 18th of September. We will not be able

to go into the building before then but once we officially have the keys it will be flat out decorating and setting up the school - all offers of help gratefully received!

There will be an opportunity for those of you who love the outdoors to help with the setting up of the Forest School site. The Evans family have been very generous and offered us a

piece of woodland where the children will be safe and we can set up a base camp for our Forest School curriculum. We'll be there for the first two weeks of September; again if you would like to help please get in touch.

If anyone would like more details about any of the above please contact info@friendsofwich.co.uk or me on 821887. *Anna Adshead.*



**GARDENERS'
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS...**

-An evening with 'gardening experts'.
-Got some questions that need answering?

Join us on....
Wednesday 18th September

At...
Whitbourne Village Hall
7:30

Also...
FREE entry, everyone welcome

Plants available to purchase on the evening,
Raffle and refreshments

WHITBOURNE GARDEN & ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

Lewis 'John' Challen

The family of John would like, through the medium of this Magazine, to offer our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended his funeral on 18 July. Our grateful thanks go to the Rector, the Reverend David Howell for his pastoral care at this sad time and also to Rev Doiran Williams for his attendance at the service. Our thanks also to Ann Landsborough for her loving tribute in Church which encompassed all who cared for Dad at home and also thanks to Ann for the wonderful floral arrangements in the Village Hall.

We would also like to thank the Staff at **Handley's Funeral Directors** for their efficient service, Janet Rodgers for the lovely buffet so quietly and efficiently served and David Gines for being our Car Park Attendant for the day.

We wish to express our deep appreciation to all those who have cared for John so compassionately over the years, especially in the last few months as his health deteriorated. A special mention goes to Christine Lashford who was his devoted main Carer for 14 years and without her help John could not have remained in his own home.

Obituary

Lewis John Challen (known as John) was born at No 8 Bringsty Common on 3rd February 1914 and, apart from a short spell living at The Lodge, Whitbourne, soon after he married his wife Nora (Gines), he lived on Bringsty Common all his life.

Much of his early life was spent in the Worcester Royal Infirmary having numerous operations on his left leg and foot. Whilst he wore a calliper and boots all his life he was able to get around normally. Despite losing much of his early schooling he worked hard to keep abreast of his peers and, on leaving school at 14, he went to work for the company installing electricity into Bromyard from Knightwick. He soon discovered his passion for driving and his first driving job was transporting coal from Suckley Station to the Sanatorium on Ankerdine Hill, and taking both cattle and fruit to and from market. After a few other driving jobs he went to work for Windshields of Worcester where he drove lorries of various sizes all over Great Britain for over 30 years. During this time his son Michael was born in 1942 and his daughter Ann was born in 1947. It is remarkable he would leave home on a Monday morning and not return for several days without communicating **at all with his wife as they hadn't got** a telephone.

When the second world war started he could not join the armed forces because of his disability but instead transported key materials around the country. Driving during the war years being very hazardous as there were no street lights, vehicle lights were very dim and, in case the enemy landed, there were no direction signs.

For much of his working life he and Nora kept poultry on Bringsty and before he had a car he would take eggs into Worcester to sell to his colleagues. The eggs would be individu-

ally wrapped in newspaper as there were no egg boxes, placed in specially made metal boxes and strapped to him and his motorcycle so the eggs **wouldn't break.**

After retiring from Windshields he worked as a courier between the Council Offices in Worcester. When he was in his mid-sixties he became a part-time postman in Whitbourne and was allocated the serial no WR1 from Worcester Post Office – a badge he was proud to wear. He loved delivering the post around Whitbourne, chatting to his many customers. He was disappointed to be retired by the Post Office when he reached the age of 75.

John and Nora loved having their grandchildren to stay and John was fortunate to get to know his six Great Grandchildren and followed their progress closely.

After Nora sadly died in 1999 John greatly missed his doting wife. His care needs increased over the next 14 years and he received great support from official carers and neighbours who became his close friends. Sadly John did not quite make it to 100 years but he did achieve his ultimate goal to live his life out at home on his beloved Bringsty Common. *Ann Hargreaves*

SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

VICTORIAN CREAM TEA

at Littleton Grange

(next to Tiblands Nursery School)

3pm onwards

In aid of Whitbourne Church

Contact Sylvia Garness 822175

New advert this week

Worcester Renewable Energy Ltd—see advertisement feature on p. 19
and advert on p. 20

Hope Valley Run

Test your stamina, or opt for a gentler challenge, to raise money for the British Red Cross by entering the Hope Valley Run

Get into training for the Hope Valley Run, in Herefordshire – a great way to keep fit and raise money for people in **need**. **This year's event, which takes place on Sunday 6 October**, will feature not only the established, multi-terrain eight-mile route but also a four-mile fun run.

The eight-mile timed race has been a regular feature of the Red Cross fundraising calendar. There are hills to test your stamina, long stretches to build up speed and some beautiful scenery to take in on the way as the route snakes through fields, woodland and along ash paths.

The four-mile route takes place on the back of popular demand. Like the longer route it will take in woodland trails and keep road running to a minimum; more suitable for those looking for a less demanding challenge.

The race starts and ends at the village hall in the picturesque village of Woolhope, in Herefordshire (15 minutes off the M50), where parking, toilet and changing facilities will be available to runners. Bags can be left in a supervised store during the race and there will be a kitchen providing hot and cold refreshments.

The route runs through Haugh Wood, well known for its butterfly walks, and is marked throughout with mar-

shals covering all junctions and turnings.

All entrants must be over 16. The races start from Woolhope Village Hall, at 11am and 11.15am respectively, on Sunday 6 October, doors to the hall open at 9.30am. Enter online at www.hopevalleyrun.com or contact the Hereford office for an entry form, telephone no. 01432 373020. Ronnie Scully, the race organiser, can also be contacted on 01432 860295 or via email@hopevalleyrun.com should you have any further queries.

A non-refundable deposit of £12 affiliated/£14 non-affiliated is required for the eight-mile run and £10 for the fun run.

Although there is no minimum sponsorship level, support in this way is greatly appreciated: sponsorship forms are available, as is help setting up Virgin Money or Just Giving web sites. All money raised will go towards Red Cross services to help people in crisis in the local community.

Small Ads

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My favourite (natural) things by Dai Jones

(Winning poem of the Whitbourne Garden Society Annual Show 2013)

The warmth of sunshine upon my cheek;
the smell of new mown hay.
The sound of rain on the holly leaves
damp earth is the smell for today.

Sheltering within the cathedral of ash
supported by pillars of oak,
where nature is wearing a wild garlic sash
under a broad bluebell cloak.

The wild flower meadow in early spring
soaked in the fresh dew of morn.
The accompaniment that the small birds do sing –
the chorus of courtship at dawn.

The smile on the face of a happy child
at the taste of black cherries fresh picked.
The wagging tail of a friendly dog and
the wet hand that he's just licked.

Crossword

Lord Threadneedle is currently away on holiday but will return refreshed and rejuvenated in the Autumn.

Solution to Crossword No. 15

Across 2. zircon; 4. idols; 6. projection; 8. wisteria; 10. Belloc; 12. tea; 14. inferno; 15. manager; 17. day; 20. grapes; 21. tawny owl; 23. allotments; 24. Klein; 25. school. Down 1. Pepsi; 3. cottage; 4. independence; 5. ovolo; 7. Jaeger; 8. WYSIWYG; 9. sufferance; 11. Carroll; 12. Tod; 13. Amy; 16. giro; 18. Antioch; 19. vegan; 22. waste

Greater Whitbourne Church Safari

Saturday 21st September 2013
Welcome to our churches!

There will be a special welcome for visitors on our church safari. Visiting the four churches of the Greater Parish, there will be a short talk about the history of the surrounding community or the church itself, and other attractions, at each one. There will be a break for lunch



(please bring your own, but drinks will be provided) at the Saltmarsh & District Village Hall.

10.30 Upper Sapey

11.30 Edvin Loach

2.00 Tedstone Delamere

3.30 Whitbourne

Come to all four or pick and choose as you like. A bus will be leaving Whitbourne Village Hall at 10 am.

Please come on it if possible if coming for the whole day, as parking is limited at some of the churches.

(Cost £2, Tel. 01886 821450 to book places). Toilets are available at Saltmarsh and Whitbourne. Emergencies only at Upper Sapey!

**NO CHARGE (APART FROM THE BUS)
BUT DONATIONS WELCOME AT ALL
CHURCHES.**

Letter from the Bishop of Hereford

The leaves are falling! The seasons change as faithfully as ever. And that is a good reflection for someone who is shortly to retire (or, as I prefer to say, change gear). Change is normal. **Cardinal Newman's saying is well known: "To live is to change. To be perfect is to have changed often."**

We are all a "work in progress". We all need to change. And that is the **Creator God's work in us, in the power of His Spirit.**

I have seen a lot of changes in the parishes and benefices of the diocese during the last nine and a half years. We have got even better at Local Ministry, building on all the achievements of the past twenty years. We continue to try to offer our best to God in worship, to grow in our own personal relationship with Christ and also to strengthen our confidence to live and express that relationship, which is what our mission and outreach are all about. We also continue to try to **show God's love in our care for one another** in the deepest ways.

In addition to these fundamental, core areas of our life and work, there are many others that we are continuing to address, parts that need to change as we seek and desire, under God, to be made more the way he wants us to be:

I would love to see everyone taking part in a home/study group, receiving the opportunity to grow in faith by discussing and learning with others through study of the Bible and reflecting on personal and local issues

together. How could this work for you?

Stewardship and our giving of time, abilities and money always need to improve. How else can we resource **God's work? We give because God gives to us.**

How about a part-time, volunteer or paid, Chaplain in every school, serving our young people and the staff?

Wouldn't it be great if all our Local Ministry Development Groups had at least one Ordained Local Minister?

There is a new course beginning to help train Evangelists.

While Sunday will always be "special" and every Sunday is a "little Easter", yet maybe we need greater flexibility too in our provision of Church Services (or Hall services) to better fit the enormous variety of work and family life pattern that we now have. There is scope to grow new congregations at different times of the week.

We need always to treasure our buildings and see them as not only places of worship but also providing opportunities for mission and service of our communities.

There are so many ways for us to continue changing and serving our God better and the people in the communities and networks where he has placed us.

May we all be blessed in the changes that lie ahead.

+Anthony Priddis

Church Matters—Greater Whitbourne PCC - July meeting

This, in a way, was a historic meeting as it began the process of trying to cut our coat according to our cloth. For years, the four churches in the Greater Parish – Upper Sapey, Edwin Loach, Tedstone Delamere and Whitbourne – have been struggling financially. In spite of various appeals, costs have risen in excess of income; the present financial situation nationally has not helped.

Since 1983, when the Greater Parish was formed, inflation nationally has been 186% [www.thismoney.co.uk]. Although actually formed in 1982, the first Parish Share seems to have been paid the following year. Inflation in our Parish Share (what we have to pay to the Diocese for the services of the Rector, his house and pension, plus a bit towards clergy training etc.) has been a whopping 580%*. The reason for most of this increase has been the introduction of clergy pensions. This year, for the first time ever, we have been unable to pay our Parish Share in full. We are not alone in this; rural parishes, especially in this part of the country, are all suffering to varying extents. Something must be done.

In our Deanery there are four parishes – Bredenbury, Bromyard, Frome Valley and Greater Whitbourne; each has a vicar. One option would be to split the deanery into three rather than four, with three vicars each covering more ground. Lay people would have the opportunity to do more parish work. There are other

options; the process of deciding which and sorting out the details will take a long time.

More parishes are providing ‘Messy Church’ mornings. These are similar to our Good Friday activity mornings for children, but will include a simple meal; parents would be there. (It’s not as bad as it sounds; they do clean up afterwards!)

Other subjects covered at the meeting were more routine. The treasurer reminded us that people in the 40% tax band would be better paying donations gross – the disadvantage is that they have to reclaim the tax themselves; we cannot this do for them.

Plans are going ahead for our Church Safari on 21st September. There will be a bus from Whitbourne Village Hall for a tour of our four churches. At each church there will be items of interest, including a short talk on the history and features of each. A packed lunch may be eaten at Saltmarshe & District Hall, where drinks will be available. Tea and cakes will be served at Whitbourne and the day will finish with a hymn and a prayer. Although the bus is available (fare £2, must be booked in advance) people may go under their own steam (although parking at some churches is limited) to as many of the churches as they wish. It is not primarily a fund-raising event, but more to get people into the churches. Donations will, of course, be welcome.

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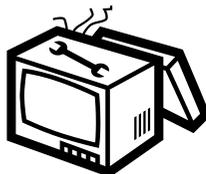
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Flowers and Brasses

1st September	Mrs D Haddock
8th September	Mrs D Haddock
15th September	Mrs K Cunningham
22nd September	Mrs K Cunningham
29th September	Mrs M Meadows
6th October	Mrs M Meadows
13th October	Mrs M Williams
20th October	Mrs M. Williams
27th October	Mrs M Malkin

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

Sidesmen—Whitbourne

1st September	Mrs S Bland & S Cole
8th September	Mrs S. Jones
15th September	Mrs M. Kneen
22nd September	Mr J. Allan
29th September	Mr J. Cummins
6th October	Mr D. Shaw
13th October	Mrs S Bland & S Cole
20th October	Mrs S. Jones
27th October	Mrs M. Kneen

Parish Communion Readers—Whitbourne

1st September	Sir N. Harington
8th September	Mr J. Allan
15th September	Mr C. Short
22nd September	Mr J. Bland
29th September	Mrs M. Kneen
6th October	Mrs S. Bland
13th October	Mrs. B. Allan
20th October	Mrs S. Dodd
27th October	Sir N. Harington

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.

Church Cleaning—Whitbourne

31st August	Mrs A. Evans
7th September	Mrs M. Kneen
14th September	Mrs G. Stormonth Darling
21st September	Mrs A. Howell
28th September	Mrs E. James
5th October	Mr J. Allan
12th October	Mrs E. & Miss L. Badger
19th October	Mrs A. Evans
26th October	Mrs M. Kneen

Upper Sapey

Sept/Oct	Carol Evans Fisher/ Carole Wilde
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Coffee - Whitbourne

1st September	Mrs A. Evans & Mrs M. Schoonenberg
8th September	Mrs E. Badger & Mrs P. Ransley
15th September	Mrs W. Cummins & Mrs S. Dodd
22nd September	Mr J. and Mrs S. Bland
29th September	Mrs A. Taylor & Mrs M. Williams
6th October	Mrs A. Evans & Mrs M. Schoonenberg
13th October	Mrs E. Badger & Mrs P. Ransley
20th October	Mrs W. Cummins & Mrs S. Dodd
27th October	Mr J. and Mrs S. Bland

Church Services

Sunday 1st September 15th after Trinity	8 am 9.30 am	*Holy Communion, Whitbourne Holy Communion, Whitbourne
Sunday 8th September Birth of Virgin Mary	10 am	Patronal Festival Edvin Loach
Sunday 15th September 17th after Trinity	9.30 am 11 am 3 pm	Holy Communion , Whitbourne Holy Communion , Tedstone Delamere Evening Prayer, Edvin Loach
Sunday 22nd September	9.30 am	Holy Communion , Whitbourne
Sunday 29th September St Michael	10 am	Patronal Festival, Upper Sapey
Sunday 6th October 19th after Trinity	10 am	Confirmation Service, Whitbourne
Sunday 13th October 20th after Trinity	9.30 am 11 am	Harvest Festival Whitbourne Harvest Festival Upper Sapey
Sunday 20th October 21st after Trinity	9.30 am 11 am 3 pm	Holy Communion Whitbourne Harvest Festival Tedstone Delamere Harvest Festival Edvin Loach
Sunday 27th October Last after Trinity	9.30 am	Holy Communion Whitbourne

The Holy Eucharist will be offered at Whitbourne every Wednesday at 10.30am.

* denotes Book of Common Prayer.

