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# From the Rector

The Transfiguration of Our Lord  
August 6th

Dear Friends,

Have you ever stayed up all night to witness a celestial event? During August, we are always treated to a heavenly firework display as hundreds of shooting stars light up the night sky. Throughout the northern hemisphere, from the USA and Europe to the Holy Land and beyond, we can see these visitors from the Perseid cloud streaking across the firmament.

Last year the Perseid meteor shower was obscured to some extent by another, even brighter phenomenon: a **“supermoon” even more brilliant than** the norm for these extra-radiant moons that appear several times a year. It shone in the darkness, putting all other lights to shame.

In their own accounts of the Transfiguration, both Matthew and Mark record the voice from heaven **calling Jesus “beloved”**. **Love for all God’s children provides the key to the Bible – God’s love for us, supremely** manifested in the beloved Son who would represent all of us on the cross, as God and human. Moses and Elijah were speaking, we are told, of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem. If we look carefully enough, we can see that the Law and the Prophets do indeed speak of that.

Many people today, even practising Christians, dismiss the Old Testament as irrelevant. We find it hard to identify with rules against eating shellfish, let alone all the violence. But



if we allow the light of Jesus to shine into some of those obscure passages, we have a greater chance of seeing their original intention. It is through the teaching, death and resurrection **of Jesus that we can see God’s true** purpose for the world, an ongoing plan of salvation. We see that such love is the fulfilling of the Law, and that the coming of Jesus was prophesied.

As we raise our eyes to heaven, like experienced stargazers we know where to look. Like the shooting stars from the Perseid cloud, the voice from **the cloud reveals God’s power and** majesty. But it is Jesus who reveals **God’s love. No wonder the heavenly** voice urges us to listen to him!

A very big thank you to all those who helped make Whitbourne Fete such a terrific event ! P.S. Fete report and pictures to follow in September issue (*The Editor*).

# Parish News

## Coffee & Chat

Please come for Coffee and Chat every first Wednesday of the month in Whitbourne Village Hall at 11.00am. Next meeting - Wednesday 5th August. *Ann Roberts*

## Coffee Mornings, Upper Sapey Church

Every Saturday from 11am, Coffee Mornings at Upper Sapey Church. Meet friends new and old for a chat, and see how plans are progressing to repair and develop this little church.

## Whitbourne Playing Field

A number of people are wanted to form a steering group to help manage the running of the playing field.

If you are interested and feel able to contribute, please contact me for further information. *Noel Knight - 8216129 or email: [noel.knight@btopenworld.com](mailto:noel.knight@btopenworld.com)*

*(on behalf of Whitbourne Parish Council).*

## Saltmarshe & District W.I.

It was lovely at our July meeting to welcome the return of a previous long term member and say "Hello" to a newcomer.

We settled down to listen to Old Ned, dressed in keeping with his role as Gardener to Lady Martha in the year 1897; that of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. (It seems appropriate here to mention that our present Queen Elizabeth II, will break the record, currently held by Queen

Victoria, as our longest reigning monarch on September 9th this year.) Old Ned regaled us with his "Tales from the Potting Shed ", referring often to Mrs. Beeton's Shilling Guide to Garden Management, which was THE book to consult at that time. It had advice on soil, planting, siting, seasons, tools, avoiding garden pests and generally anything at all you might need help with.



"Why not eat insects ? " was an invitation posed by another book's title, with recipes written in the French language so as to make them sound more appealing; certainly they sounded better than Slug Soup, Boiled Cod with Snail Sauce or simple Stag Beetle on toast.

Philip Carr (aka Old Ned ) cleverly managed to weave into his tales

mention of one of our member's birthday on St. Swithin's Day, July 15th.

Our competition for the evening shrewdly complemented the subject matter, being Wild Flowers in a Jam Jar. On Wednesday August 12th, Dr. David Barrie will be telling us " Feel Good - Stay on Top " and we must point out that's HIS preferred title..... apparently it's on nutrition and health, though one or two of us felt it might have been on another topic altogether! Enough said. Once again we'll be in Saltmarshe Village Hall. *Jean Spelman*

#### Garden Visits

Wednesday August 12th—Stone House Cottage Garden and Nursery. Meet Village Hall 11.30 am.

Tuesday 8th September—Kiftsgate Meet Village Hall 11.00 am

Friday 2nd October Rhods Farm. Meet Village Hall 11.15 am

Further details for all visits from Sheila Dodd, 01886 821835.

#### Footpaths

I hope you are enjoying our wonderful footpaths around Whitbourne. You are probably unaware but they are kept open by volunteers who quietly get on with clearing nettles and brambles around styles and gates.

Colin and Elizabeth White have kept their allocated route free from overgrowth and obstructions for many years and have decided to retire, allowing younger hands the opportunity to get involved.

If you feel that you can help, please email or phone me on [theoldshop@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:theoldshop@tiscali.co.uk) 01886 821727 and we can 'walk the walk'.

On behalf of the village I should like to thank Colin and Elizabeth for their efforts and for helping to make the routes around Whitbourne some of the best in Herefordshire. *Neil Grant, Footpath Warden.*

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# Best Garden Show for ages!

(more pictures back page)

At least that was the opinion of many who came to see Whitbourne Garden **Society's Annual Garden Show on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July** in the Village Hall, and there were certainly very many more entries this year.

The event was held on the same day as Whitbourne Annual Fete which took place on the village green and playing fields, alongside the Village Hall.

The committee had worked hard to encourage entrants and the Hall was filled with a proliferation of flowers, foliage, garden produce and crafts which were beautiful to behold. The show had been well publicised and as usual there was a range of 7 divisions with a total of 61 categories for the judges to consider. The categories ranged from vegetables, flowers, artistic creations, photography, poetry, kitchen produce, cookery and junior artistic inventions. It is great to see that the village is full of so many creative people.

During a flurry of activity between 8.30am and 10.00am the 39 individual entrants delivered 308 different items to be judged, spread across the 7 Divisions. The committee would like to thank the four independent judges who had a very difficult task to reach their decisions. Each of the 61 categories had to be judged with first, second and third prizes. Thanks should also be extended to our stewards, Hazel Jones, Lynne Jarvis, Margaret

Lloyd-James and Noel Knight who welcomed the judges and shepherded them through the process.

As a result of their deliberations the following cups were awarded (and see photograph opposite):-

The Challenge Cup – Penny Hayward

The Howard Mason Cup – Andrew Kneen

The Bill Pittman Trophy – Julia Evans

The Pimpernel Art Trophy – Lynne Jarvis & Andrew Kneen

The Juro Trophy – Andrew Kneen

The Silver Jubilee Trophy – Maureen Williams

The Tiblands Trophy (under five) – Megan Adshead

The Clarissa Jones Cup – Rachel Freeman

The Whitbourne Cup (5-10) – Layla McNally

The committee was well pleased with the results of the day which saw a big rise in the number of entries and a modest boost to the finances. Our thanks go to the organisers for their hearty input, Christine Battrum, Kim Cunningham, Rachel Freeman and Annie Giddings. Along with all those others who helped, a great team!

The Society is always looking for new members, a snip at £5.00 per year.

Next year could be even better. We are hoping, in particular, for more entries in the cooking section.

Do come and join us! *Bob Barnsley*



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# St Mary's Church

Edvin Loach

July 2015 Newsletter

Dear All,

On Rogation Sunday, Helen, George, Maisie and Russell joined about 14 other intrepid walkers at Upper Sapey **church at the start of this year's walk.** It was perfect walking weather, dry overhead with the sun out but not too hot. As we made our way from Upper Sapey conversations sprung up amongst the walkers giving all a chance to meet new friends. The children, adults and our doggie companions made good pace and after about the 6<sup>th</sup> stile between our start point and Wolferlow (we lost count of just exactly how many stiles we did climb over!) we arrived at Wolferlow church. After a short prayer we all joined Heather for a welcome sit down and to take on board some refreshments – thank you Heather, Graham and Henry. Sylvia our walk co-ordinator kept us to time and we were soon making our way through yet more glorious Herefordshire countryside.

Chris, Lynette and Emily accompanied us along some of the next stage - thanks to the Edwards family for allowing our walk to pass through. Next we went into the Whistance family woods. Spring flowers and trees just breaking full leaf were our surroundings for a while – thank you to the Whistance family for letting us all go through. As we peeked out from **the wood following Phil Read's track** – thanks Phil - we spied Edvin Loach church. Those who know will tell you

**that it's all up hill from the Hope farm!** On arrival at the church we settled ourselves down in front of the church to enjoy our picnics and **marvel at the view towards the Malvern's.**

We had to end our walk at this point, although the children did wish to carry on. However with Stats week starting the following day revision was the afternoons plan. Hopefully next year we will do the whole walk.

Our May service on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> was the first Sunday after Ascension Day. During the service Tom, Maisie, Russell, James and George let us all in on some interesting facts and legends about Ascension Day - **here's what** they told us.

Russell said - **“Ascension Day is the 40<sup>th</sup> day after Easter.** It marks the ascension of Jesus going to heaven 39 days after his resurrection. There is a myth in England that eggs laid on Ascension Day are said never to go bad and will give the family good luck if **they are put in the roof.”**

Maisie said - **“Between the Easter resurrection and Ascension Day Jesus met with his disciples and apostles to tell them how to carry out his teachings.** Some countries have processions on Ascension Day and chase a **“devil” through the streets and dunk it in a pond,** a symbolic way to show **Jesus' triumph over evil.”**

Tom said - **“In the bible we read that on Ascension Day Jesus took the disciples to the Mount of Olives where they stood and watched as he went up into heaven.** In Portugal people make bouquets from olive branches and sheaves of wheat with poppies



and daisies. The olive and wheat are symbols of a good harvest; the poppy stands for peace and the daisy for money. Wheat is kept in the house **throughout the year for prosperity."**

George said - **"Jesus' ascension marks** the end of the Easter season. This is when the Easter candle lit at the Holy Saturday vigil is put out.

Many countries have processions with torches and banners and bless fruit and vegetables. A myth is that if it rains on Ascension Day crops and livestock will do badly, if it is sunny however the summer will be long and hot - can you remember what the weather was like on Thursday? (It was a long time ago now but it rained all day!)"

James said - **"10 days after Ascension Day** it is Pentecost when the Holy Spirit visited the disciples. In Sweden on Ascension Day people go into the woods very early in the morning to hear the birds at sunrise. It is good luck if you hear a cuckoo call from the east or west. According to Welsh myths it is unlucky to do any work on **Ascension Day!"**

Found! In the churchyard by the old ruin a melamine camping style cup, white with coloured stripes around **the top. If it's yours it's near the inside** near the church door.

Suspicious Vehicle - a red KA style car has been spotted with white males inside acting suspiciously near the church. Registration number WN53HSA.

My nephew recently spent the day with us in the holidays; on returning home he let me in on a joke he had

seen recently - thought I would share **it with you!.....**

Two students from a theological training college decided to spend part of their holiday in the countryside doing outreach. They stopped at an old house, and proceeded up the path through a gauntlet of screaming children and a washing line heavy with wet clothes. When they got near the door, the woman of the house stopped scrubbing the steps, brushed her hair and perspiration from her brow, and asked them what they **wanted. "We'd like to tell you how you can live forever," they answered.**

The exhausted woman hesitated for a **moment, and then replied, "Thank you, but I don't think I could stand it!"** *Helen Read*

## Letter from the Dean of Hereford

As you read this letter, the Three Choirs Festival will be drawing to a close. Always a special occasion, this year is a memorable one - the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the festival itself, and we are right to be proud that, in our very midst, is an institution which has survived for so long - said to be the oldest, continuously running music festival in the world.

From tiny acorns grow mighty oaks, so they say. The festival itself began in small and quite insignificant ways - groups of singers from the three cathedrals of Hereford, Gloucester and Worcester, getting together on a regular basis, to enjoy music making together and providing opportunities for fellowship. As a result of the enthusiasm of Bishop Philip Bisse and

his brother Thomas, Chancellor of the cathedral, during the 1720s, the festival took on a charitable element – and to this day, the festival generates a proportion of its income as funds to support those in need. The festival, during the eighteenth century, became a focus for the music of Handel and numbers attending, as well as performers, grew dramatically. By the twentieth century, the festival had become well known as a forum for new works by the greatest of English composers – Elgar, Vaughan Williams, Finzi – as well as prominent literary figures, including George Bernard Shaw – all of them, regular visitors to the festival. However, there have been low moments, too – disagreements between the festival authorities and individual cathedral Chapters – major financial problems – the outbreak of war – and more than once, the future of the festival seemed in jeopardy. However, it all survived, and we can now celebrate a festival which is of international standing, and which has enormous benefits for each cathedral in turn, while still providing that crucial role of working together.

**‘Better Together’ is perhaps the single most important theme and it is a theme which is surely reflected so many times in our rural diocese. As in difficult days of the Three Choirs Festival, parishes can be tempted to look back to ‘glory days’, when on their own, but experience reminds us, time and time again, that working together is a key gospel value and that we learn so much from that spirit of co-operation and sharing of resources and understanding. I don’t travel**

round the diocese nearly as much as do our bishops, but when I do, I am so often heartened at ways in which **parishes are modelling that ‘better together’ attitude and realising that the acorns of shared ministry sown today will most certainly, with God’s help, provide mighty oaks for the future!** *Michael Tavinor*

## **St David’s Children Society**

It has been an exciting 6 months for **St David’s Children Society** following the launch of our office on 41 Bridge Street, Hereford at the start of **‘National Adoption Week’ last November**. We are a charity which has operated in South Wales since 1942 where we have successfully supported adoptive families throughout the process of adopting children to form a forever family. We have always offered a service to families who live within the Herefordshire Borough and have been fortunate enough to open a local office to build upon this solid foundation.

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Should you wish to learn more about the adoption assessment process or feel that you have something to offer then please do not hesitate to contact either Lisa or Naomi for an informal discussion on 01432 278188. Furthermore, visit our website [www.adoptionherefordshire.org](http://www.adoptionherefordshire.org) or even pop into our office in person.

We will also be available at Hereford High Town Market on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August between 9:30am and 2pm. *Naomi Halling*, Senior Admin Officer, **St David's Children Society**, Tel: 01432 278188, Fax: 029 20394344, [www.adoptionwales.org](http://www.adoptionwales.org).

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For information on participating solicitors near you please visit <http://www.strichards.org.uk/event/writeawill/> or call the St Richard's Fundraising Dept on 01905 763963.

## At a glance

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August Garden visit to Stone House Cottage Garden and Nursery. Meet Village Hall 11.30 am. Further details from Sheila Dodd, 821835.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September Garden visit to Kiftsgate. Meet Village Hall 11.00 am. Further details from Sheila Dodd, 821835.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September. Harvest Supper.

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October Garden visit to Rhods Farm. Meet Village Hall 11.15. Further details from Sheila Dodd, 821835.

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## A Dramatic End to the Summer Term

Clifton Upon Teme Primary School values a vibrant curriculum that includes the performing arts and provides opportunities for all their pupils to flourish. This was certainly evident this week when we had the pleasure of attending the end of year show.

The Key Stage 2 children put on two fantastic performances of Cinderella and Rockafella for the local community, friends and family. The panto-style show is a musical adaptation of the famous fairy tale. Cinders and a modern day Prince Charming (aided by Buttons, the Fairy Godmother and a talking dog) battled evil fairies and the Ugly Sisters to eventually find true love.

Dressed in fabulous costumes, the children acted and sang brilliantly. They were met with laughs, cheers and the odd boo and hiss (on cue!) from the audience. It was only at the end that we realised they had kept us enthralled without the use of props. It was wonderful to see how each child took to the stage with such enthusiasm and confidence. They were quick to improvise at times, raising even more laughs from their appreciative audience. *Sue Gilmour*



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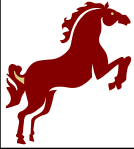
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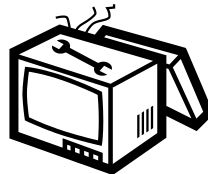
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Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	10 am	Patronal Festival, Upper Sapey



\* denotes Book of Common Prayer. Wednesday mornings are set aside for Home Communion. Please contact the Rector on 01886 821285 if you would like a visit. Please check the Parish Website ([www.whitbourne.org.uk](http://www.whitbourne.org.uk)) for last minute changes to the services listed above.

# Church Rotas

## Flowers and Brasses

2nd August	Mrs M. Schoonenberg
9th August	Mrs M. Jones
16th August	Mrs M. Jones
23rd August	Mrs H. Colley
30th August	Mrs H. Colley
6th Sept	Mrs A. Taylor
13th Sept	Mrs A. Taylor
20th Sept	Mrs. Mary Jones
27th Sept	Mrs. Mary Jones

## Sidesmen—Whitbourne

2nd August	Mr J. Ransley
9th August	Mrs S. Bland & Mr S. Cole
16th August	Mrs M. Kneen
23rd August	Mr. C. Short
30th August	Mrs G. Stormonth-Darling
6th Sept	Mr. J. Allan
13th Sept	Mr. J. Cummins
20th Sept	Mr J. Ransley
27th Sept	Mrs S. Bland & Mr S. Cole

## Parish Communion Readers—Whitbourne

2nd August	Mrs. S. Bland
9th August	Mr. J Howell
16th August	Mrs M. Kneen
23rd August	Mr J. Bland
30th August	Mrs S. Dodd
6th Sept	Mr. J Howell
13th Sept	Sir. N. Harrington
20th Sept	Mr. J. Allan
27th Sept	Mrs B. Allan

## Church Cleaning—Whitbourne

1st August	Mrs A. Howell
8th August	Mrs E. James
15th August	Mrs M Kneen
22nd August	Mr J. Allan
29th August	Mrs E. & Miss L. Badger
5th Sept	Mrs A. Evans
12th Sept	Mrs G. Stormonth-Darling
19th Sept	Mrs A. Howell
26th Sept	Mrs E. James

## Upper Sapey

August/Sept	Carol Wilde/Helen Miles
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## Coffee - Whitbourne

2nd August	Mrs A. Taylor & Mrs M. Williams
9th August	Mr and Mrs J. Bland
16th August	Mrs E. Badger and Mrs P. Ransley
23rd August	Mrs W. Cummins & Mrs S. Dodd
30th August	Mrs M. Malkin and Mrs M. Kneen
6th Sept	Mrs A. Evans & Mrs M. Schoonenberg
13th Sept	Mrs A. Taylor & Mrs M. Williams
20th Sept	Mr and Mrs J. Bland
27th Sept	Mrs E. Badger and Mrs P. Ransley

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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