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From the Rector

Happy New Year to all our readers!

Epiphany – 6 January 2016

Monica Furlong, the Christian theologian and avid supporter of women in the Church, came from a non-Christian background. Her father was a lapsed Catholic, her mother a somewhat vitriolic atheist. One day Monica was sitting in the grounds of **Lincoln's Inn feeling sad and** frightened, when she had an amazing conversion experience. She described a dazzling radiance which would have blinded her had it not been partially hidden under her black mood. She **then had what she called, "an excruciating bringing to birth",** when she knew herself to be loved, forgiven, hugged, accepted and set free. In that moment Monica Furlong experienced her own epiphany.

The word "epiphany" means "manifestation" or "striking appearance". It is often connected today with the Greek theophaneia, meaning **"vision of God".** Two thousand years before Monica Furlong, magi from the East experienced an epiphany when they saw God in the person of a newborn baby.

The magi were prepared to travel for a long time and over a huge distance to follow their star, and by making that commitment they had an epiphany. They were so eager for God that they were able to correctly interpret the signs God gave them. Presumably everyone in the Middle East at that time could see the same star, but only those in touch with God at the centre



of their being were wise enough to understand its significance and determined enough to follow it. The magi knew when they reached the right place and correctly identified the baby as the promised Messiah, despite his humble surroundings.

Like Monica Furlong, we too can experience an epiphany. And like the magi, we need a strong desire for God, we need to be open to the signs God sends us and gain the wisdom to interpret them correctly. Then we need to be so determined to follow our star that nothing can stop us.

God constantly sends signs and messages to us human beings, but only a few people notice. This year, will you be one of them?

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TUESDAY 12TH JANUARY

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ALL WELCOME

Coffee & Chat

Would you like to meet friends and neighbours in the Village for a friendly chat over a cup of coffee (or tea)? Then come and join us on the first Wednesday morning of the month at 11.00 – 12.30am in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome. If you are new to the village it is a great way of meeting other Whitbournites.

The dates for 2016 are as follows: January 6th; February 3rd; March 2nd; April 6th; May 4th; June 1st; July 6th; August 3rd; September 7th; October 5th; November 2nd; December 7th.

If you would like more information, please contact Ann Roberts, 821063, or Eileen Badger, 821501. *Ann Roberts*

A Parish Map?

Visitors find the post box difficult to **locate; it's position and increasingly** green state means that it is hard to identify unless you are in the know! To make it more easily found I wonder if a sign similar to the one to the church could be placed near the Village Hall?

On a recent visit to a village in Suffolk we noticed a map on the parish notice board showing where named houses were situated. I have asked the parish council if they would consider commissioning such a map to be displayed on the notice board but have had no response yet- does anyone else think these are good ideas? *Liz Cousins*

Whitbourne Church Bells

The bells will be out of action for some weeks in the New Year. Five headstocks will be taken away for new bearings to be fitted – the other was done a couple of years ago. Scheduled dates are: 11th January for removal, 1st February for replacement. This means that during that time there will be no chiming and the clock will not strike (although it should still show the correct time).

When the job is done, ringing will be possible and should be easier than on the old plain bearings. It will still not be ideal because of the long draught, but we will have ringable bells and we do still have almost enough ringers. Anybody who would like to join us will be very welcome, but this might entail training in Bromyard or elsewhere. We should be ringing for Easter. *Brenda Allan, Tower Captain*

Lent Lunches

The 2016 Lent Lunches will begin as usual at Whitbourne church on Ash Wednesday, 10th February, at 12 noon, following on from the service.

Of the five others, the second, on 17th February, will be at the Old Rectory, Upper Sapey, and the fourth, on 2nd March, at Whitbourne Village Hall, hosted by Coffee & Chat. For the full **programme, please see February's** magazine.

Please ring the host by the previous evening at the latest, to reserve a place. *Brenda Allan*

Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 10th February: Lent Lunch 12 noon, Whitbourne church

(Ring Myrtle 821707 or Brenda 821450, to reserve a place)

Wednesday 17th February; Lent Lunch 12.30 Old Rectory, Upper Sapey. (Ring Heather & David Roberts, 853665, to reserve a place)

Wednesday 24th February: Lent Lunch

Wednesday 2nd March: Lent Lunch 12.30 Whitbourne Village Hall. (Ann Roberts, 821063)

Wednesday 9th March: Lent Lunch

Wednesday 16th March: Lent Lunch

Saturday 21st May: Parish outing to the National Memorial Arboretum. Details to follow. *Brenda Allan*

Has anyone tried to find the minutes of Whitbourne Parish Council?

Look online at the Whitbourne Parish Council website and you will find no minutes for the July, August or September meetings this year (checked on 27th November 2015) This is in spite of repeated requests for them to be made available. This must be of concern to us all as we surely should be able to see the minutes of the meetings of a public body which we elect.

I see that Clifton on Teme publish the minutes of the PC in the Teme Triangle. I would like to propose that the Parish Council agenda is published in the Parish magazine prior to meetings and that the minutes are published in the edition following each meeting. In that way we can all see what the Parish Council is doing on our behalf. *Liz Cousins*

News from Upper Sapey

There was a good turnout for the lay-led Remembrance Service on Remembrance Sunday - the first such service at Upper Sapey for many years. It was a solemn service, using recorded music and Last Post/ Reveille, and well received. A leaflet drop to local houses was effective in attracting a few faces not normally seen at our Holy Communion services. I hope this will become an annual service from now on. An amazing £68 was raised by the retiring collection for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.



The Carol Concert by Bromyard Choral Society on 1st December was well attended and most enjoyable, with some less common carols added to the mix. It was a shame the choir was too big for Upper Sapey church, meaning fewer Upper Sapey folk were in attendance than there might have been, but of course Whitbourne benefitted instead! The £150 (after expenses) raised by the retiring collection was split 50:50 between the Whitbourne and Upper Sapey churches. Sincere thanks to the

Choral Society, and all who came, catered and organised etc. Well done all!

As for the Church Rescue project itself, we are currently waiting to hear from the Heritage Lottery Fund about our Stage II application. Once we have approval, work will be able to start on site, hopefully by the end of January 2016. Of course, fund raising needs to continue until we reach our target and, as I write, final preparations are being made for our Christmas Fair on 12th December. We'll let you know next month how it went. I'm sure it

will give a good boost to the Rescue Appeal, which continues to make progress; since our September launch we have raised almost £2,000 towards the £20,000 we hope to raise locally.

Do keep visiting our web page for the latest updates – just click on the orange buttons on the Whitbourne home page at www.whitbourne.org.uk and/or come and join us any Saturday morning at Upper Sapey church from 11am for coffee and chat. We promise to make you welcome! *John Bland*



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Loach Newsletter

Dear All

Whilst writing this the rain is beating against the window, blown in on a **very strong wind and yet it's fairly mild**, not at all like early December should be!

We went to look at the lights in **Bromyard for the big 'switch on' evening**. They are, as always, amazing! The Evans and Gibbs families have been involved for many years with the team who transform our town into the spectacular light show it has become well known for. Thank you to you all.

Way back at our November service we mixed up the church Christmas cake. The service was led by Sylvia Bland, Shane called the hymns for us and Grace did the collection, thank you. Although the cake would be eaten before the 25th it is made to **celebrate Jesus' birthday so it's a birthday cake!** We added currants, sultanas and raisins. We noted that the word raisins ends with sins; Jesus came to us to free us from our sins. We added eggs to remind us of the resurrection and flour the symbol of the bread of life. Everyone added in an ingredient and gave the mixture a good stir. Thank you to Susan for the loan of a ginormous bowl to do the mixing in and to Lizzie for holding on to the bowl during mixing! Thanks also to Shane and Grace for acting as the main mixers, you both did a splendid job!

The Holme Oak in the church yard that was in a dangerous state has

been taken down; thank you to the team who worked tirelessly to complete such a mammoth job.

IMPORTANT DIARY DATE – Saturday January 16th at Saltmarshe and District Hall starting at 6.00pm. We are thrilled to announce that Ali James has kindly agreed to join us for the evening to recount her adventures so far working in the blockbuster film industry. Ali, who last year was involved with shooting the final scenes for the latest James Bond movie in London, will give us an insight on what it takes to be a location manager and how she has developed her talents over the years. Tickets including supper are £10 each available from Helen Read abreadandson@gmail.com or 01885483666. Please check the website for further details.

Our next service is on January 17th at 3pm, all welcome.

Best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year to you all! *Helen Read - Church Warden*

At a glance

Saturday 20th February Valentines Evening, Tedstone Delamere.

1st Wednesday of every month Coffee & Chat in the Village Hall at 11.00. Everyone welcome.

Every 2nd Thursday of the Month. Upper Sapey Village Hall Whist Drives. 7.30pm

Every Saturday from 11am, Coffee Mornings at Upper Sapey Church.

March 2016 James Bond Evening by Norman Wanstall.

Whitbourne Village Hall News

As the year draws toward a close I am delighted to report that the momentum created during the year is resulting in greater use of the Village Hall. We have regular classes available for Dancing, Pilates, Yoga, Flower Arranging, Keep Fit and Dog Training as well as bookings for private Parties, Village Institution meetings and even Weddings. Although we have many bookings for 2016 we do, of course, have plenty of dates available and should you wish to enquire about a booking please contact us via our website or directly to the Bookings Secretary – Kim Cunningham – on 01886 821966. Our rates are currently very modest and early advance booking will secure availability and a fixed price.

Following this encouraging news I have to, unfortunately, advise that increasing vandalism is occurring on the building. Several windows have been broken by youths playing football on the car park (despite there being an adjacent grass football pitch) and a number of other windows have had glass defaced by use of a sharp instrument. A function of the Management Committee is to ensure that the Building is maintained to the expected high standard. This type of vandalism creates two issues – one of time management and secondly of cost. The Village Hall costs are monitored very closely by the Committee which enables us to offer the finest value hire charges in the area but unnecessary

expenditure will ultimately result in increased hire charges. Please be aware of this situation and if you see anything which may result in further vandalism please note the time and description of persons involved and advise a Committee Member. Please do not approach a possible offender as that is not your responsibility.

On a much more positive note – I have to advise the results of the final 2015 200 Club Draw which took place on December 2nd.

1st – Anita Pardoe (207), 2nd – Mark Dodds (99), 3rd – Thelma Mills (44), 4th – David Probis (195), 5th – Brian Powell (209)

Congratulations to all the above winners and thank you to all subscribers in participating in the very important 200 Club. 2016 Subscriptions will be collected by our volunteers during January with quarterly Draws taking place in March, June, September and December. The cost for 2016 will remain at £6 per ticket and we do have availability of spare numbers should you or other household members wish to purchase additional tickets.

Finally, I hope that you enjoyed the Festive Holiday and I look forward to meeting you at a Whitbourne Village Hall event in 2016. *Craig Jones – Chairman – Whitbourne Village Hall Committee*

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Fri 25th March - Interpretation board installation

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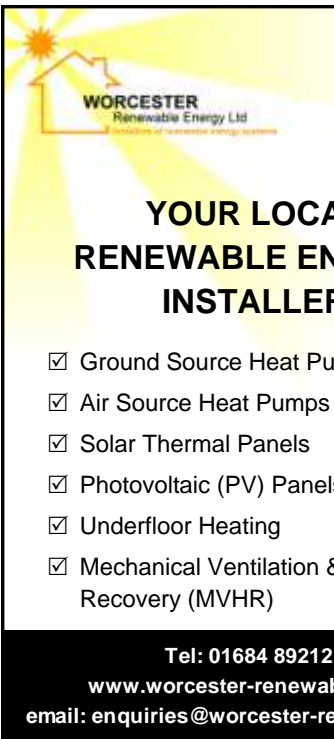
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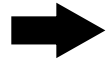
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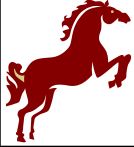
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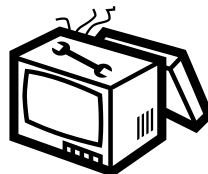
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24th January Epiphany 3	9.30 am Holy Communion			
31st January Epiphany 4	9.30 am Holy Communion			
7th February Sunday before Lent	8 am *Holy Communion 9.30 am Holy Communion			
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21st February Lent 2	9.30 am Holy Communion		11 am Holy Communion	3 pm Holy Communion
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10th Jan	Mrs H. Colley
17th Jan	Mrs H. Colley
24th Jan	Mrs A. Taylor
31st Jan	Mrs A. Taylor
Feb 7th	Mrs Mary Jones
Feb 14th- Mar 20th	Lent No flowers

Sidesmen—Whitbourne

3rd Jan	Mr J. Allan
10th Jan	Mr J. Cummins
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24th Jan	Mr S. Cole
31st Jan	Mr J. Ransley
Feb 7th	Mr J. Allan
Feb 14th	Mr C. Short
Feb 21st	Mrs G. Stormonth-Darling
Feb 28th	Mr J. Cummins

Parish Communion Readers—Whitbourne

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10th Jan	Mrs G. Stormonth-Darling
17th Jan	Mr J. Allan
24th Jan	Mrs B. Allan
31st Jan	Mrs S. Bland
Feb 7th	Mr J. Bland
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30th Jan	Mrs A. Evans
Feb 6th	Mrs A. Howell
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24th Jan	Mrs A. Taylor & Mrs M. Williams
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Feb 7th	Mr and Mrs J. Bland
Feb 14th	Mrs W. Cummins & Mrs S. Dodd
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Whitbourne Garden Society

On the 25th November some 24 members and friends gathered for our social evening, bringing with them an array of goodies based on the theme of "tastes from the garden".

Before we tucked in Christine, our chairman, held a brief meeting, asking for volunteers to help decorate our tree in the church. She also confirmed that our speaker for 17th February was Bridget Crump to tell us about her involvement with decoration of the Royal Barge for the Jubilee celebrations, followed on 23rd March with a talk by Charles Cheshire on the subject of peonies. As usual everyone is welcome to attend. Meetings start at 7.30pm.

With the meeting over we all tucked into a wonderful variety of relishes, chutneys and pickles which complemented the ham and cheese provided by Kim and Andy, tasty quiches and a delicious plait stuffed with sausage meat and quince. Pud-

dings included a range of apple cakes and crumble, damson fool and melt in your mouth quince jelly savouries. All washed down with a variety of homemade wines and apple juice.

Unfortunately as none of us had brought reading glasses to read the instructions, washing up had to be done by hand! A great evening. *Noel Knight*

