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From the Rector

Happy Easter to all our readers!

“She... saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus... Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him...” (John 20:14-15)

Jim suffers from an intriguing condition called prosopagnosia, which means that he has trouble recognising faces. He and his wife Sue live and work in London, and one day they had **agreed to meet at midday by Nelson’s Column in Trafalgar Square** to go for lunch together. Sue had a hair appointment beforehand, but arrived first. She saw Jim approaching, then watched in amazement as he looked straight through her and walked past. **She ran after him calling out, “Hey – Jim! I’m your wife, remember?”** For a moment Jim looked confused, and **then light dawned. “Oh – it’s you!” he said. “Why didn’t you tell me you were going to the hairdresser this morning?”** **The change of hairstyle** had rendered the face of Sue, his wife of thirty years, temporarily unrecognisable to him.

In the Easter story Mary Magdalene fails to recognise the Risen Christ. Mary speaks to a helpful stranger, thinking him to be the gardener. It may seem strange to us that she, face to face with Jesus, completely fails to recognise him; it is only when Jesus calls her by name that joyful recognition dawns. But this failure to recognise is a common feature in the **Gospel accounts of the disciples’ early meetings with the resurrected Christ.** In John 21, Jesus appears to the disciples on the beach just after



daybreak, but the disciples do not know that it is him.

It simply didn’t occur to Mary that the man standing behind her could possibly be Jesus, so she failed to see what was right in front of her eyes. Our faith teaches us that Christ is everywhere – but how frequently do we, too, fail to see the Christ who is reaching out to us? We are challenged to seek him continually, even in the most unlikely of places. How often do we fail to recognise him in the people and the situations we meet day by day, even when – as with the Magdalene – he may be hidden in plain sight?

Easter Flowers

Last year as well as putting a jar in church for donations we also gave people the opportunity to remember a loved one by buying an Easter Lily. The leaflets which explain how to donate will be in church from Mothering Sunday onwards.

Change to services: Upper Sapey St Michael and All Angels will join with **Tedstone Delamere St James’ for the Easter Service.** There is no service at Upper Sapey on Easter Sunday, but **all are welcome at St James’ instead.**

Parish News

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 11.00am - 12.30pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome. If you are new to the village it is a great way of meeting other Whitbournites.

The remaining dates for 2016 are as follows: 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*

Lent Lunches

Many thanks to all who supported the first Lent Lunch of the season. The food was excellent, and even the washers-up enjoyed themselves. We made £142 for Tanga in Touch.

These lunches, which take place in Lent each year, normally consist of soup, cheese, biscuits and fruit. There is no charge, but donations are welcome and go to a charity of the **hosts' choice**. **Everybody welcome**, but please, if you intend to come to one, let the host know by the previous evening at the very latest.

2nd March: Coffee & Chat, Whitbourne Village Hall, 12.30 pm (Ann Roberts 01886 821063).

9th March: Redlands, Upper Sapey,

12.30 pm (John & Sylvia Bland, 01886 853661) for Upper Sapey Church Rescue & Friendship Room.

16th March: Saltmarshe & District Hall (Kathleen Harris, 01885 483681)

Saltmarshe & District W.I.

After a break in January, it was a great delight for our group to meet up again with one another and to share all our happenings. Wendy was in the Chair and was able to give 19 members lots of lovely details about our annual trip taking place in August. Celia was congratulated on producing such a well thought out idea: a trip to the Elan Valley with a chance to see the inside workings of a dam, hear the history of the area..... and, of course, time for food!

We then gave a hearty welcome to a firm friend of ours, Mary Seldon. There are lots of themes Mary could give us a talk on, but the one earmarked for today was the Midlands Air Ambulance, which is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this May. Many of us probably have some knowledge of the Air Ambulance Charity and its work in our area..... even if it's only seeing the red helicopter passing above us in the sky. So, it was interesting to hear Mary flesh out the bare facts with her personal experience now that she is officially Fund Raising Manager for Herefordshire.

The Charity, which receives no Government money or funding from the National Lottery, needs upwards of £7 million a year to keep going. Mary told us several ways of

supporting this vital life-saving scheme. For more information look at their website <http://www.midlandsairambulance.com/>



There are three helicopters to serve a population of approx. 5.5 million people covering an area of over 5,000 square miles. Getting a casualty to hospital in the first Golden Hour after an accident greatly increases the chances of survival.

Mary was keen to stress how, out of the many occupations she has undertaken, this one makes her feel very proud to represent such a professional, scrupulously administered organisation intent on saving lives. The motto is "Saving Lives by Saving Time" and when appealing for volunteers to help, in many ways, the saying is: "We need you but hope you don't need us" which is very thought provoking. Here's another such fact: in Herefordshire, 5% of the call outs are to people on Golf Courses.

Mary's joy in her role is made more so by meeting lots of different people, each with a story to tell. At last year's Kington Show, a visitor made himself

known by saying how much he appreciated his life being saved when he was whisked away by air having suffered an accident on his farm.

Next month - in a change to our published programme - our Speaker will be Mrs. Penny Seabrook with "Forty Year's as a Vicar's Wife". Wonder if there'll be shades of Joanna Trollope's version! It all takes place at 2pm on March 9th in Saltmarshe Village Hall. *Jean Spelman*

Magazine Distribution

Could you help to distribute this magazine once a year? This involves dividing the copies into bundles and delivering them to a dozen addresses in Whitbourne and Tedstone Delamere. If you might be able to help, please ring Andrew Kneen on 01886 821707.

Clifton upon Teme W.I.

As this year begins the W I have a new programme which is on the Teme Triangle website. As always this year we have a variety of speakers, including Thai Cookery, Paper Cutting and a Himalayan Adventure. There are also visits, competitions and so much more for everyone to join in. If you would like to join us on the 2nd Tuesday in each month at 7.30 in the Clifton Village Hall you will be made very welcome. If you would like further information please ring our President Penny on 812784 and information can also be found on the website. To access the website use the link for Clubs and Organisations **and then Women's Institute; this will** give you our new programme and more about what we do.

Forthcoming events are the return of our Table Sale on Saturday 12th March 2016; to book a table for your organisation please contact Penny 812784 – more information will be on the website and in the Village. Later in the year, Saturday 17th September will be the W. I. Bake Off; this was a success last year and this year will return even bigger. *Sheila Harris*

Building work has started at Upper Sapey!

YES! We have been awarded the Stage 2 Heritage Lottery Fund Grant. The church is safe for now. Work started 8th February—due to finish in October.

An enormous amount of planning work has taken place, the bulk of it, applying for grants and preparing details needed by grant-giving bodies, by David Roberts, supported by the rest of the team.

The crucial meeting of the Heritage Lottery Fund took place on January 20th. There was a meeting on-site with the contractors two days later, then representatives of our own team visited the HLF offices in Birmingham on 28th. Now it is all systems go!

Of course, there is still money to raise in order to complete the planned Friendship Room, so that we can make full use of the church.

This is an edited extract of Upper Sapey Newsletter No. 4 - the full text is available online at <http://www.whitbourne.org.uk/files/USRescue.shtm> John Bland, Appeal Treasurer.

Symonds Christmas Lights

Many thanks to everyone who supported our Christmas lights this year; £630 was raised for the different charities. Thank you to everyone who gave prizes, donations and came along on the cold, wet switch-on night. More exciting news about our plans of becoming a community-based charity announced soon. *Steve Symonds*

Queen's 90th birthday

Do you all remember the Diamond Jubilee? And the village street party in the Village Hall that was organised by me and a team of fantastic helpers, which had a great turnout? I am looking at organising one again in **June for the Queen's 90th birthday**, which a lot of places are celebrating by having street parties. If anyone would be keen to get involved in helping organise one in the Village Hall your help would be much appreciated so please get in touch. *Steve Symonds* 01886 821736

Tedstone Delamere St James' Church Lighting

The lighting system in St James' Church has been completely upgraded. LED lights have replaced the tungsten floodlights and, in addition, LEDs have been installed to light the roof of the nave; these lights are on a separate circuit so that the internal lighting of the nave can be varied. The completion of the new installation follows an extensive period of trialling new sizes and positioning in consultation with the DAC who at all times have been most helpful in their advice.

There are several benefits to the new lighting system:

- The overall level of light intensity has been raised;
- The lights consume less power;
- They will require less maintenance as the life of the units is considerably longer (maintenance is difficult because of the height at which they are installed).

William North (Churchwarden)

Thank You

The parishioners, friends and all who support Tedstone Delamere Church are most grateful to Donald, Elsie and Rose Baughton and Family for their generous contribution to the new lighting in memory of their beloved son David. Thank you also to the electrician Trevor Marshall who has done a brilliant job. *Kathleen Harris (Churchwarden)*.

Marmalade and Match of the Day

How heartening to hear of a good deed in a naughty world. An unexpected act of kindness shines.

Joe Biden, U.S. Vice President, was thinking of selling his house to meet money problems caused when his son **suffered a stroke. “Promise me”, said President Obama, “that you won’t sell your house. I’ll give you the money”.**

It happens in sport too.

In the last rugby World Cup, Wales (just) managed to beat England at Twickenham. It was a game

disfigured by injuries, but there was one moment which lit up the whole competition. A young Welsh player was on the deck, in clear distress from a shoulder injury. The English full back, Mike Brown - a famously combative player - touched his good shoulder gently with his fingers. It was like a benediction.

Villainy, on the other hand, can bring about biblical retribution.

A Swansea forward with a deserved reputation for unlawful violence was being helped off the field at Cardiff in obvious discomfort. A stentorian voice among the home supporters **proclaimed, “He who lives by the sword shall perish by the sword.”**

Where does it come from, the instinct not to cheat?

Neville Cardus, the great writer for The Guardian on cricket and music, recalled how he complimented a Lancashire fielder on a conspicuous act of fair play. The player blushed: **Westhoughton Sunday School, tha’ knows”.**

Which may explain why sport can beguile even the saintly.

Cardinal Basil Hume was told that at Rome he was being tipped as a **candidate for the Papacy. “Oh, I do hope not,” he said, “I should so miss marmalade, and Match of the Day.”**

D.G.W.

Broadwas Croquet Club Open Day



Come and join us! Broadwas Croquet Club is holding an Open Day on Tuesday, 5th April (10.30am – 4pm) and we would love you come and try out this wonderful sport with us. Just roll up any time.

Croquet at Broadwas is an extremely relaxed and sociable game played in beautiful surrounding just six miles from the centre of Worcester. We will have a warm welcome, unlimited tea, coffee and cakes ready for you. All equipment will be provided, just bring yourself and a pair soft soled shoes. The lawns (four of them) will be open 10.30am until 4pm and there will be plenty of members there to offer you a game and show you the ropes. All equipment provided.

So why not? It could be the start of **something marvellous...New friends**, new sport, fresh air, gentle exercise, beautiful location, any age. What could be better?

Directions: Broadwas is on the A44 between Worcester and Bromyard

From Worcester take the A44, sign-posted to Bromyard and Leominster,

for about six miles. Soon after you enter the village you will pass the village school on the left and then, on your right a phone box. Just after the phone box turn right, a narrow single track lane signposted Stoney Lane. If you go past the Royal Oak pub you have gone too far. Up the lane for about half a mile and the club is on the left at the top of the bank.

From Bromyard take the A44 towards Worcester for about 8 miles. Into Broadwas, just after the Royal Oak pub turn left into a narrow single track lane signposted Village Hall and Wants Green. Up the lane for about half a mile and the club is on the left at the top of the bank.

If you can't make it then come any Tuesday afternoon after that and we'll be pleased to see you.

Any questions? Phone John Guy, Club Captain on 01905 748192 or Stuart Smith, Chairman on 01886 853311. *Jeremy Pardoe*

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6th March at 10 am

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Ofsted 'Good' rating for Clifton EYC

During a daylong inspection in the first week of January, Ofsted meticulously probed all aspects of Clifton Early Years Centre, observing working practices, interviewing staff, trustees and parents. They awarded the setting a 'Good' rating across all aspects: effectiveness of leadership and management, quality of teaching, learning and assessment, personal development, behaviour and welfare, and outcomes for children.

Manager, Andrea Brittain said, "A 'Good' result for us is truly fantastic when we consider the changes we've been through in the last six months. We are proud to receive this recogni-

tion from Ofsted but we are not going to rest on our laurels. We still have so much planned for the future."

Since the arrival of new manager Andrea Brittain last September, she and her team have implemented many changes to the nursery and the children are benefiting greatly. The outside 'mud kitchen' and new internal layout offer more learning opportunities to children while the introduction of 'Jolly Phonics' is seeing increased confidence in literacy within the pre-school children while preparing them for their transition to 'big' school. The parents can now also see the effect of these improvements as the introduction of 'Tapestry' means they can log-in to their child's online learning journal.



The playground, with thanks to a parent's working party and contributions from local businesses, had a make-over and now has rainbow-coloured fencing. The donation of tablet computers by Tesco has enabled staff to simply and effectively update children's learning journals as well as being an excellent resource for educating children with current affairs. At the beginning of this term the focus was on the terrible flooding and **'people who help us' with a focus on our emergency services.**

The nursery is still able to offer new children places on certain days. If you would like more information, or a look around, please contact Andrea on 01886 812380 or manager@cliftoneyc.co.uk. To view the Ofsted report please access www.cliftoneyc.co.uk.

Clifton EYC is always looking for more support, whether it be as a trustee, fundraiser or extra pair of hands during working parties. Please get in touch if you'd like to help. *Serena Spring*

EASTER EGG TRAIL

Easter Monday 28 March

Please join our Easter Egg trail around Clifton-upon-Teme village. Starting in the playground, just off Pound Lane WR6 6DE at 10.30am until 12.30pm, ending at The Lion. Car parking at the playground. Fundraising event in aid of the Early Years Centre, £2.50 per hunter.

All ages welcome!

Feeling old? fat? slow? out of shape? Then you need my help!

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Letter from the Bishop of Ludlow

This year Easter falls almost as early as it possibly can be. There is some discussion taking place among major church leaders as to whether to change to a fixed date as with Christmas. Press coverage has noted that the Archbishop of Canterbury has shared in these discussions. However Easter remains at present a moveable feast linked to the full moons of the Jewish Passover as it has done for over 1000 years.

Holy Week forms perhaps the greatest of the Christian festivals with the remembering of the trial, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. In and through the Church's liturgies there are for those of Christian faith opportunities to re-enact and re-appropriate the great message of reconciliation with God through Christ's redeeming work and the promise that death does not have the last word. To the sceptical and secular this whole world view is problematic, with questions as to whether such beliefs can make any demands in an age of science and in a social context where human freedom is defined as personal choice, and where each cherish their own truth.

Grace Davie, the social scientist, is among others who point out that contrary to what sociologists and political scientists expected thirty or more years ago, the world has not exchanged religion for the secular. Both are present and both are growing. Religious belief and practice has not gone away. In some ways globally the

world is now more religious. Some dismiss this as purely cultural conditioning; for those who are religious it is simply a matter of the communities into which they were born and raised. The trouble with that is that if we all are merely the product of our social conditioning then the same applies to the secularist and pluralist. Nobody has a superior vantage point. We each have to do a bit more hard thinking as to where truth, religious or otherwise, rests.

All of us have beliefs or assumptions upon which we base and live our lives. From these we derive values and ways of seeing the world, ourselves and others. The person of faith cannot prove the existence of God and the atheist cannot prove their exclusive naturalism. Both hold beliefs. What each of us can do is ask ourselves what most convincingly makes sense of the world and human existence. Paradoxically the best way to do this is, as one author wrote, to take the leap of doubt; ruthlessly willing to question all our assumptions. What is unfair and dishonest and, perhaps, too often the case, is the questioning of the religious and not of secular beliefs with the same degree of rigour. Easter invites us to leave no stone unturned, to look into the tomb and be open to life-changing surprise. *+Alistair*

For Sale

Happy Puzzle Company "Soccer Brain" board game. New but unwrapped. Unsuitable gift. £10. Call John Bland on 853661.

Save Your Herefordshire Citizens Advice Bureau



Herefordshire CAB has announced that this 49 year old service will close on 24 June 2016 unless new funding is

forthcoming. In just the first 9 months of 2015/16 the service has helped to resolve over 8,500 problems and achieved over £3 million in financial benefits for people right across the county. Everyone can help raise the awareness of how important the service is to so many of Herefordshire's residents.

Go to the website www.herefordshirecab.org.uk and click on HOW YOU CAN HELP. This will encourage you, in the first instance, to -

- sign the petition;
- write to your local County Council-
lor;
- share this message with family and friends - use Social Media to help;
- donate to the campaign fund .

Together we can prevent the closure of the CAB by using our voices to tell Herefordshire Council that Advice Services need to be protected and funded because access to justice is not a luxury service but an essential element of a fair and decent place to live.

Meet the Farmers Evening

We invite you to a lively panel discussion with four local farmers. Various current issues relevant to farming and Herefordshire. Chaired by well known local broadcaster and parliamentary sketch writer for The Daily Mail, Quentin Letts.

The panel will take questions from the audience. on Friday 18 March 2016. at The Concert Barn, how Caple Court start 7pm for 7.30pm.

Admission £8 couples £15 to include a glass of wine and light refreshments.

For tickets please contact Verity Look 01989 780255 or 07816 478213 veritylook@aol.com or Debbie Edwards. 01989 740606.

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Parish Nurse

Recently Susan Wyatt and I went to a workshop in Leominster to hear about the work of a parish nurse. I had heard of their work having seen an advertisement while on holiday in North Devon, but it was the first time Susan had ever heard of one. Indeed it seems as if they are a rare species. There are only 82 so far in existence in the whole of the UK.

But what is a parish nurse and what does he or she do?

He or she is a Christian who works in the parish either part time or full time on either a paid basis or voluntarily, and would liaise with GP's surgeries to help in many ways: to assist patients in understanding and complying with prescribed treatments, visiting and bringing prayer and comfort to those who need it, being present with vulnerable patients during hospital appointments to interpret and explain the treatment prescribed. However, a parish nurse does not do any hands-on nursing or medical intervention of any sort, but uses any medical specialist knowledge in particular areas of medicine and training to inform his/her work.

A parish nurse needs to be fully SRN qualified and to be someone with enough time and energy to carry out the necessary duties. The money to fund the position would need to be raised either through grants, community funds or by private donation.

The question is:- Does this ring any bells with anybody in the parish? Someone who is perhaps recently retired and who might be interested in

carrying out these duties? Further information can be found on parish-nursing.org.uk or on the parish website. If this appeals to you or you need any further information, please get in touch on 01886 853661. *John Bland*. See <http://parishnursing.org.uk/> for the full story about Parish Nursing.

National Memorial Arboretum

Our previous parish outing to London a few years ago, organised by Whitbourne Church, was so popular that we have been saying we should have another. Now, thanks to Ron James, who has done a good deal for a coach **and is giving his time free, this year's** outing will be on Saturday May 21st.



The National Memorial Arboretum covers over 150 acres and is sited at the confluence of two rivers near Alrewas in Staffordshire. There are around 320 memorials, representing many national institutions. A few of these can be seen on their website: www.thenma.org.uk.



Entrance is free, but donations are encouraged and some activities – land train, guided walks etc. are charged for.

Each day there is a short remembrance service at 11 am, including a two minutes silence. This is always popular, so it is best to be in the chapel early – and do allow time to admire the carvings. Workmanship throughout the site is of the highest quality, as would be expected.

Meals and snacks are available, or bring your own food to eat outside.

We aim to leave from Whitbourne Village Hall at 9 a.m. and will return around 5.30 pm. Tickets £12. Booking essential – contact Brenda Allan 01886 821450, or the Rector - 01886 821285. *Brenda Allan*

Photos: The W.R.N.S.; The Parachute Regiment; St. Andrew, carving in the chapel



Bromyard & District Local History Society

Talk at the Conquest Theatre given by **Robin Thorndyke 'Brian Hatton and the Changing Landscape'**

Brian Hatton is Hereford's most celebrated artist. He was a child prodigy who later produced exquisitely drawn and accurately observed portraits, studies of country life, agricultural scenes and - above all - working horses.

At the outbreak of WW1 Brian enlisted to serve in the armed forces. He died young, killed in action in April 1916, aged 28.

Wednesday 16th March 2016
at 7.30 pm

Members free Non-members £3.00

The 420 Bus

Did you see the petition in the shop about the future of the 420 bus route?



It was brilliant – well over 100 people signed it. But what is the situation now? Three people from Whitbourne, including Ron James, representing the Parish Council, and myself, went to a public meeting in Bromyard, to find out more about it.

Is it threatened?

The 420 bus route, that links Whitbourne to Worcester, Bromyard and Hereford has been taken over by DRM, our local Bromyard Bus Company. But First Group, who run the old Midland Red services, have kept the two most profitable services – the main school/college and work times. So the Worcester to Bromyard part of the route is only just viable.

DRM really want to keep it going; they've invested in new buses for it, and they are committed for the next few months anyway. And the Bromyard to Hereford section is OK. But they are a business like any other, and the 420 route is not subsidised – except that they get a small amount

for people using OAP's free bus passes.

So what next?

The petition was organised by the '420 users group', and they continue to lobby for it to be continued, but unfortunately **Petitions don't keep buses running.** Passengers do.

So it's up to us: do we want it?

Put simply, there has to be more people using the buses to keep them running. Including people using bus passes – as the companies get a small amount for each use. Or they could even voluntarily pay the full fare.

The 420 bus is a lifeline for the village – for young people, for non-drivers, for those who've realised that **it's actually cheaper than using a car** and paying to park. In Whitbourne we know, from the experience of the village shop, what we can do if we put our mind to keeping a service that we really value. We use it!

So I fear it really is a case of:

Use it or Lose it

There are timetables and fares information in the village shop – help yourself. *Paul Lack with Ron James*

Herefordshire Rural Hub

Herefordshire Rural Hub CIC is a business support organisation for farming and rural businesses across Herefordshire. Established in 2005, the Hub has grown from strength to strength and now has a reach to over 1,500 rural businesses.

Herefordshire Rural Hub has a history of being able to 'pull' support organisations together to work as a network

for the greater good of the local businesses and farming community. The Hub can give access to business development opportunities and keeps businesses and individuals up to date with information on events, funding opportunities, and rules & regulations by:

- Regular newsletters (bi-monthly newsletters by post, or monthly newsletters by email);
- Email updates;
- We have organised events such as the annual Rural Business Advice Day, and practical workshops such as Soil Management & Soil repair, How to complete your Basic Payment Scheme, Computerised Book Keeping for Farmers, Health & Safety;
- We work in partnership with other organisations to deliver workshops/ events such as Green Futures (bringing Farmers up to date with the latest legislation, CAP reform etc), working with the Fastershire Broadband Initiative to improve IT & Computer skills;
- Explaining funding opportunities and signposting to funding streams.

Further details at <http://www.ruralhubspartnership.co.uk/herfordshire>;

Email: admin@herfordshireruralhub.co.uk. Tel: 01432 268 428 Francis Keogh.

Rural Hub
Herefordshire 

Conquest Theatre

Book online at www.conquest-theatre.co.uk or call the box office 01885 488575

Events

Mar 3 National Theatre Live - Hangmen 7pm

Mar 11 Folk in the Foyer The Night Watch 7.30pm

Mar 13 Bolshoi Ballet - Spartacus 7pm

Mar 19 The Reduced Rock Company present The Fifties - 100 tunes in 100 minutes 7.30pm

Mar 20 Builtth Male Voice Choir in aid of Midlands Air Ambulance 7.30pm

Mar 28 (Easter Monday) Recorded live from the National Railway museum - The Railway Children 5pm

Film

Mar 1 Borderlines Film Festival Addicted to Sheep 8pm

Mar 4 - Spectre 8pm

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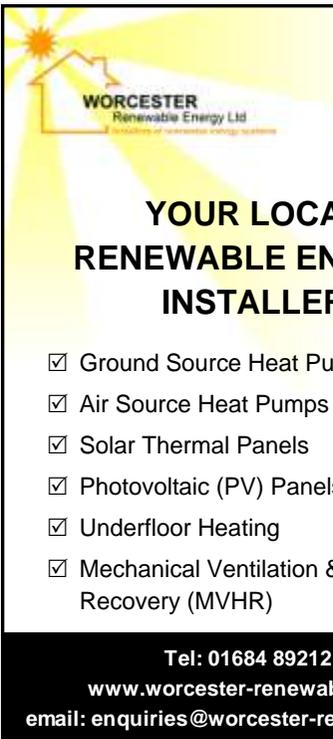
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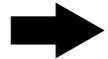
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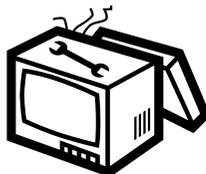
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Church Services in Greater Whitbourne

Sundays	Whitbourne St John the Baptist WR6 5RS	Upper Sapey St Michael & all Angels WR6 6XR	Tedstone Delamere St James HR7 4PS	Edvin Loach St Mary HR7 4PW
6th March Mothering Sunday	8 am *Holy Communion 10 am Family Service 6pm Compline			
13th March Lent 5	9.30 am Holy Communion 6pm Compline	11 am Holy Communion		
20th March Palm Sunday	9.30 am Holy Communion 6pm Compline		11 am Holy Communion	3 pm Evening Prayer
24th March Maundy Thursday			7 pm Com- memoration of the Last Supper	
25th March Good Friday	2pm Good Friday Liturgy			
26th March				7 pm Easter Vigil
27th March Easter Sunday	9.30 am Holy Communion	No service. Join with Ted- stone Delamere.	11 am Holy Communion	
3rd April	8 am *Holy Communion 10 am Family Service			
10th April Easter 2	9.30 am Holy Communion	11 am Holy Communion		
17th April Easter 3	9.30 am Holy Communion		11 am Holy Communion	3 pm Evening Prayer
24th April Easter 4	9.30 am Holy Communion			

Church Rotas

Flowers and Brasses

March 20th	Lent No flowers
March 27th	Mrs D. Baseley
April 3rd	Mrs D. Baseley
April 10th	Mrs D. Haddock
April 17th	Mrs D. Haddock
April 24th	Mrs K. Cunningham

Sidesmen—Whitbourne

March 6th	Mrs M. Kneen
March 13th	Mr S. Cole
March 20th	Mr J. Allan
March 27th	Mr J. Ransley
April 3rd	Mr J. Howell
April 10th	Mr C. Short
April 17th	Mrs G. Stormonth-Darling
April 24th	Mr J. Cummins

Parish Communion Readers—Whitbourne

March 6th	Ms R. Howell
March 13th	Mrs S. Dodd
March 20th	Mr J. Bland
March 27th	Mrs G. Stormonth-Darling
April 3rd	Mr J. Allan
April 10th	Mrs B. Allan
April 17th	Mrs S. Bland
April 24th	Sir N. Harrington

Church Cleaning—Whitbourne

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

Upper Sapey

March/April	Chris and Val/Carol Evans Fisher
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Coffee - Whitbourne

March 6th	Mr and Mrs J. Bland
March 13th	Mrs E. Badger and Mrs P. Ransley
March 20th	Mrs W. Cummins & Mrs S. Dodd
March 27th	Mrs A. Taylor & Mrs M. Williams
April 3rd	Mrs M. Malkin and Mrs M. Kneen
April 10th	Mr and Mrs J. Bland
April 17th	Mrs A. Taylor & Mrs M. Williams
April 24th	Mrs W. Cummins & Mrs S. Dodd

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.

Tiblands Nursery News

Tiblands Nursery and Pre-school celebrates the spring term by cooking their way to success with a treat for parents of cookies for Valentines Day. Eliza Price, Ruby Bentley and Sennen Flamark love to dress up as chefs and cook up some treats.

We have had a very busy term, celebrating Chinese New Year, with dragon dancing and dressing up in Chinese clothes. This was great fun with contributions from parents who brought in chop sticks, a hat and photographs of their personal experiences of the country.

We have weekly music sessions with Sarah Smith our music teacher, who teaches the children rhythm and rhyme, alongside exploring many different instruments.

We are open during the school holidays and welcome you to come and look around, especially at our vast outdoor space. Please contact Trish Garness on 01886 821394. *Trish Garness*

