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From the Rector

Christian Aid week this year is 15th to 21st May. In Whitbourne we try, but do not always succeed, to deliver envelopes for donations to every house in the Parish.

Christian Aid is founded on the **second commandment: 'Love thy neighbour as thyself'**. But who is our neighbour? Is it the people in the cottages down the road? Or the farming family up the road? Or the people one meets in the normal course of life, in the shop, at the pub, at church or at events in the village hall? Is it, in fact, the whole of the village, or the Greater Parish? But surely we would help our friends in Bromyard if they needed it? Or friends elsewhere? Some of us have family connections further away: **Australia, South Africa.... and friends** in Tanzania, for example.

In these days of global economy, global epidemics and the threat of global warfare, surely the whole world is our neighbour? Organisations such as NATO, The United Nations, the EU and EAC (East African Community) aim to get groups of nations working together, firstly to eradicate war, and secondly towards prosperity and abolition of poverty within their nations. Christian Aid does the same for the world, but in a less formal way. Where there is humanitarian need, they work with local organisations to provide help in emergencies or, in the longer term, educational programmes to relieve poverty.

An example is Morsheda in Bangladesh, who lives on an unstable island in a river. She lives in fear of



flooding. No matter how hard she works, every year the floods damage her home, leaving her and her children **struggling to cope**. They say, "Just £250 is enough for a Christian Aid Home Safety Package. It could flood-proof Morsheda's home, raising it eight foot on an earth plinth, so that she has a safe place to rebuild, keep livestock and grow crops. It could also buy a goat, seeds and a wormery to help produce compost – all of which will give her a long-term income and a **solid foundation for a new life.**"

Normally in Christian Aid week we manage to send around £400. Let us try, this year, to make it a bit more. It would help if you could return your envelope to church, to the Rector or to your magazine deliverer. If you would like an envelope but did not get one, please get in touch with one of the above. If you would like to know more, look at their website: <http://www.christianaid.org.uk>

Don't forget the Parish Outing on 21st May, to the National Memorial Arboretum. This is an inspirational day out, with over three hundred memorials set in lightly wooded countryside near Alrewas in Staffordshire. Most of these are connected with the armed services,

including, for example, the RAF Medical Services, the Tank Regiment, the Royal Army Dental Corps and Shot at Dawn, but also others such as the General Post Office Memorial Garden and Soroptimist International. Most memorial sites include some history of the organisation and sculptures.

There is a land train if you want to do it in style, and good paths for walking. There are guided walks, trails to follow, and at a few sites, talks are given. There is a service of remembrance every day at 11am in the chapel. There is a shop, restaurant and a snack bar, or bring your own lunch if you wish. Closing date for bookings: Saturday 14th May.

Confirmation Service 26th June. If you would like to be confirmed, or know someone who might, contact the Rector on 01886 821285

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: May 4th; June 1st; July 6th; Aug 3rd; Sept 7th; Oct 5th; Nov 2nd; Dec 7th. If you would like more information, please contact Ann Roberts, 821063, or Eileen Badger, 821501. *Ann Roberts*

Whitbourne W.I.

The weather was much kinder to us as we gathered on 12th April to watch Brigitte Manton weave floral magic before our eyes. She based her **demonstration on her team's entry in the 2013 Spring Show at Malvern. The title of the class was 'Fashion House'** and the team chose to represent the work of Vivienne Westwood. The actual floral exhibit was staged on an area about the width of the small hall **and 6' deep.**

With the aid of photographs at different stages of the work, and deftly snipping and positioning her plant material as she talked Brigitte took us through the planning and assembling of the constituents of the **entry. Using Ms Westwood's signature** plaid designs the team of four built up a woven panel of plant material in orange, black and lime green, which was echoed in each item. The mannequin wore a long skirt of the same plaid design and a wonderful hat in toning colours.

A handbag of woven palm and aspidistra leaves, and a pair of shoes in the green, black and orange colour scheme, but again made of plant material supported by builders foam, completed the fashion items. As she described their construction three elegant arrangements grew from similar but less exotic flowers and leaves, to give us a taste of the final exhibit which was awarded a Gold Medal. There was lively discussion and questions for our speaker as she worked, and the three delightful arrangements were raffled at the end of the demonstration.

After a break for refreshments - I must get that chocolate cake recipe - we turned to the business meeting.

Heather passed on the editor's apology for crediting last month's WI notes to Linda Gray, much in our thoughts as her ashes were interred earlier in the day at Whitbourne Hall. How she would have laughed at the **idea of being a real 'ghost writer'.**

A long list of possible visits, workshops and other events was given out

Considerable mirth was provoked by the NFWI competition for sustainable hanging baskets. No, my spelling is fine; they really will be made from recycled bras. Members had visions of town centres being decked out with strings of bras full of compost and suitably planted up, like flowery washing lines.

Our next meeting is our resolutions meeting, when we shall vote on the two resolutions before NFWI AGM in June. This year it will be in Brighton, and Whitbourne will be sending a delegate.

Our speaker will be Yvonne Cocks, **Hereford & Worcester's first female** paramedic.

We meet at 7.30pm on 10th May in the small Village Hall; all ladies are welcome to attend as visitors, free of charge. *Heather Colley*

An Apology from the Editor. Last **month's W.I. report was attributed to** Linda Gray in error. Please may I apologise for the upset caused. *Mark Powell (Editor).*

Y TELEPHANT!

How long did it take you?

The members of the Fete committee have decided to do something different with this stall. For your delectation and delight we are going to divide the goods and create more stalls - a mini-mall in fact!

So, we are collecting items for china and glass, kitchenalia, toys and games and nicknacks. The donated articles should be in reasonable condition (ie not tip worthy)!

Watch this space in the June magazine for details of where to take your contributions. In the meantime if you have any questions or need to offload treasure a.s.a.p. ring me, Margie Wall 07928378668.

July 9th is an important date

It's your very own WHITBOURNE SUMMER FETE!

You need a sit down and a cup of hot sweet tea - I understand! *Margie Wall*

Garden Outings

Thurs 12th May to Avocet near Shrewsbury. Meet Village Hall 10.30am.

Thurs 16th June to Campden House near Chipping Campden. Meet Village Hall 11am.

Fri 29th July to Ruthall Manor near Bridgenorth. Meet Village Hall 11am.

To book please phone Sheila Dodd 821835. *Sheila Dodd.*

Saltmarshe & District W.I.

There was fun and jollity at Saltmarshe & District Hall when the W.I. met to celebrate being active for

70 years, since the first meeting held at Saltmarshe Castle back in 1946. It was lovely to be joined by visitors from Bromyard W.I. and Pencombe and Little Cowarne W.I. We were also pleased to warmly welcome Sylvia Garness, who'd been a member back in the '50s, along with Ron..... more of him shortly.



Rachel, our President, made sure our business section ran smoothly and we were treated to a humorous rendition of "70 years in less than 7 minutes"

Our entertainment was Close Up Magic in the capable hands of Lofty, grandson of the aforementioned Ron. Lofty is a member of the Magic Circle and the International Brotherhood of Magicians and kept us delighted with an astonishing performance whilst we enjoyed the food so carefully prepared. We were pleased to discover this was Lofty's first booking for a W.I. but we're sure it won't be his last ! Details on <http://www.loftymagic.com/>

The beautiful birthday cake was baked by our very own Janet, cut by Wendy and enjoyed by us all.

Next month is our Resolutions meeting with more fun guessing what a "Collection of Unusual items " are. (This is kindly being loaned to us for the evening by our good friends Ledbury W.I., with whom we are still pleased to be paired, following the sad closure of Eaton Bishop). So, please come along on Wednesday 11th May at 7.30pm. *Jean Spelman*

Here we go Again.....

Spring time means BLING time!

Yes it's me mumBLING on again so it's time for the drawer sorting!

All those bright and jingly things that you have had enough of - send them my way please. Bangles, beads, bracelets, watches, jewellery boxes, pretty boxes, new make-up/ bathroom products, scarves, handbags and unwanted stationery. You know the old routine and you are always so generous. Your support has made the BLING stall very successful!

So, let's have another BLINGTASTIC year at the Whitbourne Summer Fete!

**RING A DING DING
DIG OUT YOUR BLING!**

Margie Wall 07928378668

Gardeners Service

The Sunday after Easter – the church **calls it “Low Sunday”, and it was** certainly down to earth. This was the **“Gardeners Service” at Whitbourne** Church, complete with plants to be blessed (though they all looked in rude health), a wheelbarrow of fine

old garden tools and even a pair of gardening gloves – hoping for greener fingers?

To the tune of “All things Bright and Beautiful” we sang:

“All things spray and swattable,

Disasters great and small.

All things paraquattable,

The Lord God made them all”.

There’s no law against humour in

worship, and for those who are into

theology I am sure it raised

interesting questions. We also heard

how much old garden tools from this

Parish are being used and appreciated

in Tanzania ten years after their

donation. To this non-gardener, it

felt different, cheerful and

appropriate.

The next themed service at

Whitbourne is about Church Bell

Ringling (10am, Sunday, June 5th). If

you’re still in your garden, you might

hear something.....*Chris Evans*

Thank you from Clifton EYC

The Clifton Early Years Centre would

like to thank everyone for making the

Easter Egg Trail on Easter Monday

such a success. Everyone had a

brilliant day and thank goodness the

rain stayed away. Even the sunshine

made a brief appearance.

Over 40 children joined the trail from

around the local community. They

followed a map and solved clues to

collect tokens from around the village

– taking them to the playground, the

school, the village green, the Church

and finally The Lion pub. And once at

the pub they matched up tokens and

chose a chocolate egg!

The day raised over £100 that will go towards invaluable resources at the Clifton Early Years Centre. Thank you to all the helpers and parents, and little trail-hunters, for making the day such a success. Thank you also to The Lion for hosting it. We hope to see you all next year for another trail!
Serena Spring

Tedstone Delamere

On Saturday 11th June we will be

celebrating our Queen’s 90th

Birthday. We are planning to open a

few gardens, have tea at one of them

and a raffle. All details will be in the

June magazine. Tickets will be £5

each available from William North

(01886 853321) and Kathleen Harris

(01885 483681). There will be no

charge for children. *Kathleen Harris*

Whitbourne Village Hall News

Great news! Hand driers are now

installed in the male and female

toilets and the paper towels and

attendant issues are now a thing of

the past.

The winners of the 200 Club Spring

Draw are: 1st Tara Bicknell; 2nd Ed

Cook; 3rd Lyn Butler; 4th Heather

Colley; 5th Steve Moody.

Good news is often spoiled by bad

news as we have again suffered minor

damage to the Hall. The perpetrators

most likely do not read this

publication and therefore do not

realise the time and effort expended

to repair the damage. Hopefully one

day they may reap what they sow.

*Craig Jones – Chairman – Whitbourne
Village Hall Committee*

Garden Society

Our March meeting proved very popular with the small hall full of existing, new and welcome guests.

After a brief introduction from Christine, we all settled down to a spectacular screening of peonies. The photography was astounding and the colours of the blooms really brilliant. Our speaker, Charles Cheshire (who spoke to us last year on the subject of clematis) told us how initially he was not that impressed with peonies as they often tended to flower and then blow their petals, however their beauty, range of colours and varieties soon had him hooked. From China where they grow wild, we were transported to plantmen in both Holland and the USA not forgetting Charles' own collection. Some varieties grow from around 10" high up to 6' 0". Work is currently underway to produce a cross between a conventional peony and a tree peony. Though we were the first to enjoy the illustrated talk, Charles had us rapt from the start and on conclusion was bombarded with questions.

Christine offered the vote of thanks, and then reminded us of the gardening theme to the April Family Service. Liz White put in a plea for any surplus plants for her stall at the Fete (please ensure donations are clearly named).
Noel Knight



Post Office Returns to Whitbourne

The Post Office has returned to Whitbourne ... at least for an hour and a half every week.

The mobile Post Office will visit on Mondays between 2-15pm and 3-45pm, initially parking at the Live and Let Live Car Park, and will move to the Village Hall Car Park at some time in the future to gauge which is the preferred site. Please let your local Parish Councillor know which you prefer as ultimately the location will be for them to decide.

The unit provides all the usual Post Office services from selling stamps and taking parcels right through to taxing your car, passports and organising currency and even pensions. It is just like going into a main Post Office without the long queue at Christmas !

Many of us have individually lobbied for a Post Office in Whitbourne since our one closed many years ago. But now it's here, it's a case of use it or lose it. It was given very little initial publicity, so word of mouth will be important in getting the message out to residents. We hope that residents will support this initiative which adds a little to quality of life in the village and will be of help to the many small businesses that operate in and around Whitbourne.

*Bromyard
Post Office*



In aid of the 1.1 million Syrian refugees now in Lebanon . . .

Middle Eastern Evening Supper and Entertainment

followed by

Auction of Promises

Saturday 28th May, Whitbourne Village Hall

7 for 7.30 pm

Tickets £8 from David Howell (821 285) or Kate Lack
(821 978)

Bring your own drinks

Additional donations welcome on the night

Every £19 can buy a mattress and blanket delivered in person to a desperate family

Every £10 can buy antenatal and early maternal care for a refugee mother

www.embraceme.org

Magazine 'Contents Group'

I look forward to reading the magazine each month, and much appreciate the work of so many that goes into it. I also feel we need to keep working at renewing and where possible expanding its contents, and the PCC (who are ultimately responsible for the magazine) agreed at its **March meeting that a 'Contents Group' should be set up. It will be a**

small group, as representative as possible of the greater parish, that will meet regularly and help encourage more material to be sent in each month. To do this, it will need to draw on the ideas, knowledge, writing and photography skills of a wider circle. If you would like to offer to be part of this process, or have ideas for the magazine content, please be in touch with me at chris@candaevans.fsnet.co.uk. *Chris Evans*

From Clifton Primary School

At the end of February every child took part in a series of sponsored fitness exercises. The world class vert skater Rich Parker, who had recently won the UK Championship, came to lead us. For anyone who wants to know more about vert skating have a look at Rich Parker's YouTube clips - wow!!

Four challenging exercises were completed by all the children (and I hear by some teachers and a governor). The pupils raised over £1,000 in sponsorship which would normally be split between supporting UK athletes working hard towards the Olympics this summer and the school. However, the children generously decided to send some of the money raised to Sport Relief.

Following on from that amazing day, we were visited by Harriett Baldwin MP who kindly helped our Headteacher Mrs Throup present various awards to the children at a celebration assembly.

An action packed afternoon of sport was also enjoyed by our Year 4 & 5 pupils when they took part in a Quick Sticks (hockey) festival in early March. The final was an all-Clifton affair with Clifton A Team playing Clifton B. A fabulous result but it did give those watching a tricky dilemma - who to shout their support for.

Our younger children joined with other local primary schools at a **'mini-Olympics' event at The Chantry**. Our Year 1 children came first which is no mean feat given that we are currently the smallest school in the local cluster.

On 14th March the school and nursery children, together with many village residents, gathered at the village church. At precisely 10am they joined many other organisations across the Commonwealth in raising the Commonwealth flag to celebrate the special day. They were joined by the High Sheriff of Worcestershire Sir Anthony Winnington and our new District Councillor Mrs Caroline Palethorpe both of whom had a tour of the school afterwards.

It may have been a short term but everyone seems to have been very busy. **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** Our Summer Fayre will take place on the Village Green on Saturday 18th June. Everyone is welcome!! *Sue Gilmour*



Whitbourne Church Bells

You may have noticed that the bells are back in use, having been out of action for eleven weeks.

Five of the headstocks were taken back to Taylors at Loughborough in January for new bearings to be fitted. The improvement in ringing resulting from the bells being hung on ball bearings rather than plain ones was immense, although they did do other work such as putting in new pulley boxes and relining the clappers.

A band of six expert ringers visited us during Easter Week to give their opinions. **It was a unanimous 'thumbs up'** although there are one or two improvements which can still be made in the belfry. Certainly the bells have not sounded so good for many years.

Now that we have ringable bells, we do need ringers. We have four or five of our own (but trying to get them all in one place at the same time is virtually impossible!). We can sometimes import ringers from other towers, but the fact is that there are not enough ringers in the district to **go round: so I don't think we shall** be ringing very often. We are aiming for a couple of practices each month. It would be nice to ring for at least the first Sunday service each month, but the electronic chimer does an adequate job at other times. **It doesn't sound the same, though!**

Our bells have had the reputation locally as being the worst to ring in the district; hopefully now people will change their minds. I can foresee that we shall be quite popular with visiting bands from other towers, who

are always keen to try out 'new' bells. These visits will usually be for around three quarters of an hour and will include novice as well as expert ringers. Quarter peals last for about the same length of time, with bands consisting of experienced ringers. Full peals – a real test of mental and physical stamina – last for a bit less than three hours.

So as well as the clock telling us the time, we should have the sound of **bells floating across the meadows...**

Brenda Allan

Village Trip to the National Memorial Arboretum

Saturday 21st May

Tickets £12

**Coach leaves at 9 am from
Whitbourne Village Hall re-
turning at around 5.30 pm**

**For booking, contact
Brenda Allan: 01886
821450 or the Rector:
01886 821285**

Brava, Sheila

A wise, old priest once remarked **that it's only when you're without** one that you realise how valuable an organist can be. Here in Whitbourne **we're finding out how right he was**, and this short note is an attempt to show our appreciation for all that Sheila Jones has done for our worship for 25 years.

She came to Whitbourne thanks to the then Rural Dean who had to find an organist for Whitbourne and another for Bromyard at just the same time. He found Sheila at Lenham Heath in Kent, half-way between Rochester and Canterbury. She received her organ training from James Levitt of Rochester Cathedral, a famously exacting teacher, and on moving to Hereford studied under John Martin, just as thorough.

At that time, Bob Colby was Rector here, and he no doubt welcomed an organist with strong Rochester ties because he himself received his vocational training in that diocese. Sheila also benefitted from the unstinting encouragement of Walter Gould, vicar of Bromyard.

So began Sheila's long and devoted service to Whitbourne. She had a wide repertoire and in the years to come we were treated to a survey of great European music from Bach to the twentieth century. Moreover, she paid close and necessary attention to the health of the organ, a fine instrument but not without its temperament. Regular worshippers will need no reminding of the heating problems, and nowhere in the church was

colder than the organ desk. But Sheila never shirked her duties.

She made valiant efforts to prolong the life of the choir, taking rehearsals in a private house with a reasonable piano when conditions in church were too harsh. And in respect of weddings and funerals, exemplary patience was often needed, and always provided.

We hope that musical opportunities will still be open to Sheila - if on a less demanding scale - and she will be sure of a warm welcome from her many friends whenever she finds it possible to visit Whitbourne *Doiran Williams*

Volunteers Wanted!

Please join the St George's Chapel Flower Guild, in Worcester Cathedral.

We are a small group of ladies that ensure flowers are on display in **St George's Chapel, in commemoration** of the fallen from all Services. With the passage of time our numbers are dwindling and we need to recruit some new members. You do not have to be an expert flower arranger - many of us are not. Most members do two arrangements a year.

If you are interested, please contact Kathy Jackson on: 01386 860619, or MLkj1981@btinternet.com



Special Services at Whitbourne

Where? - Whitbourne Church.

When? - 1st Sunday of the month at 10am.

For whom? - Everyone - young, old, married, single, with or without families.

Last month we celebrated Gardens and Gardeners. Special thanks to The Garden Society for their support and participation.

This month (May) there is no service, but instead we have the Rogation Walk on 1st May.

The timetable is:

10am: Meet at Upper Sapey Churchyard, moving off about 10.10 after prayers

11.30am: Arrive Wolferlow Court for coffee & comfort break.

12 Noon: Prayers at Wolferlow Church and then walk to Edvin Loach Church.

1.15pm: Arrive at Edvin Loach Church - enjoy your picnic lunch - **don't forget** to bring it!

2pm: Leave Edvin Loach and walk to Tedstone Delamere Church.

3.15pm: Leave Tedstone Delamere to walk to Whitbourne Church.

4.30pm: Arrive at Whitbourne Church for tea & cake and a short service.

Everyone is welcome to walk the whole way or any part of it. Times are approximate, but we will not leave a church before the stated time. There will be transport available at each church to taxi you back home or to your car if required. Any questions? Call Sylvia on 853661.

The next Special Service is on 5th June at 10am - **Theme "Church Bell Ringing"**.



June 12th
Special Celebration of Holy Eucharist
9.30 am at Whitbourne Church
to celebrate the
Queen's 90th birthday
ALL WELCOME!

Come and join us for a CURRY EVENING!



(a non-curry alternative will also be available – please state when booking if you require this)

Saturday 21st May 7.30 pm

Upper Sapey Village Hall

Good food : Live music : Bar

Tickets - £10 per person

From Doh Gannon 07527 230712

or Teresa Haycox 07951 236722

Clifton EYC Needs Your Help

To continue to thrive we need help from the community. The trustees of the Early Years Centre in Clifton upon Teme are appealing again to members of the local community to join their group of trustees and help with the strategic management of the nursery.

The Early Years Centre is an invaluable asset to the local community, providing early care and development

for the under 5's and helping parents balance busy work and family lives.

We particularly need you if you have experience in HR, management, finance or childcare. We are also appealing directly for a Treasurer.

Perhaps you have a passion for the community and want to give something back? Please contact trustees@cliftoneyc.co.uk / 01886 812 380 and we would be delighted to give you more information about **what's involved.** *Serena Spring*

Conquest Theatre

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

Live on stage

Saturday 7th May Folk in the Foyer
Winter Wilson 7.30pm

Thurs-Sat 19-21 May Conquest Productions Comedy Double Bill 7.30pm

A Jolly Sinister Jape and The Fat Lady Sings in Little Grimley

Friday 27th May Remi Harris in Concert

Screenings

Thursday 5th May Exhibition on Screen Monet to Matisse 7pm

Wednesday 25th May Royal Opera House Frankenstein (ballet) 7.15pm

Films

Friday 6th May The Dressmaker

Bromyard & District Local History Society

Talk at the Conquest Theatre given by Dr Paddy McNally on **'Distress & Disorder: reactions to the Irish famine in Herefordshire and Worcestershire'**

Deaths due to hunger and disease during the Great Irish Famine are estimated at around one million with a further million fleeing the country from 1845-51.

This talk will examine reactions to the Famine in Herefordshire and Worcestershire as reflected in the local press.

Dr Paddy McNally is Principal Lecturer in History at the University of Worcester.

Wednesday 11th May 7.30 pm

Members free

Non-members £3.00

Live and Let Live Whitbourne

Beautiful traditional village pub ♦ **Warming log fires, Delicious local ales** ♦
Good home-cooked food with locally supplied meats.

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Saturday/Sunday 12pm -12/11pm



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Letter from the Dean

I recently attended the National Conference of Deans – this year at Liverpool. We divided our talks and worship between the two cathedrals – Anglican and Roman Catholic. The legacy of David Shephard and Derek Warlock of the 1980s lives on and there are warm relationships between the two denominations – and this in a city which has seen great sectarian violence in the past. One of our talks was given by Archbishop Paul Gallagher – now a high ranking Nuncio in the Papal diplomatic service. I remember him from when I was a student, in 1981-2 at the English College in Rome. Two Anglican theological students, each year, spent four months living and working at the Roman Catholic college, right in the heart of Rome. It was an experience which left a huge impression on me **and I've kept in touch with quite a few** since those days. It was a challenge – how we maintain our Christian love and charity when sometimes holding very different views. It had its hilarious moments, too...from my diary for 22 October, 1981:

“The neighbouring church of San Lorenzo is having a ‘forty hours devotion’ of the Blessed Sacrament, so I go next door to look on. As the procession of the Sacrament is forming up, one of the servers turns to me and asks if I’m from the college. On replying ‘si’ he gets me to carry one of the 8 poles attached to the canopy over the Sacrament. Dressed in my jeans, the only religious garments provided are a pair of white nylon gloves, which I don. The procession

sets off – **alas my ‘other half’ on the canopy is an Italian man about four feet tall, so our end of the canopy bucks and stutters, rather like a pantomime horse.....”**

I mention this, not only to re-iterate my oft-made plea that humour and laughter in the church are really rather important but also to make a more serious point about a feast which happens this month. Corpus Christi – Thursday 26 May. A day when we remember that the Holy Sacrament is a vital part of our spiritual life. A day when we remember that we should always try to prepare properly to receive the Sacrament – when we examine our lives – when we make **ourselves ready to meet ‘the king of kings and lord of lords’ in Holy Communion.** At the cathedral, the feast is kept with great splendour - **there’s a** period of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament 3.30 – 4.30pm and then the Eucharist and Procession at 5.30pm. **But if you can’t come to that, do remember the feast in your prayers – review how you prepare to receive the Sacrament regularly - and recall those wonderful words of St Thomas Aquinas:**

O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,
May what we thirst for soon our portion be,
To gaze on thee, unveiled, and see
they face,
The vision of the glory and thy grace.
Dean of Hereford

FOREST, FLOWERS & FOOD

Sunday May 8th

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A touring exhibition of some of his photographs can be seen at: Ross Library until May 7th, Kington Library from June 7th to July 2nd, Leominster Library from July 4th to July 30th and Ledbury Library from July 4th to the 23rd. For more information please contact Julia Goldsmith at Catcher Media on 01432 277424. *Marsha O'Mahony*

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Saturday 28th May, Middle Eastern Evening Supper and Entertainment. See advert p. 9.

Sunday 12th June, Community Bring **and Share Tea party for the Queen's** birthday. See advert p.36.

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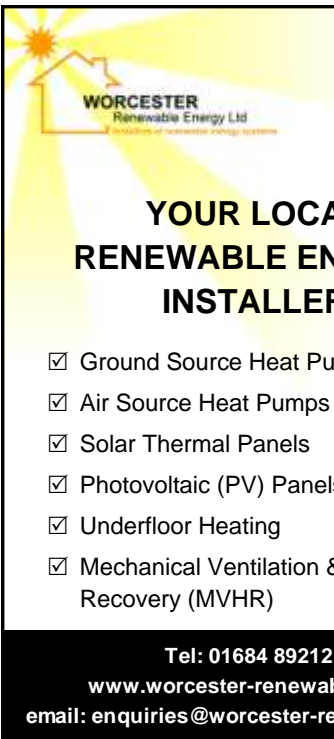
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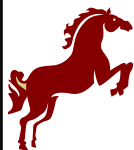
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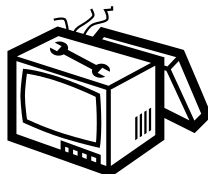
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Sundays	Whitbourne St John the Baptist WR6 5RS	Upper Sapey St Michael & all Angels WR6 6XR	Tedstone Delamere St James HR7 4PS	Edvin Loach St Mary HR7 4PW
1st May Easter 6	Rogation Walk Meet 10 am Upper Sapey (see p. 13)			
8th May Easter 7	9.30 am Holy Communion	11 am Holy Communion		
15th May Pentecost	9.30 am Holy Communion		11 am Holy Communion	3 pm Evening Prayer
22nd May Trinity Sunday	9.30 am Holy Communion			
29th May Trinity 1	9.30 am Holy Communion			
5th June Trinity 2	8 am Holy Communion* 10 am Family Service			
12th June Trinity 3	9.30 am Holy Communion	11 am Holy Communion		
19th June Trinity 4	9.30 am Holy Communion		11 am Holy Communion	3pm Holy Communion
26th June Birth John the Baptist	10 am Patronal Festival and Confirmation Service			



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

Church Rotas

Flowers and Brasses

May 1st	Mrs K. Cunningham
May 8th	Mrs M. Williams
May 15th	Mrs M. Williams
May 22nd	Mrs M. Malkin
May 29th	Mrs M. Malkin
June 5th	Mrs M. Schoonenberg
June 12th	Mrs M. Schoonenberg
June 19th	Mrs Muriel Jones
June 26th	Mrs Muriel Jones

Sidesmen—Whitbourne

May 1st	
May 8th	Mrs M. Kneen
May 15th	Mr S. Cole
May 22nd	Mr J. Allan
May 29th	Mrs G. Stormonth-Darling
June 5th	Mr J. Howell
June 12th	Mr J. Cummins
June 19th	Mr. J. Ransley
June 26th	Mr R. Freeman

Parish Communion Readers—Whitbourne

May 1st	
May 8th	Mr J. Bland
May 15th	Mr. C. Short
May 22nd	Mrs S. Dodd
May 29th	Mrs G. Stormonth-Darling
June 5th	Mr J. Howell
June 12th	Rebecca Howell
June 19th	Mr J. Allan
June 26th	Mrs M. Kneen

Church Cleaning—Whitbourne

May 7th	
May 14th	Mrs A. Evans
May 21st	Mrs G. Stormonth-Darling
May 28th	Mrs A. Howell
June 4th	Mrs E. James
June 11th	Mrs M. Kneen
June 18th	Mr J. Allan
June 25th	Mrs E. & Miss L. Badger

Upper Sapey

May/June	Carol Wilde/Helen Miles
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Coffee - Whitbourne

May 1st	
May 8th	Mrs A. Taylor & Mrs M. Williams
May 15th	Mrs M. Malkin and Mrs M. Kneen
May 22nd	Mr and Mrs J. Bland
May 29th	Mrs W. Cummins & Mrs S. Dodd
June 5th	Mrs A. Taylor & Mrs M. Williams
June 12th	Mr and Mrs J. Bland
June 19th	Mrs E. Badger and Mrs P. Ransley
June 26th	Mrs M. Malkin and Mrs M. Kneen

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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