



# Ombersley & Doverdale Parish Magazine



## September 2020

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**Thoughts from the Rector**

It is over fifty years ago now that the great Joni Mitchell had one of her first big hits with a song she wrote entitled, *Big Yellow Taxi*, in which the following lines stand out in my memory.

*“Don't it always seem to go  
That you don't know what you've got  
Till it's gone.”*

It seems to me that the year 2020 has given us the opportunity to think about what we have got because, for a time at least, it has gone due to the coronavirus. What about taking some time to make your list and, when you have done so, to say thank you for each of the things that you have identified there. If you do this, then each of the things for which you have expressed gratitude will become yours in an entirely new way. Not as things that you have to cling onto desperately in case they slip from your grasp and you lose them forever but as things that keep on coming back to bless you even if they are only there for a time in your memory.

And that reminds me of another poet. I am thinking of William Blake this time.

*“He who binds to himself a joy  
Does the wingéd life destroy  
He who kisses the joy as it flies  
Lives in eternity's sunrise.”*

So, as you make your list of things that you have got, but maybe lost for a time, make sure that you kiss each one of them, even when it feels that they are flying away from you.

Rev. Stephen Winter

## **Your Parish Magazine**

This is the first paper copy since March. We should like to thank all those who have contributed articles to the on-line magazines, which we hope will have informed and entertained readers over the past few months of lockdown. See “What you have missed” for a list of on-line articles.

We hope that you will all continue to subscribe to the Ombersley & Doverdale Parish Magazine. The Parish Magazine (originally The Ombersley Magazine) has been in production since January 1896, with the remit “to keep the inhabitants of this somewhat scattered parish more in touch with Church matters and also with affairs of parochial interest ... and other events of interest.” From time to time, the content of the Parish Magazine has been questioned and in the current time of change there will no doubt be more discussion about its future.

**The editors would like to hear your views about the parish magazine. Are you happy with the present format and content? How would you like to see it changed?**

Readers may be interested to know that the annual cost of £5.50 is subsidized substantially by the advertisements. We hope that our advertisers are, or soon will be, back in business and will be able to continue to support the magazine in the coming year. Advertisements are such an important aspect of our Parish Magazine since we all want to support our local businesses.

*Note: in addition to the hard copy with full advertisements, the magazine will be posted on the [allaboutomersley](http://allaboutomersley.com) web site, with the names and contact details of advertisers.*

## Parish News

Please check the web site for up-to-date details of services

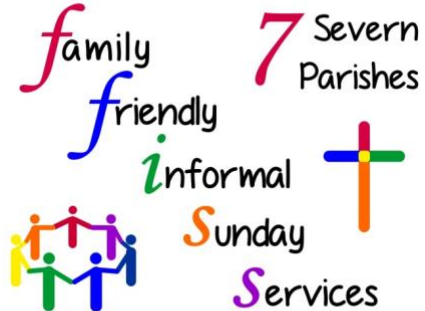
If you're looking for...

Family-friendly worship  
with the chance to enjoy a good sing  
and to hear Bible stories  
with optional craft activities and  
the opportunity to join in with  
readings or prayers if you wish...

*Currently running on Zoom,  
the services will be at 10am  
on the second Sunday of the month  
and access is free via FFISS Team member's  
Meeting ID 766 740 1296 Password Service*

*Next service: Sunday 13th September 10am*

Then... The Worcestershire



might be just the thing!

### September 2020

It is good to back in print this month, and back in St Andrews's for services even though they are few and far between.

We had our first 'real' Morning Prayer service on August 2nd and it was lovely to have 25 of us together, at our 2m spacing, but still no singing. The weather was kind and we were able to have a socially distanced chat outside afterwards.

On September 4th we will have a Morning prayer service at **9.30 am**. There are various procedures in place to keep everyone safe. Please follow the signs and guidance from the sides people.

There will still be Zoom services each Sunday at 11am  
Zoom ID 845 168 9869  
Password 9445

Except on the 13th Sept when the FFISS, with be at 10am  
Zoom ID: 766 740 1296  
Password: Service

We hope to have a Harvest Service at St Andrew's on September 27<sup>th</sup>. This is a long way ahead in coronavirus times, so please can you keep an eye on our website [www.st-andrews.church](http://www.st-andrews.church) (now with a link from [allaboutomersley.com](http://allaboutomersley.com)) or the notice board in the Lych Gate for more details.

You may have noticed the scaffolding that is now up at the east end of the church, and I hope you enjoyed Anthony's information about our windows last month. All the damaged windows/frames have now been removed and perspex is in place so the church is light again. If you click on the 'Window Repairs' button on the church website you will be able to see some photographs, one showing just how thin the glass is. Its an unusual job for Holy Well Glass who have taken on the repairs, and they have promised photographs on their Instagram page! All things being equal these two windows will be re-glazed by November and then the remaining east windows will be tackled.

### St. Andrew's PCC AGM

Sunday September 6<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am

The delayed AGM will be held in St Andrew's Church at 10.30 am following the 9.30 service of Morning Prayer.

This meeting is open to the public and is when Churchwardens and PCC members are appointed.

Minutes of the previous AGM and PCC meetings can be found under Documents on the church website. [www.st-andrews.church](http://www.st-andrews.church)

### PRAYING THE PARISH

If you have a particular need or things to be grateful for, please let us know

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These had been forgotten for which we apologise – praying around the parish has still continue and will continue to do so .....

### Areas for September:

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September – Haye Lane, Oldfield Lane

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Main Road south, Church Lane, Hill Top,  
Ombersley Court

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Chatley, Woodfield, Hadley and  
Hunt Green

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Farmers and Allotment holders

### **“Virtual Worship”**

The current pandemic has affected our whole way of life - the way we work, the way we shop, the way we socialize and also the way we worship.

Since the commencement of “Lockdown” in late March, Revd. Stephen Winter has been holding a Morning Prayer service from his home via the Zoom App, at 10.00a.m. every week-day and also a 10.00a.m. Holy Communion service on each Sunday. Prior to the restrictions, very few people had even heard of Zoom but now it has become a household name.

These virtual services have, for a great many of us, provided a vital link with the life we all used to know and have given us continuity and purpose on a daily basis. They have also given the opportunity for social interaction where, in lots of cases, people may not see or speak to anyone all day long.

We give our thanks and gratitude to Stephen for his time and efforts in keeping all corners of the Benefice in touch, thus ensuring that the life and expectations of our Seven Parishes continue to flourish through ongoing communication and worship.

## **GENERAL VILLAGE NEWS**

### **New Typist/Magazine Layout person sought**

I've been doing this for 10 years now so feel it's time to hand it on to someone else to take it to the next level.

Please volunteer for this job – it only requires a few hours each month, you don't have to be a member of the church to do it and you don't attend the editorial meetings unless you want to! For further information please contact me.

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## **Ombersley and Doverdale Parish Council**

The Parish Council can be contacted via the website:  
[www.ombersleyanddoverdale.co.uk](http://www.ombersleyanddoverdale.co.uk)



### **Ombersley & Doverdale Tennis Club**

Is opened for play!

We are following strict Government & LTA Guidelines  
Play is only permitted on the following basis:

**For more information on how to book your Court, book a Public Court or take advantage of a special 'Half Yearly Membership' visit our website**

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ombersleydoverdaletennisclub>

Keep active, stay healthy, play tennis at Ombersley & Doverdale Tennis Club!

## **An update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan from TOAD**



The parish council are pleased to say the draft Neighbourhood Plan is complete, incorporating the views expressed by yourselves in the household survey, in website surveys and at meetings.

There are 14 planning policies proposed covering housing, our parish environment, local business etc.

Before we can proceed to share the plan with you we have had to submit it to Wychavon for screening to see if any additional specific work is required on our local habitats and environment (a Habitat



regulations Assessment and a Strategic Environment Assessment to give their full titles).

If these additional assessments are not required we hope to proceed to an 8-week period of community consultation in early autumn when you will all have the opportunity to comment on the proposals.

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 restrictions public meetings or coffee morning drop-ins will not be possible, but you will be notified on how and where to view the plan and how to register your comments.

We will notify you as and when the consultation is to take place and the protocol to be followed. More information will follow in next month's parish magazine and on the websites of the parish council ([www.odpc.co.uk](http://www.odpc.co.uk)) and TOAD ([www.toad.works](http://www.toad.works))

### **Life's Dreams and Songs**

Who can reach the yardstick of the dreams  
of youth which multiply with fragrant hope  
until the calculating words divide  
and subtract them again leaving no trace.

Notes hum high in the rafters of our mind  
and will not be reduced to nothingness  
but linger long until we reach for them  
and pull them one by one into a song.

Sing sing this song for every day now counts  
and how can we survive without the dreams  
that songs inspire of kinder loving worlds  
and better ways to live by sharing all.

We need to dream into reality  
And push beyond the confines of our thoughts.

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August / October 2019

**What you may have missed!**

## **Articles published in the on-line Parish Magazines, April-August 2020**

### **April**

Edward Winslow - a local boy who made good in America: Howard Robinson

### **May**

Something Lovely, a poem by Kate O'Meara, written after a plague devoted Ireland in the late 1860s

Freedom, a poem by Iris Checketts

Sanctuary, a letter from Claire Gathercole

The Battle of Worcester by Howard Robinson

Interesting snippets about Ombersley by David Collier, Ombersley History Group

Old newspaper cuttings about life in Ombersley sourced by Pat Niner, Ombersley History Group

The John Bourne Mystery by Stuart Larnder

### **June**

The Congregational Chapel by Rob Shipley

Life in the time of Corona by A. Non

Those Pandemic Words: a poem by Claire Gathercole

The Barnsley Charity by John Silvester

The Joy of Reading by Val Harris

The Longheadland Allotments by Rob Brett

### **July**

King John - Why is his tomb in Worcester Cathedral? by Howard Robinson

Leisure Time by Valerie Harris

Ombersley Church and Workhouse by Robert Thornton

'Greetings' and 'On my Morning Village Walk' - two poems by Claire Gathercole

### **August**

Keeping the New Church Handsome - and Watertight - 2020 by Anthony Hughes

The Lady and the Lamp by Valerie Harris

Ombersley and the New World by Chris Gait

Past copies of the on-line magazines are available on the allaboutobersley web site.

**THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, DOVERDALE**  
**USUAL HEADING**

**PEW POINTS**

**DIARY DATES**

5<sup>th</sup> September 1.00pm Wedding of Jamie Miles Sapsford and Harriet Lucy Cornock

20<sup>th</sup> September 11.00am Service of Holy Communion (BCP)  
The fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Reading: Philippians Chapter 1 (21 – end)

Gospel Reading: Matthew Chapter 20 (1 – 16)

Sidesmen and Lectors to be arranged.

With the easement of “Lockdown” and the relaxation of certain restrictions, PCC members across the Benefice have been working hard to re-open the churches for a limited number of services. Those who receive the weekly Message from Nicholas Wright and who have also been able to view the on-line version of our Parish Magazine on the “allaboutobersley” website over the past months, will have seen the services that took place in August.

THE FIRST SERVICE at St Mary’s Doverdale will take place on SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER at 11.00am.

Rev. Stephen Winter will lead the service of Holy Communion (BCP) following the guide lines set out by the Government and the Church of England with regard to Covid-19 safety measures.

We all recognize the fact that worshipping in our churches will not be the same as it was before. We also know that responsible decisions have to be made with regard to our own health and that of our families.

However, we look forward to welcoming back our members for a renewal of worship and friendship after such an unprecedented length of time in isolation.

Details of future services are yet to be confirmed.

**Copy for inclusion in the October magazine needs to be sent to the editors by 10th September.**

### **Advertisers in the Magazine for 2020**

Please see adverts in previous copies of the magazine.....

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Bowbrook Gardens – landscaping etc. – 01905 937852 / 07792 613020

CT Building of Ombersley – 01905 620942 / 07973 663442  
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Oldfields of Ombersley – country/equestrian – 01905 622295

Ombersley Dental Practice – 01905 621881

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Ombersley Memorial Hall – 07936 467390

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