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Worcestershire Seven Parishes Service Rota for October

Date	Time	Location	Service Type
4 th	9.00am	Hampton Lovett	HC – CW
	11.00am	Online – Zoom	HC – CW
11 th	9.00am	Rushock	HC – CW
	10.00am	Online – Zoom	Family Service
	11.00am	Elmley Lovett	Harvest
	11.00am	Doverdale	Harvest
	11.00am	Hartlebury	HC – CW
18 th	9.00am	Elmbridge	HC – CW
	9.30am	Hartlebury	MP
	11.00am	Rushock	Harvest
	11.00am	Online – Zoom	HC – CW
25 th	9.00am	Elmley Lovett	HC – BCP
	11.00am	Ombersley – zoom	HC – CW – livestream

HC Holy Communion

CW Common Worship

BCP Book of Common Prayer

MP Morning Prayer

These are current times as going to press, please check online with your local church or via the weekly email from the parish administrator.

Morning Prayer Schedule

Each weekday morning at 9.15am we gather for Morning Prayer. If you would like to join us then please use Meeting ID **Zoom ID 845 168 9869** and password **9445** as for the Sunday Service. If you would like us to pray for you then please send me an email at mail@stephenwinter.net

THE PARISH OF ST ANDREW'S OMBERSLEY

Parish News

Parish Register: 1st March – 31st August 2020

Note: Cremations have been listed for the period that church services were not permitted. From now on, notices of baptisms, funerals & marriages at St Andrew's for each calendar month will appear in the parish magazine the following month.

St Andrew's, Ombersley

17 th March	Douglas Moule	Interment of Ashes
18 th March	Maureen Emily Burchell	Burial
2 nd May	Walter James Burton	Interment of Ashes
4 th June	Edward May	Burial*
15 th June	Dorothy Winifred Morgan	Burial
13 th July	Gladys May Marshall	Burial
21 st August	Beryle Joy Thompson	Burial

*Service at crematorium followed by burial in churchyard.

Cremations

4 th March	Robin Catherwood
25 th March	Mary Sanders
27 th April	Herbert Collins Smith
4 th May	Mavis Ritchie
2 nd July	Olga Allen

Weddings

18th July Nicki Nunn and James Stevens
23rd August Victoria Howell and Samuel Banner

St Andrew's Church News

Our strange times still continue and it is difficult to tell if we are stepping forward or back.

We said a sad farewell to Iris Checketts last month. With the constraints of these times we stepped back and had a chance to wave goodbye as she travelled up the Main Road for the last time. We also stepped forward into a potential future with the service being available to all who couldn't fit into the church (due to restrictions) with an external sound system or by picking up the streamed service on tablets or computers.

At our family service in September we were asked to consider how we could 'touch the Earth gently' and think of something, however small, each of us could do to help. After all, lots of small actions can have a big result, either by stepping forward-or back.

The Windows

Progress is being made at Holywell glass workshops and your Churchwardens and members of the OSCA team have been invited to see the work being done. There will be more news in the next magazine, and we will do our best to have some photographs for you to see on the website (www.st-andrews.church) and the Facebook page as soon as possible.

Active Coffee

While we can't meet again for a while, can we still make Christmas stockings for Care Leavers? I have a template for the rough size needed and I can leave some templates in the Lychgate for anyone who would like to help. Christmassy/seasonal fabric, they don't have to be lined, but a double layered cuff is helpful...and a hanging loop. Please contact Fiona on 01905 621176.

Mary and Martha Mongolia

This year we are supporting Mary and Martha in Mongolia, a charity that supports Fair Trade for artisan workers. Unfortunately, their outlet has been affected by the coronavirus outbreak, but that means we have a chance to purchase some interesting things for ourselves! We have a selection of items for sale including cute sheep brooches, silver jewellery, purses and bags as well as various

ornaments for the Christmas tree. There are even socks for the men! It is really difficult to find the best way to share these with you in the current situation so the idea at the moment is to have an hour or so in the Church on the second Saturday of each month, starting on **10th October at 10.30 in the Narthex.**

We will also try and put some photographs on the Church website (www.st-andrews.church). I have a feeling they will go fast so try not to miss out.

Holy Dusters

As the pattern of services is unlikely to get back to normal soon, we have started a WhatsApp group to co-ordinate cleaning when needed. This is likely to be on a Wednesday or Saturday when the church is already open. Don't worry if you don't have a smart phone, we can still catch up via text, email or even talking!!

A big thank you to everyone who has cleaned recently, and over previous years. I know how very appreciative visitors and the congregation are of the care taken to keep our church clean and welcoming. An especial thankyou to those who are now stepping back and who have given decades of care, and continued well past 'retirement'.

Please let us know if you'd like to join the team:

Fiona 621176 and Jane 621195.

PRAYING THE PARISH

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

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Areas prayed for in October:

Sunday 4th October – Apple Tree Walk, Holt Fleet Road,
Parsonage Lane

Sunday 11th October – Sinton, School Bank, Ombersley School,
Hawford, Hawford School

Sunday 18th October – Boreley, Mutton Hall, Comhampton,
Dunhampton

GENERAL VILLAGE NEWS

From the Editors

We have had a lot of positive feedback regarding the articles and poems published in the on-line magazines produced during lockdown. We shall therefore aim to include a general article or poem in each month's magazine. Please let us know if you have any ideas and would like to submit a contribution. Coming soon - Woodbine Willie by Howard Robinson.

Ombersley and Doverdale Parish Council



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Tomorrow's Ombersley
And Doverdale

Toad update October 2020

The initial draft for our Neighbourhood Development Plan has been written taking into account the evidence gathered by the steering group and from answers you have given us in surveys and meetings since our first meeting in St. Andrew's church on the 2nd October 2017. Our plan is now going out to you for public consultation. You now have 8 weeks to make your comments, which will be very seriously considered for the next stage.

Sadly, due to Covid-19 restrictions we are unable to present the plan to you as we would have liked through a public meeting and a coffee and cake morning drop-in. However, we have been given a small amount of extra grant that will enable a number of volunteers to hand deliver a leaflet to every household and business within the Parish explaining how you can view the draft plan and send in comments.

The draft plan can be viewed on our website www.toad.works where you will also find a prepared comment form available to download.

For anyone who is unable to access the plan by computer, please contact Susan Collier, email susan.collier1954@gmail.com or telephone 01905 622262.

Your comments are very important to us

So, please send them in writing on the prepared form, including your name and address:

- By email to the Parish Clerk at clerk-odpc@hotmail.co.uk

- By post to the Parish Clerk at 86 Grasshopper Avenue, St. Peters, Worcester, WR5 3TB
- By hand to the comments collection boxes at Ombersley Memorial Hall and Sytchampton Village Hall.

If you have any queries please telephone either Susan Collier 01905 622262 or Judy Goodman 01905 620682.

All comments must be received by 5.00pm on Monday 30th November for them to be taken into account in the final draft Neighbourhood Development Plan, which will then be submitted to Wychavon.

**SAVE THE CHILDREN COFFEE MORNING (OR DAY) - FRIDAY
13TH NOVEMBER**

I am trying to work out how I can hold my usual Christmas Card and presents event at Byfleet House this year, bearing in mind all the restrictions that will probably still be in force. If I manage to work out a way, I will put the plans in the November magazine. In the meantime, put the date in your diaries. It will certainly have to be different and perhaps spread over the whole day with small groups. Please support us if we manage to work something out.

Judy Baer



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/omersleydoverdaletennisclub>

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

WE ARE OPEN!!!!!!

Ombersley Memorial Hall is now open following lockdown. We are very happy to be welcoming back our regular hirers and hopefully some new ones in the months ahead.

We would like to assure our hirers and their members that we have taken professional advice and are complying with Government guidelines on Covid-19. **The “Rule of 6” does not apply to the Hall as we are a Covid Secure Environment.** Extra measures have been introduced to safeguard everyone’s health.

Thank you to everyone for their continued support during this very difficult period. We look forward to getting back to some sort of normality.

Ombersley Memorial Hall Committee

WE ARE OPEN AGAIN

**Ombersley Memorial Hall is a Covid-19 Secure Environment,
therefore we comply with the latest Government Guidelines**

We will be reopening on the dates below
Your Community Tea and Coffee Shop
(Not for Profit)

In the Main Room

Please remember to wear your mask when entering



Tuesday October 6 th	2.00pm to 4.00pm
Thursday October 22 nd	2.00pm to 4.00pm

We look forward to seeing you again!



OMBERSLEY WOMEN'S LEAGUE Programme

It will be good to see everyone again after so many months of lockdown. We are looking forward to welcoming back our members and hopefully some new faces to our meetings commencing in October (see details below).

Ombersley Memorial Hall has adhered to Government guidelines concerning Covid-19 and has adopted measures to safeguard everyone's safety. Due to 2m social distancing it would be appreciated if you would contact us to let us know if you are attending the meetings below as numbers have to be restricted.

Wednesday 7 October	7.30 pm	'Fashion, Furniture and Family Life: How Kays Catalogue of Dreams sold us a Lifestyle' – presentation by Jenni Waugh	OMH
Wednesday 4 November	7.30 pm	Presentation and Demo by Robin Baer, Firefighter and Dog Trainer, Hereford & Worcester Fire & Rescue Service and his dog, Radar	OMH

Contact Marie Jones or Lesley Welch for further information

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Ombersley Endowed First School

We were so happy to welcome our Ombersley children back to school after the extended summer break. The library and three of the classrooms have been updated ready for the new term.

The children all arrived very happy and excited to be back at school and have begun lots of exciting new topics and extra nurturing to settle them back into their routines and ensure they feel safe and loved.

We have welcomed new Nursery children and a class of 27 Reception children, who are all settling into school life very well.

Year 1 are learning all about 'Space'. They have lots of new and exciting activities to enthuse them in their topic.

Year 2 are learning about 'Dragons and Fire' this term; they are reading a story called 'The Egg'. They will also be finding out about The Great Fire of London and Bonfire Night.

Key stage 2 children are reading the story of 'The Minpins'. They went into the forest looking for clues about the story and are now enjoying immersing themselves into the text.

The school will be celebrating Harvest festival in their classrooms this year; we are looking forward to sharing our donations with Ombersley Church.

It promises to be a very busy, although different Autumn term this year! Everyone is happy to be back with our Ombersley family.

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From the Archive

The Churchyard

August 1896: Letter from the Vicar

My Friends

To prevent any further mistakes, I will explain the purport of my notice which is that no memorials to be placed in the churchyard without my consent. It is right and reasonable, surely, that I should know what is put there and I intend strictly to adhere to this notice. I have no objection at all to rose trees or small shrubs; and flowers I should like to see in as great quantities as possible. In fact, I think that all the graves that are mounded up could be cut down lower and have flowers planted on them, the appearance of the yard would then be immensely improved. I cannot say I approve of wreaths of artificial flowers enclosed in glass cases, although I should not forbid them, and certainly I have never intended to

impose a fee upon them. With regard to these, may I draw your attention to a letter from the bishop of the diocese upon the same subject.

“There are churchyards full of these wreaths and I can hardly image a more disagreeable sight. I hope that as education advances and taste improves, people will feel that far more touching and poetic is the tribute of a few simple, natural flowers”. Now I trust the explanation will be satisfactory to even the most prejudiced and I hope too, that if there are any subjects upon which the parishioners are in any doubt, they will seek information at headquarters and not believe idle reports which are seldom spread in kindness.

July 1899: The Vicar regrets to notice that the number of glass shades in the churchyard seems to be increasing rapidly, and desires it to be known that, except under very special circumstances, he will for the future refuse to allow them to be placed on graves.

May 1958: The Vicar writes: A beautiful and well cared for Churchyard is among the most valuable possessions of a Parish. It contributes to the whole countryside and enhances the beauty of the Church itself.

I want to make it quite clear that my purpose in attacking this task is not to hurt the feelings or sentiments of any, yet I realize that whatever I do, some will take offence. The greatest difficulty in tidying up our Churchyard is the mounded grave that has no kerb or headstone - this make cutting of the grass by a machine an impossibility. I intend therefore, to level to the ground all untended grave mounds, and to remove all obsolete, fallen and neglected stones. May I have more volunteers? I feel certain that once the grave mounds are levelled, and ant and mole hills are removed, we shall be able to cut the grass more than once a year, which incidentally costs us £30. The machine for doing this work has been delivered and should be in use by the time this is in print.

May I also ask that jam jars are not put on graves. Surely the dead deserve something better than penny jam jars. ... I am seriously considering the possibility of extending the Churchyard. We could then close the present Churchyard except to open, when necessary, uncompleted double graves.’

June 1976: A Church Council request

A resolution was passed asking parishioners to refrain from using the churchyard for exercising their dogs. This is “God’s Acre”, not the dogs’ acre!

PEAPOD

“THE SALLY ARMY”

A Christian Organization founded over 150 years ago that is still going strong today -The Salvation Army.

The founder, William Booth, was born in Nottingham in 1829. He was a bold and impulsive child, becoming a Christian at the age of 15 years. He soon developed a passion that would become a driving force in his life: to reach the destitute in Britain’s cities through the Gospel of Christ.

In 1855 he married Catherine Mumford, a serious girl with a strong Christian upbringing and together they founded The Christian Mission and took God’s word directly to the people by preaching on the streets of the East End of London. They believed that their movement was engaged in a spiritual battle against the forces of sin and so The Salvation Army was born along with its own uniform and ranks of officers. Their aim was to encourage both spiritual and social transformation amongst the most marginalized in society. Thus, in 1891, William and Catherine bought 900 acres of land in the Essex village of Hadleigh in order to set up a Trading Farm which ultimately became a Christian haven for the poor from the East End of London. They wanted to help those trapped in poverty to learn new skills on the farm in order to build a successful life for themselves. Much infra-structure was put in place with orchards, large scale greenhouses, a shop and a church. Today, although the farm still exists and has expanded with a rare breed centre, a café and a mountain-bike track, training is still at its heart. Most of the trainees now have learning difficulties and are trained in woodwork, gardening and catering. Continuing with William Booth’s philosophy of practical Christianity, the café has, since lockdown, changed from serving food to storing it for a local Foodbank.

Another of the Booths’ ambitions was for each member of the Salvation Army to play an instrument and The International Staff Band was formed in 1891. Over the next century, various vocal groups came and went, but 40 years ago, The International Staff Songsters (ISS) was formed and they have performed to over 40 million people worldwide. The purpose of the ISS is to sing the “heart” songs of The Salvation Army i.e. music that will stir the soul and encourage more people to go to church. Aside from brassbands and singing, the Salvation Army is also known for its tambourines with many references to “timbrels” in the Bible. Tambourines

have always been used in worship and are still an important part of the organization today. Timbrel brigades are formed for people to play together to Salvation Army music. The Salvation Army has always been famous for its music and brass bands can still be seen on Sundays at many seaside resorts.

William and Catherine Booth continue to be guiding influences in the movement and stand as great examples of how God uses the ordinary to create the extraordinary.

*Lord, may we praise you in song, music and dance
For your love shown to us*

Valerie Harris

THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, DOVERDALE

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Treasurer:	Mr D Hawkins	Tel: 620059
Secretary, PCC:	Mr G Crow	Tel: 772850

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Organists: Mrs L Moyse, Mr T Sobey, Mr D Terry

Cleaning Rota - October: Laureen Moyse, Sandie Smart

DIARY DATES

Sunday 18th October: 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP), the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity, led by Revd. Stephen Winter.
Reading: 1 Thessalonians; chapter 1 (1 - 10)
Gospel Reading: Matthew; chapter 22 (15 - 22)
Plans have yet to be finalized regarding other possible services in October. Members of the congregation will be informed of future developments.

Parish Register

Cremation:

18th March: Robert May: Cremation

Wedding:

5th September: Jamie Miles Sapsford and Harriet Lucy Cornock

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Weekday Morning Prayer

Revd. Stephen Winter has been holding, via zoom, a weekday morning prayer throughout lockdown. This will now be held at 9.15am. If you would like to join, please use the same Meeting ID and Password as for the Sunday service.

Sytchampton Endowed Primary School – September 2020

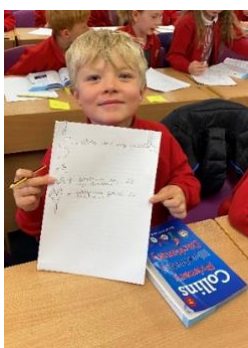
READY, STEADY, GROW – enjoying the journey together! We were really excited to welcome all of the Sytchampton pupils back into school on September 3rd. Seeing the children's excited little faces has been an absolute joy for all of our staff and has, no doubt, been a huge relief for many of our working families! Stringent risk assessments have been created and agreed by the Local Authority to ensure that our September start was a successful and safe one.

We have welcomed a new member of the school community this term... Barnabee! He is our school mascot, chosen and voted for by our families and pupils during the Summer Term. The bee was chosen because he helps things to grow, works as part of a close team and never gives up! Barnabee will help us to remember our core values. Our core values are:

Be Respectful
Be Kind
Be Honest
Be Determined
Believe!



To celebrate his arrival, we have launched a competition for the children in the school to create poems, songs, artwork or models of a bee and we will be announcing the winners on our Facebook Page on 28th September.



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

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Bluebird Care (Worcester & Wychavon) – home care – 01386 764830

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Eclipse Home Care – 01905 641070
Elite Marquees – 07958 288510
Elite Sweeps – sweep/log burners – 01905 700701 / 07712 220671
Evergreen Beauty – facials/manicures etc. – 01886 887867 / 07900 492604

Fisher Bodyshop – car body repairs – 01299 333131
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Graham Pugh – decorating/carpentry – 01905 621147 / 07967 883121
Green Thumb – lawn care – 01905 840740

I & S Stoves – woodburning stoves etc. – 01886 812452
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Iona Bed & Breakfast – 07969 184127

J & S Trade Supplies – double glazing etc. – 01886.888024 / 07966 804007
Jack Hobbs – milkman – 01905 455336
Jeremy Billingham TV Aerials – 01905 799152 / 07850 969307
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Mobile Podiatry/Chiropody – 07989 964854

Oldfields of Ombersley – country/equestrian – 01905 622295

Ombersley Dental Practice – 01905 621881

Ombersley Golf Club – 01905 620747 (restaurant 01905 620621)

Ombersley Memorial Hall – 07936 467390

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