



Ombersley & Doverdale Parish Magazine

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Severn Parishes Service Rota May 2021

May 2nd	9.00am	HC CW	Hampton Lovett
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Doverdale
	10.00am	Sunday First	Hartlebury
	11.00am	HC CW	Ombersley
May 9th Rogation Sunday	9.30am	Family Service	Ombersley
	11.00am	Rogation	Doverdale
	11.00am	HC CW	Hartlebury
May 16th	9.00am	HC CW	Elmbridge
	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Hartlebury
	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Ombersley
	11.00am	HC BCP	Doverdale
	6.30pm	Evensong	Hampton Lovett
May 21st Ascension	7.30pm	HC CW	Hartlebury
May 23rd	9.00am	HC BCP	Elmley Lovett
	11.00am	HC CW	Hartlebury
May 30th	10.00am	Ombersley	HC CW Benefice Service

HC Holy Communion

CW Common Worship

BCP Book of Common Prayer

MP Morning Prayer

These are current times going to press, please check on-line or via the weekly email from Nick Wright, the Parish Administrator.

Parish Register: St Andrew's Church

10th March	Norman Green	Interment of Ashes
19th March	John Douglas Garrad	Burial
31st March	Bessie Griffiths	Burial

Rector's Thoughts

Inevitably last month I wrote about the way in which so many of us have had to share in the sorrow of others and even to have to bear our own in this past year since the first lockdown began near the end of March in 2020. Apart from the 120,000 from who have died from Covid 19 since the Coronavirus first arrived on our shores so many more people have died in this past year. In fact we have seen the largest number of deaths in a single year in this country since the second world war.

Last month I wrote about the way in which we are all connected together so, as the poet and priest John Donne wrote, we should "ask not for whom the bell tolls" for "it tolls for thee" and it is a sign of our maturity as human beings that we keep our hearts open to the sorrows of others even as we bear our own.

But what about the Resurrection? Most of us know about death even if we would rather not think about it most of the time but what do we know of resurrection? What most of us know is that Christians believe that about 2,000 years ago a man called Jesus of Nazareth rose from the dead on the third day after his brutal execution at the hands of the Roman authorities in Jerusalem. That is an astonishing belief in itself and it energised a movement that has spread from that city throughout the world; but what difference does an event that took place so long ago mean to me? As a supporter of Southampton football club (the season began so well but has rather faded away) I will always hold dear the memory of the date in May 1976 when we won the FA cup. A wonderful event and a wonderful memory but what difference does it make? So too the events in Jerusalem all those years ago are wonderful but what difference do they make?

The Resurrection only matters if it is real today. It only matters if I know it in my own life and so do you? About 100 years after the time of Jesus a man called Iranaeus from Lyon in France wrote some remarkable words: "The Glory of God is a human being who is fully alive". How many people do you know whose ambition in life is to just get by and what about you? What if we all emerge from the experience of the pandemic with the desire to be "fully alive"? And because most of us would probably try to achieve this through a kind of self-improvement process (well that's a start, I guess!) could I please suggest to you that you pray that you can be fully alive.

But do please be careful. It might be safer to just get by, just survive, in a mildly depressive state. If you do pray to be fully alive then you will find that God takes you seriously. Things will start to change.

A Happy Easter to you all.

A Postscript

Since I first wrote this piece we have heard the sad news of the death of Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh. As I re-read what I had already written I felt that there was nothing that I would put any differently. He was a man who lived every one of his many years to the full with a strong but always questioning Christian faith. And if anyone were to say that his full life was simply the fruit of his privilege then I would reply in two ways. One is that I have met a few privileged people over the years who are quite simply miserable and unhappy. The other is that he had to overcome a childhood that was entirely lacking in the kind of security that I enjoyed. He was a man who was an embodiment of the wonderful line from one of my favourite hymns, "Lay hold on life and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally".

Stephen Winter

Rector of St James Hartlebury
and the Worcestershire Severn Benefice

St Andrew's Parish News

There is a feeling of a type of normality returning; we can meet outside and enjoy a drink or meal without having to march over the well-worn footpaths. On Easter Sunday St Andrews was open and we celebrated in style. The bonfire at sunrise was up to standard and a snippet can be seen on our YouTube channel (St Andrews and St James). Rev. Winter then took our early communion service at 7.15am. After a switching of pews to use, and cleaning down we had our Family Service with an Easter egg hunt afterwards at 10am. It was lovely to see so many different people at the church, and being so understanding of the Covid precautions. Someone did compare the day to busses, none for months then three on the same day!

Our hope now is to have services in church each week and to stream by Zoom or onto YouTube for those who need to stay at home, or indeed manage to get away. The use of YouTube has been a real benefit especially for funerals where numbers are limited, so friends and family from all over the world have been able to join in showing their respect.

On May 9th it is Rogation Sunday so we are going to make the most of our Churchyard and have an outside service at 10 am! We will start in church and will then be moving to different areas for each part of the service, and hoping for fine weather.

There are ideas being formed for events we can hold in and around the church in the near future.....watch this space.

Holy Dusters

With the start of regular services there will be a need to dust again! As the patterns of services have changed over the years we feel it is also time to change the way the cleaning rota is set up. The plan at present is to have a major clean before the first service of each month, with most people coming along and a lighter touch on the weeks in-between by a two people. This is usually done on a Friday or Saturday.

We do need more people, after all 'many hands make light work'....

Do you like to clean - but not tidy?

Have a chat with a friend?

Enjoy a coffee after a job well done?

Would like to help keep our church looking its best.

We'd love to see you!

Ring Liz 01905 620827 or Fiona 01905 62176

Active Coffee

We are hoping to dip our toes back in the water this month with a move to Wednesday May 26th from 10.30 am to 11.30.

We shall stick to six people at a time and would ask you to bring your 'activity' with you, and of course it would be lovely to see some of the things you have made over lockdown. Once we start meeting we can plan how we would like to go forward for the rest of the year.

Please let Fiona know if you would like to come (01905 621176); if there is enough interest we will have a second session from 11.45am.

Foodbank

Thank you to everyone who has been contributing to the Foodbank box in the Lychgate. The blue box will remain on the bench there for the moment, so please do add to it if you can.

PRAYING THE PARISH MAY 2021

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

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or James Homer 01299 851637 ajfhomer@btinternet.com [lay reader with pastoral responsibility for the Worcestershire Severn Parishes]

Areas for May:

Sunday 2nd May – Haye Lane, Oldfield Lane,

Sunday 9th May - Main Road South, Church Lane, Hill Top,

Ombersley Court

Sunday 16th May - Chatley, Woodfield, Hadley and Hunt Green

Sunday 23rd May – Churchwardens

If you would like a place of quiet to pray, or think, or just rest, the church is currently open on Wednesdays and Sundays during the day – using the main door.



Flower Arrangers

Now that services are restarting, we want to have more flowers in church.

Please sign up on the list that is on the board inside the porch.

New members are always welcome. Phone Sue Arnold on 01905 620272 if you would like to help or if you would like to join a training session, which we plan to organise later in the year. Many thanks to Sue, Julie and Maggie who have kept the church and lychgate looking splendid during lockdown. They now need others to provide some help!

Ombersley Memorial Village Hall

Community Events 2021 - Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 22nd May 2pm-4pm – Rabbit Run Trail

Starting at the hall at 2pm, free of charge entry to families

No need to book, tea shop open

Saturday 26th June – Veteran, Vintage and Classic Car Show

12.30-3pm

Entry fee: £2 for adults, children are free

Featuring a performance by

adult contemporary choir 'Voices Unlimited'

Barbecue and Tea shop



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Ombersley Memorial Village Hall



'Not-For-Profit' Tea & Coffee Shop 2021



Sat May 22nd 2-4pm (Rabbit Run Trail)

Tues May 25th 2-4pm

Tues June 8th 2-4pm

Thurs June 24th 2-4pm

Sat June 26th 12.30-3pm (Vintage, Veteran & Classic Car Rally)

Tues July 6th 2-4pm

Thurs July 22nd 2-4pm

Tues August 3rd 2-4pm

Thurs August 26th 2-4pm

Tues 7th Sept 2-4pm

Thurs 30th Sept 2-4pm

Tues 5th Oct 2-4pm

Thurs 28th Oct 2-4pm

Tues 2nd Nov 2-4pm

Thurs 25th Nov 2-4pm

Tues 7th Dec 2-4pm

Sit outside in our new patio garden!



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Bless you All

Bless you ... for smiling as you pass or stopping for a careful socially distanced chat

Bless you ... for letting me admire your dog

Bless you ... for slowing so that I can cross the road

Bless you ... for helping me to shop early on

Bless you ... for forgiving me when I didn't recognise you in your mask!

Bless you ... for ringing me and helping me to cope when I was scammed

Bless those ... who stop their cars to talk briefly and with care

Bless those ... Jukes who greet me by my name when handing me my daily paper

Bless all those ... Venturing to cheer with pizzas or with Friday Fish and Chips fit for Kings

Bless snowdrops, then daffodils, then blossom ... reminding it's springtime and there's hope

Bless the bird ... which trills its heart out as I pass on my daily walk. If it can sing praises, so can I.

Anon

Items for inclusion in the June issue should be sent to the editors no later than 10th May.

BRANDONS

When I was a boy, if you had a bike and it went wrong, you went to see Mr Brandon in Church Lane.

When he came out of the Army after the war, he started repairing motorbikes and bikes, first of all at the back of Checketts. After a bit he moved to 1 and 2 Church Cottages. I had my first new bike from him when I was 17. I paid 5 shillings down, then 5 shillings a week. He was there for a number of years. Then he had a shop at the top end of the village. Mrs Brandon ran the shop and he had a workshop down the garden. He kept Church Lane on as a store until the Poll Tax came in and then it was empty for a few years. Basil Lamb kept the Churchyard mower in it and it was used to store all the bits and pieces for the Church Fete.

Three years ago, everything had to be cleared out as the Conservation Trust was going to modernise the properties. That is when I took an interest in them. Why, you may ask? My parents moved into No. 1 Church Cottage on 28th January 1922, the day they got married. It had a big kitchen on the side that was pulled down in the 1980s. They had one small living room, one bedroom and a landing upstairs. The loo was at the top of the garden. They had 3 children at No. 1, before moving up to Wellington Square in 1928/9, where they had 3 bedrooms. They went on to have 4 more children and I was the youngest.

Refurbishing the Brandons began in March 2020. When the builders had nearly finished, they let me in to have a look. There is a small kitchen/diner, a downstairs loo and underfloor heating in the living room. No open fire. As I stood there, I wondered what my parents would think if they came back now.

I feel I must say a big thank you to the Trust for bringing the cottages back to life. Also, to the builders for their workmanship.

To the older ones in the village the building was always known as Brandons so I am glad that they are now naming the two renovated properties No. 1 and No. 2 Brandons.

Arthur Turner



Brandons, c. 1900



Brandons, April 2021

If anybody feels they would like to send in a few lines that will make folk smile (e.g. a limerick, poem, cartoon) as we move out of lockdown, please email to one of the editors. Claire Gathercole has started the ball rolling with the limerick below.

Ombersley's been very good
At keeping the rules as we should
But when we are free
Don't let's go Whoppee
In case we end up ...in the mud!

From the Archive: 70 years ago

Easter Number 1951: Influenza Epidemic

The Rector wrote: "Death has overtaken many since our last issue, due largely to the scourge of influenza, always periodic, but attended this time by a mortality unparalleled since the year following the first Great War. Almost every house in the village has suffered, in the case of the aged, with fatal results. Our sexton himself was stricken, but manfully fought against it, otherwise an awkward situation would have arisen, with other parish sextons engaged in like sad tasks and unable to help us out. Note: 14 burials were recorded during January and February 1951.

Extracts from the Parish Council Minutes

Post-War Food Gifts

In the post-war period when food was still on ration, the minutes record the receipt of a number of generous gifts of food supplied from the colonies.

A 'Food Committee' was formed by the Parish Council assisted by Mr France, a local retailer, to value and distribute these supplies fairly to pensioners in the village aged over 70. The minute books record the names of recipients and the food items and their values on each occasion. We shall not replicate all of the lists here, but the following give a flavour (sorry!) of these welcome gifts so you can see how precious they must have been in those years of austerity. Some of these items would not have been seen for some time.

The first parcel to arrive is recorded in the minutes of 27th June 1946 when the chairman said *"a consignment of sultana raisins had been received from South Africa for distribution and the quantity for Ombersley was 37lbs.....decided that they should be divided into pound lots and they be distributed by ballot amongst those over 70 on the list of recipients of Victory Celebration gifts."*

1st April 1947: *"A large number of food gifts from Australia and South Africa."*

A new list of over 70-year olds in the Parish was made and 125 recipients each received goods to the value of 5 shillings each from the following:

112 tins stew; 12 tins dried milk; 24 tins plum pudding; 23tins honey; 32 tins Nestlé cream; 40 cheeses; 17 tins orange juice; 58 tins fruit (peaches, apricots); 10 tins apricot jam; 4 tins grapefruit marmalade; 32 tins corned beef; 16 tins steak and kidney; 16 tins sauce

Total value £30 18s 6d

Similar parcels arrived in December 1947, August 1948, December 1949 and the last one from New Zealand in December 1952, which was given to 91 recipients aged over 70 years but on that occasion it excluded those considered to be in good finance.

Information has been given by a reliable source, although not recorded in the minutes, that some of the last food gift items were also used to supplement the Queen's Coronation Celebration tea party in the village.

Sytchampton School

It seems like we have only had everyone back in school for such a short spell and yet now, we are rapidly approaching the Easter Break! It has certainly been a very busy few weeks and it has been such a joy to have everyone back together.

Sytchampton Safari Topic

In order to re-engage the children as they returned to school, we have been delivering our 'Sytchampton Safari' topic across the school. This was in response to the children's surveys at the end of the lockdown period, and the intention of this topic was to provide some exciting experiences to re-ignite the children's enthusiasm for learning.

We have also been mapping in lots of creative activities and learning opportunities where children can work together and collaborate in order to rebuild relationships and overcome anxieties. Our writing sequences also have a real purpose and we are very excited about using our new Green Screen technology to bring these to life! We are hoping to share some of these on our school Facebook and Twitter pages soon!

On Wednesday 24th March, we were also visited by the Dinosaur, Wildlife and Education Centre (DWECC), who brought along lots of animals for us to meet! We learnt so much and it was a wonderful day meeting lots of fabulous creatures.

Comic Relief



On Friday 19th March, we all dressed up as Superheroes for Comic Relief! The costumes were so creative and imaginative, but one of our favourites was Captain Tom Moore and his Nurse. The school raised £75 for such a good cause

THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, DOVERDALE

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Sidesmen:	Mrs V. Harris, Mr. C. Harris, Mr G. Crow, Mrs S. Crow, Mr J. Chapman, Mrs A. Chapman, Mrs W. Hawkins, Mrs S. Rees	
Organists:	Mrs L. Moyse, Mr D.Terry	

PEW POINTS

CLEANING ROTA – MAY: JEAN DOWTY

FLOWER ROTA – MAY: TO BE ARRANGED

PALM SUNDAY

On the Sunday before Easter, Palm Sunday, Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem is celebrated in Christian Churches and marks the beginning of Holy Week.

This year, Palm Sunday on March 28th, was once again celebrated in the Benefice via a Zoom service only. The Revd. Stephen Winter led the service and everyone was able to enjoy the Palm Sunday readings and hymns. One could easily imagine the scene nearly 2,000 years ago; Jesus' followers spreading palm branches at his feet and the loud shouts of 'Hosanna,' as told in Mark Chapter 11. Palm branches were considered symbols of victory and triumph at the time. Those of us who had palm crosses with us at home, were encouraged to hold them up during the service.

HOLY WEEK

With the gradual lifting of Covid restrictions at the start of Holy Week, churches in the Benefice were able to hold services over the Easter period. Easter began at St. Mary's on Tuesday 30th March when a short service of Compline was held at 5pm. Compline literally means the last of the 'Day Hours' and delivers its name from a Latin word meaning 'completion' (COMPLETORIUM).

Compline is a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day: it is an opportunity to give thanks for the joys and graces experienced throughout the day and a chance also to confess any sins committed. Compline originated in the 4th Century as the night prayers of monks in their dormitories. How lovely that centuries later, churches still carry on this truly wonderful tradition.

Thank you to Licensed Lay Reader, James Homer, for leading us in prayers. Seven members attended the service.

GOOD FRIDAY

Those who wished to join the traditional Walk of Witness from Doverdale to Ombersley, assembled in St. Mary's Churchyard at 10am. Prayers were said before the group of 13 set off across the fields. A short break was made at Woodfield Lodge, home of Jean Dowty, for refreshments before the last leg of the journey to St. Andrew's Church for 12.00 noon meditation.

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 4th April dawned bright and sunny: the perfect day for our churches to welcome us back after such a long absence. Also, one of the most important occasions in the Church calendar – the celebration of Christ's resurrection from death on the cross.

St Mary's Easter Service of Holy Communion was held at 11.00am. The Archdeacon of Dudley, Nikki Groarke, officiated. This was Nikki's first visit to Doverdale and she expressed her delight at sharing with us the celebration of this very special day. The church was transformed with the lovely colours of spring flowers as the sun shone through the windows. David Terry (organist) brought the hymns to life as he played the music though – sadly, no singing is allowed at the moment.

Thank you to our readers David Hawkins and Ann Chapman and also to Richard Jeynes for leading the prayers of intercession. After the service, the Friends supplied coffee and biscuits outside in the warm sunshine.

A 'Big Thank You' to all those whose help and support enabled us to open our church once more and enjoy the fellowship of worship together.

SERVICES IN MAY

SUNDAY 2 nd MAY (5 th After Easter)	11.00am MORNING PRAYER	ACTS 8 (26-end) JOHN 15 (1-8)
SUNDAY 9 th MAY ROGATION SERVICE	11.00am Led by Richard Jeynes	
SUNDAY 16 th MAY 7 th After Easter	11.00am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)	ACTS 1 (15-17); (21-end) JOHN 17 (6-19)

It is planned to hold services at St. Mary's on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month. This will be dependent on Clergy availability so please do check Nick Wright's weekly MESSAGE or alternatively contact a member of the church team.

Congregational Chapel – Ombersley

Reprinted from the June 2020 on-line Parish Magazine

In 1672 a royal license was granted for a congregational teacher, to a dissenter, William Randall in his own house in Ombersley for the general promotion of morality and good order.

Many years later Mr Bartlett continued this "tradition" as a home missionary in Ombersley and in 1823 a room was opened for independent congregational meetings. It was the 'daughter' to Chapel of Angel Street, Worcester. By 1832 there was a schoolroom with 80 [Sunday] scholars.

The book of Burber's Village Sermons formed the basis of the services which were based on plain and short discourse on the doctrines of the Gospels of Christ for village communities. The Sankey-Moody hymnbook of evangelistic songs formed the basis of the singing, often accompanied by harmonium (pump-organ). A form of doxology was used too, especially for the children - these were short hymns of praises to God.

On 8th March 1854, two cottages, school-room and library, covered by one thatched roof across the whole premises, belonging to the Congregational Dissenters were burnt to the ground – (Mr and Mrs Malpas at north end cottage were saved from their beds by being pulled clear).

Later in 1854 the brick chapel, with stone window frames and caretaker's residence was constructed close-by "a short distance from the turnpike at the 6-mile milestone", paid for mainly by Thomas Rowley Hill, who held a number of public offices including Mayor of Worcester in 1859, on land given (according to village lore), by John Leek, the owner of the nearby cottages.

At Sunday school there were on occasions magic lantern displays of "Jessica's First Prayer", a very popular book of the day. Like many children's tales of the time, the story has a strong moral message, based on Christian principles, and given authenticity by the author's own experiences working with children from Manchester slums. The girl of the title is homeless, abandoned in London by her alcoholic mother, but finds refuge in her regular visits to a coffee stall. Thanks to its Methodist owner, Jessica discovers religion; in turn the coffee stall owner gains repentance through Jessica from his money-grabbing lifestyle.

In December 1858 a Mr Beasley of Worcester enthralled a gathering at the chapel with a phantasmagorian – showing "the wonders of the heavens and some of the earth".

Phantasmagorian: A form of horror theatre that (among other techniques) used one or more magic lanterns to project frightening images such as skeletons, demons and ghosts onto walls, smoke or semi-transparent screens, typically using rear projection to keep the lantern out of sight!

In 1859 there was the largest annual festival to that date on Whit Monday; 225 children in attendance! Prizes, cakes and entertainment abounded. In January 1901, a prize giving to 151 children with a celebration tea and entertainment was reported.

The superintendent, and it seems the driving force from 1831 to at least 1886, was Joseph Grainger who also helped set up the independent congregational chapel at Pole Elm, Callow End, also a daughter church of Angel Street. It is reported that on some occasions he played the violin along with the hymns and songs. He was an overseer at Ombersley and a prominent Liberal.

The Sunday school remained well supported through the early 1900s. By 1990 when we moved into the northern Leek cottage the chapel was closed and finally demolished a few years later to make way for new houses in Long Headlands (along Chapel Lane).

See the June on-line issue for photographs associated with this article

Rob Shipley

In Conversation with Basil Lamb

I chatted with Basil Lamb, who once lived close-by at Spring Gardens, as had his grandmother. Basil's brother Brian and his wife (and some years later Basil's mother, Daisy) lived in the house attached to the back of the chapel. Brian was the chapel caretaker for 40 years. Records show that Brian did rather more than caretake; he dealt with insurance, building works, utilities and indeed all the practical running of the chapel. His paid work was elsewhere and for his services to the chapel he got accommodation, lighting and heating. He also kept an allotment to the south of the building, from which he sold produce.

When the preacher came for a service, he would prepare in their sitting room and take a cup of tea. A sort of family tradition . . . as Basil and Brian's great, great grandmother (a lady's-maid from Ombersley Court who had married a groundsman, family name Bourne), used to greet the preacher as he came into the village having walked from Worcester, often with his beard frozen in the winter weather – this was to the original chapel in the rooms opposite the Cross Keys. Interestingly, there were two lamps and rows of white stones to mark the way along Chapel Lane.

Basil has a great recall of activities at the chapel when he was a boy: -

- A Wednesday Guild known as The Sisterhood, where ladies met. In November there was a "Sale of Work" of knitting, paintings, embroidery et cetera, for chapel funds.
- Mrs. Williams was a sort of superintendent, who also on Wednesdays walked around the village and its outskirts, visiting the sick and elderly and later in the day offered prayers in the chapel.
- The Guild put together the Harvest Festival, the produce later being sold towards chapel funds. As a youth of 17, Basil drove a tractor and trailer collecting produce for the harvest festival from local farms.
- At Sunday School the children would take along "Sunday Club" money, which would be paid back to them in early December. Basil used his money to buy a new outfit and shoes for the new school term.

Rob Shipley

From the Archive: Christmas Number 1945

St Mary's Doverdale welcomes a new Rector, Revd. A.J.C. Young

Having been brought up in Droitwich, and at Bromsgrove School, I was ordained in 1897 and served my first curacy for 6 years in a huge London parish. I then made a bold move to Australia, where I had charge of a small country district near Adelaide, 30 miles long with a small township and a tin roofed church every 5-6 miles. Driving 6,000 miles a year in a buggy I learnt a lot about horses and not a lot about human nature. Returning to England on leave in 1908, a serious illness made my return to Australia impossible. After a short period in Yorkshire, I got back to real work for 17 years in Peterborough, but after 13 years in charge of some 30 square miles of fenland with 3 churches and 3 schools, I felt bound to hand over to someone younger.

If there is one thing I should like to do is to help my fellow members to recover the almost dead sense of membership. Absence from Communion (the service of membership), indeed from nearly all Church services, inability to work and pull together, indifference to the Church's needs in work and money, these and many other weaknesses in Church life, are due directly to the lack of any real sense of membership.

I hope to talk the matter over with all.... Please be patient with me if I am slow in getting around.

The death of Rev. Young on March 7th 1950 was reported in the Spring Number of the Parish Magazine. Also reported that the new Vicar, Rev. B.P. Payne was already in residence at Doverdale Rectory.

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053756

Marshall-McKay – kitchen/interior design – 01905 622317 / 07765
447704

Me..Time Pilates – 07791 873870

MG Domestic Heating – 07870 498879

Mick Miles – gardening/pest control – 01905 620394 / 07732 223825

Mobile Podiatry/Chiropody – 07989 964854

Ocuplan – long-term eye care – 0121 517 0423

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

Ovengleamers – oven cleaning – 01275 370571

Oven Magic – oven cleaning – 01905 700500

Phillip Serrell Auctions – 01684 892314

Protex Midlands Ltd – long life wall coverings – 01905 622164 / 07833
965258

Re-Upholstery & Repair Services – 01584 881227

W Roberts Tree Care & Landscaping – 01299 250664 / 07772 456692

S J M Locksmith Services – 01905 570999 / 07871 442011

SMB Electrical Solutions – 01905 428892 / 07917 182945

Steve George of Ombersley – landscaping etc. – 01905 621427 / 07745
597050

Studio Smith Architects – 01905 622373 / 07921 623709

Sytchampton Community Centre – 01905 620943

T M Shouler – carpentry/joinery – 01905 620374 / 07900 268075

Taylor & Co Architects – 01905 621600 / 07831 146738

The Orchard Tamers – 01886 821328 -

Top Cut Mowing Services – 01905 621 858 / 07802 717057

Town & Country Stonemasons – memorials etc. – 01905 759191 /
07774 198968

Walkercrips – stockbrokers & financial advisers - 020 3100 8285

Whitlence Gardens – tea rooms/gardens – 01299 250669

Worcester Imaging Centre – MRI scans – 01905 771500