



Ombersley & Doverdale Parish Magazine

**April
2022**



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Seven Parishes Service Rota April 2022

April 3 rd	9.00am	HC CW	Hampton Lovett
	10.00am	Sunday First	Hartlebury
	10.30am	Special Service	Elmbridge
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Doverdale
	11.00am	HC CW	Ombersley
April 10 th Palm Sunday	9.00am	HC BCP	Elmley Lovett
	10.00am*	Family Service	Ombersley
	10.30am	Family Service	Rushock
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Doverdale
	11.00am	HC CW	Hartlebury
April 17 th Easter Sunday	6.30am	Sunrise Service	Ombersley
	7.15am	HC CW	
	9.00am	HC CW	Rushock
	10.30am	Family Service	Ombersley
	10.30am	Family Service	Elmbridge
	11.00am	HC BCP	Doverdale
	11.00am	HC CW	Hartlebury
	6.30pm	Evensong	Hampton Lovett
April 24 th	10.30am	Morning Prayer	Elmley Lovett
	11.00am	HC CW	Ombersley
May 1 st	9.00am	HC CW	Hampton Lovett
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	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Doverdale
	11.00am	HC CW	Ombersley

HC Holy Communion; CW Common Worship; BCP Book of Common Prayer.

*Meet by Checketts at 9.50 am.

Additional Services at Ombersley

April 14th, Maundy Thursday

HC at 7.30 pm

April 15th, Good Friday

Meditation 12.00

Rector's Thoughts

As I write this piece it is early March and you will not read it until April when we will be approaching Holy Week and Easter and we are nearly two weeks into the appalling act of aggression that Russia has unleashed upon Ukraine. I have no idea what the situation will be like in a month's time. I pray that somehow this war will come to a peaceful end and that Ukraine will be able to be rebuilt with the help of countries like us and to take its place as an independent nation in Europe and the world.

But whatever happens between now and when you read this, we have all been forced to think about what action we should be taking. Should we go to war with Russia in order to defend Ukraine or are the actions of our government more or less the right ones, limiting our involvement to sanctions and humanitarian aid? Though again, as I write, the sanctions against the Russian super-rich who have laundered their money in London for many years and the processing of visas for Ukrainian refugees are dispiritingly slow. It strikes me that the British people are much more generous than our government seem to be. But it is only early March. Perhaps things will be different by the time you read this.

The Church has been around for a very long time and has lived both through many times of peace and of war and so it has thought about these things before and still continues to do so. This thinking goes back to the last years of the Roman Empire and one of the first people to write about war was St Augustine of Hippo, a city in what is now Tunisia in North Africa. During the early centuries of the Church, up until around 300 A.D., Christians were excluded from any kind of government and were often persecuted by it and so the Church did not have much to say about the actions of government and when war might be necessary. This changed when Constantine became Emperor and became a Christian, seeing it as a way of uniting his empire. About a hundred years later attacks by peoples from beyond the borders of the Empire became impossible to resist. Rome itself was sacked in 410 by the forces of Alaric

the Goth. Augustine, one of the great thinkers of his age, wrestled with the question of when war was justified or not.

He said three things that are in tension with each other. One was that taking life is always wrong. The Ten Commandments forbids it. Another is that States have a duty to defend their citizens and to maintain justice. The third follows on from this, that the protection of life and the maintaining of justice sometimes requires the use of force. This does not always have to be lethal force. In our country we do not routinely arm our police so that in so far as possible the protection of life and the maintenance of justice can be achieved without taking life. I would argue that this is one of the things that makes our country so peaceful. Long may it last.

But that leaves open the question of when lethal force becomes necessary or justifiable and beginning with Augustine and then developed by others a theory of "Just War" was developed. It focussed upon two things. One was to answer the question, when is it right to go to war? The other was to answer the question, what is right behaviour in war?

It is the first question that I want to answer here. As I write this, our Prime Minister has said that we should not go to war in defence of Ukraine. Is he right?

The first principle is that war should always be fought for a just cause. Aggression is usually wrong even in national self interest. So perhaps war can be justified against Russia in defence of Ukraine, a small power against a big one. The second principle is that one party should have justice on its side, at least more than the other party. Surely Ukraine has more justice in its cause than Russia? The third principle is that war should always be undertaken by a competent authority. This was always contested during the Second Gulf War. It was argued that America and Britain were acting without the support of the United Nations. In this case the only countries in the U.N. that voted against the motion that condemned the Russian invasion were a handful of Russian allies like

Belarus and Syria. However, that motion did not call for war so the question remains, if war were to be declared against Russia who would be an authority with the competence to do so? The fourth principle is that war should always be fought with the right intention. It could be argued that to defend Ukraine against an aggressive regime is a right intention.

The next principle is central to the situation in which we find ourselves. In going to war there should be a probability of success. To send military personnel into a conflict simply to be slaughtered is not just, especially if it is judged that there would be little chance of success in the first place. What would be the consequence of going to war with Russia? The fear is of a conflict in which many lives might be lost across Europe, or perhaps even further afield. This, as I write, is what our Prime Minister and the President of the United States are both arguing.

Another principle is that war should always be a last resort when all other possibilities have been tried. This was how things were perceived in 1939. It was felt that Nazi Germany could only be stopped by force and that the invasions of Czechoslovakia in 1938 and Poland in 1939 showed that Germany intended to continue its aggression against its neighbours until it was made to stop. Right now, sanctions are being tried as a means to stop Russian aggression. When will we have reached the last resort?

The final principle is that all force should be proportional. Imagine your neighbour speaking rudely to you and then, in response, you blow their what house up! This is disproportionate. I will leave it to you to determine proportionate force would be in this case.

You might think that these are grim matters to consider at Easter time. All I would say in response is that Jesus was put to death unjustly, even though by a competent authority. The response of his followers as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles is also worth thinking about. So even in these challenging times I wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Stephen Winter

St Andrew's News
www.st-andrews.church

Isn't it lovely to feel spring in the air with so many flowers giving us colour everywhere. The burial ground is no exception as those of you who walk there regularly will know. It is always a challenge with a late Easter to know if we will have the 'right' flowers to hand for Mothering Sunday. I am hoping enough daffodils will still be about, and I have spotted grape hyacinths coming which have such a vibrant blue.

Now we are starting another busy time of year, a relief to be planning events with confidence, but also a challenge as we are not used to all this action!

Lent lunches are about to start on Thursdays, always good food and company. Mothering Sunday is at the end of March, then on April 10th we start our run into Easter with Ombersley School year 4 joining us for their Easter Reflection, always a moving event for us and the children.

On April 10th, the Palm Sunday service which will start from outside Checketts at 9.50am. There will be a Last Supper service on Maundy Thursday at 7.30pm which ends with the stripping of the Altar and we leave the Church in darkness ready for Good Friday. The Walk of Witness will leave Doverdale Church at 10.30 and travel down the A449 with a welcome coffee break at Jean Dowty's on the way, arriving at Ombersley Church in time for the Good Friday Reflection at noon.

Easter Day has many joyful celebrations. We start with a Bonfire service by the Old Chancel at 6.15am, Holy Communion service in Church at 7.15am and breakfast in Church at 8.00am. The family service with Easter egg hunt is at 10.30. You are welcome to join us at any or all of these.

For a more down to earth moment we have the PCC annual general meeting on April 26th at 7.00pm at the back of the church. This is open to everyone, it isn't too long and is a chance to find out what is going on.

Those of you following the window replacement will have noticed the top windows on the south side are now finished! Now just the four on the north side are left to do. If you have a moment do stick your head in

and have a quick look. There will be internal scaffolding this time so life will be interesting again!

Active Coffee soon to be Creative Coffee

Why didn't we call it creative coffee to start with? Really none of us can remember, however the general feeling is that creative is more descriptive and sounds like less exercise takes place!

Having a morning and afternoon session is suiting everyone so far, so we will continue with the afternoon (2pm) of the second Thursday in each month and the morning (10.30) of the fourth Thursday. If you have ideas of crafts or projects or would like to try something, meet people or chat over coffee please come along. Fiona: 01905 621176

Looking forward

Sunday afternoons at St Andrew's, Omberley
Concerts with Tea & Cakes
Sunday 8th May at 3pm



Two Choirs
*Winchcombe & Pershore Community Choirs,
Led by Liz Hooper, bringing you...*
'Something Completely Different again!'
*More Different songs from Different countries,
Different eras, and in Different styles*

Raising funds for
St Andrew's Omberley Association
and for the choirs' chosen charity:
supporting Ukraine



Tickets £6 including Tea & Cakes
from Louise on 01905 620995 or Liz on 01905 6208275
or on the door

We are starting our Sunday afternoon entertainment and teas again (at last)!

We will have Liz Hooper's natural voice choirs joining us, which we all thoroughly enjoyed back in 2019. Tickets will be £6 each and funds raised will be divided between St Andrew's and a Ukraine charity.

Saturday May 14th

We will have a half day course Exploring the World & Growing in Faith.

This will be participatory, interactive and uses multi-media and no lectures!

“You are guaranteed to learn,... to laugh,...and to leave wanting more.”

If we have space for the VERY large map (on the floor) the title will be

Travels with Paul around the Mediterranean. This will be led by Rev Dr Sue Woan. Her ministry has been as a trainer and theological educator in the Salisbury, Winchester and Norwich dioceses

To come to either of the above events, please contact either Fiona Davies 01905 621176 or Liz Hooper 01905 620827.

Don't forget the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** weekend when we intend to have a special service on June 5th followed by a DIY picnic lunch. Details very soon.

Ministry Share

There has been a change in how money from all parishes is distributed and used by the Diocese. This was previously known as the Parish Share. Now, of the money raised by St Andrew's, a proportion (our share) is sent to the diocese and it is now used exclusively to pay for the training, wages, housing and pensions of the clergy. So, Rev. Kerr's pension, Rev. Winter's wages and housing and training of our future (and current) clergy. Also, as Rev. Winter cares for the Seven Parishes Benefice and the amount paid is divided between us all, and allows each parish to support the whole.

Up until this year St Andrew's has been one of a few parishes able to pay the full amount asked for, as well as maintaining the building and keeping it warm, lit and supplied with all the necessary items needed for all the different services we provide.

Should you want to support this please contact James Martineau 01905 620855 or look up Parish Giving Scheme, a simple and effective way to keep the church going.

Thank you

Parish Register: St Andrew's Church

Baptism

February 6th	Stephen Jude Harrison
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Interment of Ashes

8 th February	Martin Minton
12 th February	Joan Hall

Rota for St Andrew's Church

Date	Service	Sidesmen	Intercessor	Lector
April 3rd	HC	Lucinda & Annabel Kenny	Stephen Winter	Chris Day
April 10 th ; Palm Sunday	FS	Fiona Davies, Alison Want		
April 17 th ; Easter Day	HC	Liz Hooper, Jenny Batelen	Claire Gathercole	Geoff Axon
April 24 th	HC	Tony Checketts, Lynne Hunter	Angela Randle	Howard Robinson
May 1 st	HC	James & Meg Martineau	Stephen Winter	Claire Gathercole

Flowers:

Easter Flowers: 3 pm 15th April (Good Friday)

Remove Easter flowers: 10 am Friday 29th April

Holy Dusters

April 1 st (Friday/Saturday)	Pernilla Asplen, Marjorie Workman, Heather Barningham
April 14 th (Thursday):	Fiona Davies, Liz Hooper, Myra Cowdry, Gail Filer
April 29 th (Fri/Sat)	Jeanette Horn, Pernilla Asplen, Marjorie Workman, Heather Barningham
May 13 th (early Friday)	Fiona Davies, Liz Hooper, Gail Filer
June 3 rd	Myra Cowdrey, Pernilla Asplen, Marjorie Workman, Heather Barningham

If you'd like to help, please ring Liz 01905 630837 or Fiona 01905 621176

Céline Figard

Just over 25 years ago, Céline Figard accepted a lift from a lorry driver at a service station on the M4 on 19th December. Her body was discovered on 29th December in the lay-by off the A449 at Hawford Wood. A number of reports from various O&D Parish Magazines follow. Sky have made a 'documentary' (details below) that will include interviews with Canon Peter Kerr and Andrew Horn.

February 1996

The murder of the young Frenchwoman, Céline Figard, was very literally brought close to home by the discovery of her body in woods off the dual-carriageway near Hawford. People in the village were interviewed by the Police. All of us in the Parish feel shocked and helpless at such a shocking and tragic event. The congregations of St Andrew's and St Mary's, Doverdale signed a short letter to Céline's parents after the Service on 7th January offering sympathy and their prayers. There was also an offer of hospitality to any of the family if they needed to be in the area again. The Parish Council also sent a note of sympathy. We hope that the perpetrator of this terrible murder will soon be apprehended.

March 1996: Memorial of Céline Figard

The Bishop of Worcester and the Mayoress have asked if a memorial to the late Céline Figard, whose body was discovered in the Parish just after Christmas, could be placed in Ombersley Church. The P.C.C. have gladly given their consent and the suggestion has been made that a tree, or trees, perhaps with a small planted area around them at the South West edge of the churchyard.

September 1996

Plans for the memorial are beginning to take shape. The site for the garden in the South West corner of the churchyard has been cleared. The garden design has been drawn up by Mrs. Webb of Webb's Garden Centre. Planting will begin in the Autumn and be completed in the Spring. A plaque is also ready to be put in place. Christel Remy, a close friend of Céline's, visited Ombersley under the auspices of an educational scholarship set up by Sue Johns who lives in the Parish. Christel visited the site and met Lord Sandys and the Vicar.

January 1997: Lay-by Memorial

On 9th December, Lord Sandys presided at the planting of a tree and some spring bulbs at the lay-by where Céline's body was discovered just about a

year ago. This small memorial was instigated by some of the residents of Hawford Wood, but was also a response to a wider feeling that in addition to the memorial garden in the Churchyard, the actual resting place of Céline's body should be marked.

July/August 1997: The Late Céline Figard

On Monday 16th June at 11 am, the garden in memory of Celine Figard, the French student whose body was discovered in the parish, will be dedicated by the former Bishop of Worcester. A local girl, Emma Bayliss, will read a poem written by a friend of Celine's. Sister Mary Joseph of St Mary's Convent, Worcester will give a short address and Derek Chandler of the West Mercia Police will read the lesson. The organ will be played by Stanley Mitchell from Kidderminster. Former Chief Superintendent John McCammony, who led the investigation, along with other members of West Mercia Police, will also be present. We are also very pleased to welcome M. Bernard and Mme. Martine Figard who will be travelling from France.

See last month's issue of the Parish Magazine for current plans about the Memorial Garden in the Churchyard.

A Programme entitled 'The Hitchhiker' in the series 'Murdered at First Sight' will be broadcast on Sky Crime on 27th April at 9 pm.

PRAYING THE PARISH

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 April:

Sunday 3rd April – Lincomb, The Winnalls, Acton, Mount Pleasant

Sunday 10th April – Sandys Road, Wellington Road, Chestnut Walk, The Hamptons

Sunday 17th April – Main Road North, Oakfield Road, Woodhall Lane/Close, Lord Hill Drive

Sunday 24th April – Ombersley Medical Centre

PRODUCE **GAMES** **RAFFLE** **PLANTS**
OMBERSLEY
CHURCH
&
SCHOOL
FETE
SAT. 18 JUNE
1PM
MAYPOLE **TOMBOLA**
TOYS **TEAS**
ELEPHANT **WHITE** **CHILDREN'S**
TUG OF **WAR** **GAMES**
DOG **SHOW**

**ALL THE FUN OF A
TRADITIONAL ENGLISH
VILLAGE FETE**

Please send information and articles for publication in the May Parish Magazine by **Monday 11th April.**

From the Archive: July 1897

Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee

In commemoration of an event that very few of us can possibly anticipate in our lifetimes again – the completion of 60 years of the reign of a Monarch, a very large congregation assembled in Church on the evening of June 20th. Our local Friendly Societies had arranged to have a Church Parade, and headed by Droitwich Volunteer Band, they marched from their respective club-houses in full numbers.

A hearty, congregational and bright service with well-known chants and hymns had been prepared. The service commenced with the grand processional hymn “Onward Christian Soldiers”, the choir marching down the side then up the centre of the Church, and at the end, the National Anthem was sung.

In his sermon, the Vicar reviewed the great progress that has been made in all directions during the reign, especially in the history of the Church where the wonderful revival of Church feeling all through the country is the most marked feature of the period.

We earnestly hope that the evident interest taken by many of those present will induce them to come more frequently now that the ice of long absence has been broken, and so our efforts to make our services congregational and reverently bright will be rewarded.

August 1897: The Jubilee Tea

The tea, deferred from June 22nd took place on July 7th. The children met at Oldfield, and headed by Droitwich Band, marched to Ombersley School, the procession looking quite gay with flags and banners with floral designs. Tea was provided for 900. A display of fireworks was the concluding event.

Note: Queen Victoria died in 1901 after a reign of almost 64 years.

**Look out for village events in June to mark the
PLATINUM JUBILEE of Queen Elizabeth II**

OWLS FLY TO HELP CRISIS IN UKRAINE

Watching the horrific events unfolding in Ukraine over the past weeks has caused us all to try to help where we can. Following the initiative of the Medical Centre asking for specific donations, OWL (Ombersley Women's League)* and the Memorial Hall opened up the hall to collect donations of desperately needed goods. A call for help was sent out to OWL members, and Ombersley Church sent out an email giving the times and dates for delivering donations to the Hall. The Medical Centre were kindly coordinating transport and volunteers helped sort and pack all the goods which local parishioners so kindly and willingly gave.

Large Ikea bags were used to pack all the toothpastes, soap, medications and nappies, all bags were labelled in the Ukraine language, to help the sorting process at the other end. A total of 39 parcels of vital goods were packed and dispatched – we wish the drivers a very safe journey and that the goods donated will help many women and children in distress.

*email Marie on 'harrietmj3@gmail.com' for information about OWL.

Jill Angell

Ombersley Gardening Club

We are now into Spring and the Gardening Club have an amazing year ahead. In March, we held our Spring Show where members were able to display their wonderful spring flowers in the hope judging would go their way!

Our next event takes place on the 21st April with our guest speaker Tamsin Westhorpe talking to us about Life on a Gardening Magazine.

We will be working our way through a very interesting and exciting year with a packed programme ahead of us including speakers, trips and shows and much more. We welcome new members to come and join us.

Meetings takes place on the third Thursday of the month at Ombersley Memorial Hall, with doors opening at 7.30 and meetings beginning at 8pm.

The present subscription is £10 p.a. so come and enjoy your local gardening club and be assured of a warm welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

Ombersley Gardening Club Committee

Ombersley's Crucial Role in the Cold War

In a quiet country field, not far from Ombersley School, lies a remnant of that terrifying time known as the "Cold War". After the Second World War, Russia took control of some areas of Eastern Europe which it had occupied, to expand the USSR. The West was in continual fear of further Russian aggression into Europe and the fear of the use of nuclear weapons was the only thing which helped keep a very tense peace – known as "MAD" or mutually assured destruction. (Oh, how prescient of current geopolitics!)

Many will remember the Cuban missile crisis, when the world came its closest to nuclear Armageddon. As a child, I was terrified when the air raid sirens went off for their weekly test – very aware of the 4minute warning of nuclear war. This was a scheme conceived by the British Government to allow people time to seek shelter (under the barricaded stairs of the house) when the nuclear bombs were on their way.

So, what was Ombersley's role? When the bombs fell, it was important to know exactly where and when they fell, how big they were and how much radiation there was – and from which direction it was coming. The main local target was the radio masts at Droitwich, rather than the city of Birmingham. A secondary target would have been the Telecommunications Research Establishment at Malvern.

The Royal Observer Corps (ROC) was set up in the war to spot enemy aircraft. During the Cold War its role was to observe the nuclear detonations and report back to central government who could assess damage and instigate Civil Defence measures. They did this by being based in underground shelters dotted throughout the country, usually about 8 miles apart. Ombersley, Powick and Clifton on Teme each had one to triangulate any explosions. In total from 1955, 1500 bunkers were built, manned by volunteers – civilians but members of the ROC.

"Our" shelter was built in 1961 and only decommissioned in 1991, at the end of the Cold War. It was staffed by rotas of 2 volunteers at any time.

After a nuclear explosion, they would wait about one hour. Then one of them would come up through a hatch and gather data on the position and magnitude of bombs dropped and measure radiation – a very short-term role! The safer of the two, in the bowels of the shelter, would relay this information, via dedicated land lines to Group HQ. They would pass the information to ROC Sector Operation centres. There scientists would forecast which areas would be in danger from nuclear fall-out, allowing civil and military authorities to decide what services (ports, rail, airfields etc.) could remain operational.

After the bunker was closed in 1991, it was left with all the fittings intact and remains today as a reminder of those times, not so long ago, when nuclear war was a real possibility.



Each bunker consisted of a small sleeping room, an “ops” room and an even smaller room equipped with an Elsan toilet. Enough food was stocked for 14 days at which point, if they were alive, they would need to leave the shelter to see whatever was left of Ombersley!

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For a longer description of the role of the ROC and nuclear observation, see the internet “Subterranea Britannica” article “Royal Observer Corps” written by Nick Catford.

A monthly update from Ombersley Medical Centre

In February 2022 there have been:

- 997 Face to Face appointments with clinicians (GPs, Nurses and Pharmacists)
- 1,316 telephone consultations
- 9,198 medications issued
- 1,639 letters regarding patient care requiring action
- 8,971 test results reviewed and actioned



We have now gone live with our new online consultation service- Patient Triage. This is a great way for you to contact the practice for non-urgent medical or admin requests. The form can be accessed by heading to our website and the surgery will contact you with a response within 2 working days. The surgery phone lines are often busy so we hope patients will find this service as a better alternative to waiting in a queue on the phone and is accessible 24/7.

Our Patient Participation Group is currently recruiting new members for both face to face and virtual participation. Please contact the practice to find out more.

"OWLS" "Jambalaya"

All members welcome to come along
for a little bite of supper.... Cajun style
& a glass of wine!

Bring a guest if you want.

Ombersley Memorial Hall - Thursday April 7th at 7pm

Members £5 - Guests £8

Contact: Marie Jones 07901 522412

Email: harrietmj3@gmail.com

Please book soon as numbers are limited!

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Veteran, Vintage and Classic **CAR SHOW**



After the success of last year's car show we are organising another one. Come along and celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with us. This year we will have plenty of cars, more stands selling local crafts, a BBQ and Entertainment. A great day out for the family.

SAT 25TH JUNE

**12PM-4PM AT OMBERSLEY MEMORIAL
VILLAGE HALL, SANDYS RD, OMBERSLEY**

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Tea and Coffee Shop at Ombersley Memorial Hall

Tuesday 5 April, 2-4 pm

Thursday 28 April, 2-4 pm

As a result of the recent storm “Eunice” a large chestnut tree from my garden was blown down and blocked Woodfield Lane. Thanks be to God that nobody was hurt.

I am so grateful to all the men who voluntarily came with their chain-saws and trailers and did an amazing job to clear the debris so quickly to make the road passable again.

Being virtually housebound I am unable to say thank you to all personally but I am sincerely grateful to all those concerned. Your help was really appreciated. Thank you all so much.

Audrey Webb

Ombersley Endowed First School and Pre-School



Book Week: Our first week back was Book Week and each class enjoyed reading their favourite stories and learnt about the authors. They had lots of fun dressing up as book characters and coming to school in their pyjamas too.

On pancake day, each class took part in pancake races and became expert ‘pancake flippers.’



We also had a visit from some amazing students and teachers from New College Worcester, who held an assembly and put on workshops for all classes about the challenges of being visually impaired. This visit was postponed from earlier in the year.

Science Week: The whole school also took part in a Science Week. Key stage One spent the week mapping the weather, while Key Stage Two children carried about lots of investigations about climate change.

Early Years: Pre-school children have been busy learning about spring – they have had lots of fun. Reception children have enjoyed learning about transport. They had an amazing trip to The Black Country Museum to learn more about the history of transport.

Key stage One: Year One are learning about ‘Bright Lights and Big Cities’ this term. Year 2 enjoyed their trip to The Cotswold Wildlife Park, where they learnt about penguins as well at many more amazing animals. They had a fantastic day. This half term year 1 and 2 have enjoyed learning how to play golf.

Key stage Two: Year 3 and 4 have enjoyed learning about Romans this term. Both classes went on trips to find out more about Romans and what life would have been like in Roman Britain. They have enjoyed lots of extra sporting activities including rugby, football and boogie bounce.

It has been lovely to be able to welcome the Open the Book team back into school this term, after having our assemblies via zoom over the past year. This is something the children always look forward. The whole school are looking forward to being able to celebrate Easter in Ombersley Church again; this is one of the highlights of our year!

Scooters: Scooters continue to be very busy before and after school; They will be open over the Easter holidays with lots of activities for children.

Admissions for 2022 and beyond: Mrs Moore continues to welcome new families to look around. Please get in touch if you would like to see our school.

Sytchampton Endowed Primary School



World Book Day: On Thursday 3rd March we celebrated the 25th anniversary of World Book Day by dressing up as our favourite

From the Archive: January 1992

'Mobile Surgery'

The Ombersley surgery moves again. Readers may be interested to know the history.

The Elms on the Kidderminster Road housed the surgery for a number of years prior to the Second World War, the names of Dr Eden and Dr Ashton coming to mind, followed by Dr Ashe. Latterly, the surgery was housed in a wooden building on the north side of the house near the road.

After his marriage, Dr Ashe moved to the Dower House and the wooden building moved with him. After his death, The Elms again became the doctor's residence and in about 1942 the building was moved back there, but placed somewhat further from the road. First, there was a lady, Dr Pooley, and then for three years, Dr Pawson. In 1947, Dr Stuart Smith took over the practice and was appointed as the NHS doctor from the start of the service on 5th July 1948.

In 1958 Dr Stuart Smith moved to Cubbold House where a good many years previously Dr Hughes had lived. The old wooden surgery was again transported. This was its last journey and it had given valiant service. It was replaced a little later by the brick building built in record time by H Baylis and Sons, who provided a temporary building in the front drive, but alas, the waiting room had to be provided in the garage!

From the time that Dr Brownridge joined the practice, it was evident that the new premises were now too small and subsequent changes in the NHS were to emphasise this. So, time marches on and in almost full circle the surgery has returned to the Kidderminster Road.

Hastings House is an appropriate name commemorating Dr Charles Hastings who founded the British Medical Association in Worcester Royal Infirmary in 1832.

Note: The current Medical Centre was opened in 2006. Hastings House is now apartments.

THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, DOVERDALE

CHURCHWARDEN:	Mr. R. Coppini	Tel: 620963
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TREASURER:	Mr. D. Hawkins	Tel: 620059
SECRETARY PCC:	Mr. G. Crow	Tel: 772850
Sidesmen:	Mrs. V. Harris, Mr. C. Harris, Mr. G. Crow, Mrs. S. Crow, Mr. J. Chapman, Mrs. A. Chapman, Mrs. W. Hawkins	
Organist:	Mrs L. Moyse	

CLEANING ROTA

APRIL:- Alison Best, Sue Rees

FLOWER ROTA

APRIL:- 3rd/ 10th (Palm Sunday) Lent: no flowers

17th/ 24th (Easter) Jean Dowty

PEWPOINTS

HOLY WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Tuesday 12th April 5.30p.m. Gospel Reflection

Good Friday 15th April 10.00a.m. Walk of Witness. Meet at Doverdale Church for walk to Ombersley for Service of Meditation at 12 noon.

Easter Sunday 17th April. 11.00a.m. HC-BCP Service of Easter Celebration

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 9th May. 7.00p.m. St. Mary's AGM in Ombersley Narthex. Vestry Meeting followed by AGM

PARISH REGISTER

23rd February Tony Beverley Grinnall

SERVICES

Sunday 3 rd April 5 th of Lent Passiontide Begins	11.00 a.m. MP (BCP)	Lectors: Mrs. V. Harris, Mr. R. Coppini Sidesperson: Mrs. V. Harris Readings: Isa. 43(16-21) & John 12(1-8)
Sunday 10 th April Palm Sunday	11.00 a.m. MP (BCP)	Lectors: Mrs. S. Crow, Mr. D. Hawkins Sidesperson: Mr. G. Crow Readings: Isa.50(4-9a) & Luke 19(28-40)
Holy Week Tuesday 12 th April	5.30p.m. GOSPEL REFLECTION	At St. Mary's, Doverdale
Friday 15 th April GOOD FRIDAY	10.00 a.m. WALK OF WITNESS	Meet at St. Mary's for walk to Ombersley
Sunday 17 th April EASTER SUNDAY	11.00 a.m. HC-BCP	Lectors: Mr. J. Chapman Sidespersons: Mrs. V. Harris & Mrs. A. Chapman Readings: Acts 10(34-43) & John 20(1- 18)
Sunday 24 th April 2 nd of Easter	NO SERVICE AT DOVERDALE	HC-CW 11.00a.m. at Ombersley
Sunday 1 st May 3 rd of Easter	11.00 a.m. MP(BCP)	Lectors: Mr. R. Coppini, Mrs. V. Harris Sidesperson: Mr. C. Harris Readings: Acts 9(1-20) & John 21(1-19)

Advertisers 2022 Electronic List – March 19th

A & E Carers – private ear syringing – 07958 360247

AJ's Window Cleaning Services – windows, gutters etc. – 07809 730085

AS Locks & Services – 01905 726671 / 07956 371673

AY Services – general maintenance – 01905 759151 / 07876 308058

All-inc-Cars – taxi service – 01905 826261 / 07739 109590

Andy Johnson – chimney sweep – 01886 821933 / 07798 790913

Andy Pritchard – painter and decorator – 01886 889001 / 07973 783240

Bedwardine Funeral Services – 01905 748811

Best of British Garden Services – 01886 889070 / 07983 351634

Bluebird Care – care visits at home – 01386 764830

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

Catkins Cattery – 01299 250472

Doorbars – chartered surveyors/land agents – 01905 27288

Dorn (M&E) Ltd. – installation of electric vehicle charging points – 07712 811552

Droitwich Gymnastics – 01905 312424

E J Gumery & Son – funeral directors – 01905 22094

Elite Marquees – 07958 288510

Elite Sweeps – sweep/log burners – 01905 700701 / 07712 220671

Fernihough Cars – cars purchased – 07765 240207

Fisher Bodyshop – car body repairs – 01299 333131

Foot Health Practitioner – 01562 741820

Forever Living Products – health/skin care – 01905 620318 / 07906 701589

Garden Supplies Direct – 01562 741820

Graham Pugh – decorating/carpentry – 01905 621147 / 07967 883121

Green Thumb – lawn care – 01905 840740

Home Carer, Home Help – 07899 784272

I & S Stoves – woodburning stoves etc. – 01886 812452

Jeremy Billingham TV Aerials – 01905 799152 / 07850 969307

Jonathan Sproule & Sons Ltd – 07973 445048 / 07976 826065

Karol Kleen – carpet/upholstery cleaning – 01299 404275

King's School Hawford – 01905 451292

Kingsway House - premises for hire - 01905 619877

Leapgate Builders – also mini digger with driver for hire – 07702 053756

MG Domestic Heating – 07870 498879

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

Mobile Podiatry/Chiropody – 07989 964854

MSB Plumbing & Maintenance Ltd. – 07769 342897

Ocuplan – long-term eye care – 0121 517 0423

Oldfields of Ombersley – country/equestrian – 01905 622295

Ombersley Family Dental Practice – 01905 621881

Ombersley Golf Club – 01905 620747 (restaurant 01905 620621)

Ombersley Memorial Hall – 07936 467390

Ovengleaners – oven cleaning – 01562 702883

Oven Magic – oven cleaning – 01905 700500

Phillip Serrell Auctions – 01684 892314

Professional Willwriters – Amba Legal Services – 01299 251442 / 07966 053887

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

Quarter Jewellery (The Shambles Worcester) & Malvern Goldsmiths (Belle View Terrace)

RBF Foot Care – Podiatrist – 07791 153276

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

Stephanie Cope Mortgage & Protection Advisor – 01299 549820

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

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

Walkercrips – stockbrokers & financial advisers - 020 3100 8285

Whitlenghe Gardens – tea rooms/gardens – 01299 250669

Worcester Timber Products – fencing, sheds etc. – 01299 250744

Worcestershire Imaging Centre – MRI scans – 01905 771500