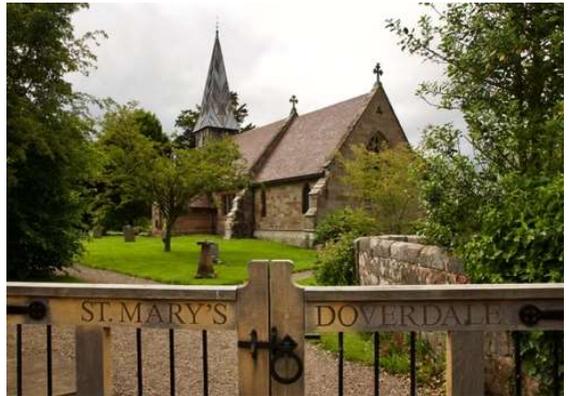


Ombersley & Doverdale Parish Magazine

**June
2022**



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Seven Parishes Service Rota June 2022

June 5th	9.00am	HC CW	Hampton Lovett
	10.00am	Sunday First	Hartlebury
	10.30am	HC CW	Elmbridge
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Doverdale
	11.00am	HC CW	Ombersley*
	3pm	Queen's Jubilee Service	Hartlebury Village Green
12 th June	9.00am	HC CW	Rushock
	10.00am	Family Service	Ombersley
	10.30am	Morning Prayer	Elmley Lovett
	11.00am	HC CW	Hartlebury
June 19th	9.00am	HC CW	Elmbridge
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	11.00am	HC BCP	Doverdale
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HC Holy Communion; CW Common Worship; BCP Book of Common Prayer

*A special service of celebration to mark the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth

Please send information and articles for publication in the joint July/August Parish Magazine by **Tuesday 14th June**

The editors will publish information about any local 'not for profit' activities/clubs in the Parish Magazine. See editors' details on page 3.

Rector's Thoughts

*Reverend Stephen Winter
Rector of St. Andrew's, Ombersley and
St Mary's, Doverdale (and five other
churches in the Benefice)*



Along with a good number of people, I attended a joyful concert given by two community choirs from Winchcombe and Pershore in St Andrew's, Ombersley, last Sunday afternoon. As I am writing this on the 10th May you can all work out what this means. For me it was the last part of what had been a busy and a happy day. I had celebrated Holy Communion with congregations in Rushock and then Hartlebury and after this I baptised children in two different services in Doverdale, both joyous occasions. I joined the second family for a drink in the Crown and Sandys in Ombersley, for which I was most grateful as I was feeling pretty thirsty by then, before wandering across the road back to St Andrew's to join the throng for the concert.

As I said at the beginning of this piece the concert was a joyful affair, but it also got me thinking. There was one song that felt like a prayer for peace and in these troubled times I said *Amen* to that prayer. I want my children to grow up in a peaceful world in which they can enjoy all the opportunities that I feel that I have had in my lifetime. I saw something of war and its effects when I taught in Africa as a young man and frankly there is very little that is good that comes of war.

Except, perhaps, for one thing. That we might learn anew what a privilege it is to live in peace. That we might appreciate it all the more and resolve not to waste it but to use it well. I feel proud that many people have opened their hearts and homes to refugees from Ukraine fleeing the conflict there. How wonderful it would be if such generosity of spirit were to become the norm rather than an exception.

There is a wonderful passage in the bible that always challenges me in this regard and it is Isaiah 58. In it the prophet challenges his people about what they are doing with the privilege of coming home to Jerusalem after exile in Babylon and he tells them how they should use that privilege. "Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the

naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly.”

How wonderful it would be if the fruit of these challenging times were to be if we were to become this kind of a country and that we were to find our healing in being such a people. And, by the way, surely this would be a true celebration of the 70 years in which our Queen has reigned over us.

Parish Register: St Andrew’s Church

Baptism

April 24th	Erin Frances Holland
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Wedding

April 9th	Katie George & Tom Crump
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Interment of Ashes

April 16th	Noel Richardson
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Rota for St Andrew’s Church

Date	Service	Sidesmen	Intercessor	Lector
June 5th	HC	Jenny Ransome, Meg Martineau	Stephen Winter	Robert Thornton
June 12 th	FS	Maureen Callow, Jane Hill		
June 19th	MP	Claire Gathercole, Fiona Davies	Hazel Smith	James Martineau
June 26 th	HC	Liz Hooper, Jenny Batelen	Claire Gathercole	Anthony Hughes
July 3rd	HC	James & Meg Martineau	Stephen Winter	Fiona Davies

Holy Dusters:

June 3 rd	Gail Filer, Liz Hooper, Fiona Davies
June 17 th	Myra Cowdry, Heather Barningham, Fiona Davies
July 1 st	Marjorie Workman, Gail Filer, Liz Hooper
July 15 th	Pernilla Asplen, Myra Cowdry

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

St Andrew's News

www.st-andrews.church: achurchnearyou.com

Another church year starts after our PCC AGM on April 28th, with some changes. Andrew Horn stepped down after his second longish stint as Churchwarden and several decades on the PCC, as did Jeanette Horn who may well have served even longer on the PCC! We thank them for all the many tasks they have taken up over the years and wish them well on their move to Wales. Robert Thornton and Meg Martineau are also taking a break from the PCC, but not moving away...so they may be back!

We welcomed Chris Day as our new Churchwarden and Hazel Smith who will join the PCC as soon as she has been on the Electoral Roll long enough...both hitting the ground running which is good to see.

We have a projector at church now which we trialled on a very kind group at our early Christian Aid breakfast. It worked really well and will be a big bonus when it comes to future events and talks. It can also link to our sound system so lots of experimenting to be had. Our second use, but for another first A half day Workshop on 'Paul's Travels in the Med' - an inter-active session in the Narthex. If it goes well there will be more so keep an eye out.

The South side windows are now making progress with one window already replaced, and some 'interesting' scaffolding in place, what will we talk about when they are finished?

Hopefully we are now in Flaming June and celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in style. We shall have a special service of Thanksgiving and Celebration of the Queen's Jubilee marking 70 years dedicated service, at St Andrew's on June 5th. starting at 11am. Families are welcome. Following that we have the Jubilee picnic and fun and games at the Cricket Club (see poster for full information). Before the service, the church bells will be ringing out. Some of our bells have rung at celebrations to mark Royal Events over the centuries (see the article about the Church Bells later in the magazine).

Then we have the Fete to look forward to on June 18th!! It really will feel that we have shaken the pandemic off when we all gather in the wedding field to play games, checkout the stalls, and eat. With the BarBQ, Samosa stand, Tea Tent, and did I hear there would be Pimms, we will be well satisfied, we're looking forward to seeing you there.

As you will see elsewhere in the magazine, a support network for Ukraine refugees has been established and will meet monthly (or when needed) in the Narthex.

We had a very enjoyable Concert and Tea at on May 8th; such a joy to have so many people visiting church again and raising funds to support Ukraine. This followed a successful Quiz night run by the tennis club, and supported by three friends from Ukraine who have already arrived.

The Figard garden is really looking a different space, which we hope will have much more light in the near future, Thanks again to Sally and Ben.

Looking Forward:

There will be no concerts in June as the month is already very busy, but plans are afoot for July and August ...

Heritage Open Weekend is September 17th and 18th with the Old Chancel open on Friday 16th. The timetable will be in next month's magazine.

Creative Coffee:

We meet in the afternoon (2pm) of the second Thursday, June 9th and the morning (10.30am) of the fourth Thursday, June 23rd.

We are open to anyone so please drop in and say Hello. 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

PRAYING THE PARISH

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

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Angie Randle 01905 620753 angierandle@hotmail.com

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



Areas for June:

Sunday 5th June – Apple Tree Walk, Holt Fleet Road, Parsonage Lane

Sunday 12th June – Sinton, School Bank, Ombersley School, Hawford, Hawford School

Sunday 21st June – Boreley, Mutton Hall, Comhampton, Dunhampton

Sunday 28th June – Clergy, lay readers and PCCs



**On Sunday 5th June
at 11am**

**St Andrew's
will be celebrating
the Queen's
Platinum Jubilee**

**with a special service of
Thanksgiving and Celebration**

marking her 70 years of dedicated service



*Please join us on this very special occasion
Families welcome*



70
GLORIOUS
YEARS

The church bells will be
ringing out before the
service as they have for
many Royal events over
the centuries

OMBERSLEY WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Come and join us for a picnic on Thursday 16 June in the beautiful grounds of Ombersley Court, 2-5pm.

There is plenty of parking at the Court. Please bring your picnic and chair for what we hope will be a sunny afternoon out.

Fingers crossed the weather will be kind to us but in the event the weather does change we will revert to Plan B.

We look forward to seeing you all.

Marie Jones and Ann Dorn

A monthly update from Ombersley Medical Centre



In April 2022 there have been:

- 1,118 Face to Face appointments with clinicians (GPs, Nurses and Pharmacists)
- 982 telephone consultations
- 9,726 medications issued
- 1,561 letters regarding patient care requiring action
- 8,091 test results reviewed and actioned

In May, we said Goodbye to Dr Conquest as starts her new role as a Partner.

We wish a warm welcome to Dr Ravi Oozageer (M) who joining us for 5 sessions a week on a permanent basis. Dr Oozageer has a wide variety of skills including Minor Surgery and Joint Injections and has worked in a number of different clinical settings including A&E and the prison service.

We also welcome Craig, our second clinical Pharmacist who has joined the team at OMC four days a week. Craig is available to support you with minor ailments, medication issues and long-term chronic disease management.



UKRAINE UPDATE



FIRST UKRAINIAN ARRIVES IN OMBERSLEY



On May 1st, a teenager arrived at Worcester Railway Station, having travelled all the way from Ukraine on his own. Yurii would be staying with Sue Johns, and will attend RGS whilst he is here.

A charming and polite 16-year old, who lived with his parents and eleven year-old sister in Kyiv. His parents are still there, his sister is staying with a relative in Poland. Yurii travelled first to Poland, where he met someone who helped him to get through Germany, then they handed him over to a contact in Paris, and then he travelled through the Eurotunnel, and found his way to Worcester! All this travel he received free of charge, on presentation of his visa and passport.

Yurii is keen to find a summer job whilst he is here – waiting tables seems to be what he would like to do. His English is excellent and this work will help enormously. If anyone can help with transport, (such as loaning Yurii a bicycle for 6 months or so), that would take the pressure off volunteer drivers. He has booked to play basketball in Worcester every Tuesday and Thursday evening (where he can meet friends of his own age). Can anyone offer transport during June?

Please contact jill@angellassociates.com to join the Support Ukraine Network (SUN) or Sue Johns on 07989 863276 if you would like to help Yurii settle in (accommodation is required for one week in June, whilst Sue is away).

Jill Angell

Two Choirs sing for Ukraine

On Sunday afternoon in St Andrew's Church, a most appreciative audience enjoyed an excellent concert of music sung by Liz Hooper's combined community choirs from Pershore and Winchcombe. They sang a variety of songs from different ages and different countries in a joyfully uninhibited and natural manner entirely without music, having learnt everything by heart. The money raised (£344.50) was for the DEC Ukrainian Appeal so it was especially moving to hear a Ukrainian liturgical chant in the programme. Many thanks for a most enjoyable Sunday afternoon. The tea and cakes that followed were an added bonus.

Howard Robinson



IT'S NEARLY HERE!

OMBERSLEY CHURCH & SCHOOL FETE

is on Sat 18th June
STARTING at 1PM ... so, time to have
Lunch from the BBQ as well as Tea
& Cakes later!

FETE 2022 IS NEARLY HERE!... BIG THANKS to those who have already volunteered to help! **YOU CAN HELP TOO** by **DONATING** any of the following for the stalls at the Fete. Your generosity is always appreciated! So below is a list of items needed and details of where/when to bring things and who to contact with queries. **THANK YOU** in anticipation of *your* help.

Item to donate	When/where to bring	Contact
Cakes for the Cake Stall	Please bring on the day (or contact Michelle re earlier delivery – not before 11 th June) NB Please include a label of ingredients if possible	Michelle Bishop 07766 169541
Cakes for the Tea Tent		
Bottles for the Bottle Tombola (only beverages please)	Bring to Church on any Sunday morning; or deliver to Denise (contact first)	Denise Forrester 07952 951172
White Elephant things	Please bring on the day	Pat King 07976 941376
Toys/ Children's Books	Please bring on the day or contact Jan or Gill to accept beforehand	Jan Sandals 07491 352052
New/Nearly Gifts, Accessories & Household Items	New/nearly new items only please – Bring on the day or contact Jan or Gill to accept beforehand	or Gill White 07976 112659
Plants	Please bring on the day	Briony Serrell 01905 620846
Home-made jams/preserves	Please bring on the day	Claire Gathercole 01905 620263

For any other queries or
if you'd like to get involved in any other way - helping on a
stall, on the gate, or in the Tea Tent etc –
do get in touch with Pat on 07976 941376
It's a great way to get to know people in the village!

Ombersley Gardening Club

We are now in May with summer on the way and gardens are bursting into life, such a beautiful time of year and a busy one for gardeners. Ombersley Gardening Club is now preparing for a bumper summer.

Plant Sale; 16th of June: We are holding our first big plant sale with the donating and selling of plants. This starts at 7.30 pm and the sale begins at 8 pm and it will finish with cheese and wine, a must to be noted in your diaries!

Wednesday the 22nd June: We have an evening trip to the River School, Fernhill Heath, with a talk and slide show on the history of the garden and the chance to explore, with tea, coffee, cake and biscuits included in the £10 price. Drive yourself and plenty of free parking.

Later in the summer we shall have the Summer Show and also hope to host a musical, afternoon tea event. Watch this space. We look forward to seeing members and welcoming new ones. Remember to come and join us and experience your local gardening club. Happy gardening!

Press Snippet: Crown Inn and Sandys Arms, Ombersley Notice in the *Worcester Journal*, 21 Sept 1837 by A. Wood

In taking to the above Establishment, begs to assure those Families, Commercial Gentlemen, and Friends, who may be pleased to patronize him, that no attention or exertion will be spared to render them every comfort and accommodation; and having made a strict determination to keep no article, either in Wines, Spirits, &c., but of the very best quality, combined with moderate charges, he trusts this will ensure him that support he most anxiously and respectfully solicits. Ladies and Gentlemen may always depend upon well-aired Beds; that department will be most punctually attended to by Mrs. Wood. Lock-up Coach Houses and excellent Stabling. – A neat Fly and careful driver.

Sourced by Pat Niner, Ombersley History Group

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE
QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE
2022



SUNDAY 5TH JUNE

OMBERSLEY CRICKET CLUB

11.30 onwards

11.30am Church picnic
and Village
Rounders
tournament

Family Inflatables and
Assault course

Cream teas and cakes

2.30 pm Children's
Sports Races

Gin Tent

4.30PM The Ombersley
Mile

BBQ and Bar

Ice Cream Van

For further details please contact Kevin – 07887501055
social media - @OmboCC or on facebook

Veteran, Vintage and Classic **CAR SHOW**



**Come and celebrate the Queen's
Platinum Jubilee with us.**

A great day out for the family.

- * Cars**
- * Craft Stalls**
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- * Community Tea Shop**

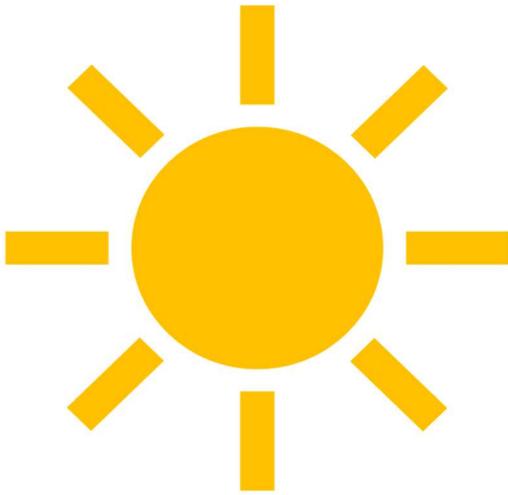


**Entry fee:
Adults £2
Children free!**

**SAT 25TH JUNE
12-4PM**

OMBERSLEY MEMORIAL HALL, SANDYS RD, OMBERSLEY

SEE OUR WEBSITE WWW.OMBERSLEYMEMORIALHALL.CO.UK FOR MORE DETAILS



SUPPORT UKRAINE NETWORK

ARE YOU HOSTING VISITORS FROM UKRAINE?

We are starting a Support Ukraine Network (SUN) and already have many volunteers to help our new residents settle in, and offer the hosts advice and support

**HOSTS - PLEASE REGISTER WITH US
contact Jill Angell for more info**

jill@angellassociates.com

01905 621889 or

Fiona Davies – fmdavies83@gmail.com

Volunteers always welcome – for a variety of activities such as transport, learning about the area, walking groups, coffee shop visits, respite meals, form-filling, general advice, company, talking therapy, job search, etc etc...

TOYS RAFFLE
COMING SOON

PK
OMBERSLEY
MAYPOLE
CHURCH
&
TOMBOLA
FUN RACES

BBQ
ELEPHANT
WHITE
FETE
SAT. 18 JUNE
1PM
CHILDREN'S TEAS
GAMES



TUG OF
WAR

ALL THE FUN OF A
TRADITIONAL ENGLISH
VILLAGE FETE

DOG
SHOW

From the Archive: March 1993 Church Bells

The bells of St Andrew's are far older than the church. They were rescued from the old church when it was demolished in September 1825. After three of them had been recast at Gloucester by John Rudhall, they were all rehung in the new church before it was consecrated on 22nd June 1829. Originally the bells were cast in 1682 at the Bagley Foundry at Chalcomb, a village north of Banbury. All the bells carried inscriptions and fortunately those on the recast bells were recorded. The three surviving originals also have coins of Charles 2nd inset in them. If there were coins in the others they went into the melting pot or, possibly, into someone's pocket.

By the time they were made Henry Bagley had been casting bells for 50 years and had been joined in his work by his three sons, Henry, Matthew and William. The quality of the work the family did between 1679 and 1687 was never bettered and it is surprising that any bell needed to be recast. It would have been necessary if they had been damaged when taken down, but this is not very likely. Another possibility is that there was some dispute between those who wanted new bells in a new church and the conservationists who wanted to keep the old. It does look as if a compromise deal was struck. Bells 2, 4 and 6 were recast and 1,3 and 5 retained. Too neat a pattern, I think, to lay the blame on the demolition team. It may even have been just a question of money. In which case it is a pity they had any.

These are the inscriptions:

No 1: the treble: "Cantate canticum novum – Henry Bagley made mee 1682"

Three psalms have the opening line – *O sing unto the Lord a new song* – but Psalm 96 which continues – *Power and honour are in his sanctuary* – seems the most appropriate.

No 2: Recast at Gloucester by John Rudhall 1828. The original inscription was "Bee it known to all that do mee see that Bagley of Chalcomb made mee 1682"

Some hold this to be proof of the poverty of Bagley poetry but even good poets can have their off days. Wordsworth once wrote "I've measured it from side to side / 'tis 3 foot long and 2 foot wide." ('twas a pond if you must know).

No 3: "Matthew Bagley made mee 1682"

Matthew had by then, been working with his father for two years and so it was unlikely this was his first attempt. The brothers ended the partnership in 1687, after their father's death, and Matthew moved to Evesham, where he died three years later.

No 4: “Recast at Gloucester by John Rudhall” but originally “Pro rege et ecclesia – Henricus Bagley fecit 1682”

For king and church? Charles was at best only nominally C of E and not even that after his deathbed conversion. However, many people in those days had known worse rulers and they were to get worse after him. Let the connection stand.

No 5: “Humphrey Amphlett and Richard Lloyd churchwardens 1682” There is also the trade mark of Henry Bagley sen. A shield with 3 inverted bells and his initials. The Amphletts were an old Ombersley yeoman family. Later they set up a private charity for the parish that was always run by the eldest male in the family. The last to hold the position died in 1942.

It was a Richard Lloyd who set up the charity that, after his death in 1729, provided and ran the local schools. Could this man have been churchwarden in 1682? I am inclined to believe he was. The Revd. Gillingham, with custody of the registers and six days a week to study them, never found the proof but there is one clue. Richard of the charity is believed to have been a churchwarden. No one of that name appears in the intervening years to 1729. I can find only one Richard Lloyd who was born in Ombersley and that was in 1646. He could have been made churchwarden at the age of 36 and lived to 83. I will leave it to someone with more perseverance to prove me wrong.

No 6: the tenor and at 18.5 cwt (914.5 kg) easily the heaviest bell. “Recast at Gloucester by John Rudhall 1825” It used to carry the most famous and chilling inscription “I to the church the living call and to the grave do summon all” The one bell that you can imagine might need the occasional recast.

Although the bells have a longer history than might be expected given the age of the church, they are not the oldest in the neighbourhood. Two of those at Doverdale are dated 1660 and 1615, respectively, while at Holt there is a bell bearing the words “God save King James 1605”. This may be, as generally believed, a slightly belated coronation bell but it could just as easily commemorate the failure of the Gunpowder Plot. After all, it was from his home at Holt Castle, that Sir Henry Bromley rode to Hindlip to arrest four of the conspirators. However, the oldest bell in our area may well be the tenor at Doverdale. Its inscription “Sancte Thome ora pro nobis” or, St Thomas pray for us, sounds distinctly Roman Catholic and, if so, cannot be later than the reign of Mary Tudor.

John Silvester

Omersley Endowed First School and Pre-School



Early Years: Reception children are looking forward to their trip to The Cotswold Wildlife Park.

Key stage One: Year One have enjoyed their new topic of Paws, Claws and Whiskers. They have set up a Veterinary Surgery in their classroom and are having lots of fun learning lots of new stories. Some of the children had a fantastic morning taking part in a multi-skills workshop with other schools.

Year 2 have been learning about Monsters through their new book called The Monster Machine.

This half term, year 1 and 2 have enjoyed tennis lessons every week.

Key stage Two: Year 4 children had a wonderful few days on their residential trip to the Pioneer centre. They enjoyed some fantastic activities with lots of children from other schools. Well done to all of them and thank you to Mrs Hobbs and Mrs Whitby who gave up their time to go with them.

Year 3 and 4 are enjoying swimming again. They also had a wonderful day Bell Boating on the Droitwich Canal.

Scooters: Scooters continue to be busy before and after school. Children enjoyed lots of wonderful activities over the half-term holidays too.

After school clubs have started for the summer term including: skipping, cookery, tennis and cricket.

Break the Rule Day: We had a great day breaking the school rules to raise money! Don't worry; it was only things like – eating sweets, eating our pudding first, wearing the wrong shoes and clothes and colouring our hair. It was lots of fun!

The Queen Day: To help us celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne, we all came to school dressed in red, white and blue. We all joined in with some special activities to celebrate and help us to remember this important milestone.

Litter workshop: We had a visit from Karen, who taught us more about recycling and keeping our environment clean and safe. We all took part in a litter pick around the school grounds and have had some follow-up lessons to help us look after our world.

Bluebell Walk: The whole school went on a lovely walk to the bluebell wood at the beginning of May. We walked across the fields and through the bluebell wood to experience the wonders of our local countryside. We realise how lucky we are to have such beauty on our doorstep.



Tea and Coffee Shop at Ombersley Memorial Hall



Tuesday 7th June, 2-4 pm
Thursday 23rd June, 2-4 pm
Saturday 25th June, 12 noon-4 pm*

To Commemorate the Queen's Jubilee on Tuesday 7th June we shall be offering our customers a free cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake.

*Saturday 25th is Car Show Day. See poster for details.

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Sytchampton Endowed Primary School



Places for Reception Children for September 2022: We have some remaining places for children who are due to start school in September in Reception. If you have been disappointed by your choice of school for your child, you know someone else that is looking for places, or you have just moved to the area, then please get in touch to come and have a look around and reserve a space. Please either email on office@sytchampton.worcs.sch.uk or call us on 01905 620418.

Little Room: In order to meet the needs of some of our pupils who need a quiet and low sensory demand space in school, we have been busy renovating and refurbishing 'The Little Room' at the back of the school. Some of our parents have given up huge amounts of time and resources to help us create this much needed break out space. We are so very grateful to all of those who helped, but in particular, Maria Craze, Cassy Bramley and Mary Steele. We are now proud to announce that this lovely space is now officially open! Thank you to everyone who helped.

Bellboating: On Thursday 28th April 2022, Willow Class went Bellboating for the day! They spent the whole day working as a team, paddling up and down the waterways in Droitwich. The children had an amazing (if tiring) day!

PTA Events: Our incredible PTA have been working tirelessly to help us raise funds towards new classrooms to replace our portacabins. Just in the last few weeks, they have organised a hilarious Fizz and Quiz night at Ombersley Memorial Hall and a Charity Car Wash. On top of this, they also provided an Easter Egg hunt for all of our children where the Easter Bunny made a surprise appearance! We really are incredibly lucky to have such a supportive school community!

THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, DOVERDALE

CHURCHWARDEN:	Mr. R. Coppini	Tel: 620963
LICENSED LAY READER:	Mr. Richard Jeynes	Tel: 620441
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	
Organists:	Mrs L. Moyse	

CLEANING ROTA:- JUNE:- Lauren Moyse and Sandie Smart

FLOWER ROTA:- JUNE:- TBA (Jean Dowty)

PARISH REGISTER

22nd April: Edmund Tapp: Funeral Service followed by Committal at Worcester Crematorium

5th May: Barbara Simpson; Burial in Churchyard

Baptisms

8th May: Eloise Rose Mannion

Mollie Elizabeth & Bella Elaine Bowen-Jones

SERVICES

Sunday 5 th .June Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)	11.00 a.m. MP (BCP)	Lectors: Mr. J. Chapman, Mrs. S. Crow Sidesperson: Mrs. A. Chapman Readings: Acts 2 (1-21) & John 14 (8-17) & (25-27)
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Sunday 19 th . June 1 st after Trinity	11.00 a.m. HC(BCP)	Lector: Mrs. V. Harris Sidesperson: Mr. C. Harris Readings: Isa. 65 (1-9) & Gospel Reading Luke 8 (26-39)
Sunday 26 th . June 2 nd after Trinity (4 th Sunday)	11.00.a.m HC-BPC Joint service with Ombersley and Hartlebury	Lector: Mr. D. Hawkins Sidesperson: Mr. G. Crow Readings: 1 Kings 19 (15-16) & (19- end) Gospel Reading: Luke 9 (51-end)
Sunday 3 rd . July 3 rd after Trinity	11.00a.m. MP (BCP)	Lectors: Mr. R. Coppini, Mrs. A.Chapman Sidesperson: Mr. J. Chapman Readings: Isa. 66 (10-14) & Luke 10 (1-11) & (16-20)

MP, Morning Prayer; HC, Holy Communion, BCP, Book of Common Prayer

PEW POINTS

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.

The previous two Palm Sundays in the Benefice were celebrated via Zoom due to Covid restrictions. This year's service on April 10th was a particularly joyous occasion when we could hold up our Palm Crosses in church and imagine the scene nearly 2,000 years ago when Jesus' followers spread palm branches at his feet. Palm branches were considered symbols of victory and triumph at the time. Lay Reader, Richard Jeynes, led our 11.00a.m. service.

HOLY WEEK

Easter at St. Mary's began on Tuesday 12th April with a short service of Gospel reflection (Compline) at 5.30 p.m. Compline literally means the last of the "Day Hours" and derives 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; an opportunity to give thanks for the joys and the 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 Lay Reader, James Homer, for leading us in prayers and quiet contemplation.

GOOD FRIDAY

Those who wished to join the traditional Walk of Witness from Doverdale to Ombersley, assembled in St. Mary's churchyard at 10.00 a.m. on Friday 15th. The large group were blessed with warm, sunny weather as they set off after a short prayer. A welcome 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 noon meditation.

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 17th April dawned bright, sunny and warm; the perfect day to celebrate one of the most important occasions in the church calendar--Christ's resurrection from death on the cross.

Rev. Stephen Winter led the service of Holy Communion and began by welcoming the families and friends gathered together. The Church was transformed with the lovely colours of spring flowers and the joyful sounds of Easter hymns played by organist, Lauren Moyses.

After the service, glasses of wine and savouries were served; an opportunity to mingle and chat and also to convey "Best wishes" to Geoff Crow who was celebrating his Birthday that day.

A huge "Thank you" to all those whose help and support with flowers and other church duties enabled us to enjoy our Easter service of worship and thanksgiving.

SAD LOSS

It is with deep sadness that we report on the recent deaths of two highly-respected members of St. Mary's congregation: Dr. Edmund Tapp and Mrs. Barbara Simpson.

Eddie and Barbara played active roles in the life of Doverdale Church for very many years. They both held elected posts on the Parochial Church Council and loyally supported the services as Lectors and Sidespeople. They will be greatly missed by all who knew them, in whatever capacity, but Eddie and Barbara will always be remembered for willingly giving their time and talents to ensure that future generations might continue to worship at St. Mary's, Doverdale.

Our thoughts are with their families at this sad time.

From the Archive

May 1958: The Glebe House, Doverdale

This house has now been sold by public auction after permission being granted by the authorities concerned. To prevent gossip and mal-informed talk, allow me to make it quite clear that the proceeds of this sale do not come to me personally, but will be invested in the Parish of Doverdale. Should in the future, alas unforeseeable, an assistant priest or curate be available, the money could be released for the building of a modern house.

Rev. W.H. White, Rector

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