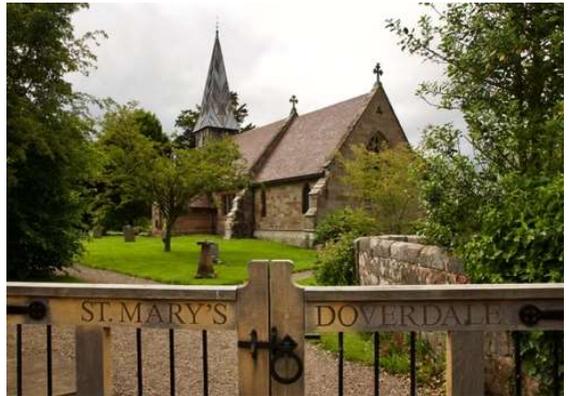


Ombersley & Doverdale Parish Magazine

May 2022



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Seven Parishes Service Rota May 2022

May 1st	9.00am	HC BCP	Hampton Lovett
	10.00am	Sunday First	Hartlebury
	10.30am	HC CW	Elmbridge
	11.00am	HC CW	Ombersley
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Doverdale
8 th May	9.00am	HC CW	Rushock
	10.00am	Family Service	Ombersley
	10.30am	Morning Prayer	Elmley Lovett
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Doverdale
	11.00am	HC CW	Hartlebury
May 15th	9.00am	HC CW	Elmbridge
	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Ombersley
	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Hartlebury
	11.00am	HC BCP	Doverdale
	6.30pm	Evensong	Hampton Lovett
May 22th	9.00am	HC BCP	Elmley Lovett
	10.00am	Rogation Service	Ombersley
	10.30am	Rogation Service	Rushock
	11.00am	Rogation Service	Doverdale
May 29th	10.00am	HC Benefice Service	Hartlebury
June 5th	9.00am	HC CW	Hampton Lovett
	10.30am	HC CW	Elmbridge
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Doverdale
	11.00am	HC CW	Ombersley

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

Other Services: Rogation Service at Bell's Farm May 22nd 2.30 pm.

Ascension Day May 26th; Ombersley 7.30 pm.

Rector's Thoughts



In my reflection last month I tried to grapple with the church's teaching on war. I did not really want to do that, both because I was horrified that I needed to think about war in Europe at all and because I would prefer it if the church only had teaching on peace and the fruits of peace. I probably should have said that there is a completely different tradition in the church from the one I tried to outline last month and that is the tradition of pacifism. This tradition draws upon the historical fact that until about 300 AD Christians on the whole did not join the army and were excluded from government. So, Quakers and groups like the Mennonites and the Amish have pursued a pacifist view. I respect that tradition, but I do not agree with it. I think that war should always be a last resort but that there are occasions in which we have no choice but to go to war. As I hope you could see in last month's reflection, the thing that I grappled with the most was whether a war against Russia in defence of Ukraine could be winnable or whether it would drag millions more people into war across the world. On the whole, and with great sadness, I agree with the policy of our government here and the policy of the United States, that we support Ukraine the best we can but stop short of actually going to war ourselves.

But the purpose of war should never be just to triumph over our enemies. The great theme of the Christian gospel that we celebrated at Easter is that enemies are turned into friends. That is why the Resurrection is not an act of revenge. The people who had Jesus put to death are not punished, but forgiven (Luke 23.34) and when we celebrate Easter today it is not with military style parades but with the lighting of candles. These candles are symbols of the Light of Christ in the world, that light is stronger than darkness, that love is stronger than hatred and that life is stronger than death. And we light these candles in time of war and in time of peace and in time of a climate emergency that threatens the wellbeing of future generations in this world.

It is with this act of faith, this rejection of darkness, this renunciation of despair, that I would like to invite you to share in the keeping of Rogationtide on Sunday

May 22nd in our parishes. Rogation Sunday is a blessing of the crops. I regard the growing of food and our care of the land to be a sacred task given to us by God. While farmers and market gardeners are in particular the ones tasked with that holy responsibility, the rest of us have a vital part to play as well. The closer we keep our relationship with a godly care for the land and for what grows in it or feeds upon it, the more we truly bless the land. That means the way we buy our food really matters. For me it means supporting businesses that are truly local and with whom I can build a relationship, including farm shops who also support local farmers and growers.

When we say a blessing, it isn't a kind of magic in which by the saying of a spell we change the world about us in some way. Pagan readers of the magazine might tell me that I have got this wrong here and please do feel free to let me know. But the Christian understanding of a blessing is that it affirms something that is always true. And your participation in this blessing really matters. So please put a note in your diary either to join the Rogation Service in Doverdale (meeting at St Mary's church carpark) at 11am, or at Bells Farm (meeting in the farm shop car park on the road between the Mitre Oak on the A449 and Stourport) at 2.30 pm. Both services will be on Sunday 22nd May and will be the main services in our churches on that day. Doverdale will be for that parish and for Elmley Lovett, Hampton Lovett, Elmbridge and Rushock. Bells Farm will be for Hartlebury and Ombersley but obviously people will be free to join either service.

In the keeping of Rogationtide we celebrate the fruits of peace in the world and we declare our faith in a future for our children and grandchildren that is in God's hands. Do come and join us in this act of faith.

Stephen Winter

Parish Register: St Andrew's Church

Baptism

6 th March	Samuel & Victoria Banner
13 th March	Adam & Chloe Crouch
27 th March	Aaron Beard, Danielle Stocking

Interment of Ashes

18 th March	John & Maureen Burchall
23 rd March	Colin Mountford

Please send information and articles for publication in the June Parish Magazine by **Tuesday 10th May.**

Rota for St Andrew's Church

Date	Service	Sidesmen	Intercessor	Lector
May 1 st	HC	James & Meg Martineau	Stephen Winter	Claire Gathercole
May 8th	FS	Chris & Kim Day		
May 15th	MP	Robert Thornton, Lucinda Kenny	David Wood	Stuart Larnder
May 22 nd	HC	Jeanette Horn, Gill Griffiths	Liz Hooper	Andrew Horn
June 5th	HC	Jenny Ransome, Meg Martineau	Stephen Winter	Robert Thornton

Holy Dusters:

May 13 th	Fiona Davies, Liz Hooper, Gail Filer
May 27th	Myra Cowdry, Pernilla Asplen, Marjorie Workman, Heather Barningham
June 3 rd	Myra Cowdry, Heather Barningham, Pernilla Asplen

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

Parish News

www.st-andrews.church

It is hard to realise that this time two years ago we were all locked down, and in many cases just starting our 'Zoom' journeys. This year we have had a very nearly normal run up to Easter in spite of Covid rearing its head more than we'd like.

The Lent lunch discussion group in the Narthex went well, and while the topic of 'Renewing the face of the Earth' was constant, the discussions ranged far and wide, as did the numbers ranging from 9-17. We also thought occasional one-off discussion meetings throughout the year might be a good idea.

For the first time since 2019 we were also able to welcome the Year 4 children of Ombersley School for their Lent reflection. This time they followed the story of Jesus from Palm Sunday to Easter Day through different stations around the church, including going to the 'upper room' in the gallery of the church and outside to the Garden of Gethsemane (Celine Figard garden), seeing Mary at the foot of the (preaching) cross and meeting Mary Magdalen in the Old Chancel. We are always impressed by how thoughtful and compassionate the children were in their comments written at various points.

This year we had another first with the School Easter service being held in St Andrew's, and being streamed to parents unable to come. A very joyful event, with the most amazing collection of Easter Bonnets in the parade at the end!

The Celine Figard garden is at last beginning to wear spring colours and work has started adding plants and cutting back overgrown trees and bushes, thanks to Ben and Sally who have given their time and enthusiasm to make this happen. Please wander through if you have a moment.

The PCC AGM will have taken place on Thursday April 28th as we had to change the date. The minutes will be available on the church webs

Looking Forward: Queen's Platinum Jubilee: We intend to have a special service at St Andrew's on Sunday June 5th at 11am to celebrate and give thanks for the extraordinary service and faith shown over the last 70 years by Her Majesty the Queen. A picnic and entertainment will then follow at Ombersley Cricket Club (see poster in magazine).

Creative Coffee: We meet the afternoon (2pm) of the second Thursday, May 12th and the morning (10.30am) of the fourth Thursday May 26th.

We had another interesting session with silk painting with thanks to Audrey, and I hope she will be back again there are still more requests. 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

Windows and Weddings: The windows on the church are moving on apace, you will have noticed the scaffolding has moved from the South side to the North side of the church for the final phase. We do wish Holywell Glass much better weather for this section as the wind and cold they coped with last time was not pleasant. We are very grateful that HWG have planned to work around the weddings booked this summer so no-one will be shimmying past scaffolding to get down the aisle.

Tom and Katie Crump were our first wedding this year and we wish them a long and happy life together supported by their friends and family.

BOOK NOW! Sunday May 8th, 3pm

We are starting our Sunday afternoon entertainment and teas again (at last). We will have Pershore and Winchcombe choirs entertaining us, which we all thoroughly enjoyed back in 2019. Tickets will be £6 each, this includes Tea and Cake.

Funds raised will be divided between St Andrew's and a Ukraine charity.

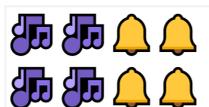
Saturday May 14th: Travels with Paul around the Mediterranean

A half day workshop exploring -

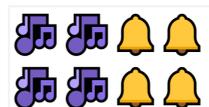
'Paul and different cultures, ideologies and power structures that framed what he needed to write in his epistles'

This will be led by Rev Dr Sue Woan and will be Participatory, Interactive and Multimedia - No lectures! *"You are guaranteed to learn....to laugh, ...and to leave wanting more."*

A £5 charge includes refreshments. For either event or both contact Fiona Davies 01905 621176 or Liz Hooper 01905 620827.



Singing and Ringing



The St Andrew's Singers, otherwise known as the SAS, have been meeting in the Narthex of the church to rehearse for special services and events. We meet regularly, but we vary the day between 6pm on Fridays and 10.50am on Sundays after the 10am service. Following the church calendar means we are busier at certain times, for example, we've just finished a busy Easter, singing on Palm

Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday, and have enjoyed learning and performing some new hymns and songs.

The Handbell Group meets on Mondays at 2pm, also in the Narthex. At the moment we're working towards a Sunday afternoon concert on May 8th, (see the advert in this magazine) and the celebrations of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in a special service in the church on June 5th. The choir will be involved in that too.

New members of both these groups are always welcome. For more information please contact Louise Robinson 01905 620995

PRAYING THE PARISH

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

Rev Stephen Winter 07773 760899 stephenwinter991@gmail.com

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 May:

Sunday 1st May – Haye Lane, Oldfield Lane,

Sunday 8th May - Main Road South, Church Lane, Hill Top, Ombersley Court

Sunday 15th May - Chatley, Woodfield, Hadley and Hunt Green

Sunday 22nd May – Churchwardens

Sunday 29th May – Children and young people in our parishes



Tea and Coffee Shop at Ombersley Memorial Hall



Tuesday 10th May, 2-4 pm

Thursday 26th May, 2-4 pm

To Commemorate the Queen's Jubilee, the teashop will be open on Tuesday 7th June from 2-4 pm when we shall be offering our customers a free cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake.

CARING FOR GOD'S EARTH

On Sunday 15th May it will be the usual lay led service of Morning Prayer at St Andrew's
BUT the speaker will be different!



Godfrey Armitage, a Volunteer A Rocha UK speaker and Diocesan Environmental Officer for the Diocese of Coventry will be sharing with us about the work of A Rocha UK. A Rocha UK is a Christian charity working for the protection and restoration of the natural world and committed to equipping Christians and churches in the UK to care for the environment. It leads the Eco Church Programme which St Andrew's is signed up to and helps drive our efforts to become increasingly sustainable. A Rocha UK is part of a worldwide family committed to nature conservation as an expression of Christian mission. It was an active presence at COP26 in Glasgow last November.

Come along at 10am and find out more. There will be refreshments afterwards and a chance to discuss the issues raised and, perhaps, what more we can do in our community.

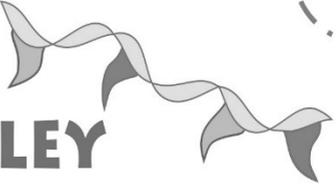
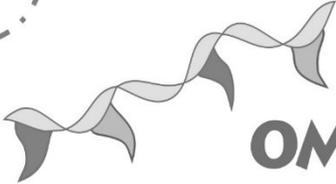


Ombersley & Doverdale Tennis Club Public Court Hire

Did you know that even if you are not a member at the Club you can still book a court to play? It only costs £7 per hour for up to four people. If you'd like to hire a court, please visit our website:

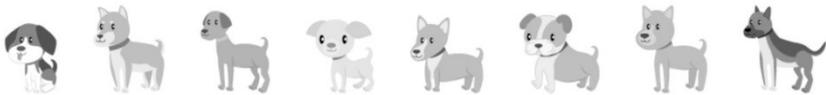
<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ombersleydoverdaletennisclub>

Click on 'booking' and follow the process for booking and payment to receive your code to access the courts. During the hours of darkness, the floodlights are programmed to automatically come on if a court is booked and an extra charge of £2 per half hour will be added to your booking. N.B. Bookings are for a **maximum** of 4 people.



OMBERSLEY CHURCH & SCHOOL FETE

Saturday 18th June
FUN DOG SHOW



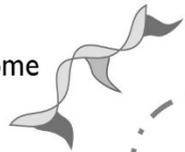
This year we are very fortunate to welcome Lady Lynda Billingshurst, a renowned Crufts Judge, to adjudicate and cast her expert eye in order to find our winners and special dogs in each category.

ENTRY £3, Registration from 1.00pm – 2.00pm
Dog Show starts at 2pm

Categories

some may have limited numbers of entrants

- * Most Fabulous Fella or Loveliest Lady
- * Golden Oldie (7+ years)
- * Perfect pup (under 12 months)
- * Dog with waggiest tail
- * Best talent or Trick
- * Best Six Legs!
- * Dog the Judge would most like to take home



The article *Ombersley's Role in the Cold War* in the April magazine was written by David Collier, Ombersley History Group.

The **Ombersley History Group** is a small group of residents in the Parish who are interested a variety of aspects of local history. If you would like to know more about the OHG, please contact David Collier who will be able to tell you about the topics currently being researched and future meetings.

drdcollier@gmail.com

GALA DAY at

OMBERSLEY CRICKET CLUB

Sunday 5th June 2022 from 11.30am

Save the date!

Ombersley Church Picnic

Village Rounders Tournament, Children's Sports Races

The Ombersley Mile

Stalls, Games, Fun Activities for all the Family, Music, Food & Drink

Further details at www.allaboutombersley.com and June Parish Magazine

Contact Rosie Tomlinson 07767 815354 or Kevin Davies 07887 501055

Ombersley Gardening Club

The next meeting of the Gardening Club will take place on May 19th at Ombersley Memorial Hall when we shall welcome our speakers Kim and Rob Hurst who will be talking to us about Kitchen Garden Herbs. On 23rd May we have a trip to Wildgoose nursery.

Please also start taking cuttings for our big plant sale taking place on the 16th June. We look forward to welcoming you for our next meeting.



DON'T FORGET 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!**

Planning for this year's Fete is going well... 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 – no sooner than 11 th June)	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	Jan Sandals 07491 352052
New/Nearly Gifts, Accessories & Household Items	New/nearly new items only please – Bring on day or contact Jan or Gill	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!**

Veteran, Vintage and Classic CAR SHOW



Come along to our annual car show and celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with us. We will have plenty of cars, lots of stands selling local crafts, a BBQ, Entertainment and our Community Tea Shop will be open serving home made cakes. A great day out for the family.

SAT 25TH JUNE

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

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

Wychavon Games

During the summer and into autumn each year since 1978, the Wychavon Games are held. Various sporting events are competed in by parishes in Wychavon, each parish choosing to enter one or more events. To the best of our knowledge, Ombersley & Doverdale Parish have never entered a team in any event. We aim to change that this year!

The games consist of one-day outdoor events: angling, bell boating, bowls, cross country, 5-a-side football, pétanque, rounders & table tennis. The indoor games consist of: crib, darts, dominoes, pool & skittles.

If this sounds interesting, please get in touch and I can tell you more; Peter Reynolds 07855 441804.

Ombersley Social Strollers

Fancy a stroll and an opportunity to meet some new faces? Ombersley Social Strollers meet every Wednesday just before 10.00 at the Lych Gate of St Andrew's Church. We walk for around 45 - 60 minutes, mostly on the flat and without stiles to cross. Afterwards, we enjoy tea, coffee and biscuits in the Narthex at the back of the church, an opportunity to chat and relax. The walks are led at a gentle pace and are free but we do invite everyone to donate 50p towards the cost of refreshments, any surplus is passed to the church to contribute towards light and heating.

All are welcome together with well-behaved dogs on a lead. No need to register, just turn up on the day. We walk as a group of friends and as such you are responsible for your own safety on the walks. If you'd like more information please contact Peter Reynolds on 07855 441804.

Please send information and articles for publication in the June Parish Magazine by **Tuesday 10th May**.

Ukraine Update – Support Network

We have collected six ‘volunteer hosts’ in Ombersley so far, who have offered accommodation to refugees fleeing from Ukraine. If there are any others who are not on my mailing list we would be very grateful if you could provide your contact details so that we can circulate offers of help/advice and support. If you have accommodation you can offer, or any other kind of help you can give once the ‘visitors’ arrive – please email me at jill@angellassociates.com.

We are putting together a Support Network of local people who can offer such things as transport, shopping, language lessons, trauma therapy, playschool, coffee mornings, meal preparation, general advice, form filling, access to schools/colleges/apprenticeships/job search etc.

Sue Johns has ‘matched’ a family already with volunteer accommodation in Ombersley and the process has already started to bring them here.

Christopher Day (Wychavon Councillor, representing Ombersley Ward on Housing, Health and Wellbeing) has provided lots of advice about the visa and matching process, and has pointed us to the following website where advice and information can easily be accessed. Contact point: Christopher.day@wychavon.net.

<https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/community-and-living/support-for-ukraine>

There is also a link to the Sixways Collection Centre which gives a list of items desperately needed in Ukraine and Poland. Sixways has regular transportation overland.

Jill Angell

Press Snippet: *Worcester Herald*, 28 December 1844

Late on Saturday night or early on Sunday morning last, the peaceable village of Powers, near Ombersley, was thrown into a state of alarm by some fellows rapping at the doors and shutters of the inhabitants and then retreating. We would just warn the parties who were guilty of this most reprehensible conduct that they are *well known*, and that upon a repetition of it they will, in all probability, hear something about the matter from a quarter they little expect.

Sourced by Pat Niner, Ombersley History Group

Ombersley Dramatic Society

According to Rumour by Robert Scott

Following the success of our first Pantomime, Dick Whittington at Hartlebury Parish Hall we now invite you to join us in our spring production.

Who's got the money? Who's sleeping with whom? Which identical twin can be trusted? Who's phone will ring next? Who can untangle the confusions?

To discover the answers please come along to Hartlebury Parish Hall on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday 12th 13th or 14th May at 7.30 to see this hilarious new play by Robert Scott, award winning author whose plays and Pantomimes have been performed to great acclaim in 38 countries. Ticket prices £8 each are available from chris.marsh_10@btinternet.com or Mike Turner, phone 01905620757 or either Hartlebury or Holt Heath Post Offices



**Ombersley Women's League would like to invite you to a talk by Caroline Butcher
on**

Thursday 5 May, 7 for 7.30 p.m. at Ombersley Memorial Village Hall

*Caroline will explain the history of some hats and their purpose, how they are made
and you will have the opportunity to try on some creations!!!*

Come and join us for a fun evening over a welcome glass of wine

Members: free; Guests are welcome: £5

Sunday afternoons at St Andrew's
Concerts with Tea & Cakes



Sunday 8th May
at 3pm



TWO CHOIRS

*Pershore & Winchcombe Community Choirs,
led by Liz Hooper, returning to bring you...*

'Something Completely Different again!'

*More Different songs from Different countries,
Different eras, and in Different styles*

Raising funds for St Andrew's Ombersley Association
and for the choirs' chosen charity:

 **supporting Ukraine** 

Tickets £6 including Tea & Cakes

For tickets or to book: contact Liz on 01905 620827
Louise on 01905 620995 or Fiona 01905 621176
or on the door

A monthly update from Ombersley Medical Centre

In March 2022 there have been:

- 1,633 Face to Face appointments with clinicians (GPs, Nurses and Pharmacists)
- 1,516 telephone consultations
- 11,133 medications issued
- 1,638 letters regarding patient care requiring action
- 10,453 test results reviewed and actioned



From April 2022, we are moving to a Birthday Recall system. This means that you will be invited in for your chronic disease reviews and annual blood tests during your month of birth. We hope this makes appointments easier to remember and hope this will avoid confusion as to when reviews are due.

We are pleased to say that Dispensary is now operating as normal and prescriptions can be collected from inside the reception area.

Ombersley Medical Centre have a number of services available to support you with weight management, wellbeing and lifestyle, social needs & mental health. Whether you are looking to shift a few pounds or looking for help to understand what benefits you could be entitled to. Please ring the surgery for more information.

Ombersley Endowed First School and Pre-School



Early Years: Pre-school children had a very enjoyable trip the Wyre Forest to walk around the new forest trail. Reception children enjoyed a fantastic visit from the Police.

Key stage One: Year One have enjoyed lots of new stories and activities this term for their Bright Lights and Big Cities topic.

Year 2 had a fantastic day at The Cotswold Wildlife Park to finish off their topic – they were lucky enough to watch the penguins being fed. They enjoyed seeing lots of other animals and finished the day with an ice cream.

This half term year 1 and 2 have enjoyed learning how to play golf every week.

Key stage Two: Year 4 children have been getting ready for their residential trip to the Pioneer centre in May. This is always a very exciting adventure for the children, who get to participate in many different activities with other local schools. Year 3 and 4 have enjoyed playing golf as part of their PE lessons this term too. They are looking forward to starting swimming again in the summer term.

The whole school are also looking forward their bluebell walk – we are very lucky to be so close to such beautiful countryside where we are able to walk and enjoy the beauty and wonders of nature.

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

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



Easter Celebrations: It has been lovely to celebrate Easter together as a whole school again this year. We enjoyed taking part in an Easter Egg Hunt laid on by 'The Friends'. We also all walked down to Ombersley Church wearing our Easter Bonnets for our Easter Service, which was beautiful. Then after the service we paraded around the church in our bonnets. It was so good to be able welcome parents and families to join us in church for the first time in two years. What a wonderful Spring term!

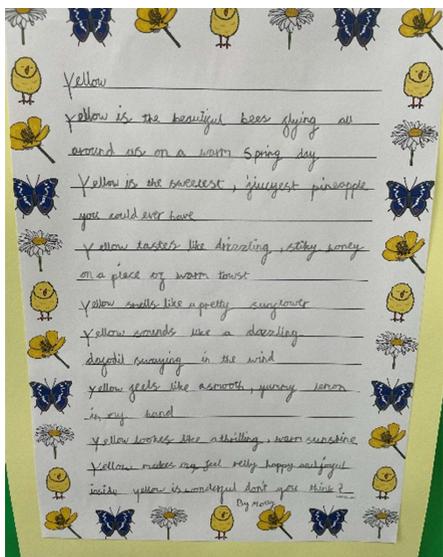
Sytchampton Endowed Primary School



Sports Tournaments: As COVID restrictions have begun to ease, we have been so excited to be able to take part in a number of inter-school sports competitions this term. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in a Netball tournament and our Year 3 and 4 pupils took part in a Netball and Football tournament at RGS. We are very proud to say that our Football team won the tournament!

Writing: The disruption of the past two years has had a considerable impact upon our pupils' writing. Therefore, we have introduced a new approach to teaching writing which is having some real impact! Please see below a beautiful poem written by one of our Year 2 pupils!

School Council: Our school council have held two fundraising events this term, one for Red Nose Day and one to raise funds for Ukraine. In total, they have raised over £350 for these two very worthy causes!



Yellow is the beautiful bees flying all around us on a warm Spring day,
Yellow is the sweetest, juiciest pineapple you could ever have,
Yellow tastes like drizzling, sticky honey on a piece of warm toast,
Yellow smells like a pretty sunflower,
Yellow sounds like a dazzling daffodil swaying in the wind,
Yellow feels like a smooth, yummy lemon in my hand,
Yellow looks like a thrilling, warm sunshine,
Yellow makes me feel really happy and joyful inside,
Yellow is wonderful don't you think?

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. Moyses	

SERVICES

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)
Sunday 15 th May 5 th of Easter	11.00 a.m. HC(BCP)	Lector: Mr. D. Hawkins Sidesperson: Mr.G.Crow Readings: Acts 11(1-18) & Gospel Reading: John 13(31-35)
Sunday 22 nd May 6 th of Easter	11.00.a.m Rogation Service	Lectors etc. TBA
Sunday 29 th May 7 th of Easter 5 th Sunday	11.00a.m. Joint Benefice Service at Hartlebury	NO SERVICE AT DOVERDALE
Sunday June 5 th 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)

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

CLEANING ROTA: MAY:- Jean Dowty

FLOWER ROTA: MAY:- TBA

PEWPOINTS

DIARY DATES

MONDAY 9th MAY 2022: St. Mary's AGM at Ombersley Narthex

Annual Vestry Meeting at 7pm

Formal AGM at 7.15p.m.

If anyone is interested in joining the Church Council or, alternatively, is able to help in any way (however small) in the day-to-day running of St. Mary's Church, please do come along to the AGM at 7.15p.m. You will be made most welcome.

PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISM: 3rd April Edward Nigel George Smart

FUTURE SERVICES

At a recent PCC meeting, members decided to discontinue the 2nd Sunday service in its present format for the time being. Starting in May, there will now only be two regular services a month at Doverdale: A first Sunday Service of Morning Prayer and a third Sunday Service of Holy Communion. An occasional service of Holy Communion will be held on the 4th Sunday in rotation with Ombersley and Hartlebury. Special occasions in the church calendar will also be celebrated whenever possible. Hopefully, this will encourage more people to come and support future services at St. Mary's.

FIRST OF LENT

The 1st Sunday in Lent was Sunday 6th March. Lay Reader, Richard Jeynes, led the Morning Prayer service and despite the lack of an organist, church music and recorded hymns were provided with the help of modern technology. "Thank you", Richard, for such a lovely service. Thanks must also go to David Hawkins and Ann Chapman for providing coffee and biscuits for everyone afterwards.

MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE

St. Mary's Mothering Sunday service was held this year on March 27th. Mothering Sunday always falls on the 4th Sunday of Lent and provides a wonderful opportunity to both give thanks and to celebrate the love of Mothers everywhere.

Mothering Sunday began purely as a religious event in the 16th Century. The word "Mothering" referred to the "Mother Church" i.e. the main church or cathedral of the region. It was considered important for people to return to their home or "Mother Church" once a year. So, each year, in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their "Mother Church". Inevitably, this became an occasion for family reunions and it became a tradition for children, mainly daughters who had gone away to work as domestic servants, to be given a day off to visit their mother and family. As the children walked along the country lanes, they would pick wild flowers to take to church or give to their mother as a small gift.

Mothering Sunday was also known as "Refreshment Sunday" as the fasting rules for Lent were relaxed that day. The food item especially associated with this day is the Simnel cake: a rich, fruit cake topped with 11 marzipan balls representing the 11 Apostles of Christ. The word "Simnel" probably comes from the Latin word "Simila" meaning a fine wheat flour.

Many thanks to Richard Jeynes for taking our 11.00 a.m. service and leading us through the hymns and readings. The posies of flowers always make a lovely splash of colour in the austerity of Lent. The flowers were distributed to the congregation amongst whom, we were very pleased to welcome, a young family to our special service on Mothering Sunday.

ST. MARY'S PCC

Members of the Parochial Church Council met on Monday 28th March at St. Andrew's Church. The Revd. Stephen Winter chaired the meeting and after an opening prayer, apologies were heard and the minutes of the last meeting in January were agreed upon and signed.

Geoff Crow updated members on Fabric matters, namely the proposed repairs to the West end of the church. The Faculty is now completed and awaiting the final signature of the Chancellor. Churchyard matters were then discussed.

Future services were reviewed and the decision taken to no longer have a 2nd Sunday Morning Prayer service. This will, hopefully, encourage more people to attend the 1st and 3rd Sunday services. It was also agreed to hold a Rogation Service at St. Mary's on Sunday 22nd May with the traditional walk around the lanes, weather permitting. Richard Jeynes very kindly agreed to lead the service.

The vacant position of organist for the 1st Sunday service of the month was then discussed. It was agreed that someone with keyboard experience and not necessarily an accomplished organist would be an option. Richard Jeynes has, meantime, been downloading church hymns and music via his music system in the absence of a permanent organist.

Date of next meeting:- Monday 9th May. St. Mary's AGM. To be held in Ombersley Narthex.

Annual Vestry Meeting 7.00p.m.

Formal AGM 7.15p.m.

Please send information and articles for publication in the June Parish Magazine by **Tuesday 10th May.**

See Village Section for information about Parish Events in June

- **Sunday June 5th; Jubilee Celebration at Ombersley Cricket Club**
- **Saturday June 18th; Ombersley Church and School Fete**
- **Saturday June 25th: Car Show and Celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

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 Gymphobics – 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