

# Ombersley & Doverdale Parish Magazine

**September  
2022**



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## Seven Parishes Service Rota September 2022

Sept 4th	9.00am	HC CW	Hampton Lovett
	10.00am	Sunday First	Hartlebury
	10.30am	HC CW	Elmbridge
	11.00am	HC CW	<b>Ombersley</b>
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Doverdale
Sept 11th	9.00am	HC CW	Rushock
	10.00am	Family Service	<b>Ombersley</b>
	10.30am	Morning Prayer	Elmley Lovett
	11.00am	HC CW	Hartlebury
Sept 18th	9.00am	HC CW	Elmbridge
	10.00am	Morning Prayer	<b>Ombersley</b>
	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Hartlebury
	11.00am	HC BCP	Doverdale
	6.30pm	Evensong	Hampton Lovett
Sept 25th	9.00am	HC BCP	Elmley Lovett
	11.00am	HC: Harvest	<b>Ombersley</b>
Oct 2nd	9.00am	HC CW	Hampton Lovett
	10.00am	Harvest	Hartlebury
	10.30am	Harvest	Elmbridge
	11.00	Harvest	Doverdale
	12.00pm	Harvest Celebration followed by 'shared' lunch	<b>Ombersley Memorial Hall</b>

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

See poster later in the magazine for details of the Harvest Celebration at  
Ombersley Memorial Hall on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Rector's Thoughts

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



Every 10 years all the bishops of the Anglican Communion meet for what is called The Lambeth Conference, so called because the official residence of the Archbishop of Canterbury is Lambeth Palace, a rather splendid Tudor building on the south bank of the River Thames more or less opposite Westminster. I have walked past its front door, but I have never been inside. I believe that about 800 bishops from around the world attended the conference most of which happened in the University of Kent in Canterbury.

The Lambeth Conference does not legislate for all the Anglican churches around the world as each province is self-governing. Here in Worcestershire, by the way, we are in the Province of Canterbury which is over 1400 years old and every time I am in The Mitre Oak by the A449 which I am, quite often, after a burial at Crossway Green to meet and chat with the family, I am reminded of the story of the meeting between the very first Archbishop of Canterbury and a delegation of bishops from Wales which legend says took place nearby. Our history is very old indeed.

As I said, the Conference does not legislate for the Anglican Communion, but its resolutions do have a lot of influence and so it was with some distress and sadness that that I read that a resolution first made in 1998 and which basically says that I am not allowed to conduct a marriage between two gay or lesbian people in church because that relationship is against the teaching of the bible, i.e. sinful, and that this was to be reaffirmed. In fact, it was declared that the 1998 resolution expressed the overwhelming mind of the Anglican Communion.

Well, it does not express what I believe and so I felt that I needed to pin my colours to the mast and write this piece.

There are a couple of things that I would like to say here. One is that I am straight, but that I never chose to be straight. My sexual preference chose me. Now this seems to be very important to me because that I never made a moral decision to be straight and every time that I have spoken with a gay or lesbian person about their story what always strikes me is that they never chose their preference either. In fact, often they struggled against it because of society's disapproval and, often, their own family's as well. And if I never made a moral decision about my sexuality how can it be somehow more holy than someone else's. There is a moral question, however, and that is what I do with my sexuality. I seek to be true to the promises that I made when I got married and I don't use my position in society to abuse anyone else, especially the vulnerable in our society.

Now that leads me to my second point and that is that I agree with the many scholars of the bible who argue that what the bible condemns in passages like Romans chapter 1 is not loving relationships between two gay or lesbian people, but the abuse of power. You see, the big problem in the society in which St Paul lived was that it was controlled by a small number of men who held all the power and they abused women and children, both male and female. It was quite normal for powerful men to have one or two young boys, always slaves, about the place who they used and abused for their own pleasure. This is what Paul gets angry about and surely he is right.

And the story in Matthew 8 about the healing of the centurion's servant is relevant here. You remember that he sent a message to Jesus asking that he should heal the servant. We often repeat that message in church just before we take Communion. "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed." Beautiful words and, as you notice, instead of speaking of someone else, we speak of our own need for healing. They mean a lot to me. Well, many scholars have noted that the word that is translated as servant in our bibles was often used to mean lover in the world in which Jesus lived. You speak of lovers openly just as we find other words to use when we want to relieve ourselves. Even the word, toilet, is a euphemism. Jesus never condemned the centurion. Did using the word "servant" pull the wool over Jesus's eyes? I doubt it. And what does it mean that we use words spoken by a centurion about his relationship to his lover before we take Communion? Surely what we are saying is that we stand with the centurion before Jesus as

one who needs mercy, needs healing. We share the same human condition together at that moment.

So, I am disappointed that the Lambeth Conference wanted to reaffirm the resolution of 1998 and I look forward to the day when I can celebrate a marriage in church between two gay or lesbian people and I would be more than happy to offer a blessing on a relationship based upon mutual love and respect for one another. It's just that the law does not give me permission to officiate over a marriage. Not yet anyway.

### **St Andrew's News**

www.st-andrews.church: [achurchnearyou.com](http://achurchnearyou.com)

Well....July and August have certainly made up for a cold damp June!

We do hope you have managed to keep comfortable through the heatwaves, there has been a definite temptation to linger in church where it is nice and cool.

The Final window in the Church has now been replaced, the last bits of stonework repaired (for now) and all the scaffolding is down. For over two years we have had scaffolding somewhere and it seems a bit strange to have the Church back to normal with repaired and leakproof windows.

As part of our heritage weekend events Holywell Glass are coming back to give a talk on Friday September 16th at 7pm. Our windows are very special, and they will tell us why. We are also going to use this occasion to dedicate the windows, and celebrate afterwards! Please come. See poster on later page.

This year we are going to try a slightly different Harvest Celebration, as well as the service in Church on September 24th, which follows the school service on Friday 22nd, we will have a Harvest Celebration in Ombersley Memorial Hall at 12 noon on October 2nd followed by a ploughman's lunch, and maybe some cider.

The Ombersley Social Strollers have not taken a break through the summer and even planned slow, shady walks for the hot days. They are a very friendly group and would be happy to meet new people. See information elsewhere in the magazine.

## **Looking Forward:**

**Heritage Open Weekend is September 16th to 18th** with the Old Chancel open on Friday 16th, 9.30 -12 noon. As this was enjoyed by so many last year we are running it again. See poster later in the magazine.

**Friday 16th:** Talk by Holywell Glass with refreshments and celebration.

7pm, tickets £10 include refreshments

**Saturday 17th:** Chris Gait will lead a walk and talk at 12noon starting at the Crown and Sandys. The theme is "A medieval village in modern times". Numbers are limited so please book!

Afternoon Tea from 2-4pm, please book!

**Sunday 18th:** Morning service 10am

Talk and Tea at 3pm by Howard Robinson on the topic of "Hoaxes in Science"

The Church and Old Chancel will be open all weekend with tea and coffee available.

More Details elsewhere in the magazine. To book contact Fiona 621176 or Liz 620827

**October 2nd:** Harvest Celebration at Ombersley Memorial Hall (see poster).

### **'Romp through the old Testament'**

There will be another Full Day Workshop on October 15th at Sytchampton village Hall where we will learn and understand more about the Old Testament. Always good fun!

Priority will be given to people in the Seven Parishes so please let us know if you are interested.

Contact Fiona 01905 621176

### **Creative Coffee:**

Louise T-H has kindly kept us going through August by popular request. Macrame leaves are a very relaxing craft and one that we all probably had a go at far too many years ago!

In September we will meet on Thursday 8th and 22nd BOTH at 2pm to allow Ombersley School to rehearse for Harvest in the morning.

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

### Parish Register: St Andrew's Church

#### Baptisms

12 <sup>th</sup> June	Ivory Cooper & Jensen Cooper
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Heidi Niamh Aine Finnegan

#### Wedding:

30 <sup>th</sup> July	Pollyanna Doolittle & Harry Brown
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#### Funerals

29 <sup>th</sup> June	Andrew Guy Haldane
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Michael Albert Passey

#### Interment of Ashes

31 <sup>st</sup> July	Oswin Francis Butler & Mary Butler
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### Rota for St Andrew's Church

Date	Service	Sidesmen	Intercessor	Lector
Sept 4th	HC	Jenny Batelen, Stuart Larnder	Claire Gathercole	Fiona Davies
Sept 11th	FS	Judy Baer, Claire Gathercole	Jenny Batelen	Louise Robinson
Sept 18th	MP	Maureen Callow, Angela Randle	David Wood	Jane Hill
Sept 25th	HC Harvest	Lynne Hunter, Hazel Smith	Robert Thornton	James Martineau

#### Holy Dusters:

Sept 2nd	Liz Hooper, Marjorie Workman, Heather Barningham
Sept 15th	Heritage Weekend Jeanette Horn, Fiona Davies, Myra Cowdry
Sept 30th	Gail Filer, Pernilla Asplen, Liz Hooper
Oct 14th	Marjorie Workman, Heather Barningham

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

## Flowers:

	Pedestal	Porch
September 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup>	Briony Serrell	Pat King
Sept 16 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jane Hill	Ann Dorn
Oct 6 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Hughes	Sue Hughes

## All Flower Arrangers

**Harvest Flowers: Thursday September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11.30 am.** Please let Sue Arnold (0781 9036 3460) or Julie Hall (01905 651649) know if you are available (or not).

## 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](mailto:stephenwinter991@gmail.com)

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



### Areas for September:

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Haye Lane, Oldfield Lane

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September - Main Road South, Church Lane, Hill Top, Ombersley Court

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September - Chatley, Woodfield, Hadley and Hunt Green

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Farmers and allotment holders

## Footpath Wardens needed

### Can you help us keep our many footpaths open?

Your help is needed! Ombersley and Doverdale has the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest number of footpaths in Wychavon. One of the reasons we live here is because of the walks in open countryside that we all have access to and enjoy. Due to retirement and relocation, our splendid team of six is now down to one gentleman who needs help to keep all our pathways open. We are looking for volunteers who are fit, active and happy to take on responsibility for a specific area – training will be provided and specialist equipment available.

To find out more please come and join us at Ombersley Memorial Hall on September 29<sup>th</sup> from 2pm for a cup of tea and piece of cake. Alternatively, contact Peter Reynolds: [pwreynolds@gmail.com](mailto:pwreynolds@gmail.com) or 07855 441804

## **Friends of Ombersley and Doverdale**

Ombersley and Doverdale is a large Parish land wise, but very small in terms of the number of residents. It is also unique in that it is made up of two churches, two village halls, two schools and miles of beautiful footpaths.

We are currently looking to welcome new volunteers at:

### **St Andrew's Church**

- Communion Assistants
- Someone to get involved with a Mother and Baby Group
- Bell Ringers - Training can be arranged
- Residents to join our Cleaning Team
- A local locker upper
- Flower Arrangers
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To find out more please contact Fiona Davies 01905 62117 or email [fmdavies83@gmail.com](mailto:fmdavies83@gmail.com)

### **Ombersley Memorial Hall**

- Committee Members
- General Support
- Checking the Hall
- Viewings

To find out more please contact Lesley Welch on 07773 114830 or email [cherrytrees.1@btinternet.com](mailto:cherrytrees.1@btinternet.com)

### **Weighbridge Gardens**

To find out more please contact Judy Goodman on 01905 620682 or email [judygoodman33@outlook.com](mailto:judygoodman33@outlook.com)

Please send information and articles for publication in the October Parish Magazine by Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

## Ombersley Women's League CHALK PAINT DEMONSTRATION



Zoe from Dandelion, Droitwich will be demonstrating how to upcycle and revive your home furnishings. If you have anything which needs a new lease of life, come and join us.

**Thursday 1st September, 7 for 7.30 p.m. at**

**Ombersley Memorial Village Hall**

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

*Members: free*

*Guests are welcome: £5*

### A monthly update from Ombersley Medical Centre

In July 2022 there have been:

- 2,156 Face to Face appointments with clinicians (GPs, Nurses and Pharmacists)
- 1,369 telephone consultations
- 10,014 medications issued
- 1,863 letters regarding patient care requiring action
- 8,830 test results reviewed and actioned



Patient-centred care in the heart of  
Ombersley.

With the autumn months fast approaching, it is almost time for this year's Flu vaccination.

The government have also announced the need for some individuals to have a further dose of the COVID vaccine.

We aim to begin delivering COVID vaccines for these individuals from early September and the Flu vaccination from mid-September. For full details on who is eligible and how and when to get the vaccines, please visit the website.



heritage open days



# Heritage Open Weekend at St Andrew's Church 16th to 18th Sept

Visit **The Old Chancel** (the Sandys Mausoleum)  
in the churchyard - open this weekend only

Come and admire the recently  
restored **Stained Glass**  
in St Andrew's



## Events:

**On Friday 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 7.00pm** - Holywell Glass  
(the restorers) will give a  
talk on the windows and  
techniques used in their  
repair, followed by  
a celebration! **£10**



**On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 12 noon** - Guided Walking Tour  
'A Medieval Village in Modern Times'  
**from 2-4pm** - a 'Traditional English  
Afternoon Tea' - **£5pp**

**On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 3pm**, - an Illustrated Talk  
by Howard Robinson - **£5**.  
(followed by Tea & Cakes - incl)



**Pre-Booking preferred for the Talks, Walk & Saturday Tea**  
Contact Fiona Davies on 01905 621176  
or [fmdavies83@gmail.com](mailto:fmdavies83@gmail.com)

**St Andrew's Church, Ombersley WR9 0EP** [www.st-andrews.church](http://www.st-andrews.church)



## **Ombersley Walk Group**



**Next walk: 10am Saturday 24th  
September**

**Start and finish at St Andrew's Church**

On a bright and sunny day at the end of May, 17 walkers with one well-behaved dog enjoyed a relaxing early-summer ramble. The five-mile circular trail took us from Ombersley Memorial Hall following the River Severn from Turn Mill towards the Lenchford Hotel before striking inland along woodland tracks, field paths and quiet country lanes.

Our summer outing is planned to leave St Andrew's Church, Ombersley and again head towards the river via Turn Mill, but this time, turning left and following the footpath to Lord Sandys' boathouse at Hawford. The trail then crosses the A449 heading for Chatley, returning to the Church along a well-maintained field path. We have prepared a five-mile circular route that is pretty flat with just four wooden stiles along the way.

After the walk, which will finish around mid-day, hot drinks and biscuits will be provided in the Church. We are inviting everyone to make a small donation of £1 per head towards the cost of refreshments. The surplus will be given to the Parish Church Council as a contribution towards overheads.

Children are welcome. Dogs are welcome too but under close control and on a short lead. Everyone is responsible for their own safety. There is no need to register for the walk. We hope to see you on the day.

Peter Reynolds, Parish Paths Warden, Tel 07855 441804

### **Ombersley Social Strollers**

We 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. 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.

**YOU ARE INVITED**  
**to Ombersley Memorial Hall on**  
**Sunday 2nd October**  
**at 12noon**

when Rev'd Stephen Winter  
will be leading a

# HARVEST CELEBRATION



followed  
by

## A SHARING PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH



All are welcome!

Contact Fiona - 01905 621176 for more details

We will be taking a collection for the Farming Community Network charity  
[www.fcn.org.uk](http://www.fcn.org.uk)

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## Mrs Baker's Charity

This charity together with other bequests and gifts are recorded on the charity boards in the church tower. That is all that remains of them. Most were cashed in to help pay for the present Ombersley School. I think the churchwardens and overseers were heartily glad to be rid of Mrs Baker's charity.

In the 17th and 18th centuries the Bakers were a prominent Ombersley family living at Boreley, one of the 17 hamlets, formerly tithings, of the parish. It was a Thomas Baker who left £100 in 1722 to help found schools. In 1731 premises were purchased in the village. They are no longer schools, but are known as Old School House and Old School Garage.

Mrs Elizabeth Baker left £100 in her will dated 2nd April 1742. The money was to be invested and the interest used to benefit the Poor. The problem with Mrs Baker's Charity was common to many others at that time. The Poor could not be given money, which they might use to buy liquor or tobacco or anything else they might enjoy. The will specified that interest was to buy bread, which was given out after church once a quarter.

The charity functioned for about 130 years. There are accounts dating back to the 1830s which show up to 150 names on the list of recipients. Against each name is the number 1 or 2 and, as there are no shilling or penny signs to indicate cash payments, this must refer to the number of loaves received. Two for a married couple and one for a single person. All that trouble of keeping and updating the records, buying the bread and distributing up to 250 loaves four times a year from an income of no more than £3. How big could they have been?

John Silvester

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## **The Hughes Family – Darlaston, Ombersley and Philadelphia**

Dr JH Hughes, who lived and practised in Ombersley for many years in the nineteenth century was born in Darlaston in 1837. He had two older sisters: Miriam born 1834 and Maria born 1835. Maria married Bloxwich-born John Totty in 1859. Miriam married Darlaston-born Moses James Coleman in 1862.

Moses James Coleman had been married – briefly – twice before his marriage with Miriam Hughes; he was 45 to her 28. After their marriage, he and Miriam went to live in Philadelphia where (at least) two other Coleman brothers were established and already American citizens. Moses James took the oath of allegiance in 1866. It seems the brothers established the Eagle Bolt Works in Philadelphia. Moses James headed the firm after the deaths of his brothers Ebenezer in 1863 and Philemon Charles in 1868.

Moses James himself died in 1872. By his will, he left his wife Miriam the income from investments of \$50,000. Making assumptions about investment yields and dollar-sterling exchange rates, this would have given her an annual income equivalent to about £40,000 in current values when she returned to England and settled in Chapel Villa Uphampton, now Oakhill House, perhaps to be close to her brother Dr Hughes.

Meanwhile sister Maria and her husband John Totty also emigrated to Philadelphia. John took the oath of allegiance in 1869. He seems not to have been involved in Black Country metal working industries, but was a clerk. He became increasingly involved in church affairs and later founded a Mission in Philadelphia for expatriate Church of England members in the neighbourhood. He was a lay reader and eventually was ordained in 1893.

Back in the mid-1870s John and Maria Totty seem to have arrived in Ombersley about the same time as the bereaved Miriam Coleman. In July 1876 the three hosted a Sunday School Treat for 150 children and about 50 teachers and friends of the parish in the grounds of Chapel Villa. After tea and plum cake ‘a handsome balloon, bearing the word “Welcome”, made by Mr John Totty, was sent up by him to the great delight of the wondering children, and eagerly watched as it disappeared from sight in the neighbourhood of Droitwich’. While not specifically mentioned in the press report, brother Dr Hughes was probably among the guests and helpers.

Miriam married Henry Bertram de Putron, Curate of Ombersley in February 1877 and lived with him at Chapel Villa and later at Woodfield Cedars until her death from cancer in 1892. During the fifteen years of her second marriage Miriam appears in the local press for activities appropriate to a clergyman's wife. More Sunday School treats were held at Chapel Villa. In February 1879, during one of the coldest winters on record, the de Putrons gave loaves and beef soup to the poor of the parish at Chapel Villa. In January 1880, at local amateur concert, Miriam and her sister-in-law Elizabeth Hughes sang 'Wandering in the May-time'; it was 'very well executed'.

Maria and John Totty returned to Philadelphia and took up their life there, making frequent voyages across the Atlantic. Their next extended visit to England and Ombersley was 1891-2 and was presumably associated with the Miriam's illness and death. They lived in Langham House (now Raymond House) where Dr and Mrs Hughes were to live later. After Miriam's rather grand funeral, attended by Lord Sandys and many other local worthies, there was a sale of furniture and household goods at Langham House including 'a fine tone American Organ'. They would have had a memorable and extremely unpleasant voyage home as they were passengers on Cunard RMS *Umbria*, which suffered a fractured propeller shaft in stormy mid-ocean. One vessel took the *Umbria* in tow, but the line soon broke. She finally limped to harbour in New York six days late after the Chief Engineer and his men had effected repairs.

The Tottys seem to have returned to England around 1900. In the 1901 Census they were at Adelaide Lodge on Holt Fleet Road and once again brother John and sister Maria were neighbours in Ombersley. The Tottys cannot have stayed long, however, as the 1911 Census finds John and Maria in Bournemouth where both died, John in 1912 and Maria in 1922 – last of the three Hughes siblings to die. All three were childless, and so ends this story of nineteenth century lives lived between the Black Country, Ombersley and Philadelphia.

*Pat Niner, Ombersley History Group*

I have a much fuller note, including details of other Coleman siblings, which I can email to anyone interested: [ninerpm9@gmail.com](mailto:ninerpm9@gmail.com)

(See July/August issue for article about Dr JH Hughes)



## **CARING FOR GOD'S EARTH AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH**

On Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup> we 'Loved our Burial Ground'! During an outside service we walked from the church via the Old Chancel to the Celine Figard Garden and reflected through hymns, prayers and readings on our responsibility to look after our world. Ben told us of the work that has been happening to restore the garden and improve it for wildlife. Then we turned our attention to those parts of the world where climate change is already having a devastating impact. Tear Fund, a Christian charity whose mission is 'to go where the need is greatest', set us challenges – one a day for a week, to give us a very small insight into the difficulties faced across the world by such communities. This was to prepare us for our virtual speaker the following Sunday. Ironically, as we faced drought conditions here, the challenge for Day 2 was to use less water, others were to adapt travel habits, use less electricity, change your diet, stop the waste. The final challenge was to sign a petition asking our government (and others) to honour their pledge of 2009 to financially support nations to adapt to the impact of climate change from 2020.

### **IN AID OF LOCAL UKRAINE GUESTS – QUIZ NIGHT**

**Please come and help raise some funds for our local Ukrainian guests**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER at Ombersley Memorial Hall**



Doors and bar open at 7pm

Quiz starts at 7.30 pm

Teams of 6 – 8 people

Entry £15 per person to include a fish and chip supper & entry to  
heads 'n' tails game

Pay on door

Licensed bar – of course!

To book your place, email Petra Silvester: [petrasilvester1@gmail.com](mailto:petrasilvester1@gmail.com)

## **News from Ombersley Memorial Village Hall**

**THANKYOU...** to everyone who came along and enjoyed themselves at our second annual car show. We had a record turnout and all proceeds are being split between the upkeep of the Memorial Hall, Midlands Air Ambulance and Maggs Day Centre in Worcester.

**WATCH THIS SPACE... WATCH THIS SPACE...** we will soon be reinstating the very popular film night (previously known as 'Sytchflicks'). As soon as we have dates and details of films we will let you know.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY...** the Christmas Fayre returns on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November with lots of stalls selling gifts and crafts. Father Christmas has already confirmed, and the Community Tea Room will be open selling delicious home-made cakes.



### **Tea & Coffee Shop, Ombersley Memorial Hall**

#### **Opening Times**

**Tuesday 6th Sept, 2 - 4.30pm**  
**Thursday 29th September 2 - 4.30pm**

The longer opening time is to allow our Ukrainian guests to come after school

### **MACMILLAN Coffee Morning**

Saturday 1st October 10.00 am - 12 noon

Deeside (formerly Orchard House)

School Bank, WR9 0DR



## Ombersley Gardening Club



We hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful Summer as we now drift into Autumn. Your gardening club has had a busy few months with splendid visits to The River School Gardens and Morton Hall Gardens followed by a hugely successful summer show.

Our calendar is bursting now until December with our next meeting on the **18<sup>th</sup> September**. The speaker, **Simon Gulliver**, is taking us Around the World in 80 plants, followed in October by The Perennial Year by Julie Ritchie. Another date for your diaries is the 8<sup>th</sup> December for the club's Christmas Meal!

Now is the time to be preparing your gardens for the months ahead and planting those potato seeds ready for a Christmas crop. With a shortage of water on the horizon don't forget to make use of every drop for the garden and our wonderful wildlife.

The club is pleased to have some new members and send them a hearty welcome. Enjoy the rest of the Summer and hope to see you soon.

### **A Very Big Thank You to the Best Family and Gill Oldfield Sytchampton Community Centre!**

As many of you know, Mike Best introduced a film night at Sytchampton Community Centre which quickly became known as "Sytch Flicks".

Over the years it has provided regular Saturday night entertainment to the parish giving an opportunity to catch up with friends and family over an ice cream or homemade tea and cakes.

Unfortunately, Mike is no longer able to manage "Sytch Flicks" and has asked Ombersley Memorial Hall if it would pick up the baton and run the event.

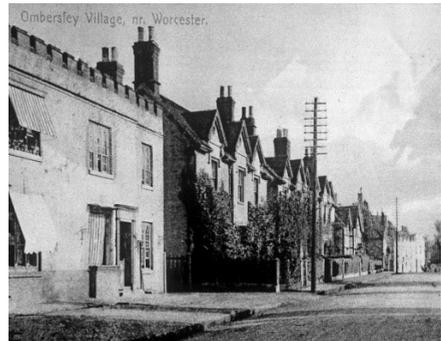
The hall committee, with the support of Max and Di Sievewright, is currently making plans to offer a regular film night at Ombersley Memorial Hall.

Details of the programme will be advertised once it is available

## A film and slide show at Ombersley Memorial Hall

**Thursday 29th September at 7pm**

The 20-minute ***colour film*** shows the village and celebrations to mark the Queen's Coronation in 1953. The slides are from Arthur Turner's "*Then and Now*" collection, the earliest from 1852.



**Tickets £5 include a glass of wine and a copy of the OHG  
booklet "*Ombersley: Historical Snippets*"**

Proceeds will raise funds for ***SUN***

***(Support Ukrainian Network)***

**SUN** is providing support for Ukrainian guests in our Parish

For tickets please contact David Collier

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Organists:	Mrs L. Moyse	

### SERVICES

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 12 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	11.00 a.m. MP (BCP)	Lectors: Mr. R. Coppini, Mr. D. Hawkins Sidesperson: Mrs. A .Chapman Readings: Deut.30 (15-end) & Luke 14 (25-33)
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 14 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	11.00 a.m. HC(BCP)	Lector: Mrs. V. Harris Sidesperson: Mr. C. Harris Readings: Amos 8 (4-7). Gospel: Luke 16 (1-13)
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 16 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity HARVEST	11.00 a.m. HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING	Lectors: Mr.J.Chapman, Mrs.S.Crow Sidespeople: Mr.G.Crow, Mrs.V.Harris Readings: Deut.26 (1-11) & John 6 (25-35)

## **PEW POINTS**

### **PARISH REGISTER**

Interment of Ashes in Churchyard: July 17<sup>th</sup> Edmund Tapp

**CHURCH CLEANING:** SEPTEMBER: Jean Dowty

**FLOWER ROTA:** SEPTEMBER: Jean Dowty

## **DIARY DATES**

MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER: ST. Mary's PCC Meeting at 7.00p.m. in Ombersley Narthex

SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER: ST.MARY'S HARVEST FESTIVAL OF THANKSGIVING

11.00a.m. Please do come along and help to celebrate this year's crops and the farming community. Light refreshments will be served after the service. All are welcome to join us.

## **HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE**

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Holy Communion service on July 17<sup>th</sup> certainly broke records with regard to the temperature as it was the hottest weekend on record.

Rev'd Stephen Winter welcomed the 21 strong congregation amongst whom were the family members of Dr. Edmund Tapp whose ashes were to be interred after the service. Eddie had been a highly-respected member of St. Mary's and a long-standing PCC member. Rev'd Stephen spoke very warmly of Eddie's humour and friendly, approachable character.

Thank you to Richard Jeynes for reading the lesson and also to Laureen Moysé for playing the organ and leading us into the hymns and canticles.

Members of the congregation were invited to join Eddie's family for the short interment service.

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