



# Ombersley & Doverdale Parish Magazine

**February  
2024**



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## Severn Parishes Service Rota February 2024

February 4th	9.00am	HC-CW	Hampton Lovett
	10.00am	Sunday First	Hartlebury
	10.30am	FS	Elmbridge
	11.00am	MP	Doverdale
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>HC-CW</b>	<b>Ombersley</b>
February 11th	9.00am	HC-CW	Rushock
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>FS</b>	<b>Ombersley</b>
	10.30am	MP	Elmley Lovett
	11.00am	HC-CW	Hartlebury
February 18th	9.00am	HC-CW	Elmbridge
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>MP</b>	<b>Ombersley</b>
	10.00am	MP	Hartlebury
	11.00am	HC-BCP	Doverdale
	6.00pm	Evensong	Hampton Lovett
February 25th	9.00am	HC-BCP	Elmley Lovett
	11.00am	HC-CW	<b>Ombersley</b>
March 3rd	9.00am	HC-CW	Hampton Lovett
	10.00am	Sunday First	Hartlebury
	10.30am	FS	Elmbridge
	11.00am	HC-CW	<b>Ombersley</b>
	11.00am	MP	Doverdale

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

MP Morning Prayer

**Morning Prayer, 9.15am: 14<sup>th</sup> February at Ombersley; 28<sup>th</sup> February at Doverdale**

February 14<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday Service; Hampton Lovett 7.30pm

March 1<sup>st</sup> Word Day of Prayer: Hampton Lovett 11.00 tbc

## Parish Register: St Andrew's Church

### Baptism

November 5th	Tobias Skipp Calthorpe Mason and Albert Samuel Mason
November 20th	Elizabeth Louise Penelope Leipold

### Funeral

December 5th	Lucas Bates
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### Memorial Service

November 30th	Sylvia Yvonne Graham
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### Interment of Ashes

November 18th	Sonia Anne Thomas
November 19th	David Shepherd
December 1st	Brian Griffiths

### Rota for St Andrew's Church

Date	Service	Sidespeople	Intercessor	Lector
Feb 4th	HC-CW	Tony Checketts, Jenny Batelen	Stephen Winter	David Wood
Feb 11th	FS	Judy Baer, Robert Thornton	-	-
Feb 18th	MP	Chris Day, Liz Hooper	Marjorie Workman	Hazel Smith
Feb 25th	HC-CW	Alison Want, Claire Gathercole	Stephen Winter	Jane Hill
March 3rd	HC-CW	Louise & Mark Tarleton-Hodgson	Stephen Winter	Fiona Davies

### Holy Dusters

February 2nd	Marjorie Workman, Pernilla Asplen
February 16 <sup>th</sup>	Jeanette Horn, Liz Hooper
March 1st	Heather Barningham, Myra Cowdrey, Pernilla Asplen
March 15th	Fiona Davies, Marjorie Workman
March 28 <sup>th</sup> (30 <sup>th</sup> )	Liz Hooper, Jeanette Horn, Pernilla Asplen
April 6th	Myra Cowdrey, Fiona Davies, Heather Barningham
April 19th	Liz Hooper, Marjorie Workman

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

## Flowers

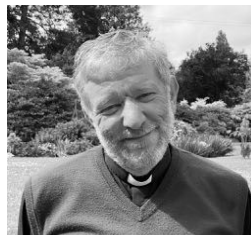
	Pedestal	Porch
February 2nd	TBA	Briony Serrell
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February – remove flowers for Lent. No flowers until Easter.		
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March: Flower Arrangers' Meeting at 2pm.</b>		
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Arrange Easter Flowers after 3 pm	
11 <sup>th</sup> April	Remove Easter Flowers; 10.00am	

The annual meeting for the Flower arrangers will take place on Wednesday 13th March. We would be delighted if there is anyone out there would like to get involved or has any suggestions as to how we can make any improvements.

Jane Hill, [hill4family@icloud.com](mailto:hill4family@icloud.com) or 01905 620192.

## Rector's Thoughts

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



This will almost certainly be a year of a General Election, although if the Prime Minister is minded to draw out the agony of what is almost certain to be a year of continuous campaigning, he could just about call an election for January 2025.

I have always held the principle that a parish priest should not publicly give support to a particular political party and I do not intend to start to do so now. These pages will never carry an endorsement in my name for any party. If you see one printed here it will be because someone has managed to use Artificial Intelligence to pretend to be me and through that means has managed to imitate my style so effectively that the editors are fooled by that means. That probably won't happen in my time but someone will almost certainly try to pretend to be one of my successors and will do it pretty convincingly. I will write about this another time.

So, I won't endorse a particular party but that does not stop me from being political. I care deeply about the health of our country and I mean that in the widest sense. I am not just thinking about the NHS. From time to time in these pages I have thought about what the Book of Common Prayer of 1662 teaches us about society and I will probably do so again. That book was a response to a question that divided England for over a hundred years. How can we all pray together in one place and do so in

peace? The Prayer Book was one of a number of pieces of legislation enacted in the 1660s with the intention of making sure that the Civil War of the 1640s could never happen again and so far it hasn't. As I look around the world I feel increasingly grateful for this and I don't take it for granted. The United States is becoming increasingly violent and I can envisage violent disorder in many of our European neighbours. I still hold out hope that it will not happen here. The political establishment that was largely formed in the 1660s still holds.

One of the most distinguished political thinkers of recent years was Sir Roger Scruton, who sadly died in 2020. Time and again I have found his thinking has helped my own, even when I have not agreed with him. Sir Roger and I share quite a bit in common, being both from a working-class background and having both attended the same school (Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe). Actually, if I had ever had the opportunity to talk with him, which sadly I never did, he left the RGS four years before I arrived and our paths never crossed thereafter, I would have asked him why he was so opposed to social legislation. After all, both he and I were beneficiaries of the legislative programme that followed the Beveridge Report of 1942, largely enacted by the Labour government of 1945 under Clement Atlee and then maintained by the Conservative government of 1951 to 1964 whose dominant figures were Winston Churchill and Harold MacMillan. We both had access to a high-quality education that was largely denied to our parents and which would not have been possible for us if the only academically excellent schools available were establishments like the prestigious one just a few miles down the road from us. I refer here to Eton College where I once attended a lecture and remember being openly sneered at as I walked from the school minibus to the chapel. My clothing made my social origin obvious as did that of my hosts. I let the resentment go many years ago but I have not forgotten the experience.

Sir Roger played the organ in his Wiltshire parish church and once rather brilliantly debated against Richard Dawkins about Christian faith. He also brilliantly wrote about good societies and his insights are those that I feel that I have experienced in the time that I have spent in these parishes.

"The social world," he wrote, "emerges through free association, rooted in friendship and community life. And the customs and institutions that we cherish have grown from below, by the 'invisible hand' of co-operation. They have rarely been imposed from above by the work of politics, the role of which is to reconcile our many aims, and not to dictate or control them."

Now the phrases that I love in this passage are "free association"; "rooted in friendship"; and "community life". I am also drawn to the idea of "the 'invisible hand' of co-operation". When I think of these ideas I recall the way in which our

communities supported the lonely and isolated during the lockdowns imposed on us during the worst of the Covid pandemic. I also think of the way in which when some sadness befalls a member of our communities so many people gather round to help and support. I think of someone who recently suffered a sad loss showing me the meals in various vessels made by her neighbours on a counter in her kitchen. I also think of how people gather together in churches and pubs to celebrate the joy of a family through a wedding or their sorrow through a funeral. I agree with Roger Scruton that it is impossible to impose this kind of life from above and that it takes years to build this kind of society from below and that when it works the best every member of society from the highest to the lowest has their essential part to play.

And one last thought from Sir Roger. He speaks of the 'invisible hand' of co-operation. The idea of the invisible hand was first developed by Adam Smith when he wrote about market economics in the 18th century. Smith argued that when markets were left to organise themselves without outside interference an 'invisible hand' that he did not define would work everything out for good. Scruton also believed that when societies work well this invisible hand will be at work. I have noticed how, when our parishes are working well, good things seem to have a habit of happening at just the right time. I believe in "the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit", and that if you open your door to your neighbour in good times and in bad, the Holy Spirit who brings us together will flow between us, drawing us together in a holy communion. What we do in church in the service of Holy Communion is a foundation of fellowship in our parishes and an expression of it. And I believe that every time, as the lovely Louis Armstrong song puts it, two friends greet each other by saying "how do you do, they're really saying, I love you." That is a holy communion isn't it?

So, my understanding of politics is that they are essentially local. They are free associations "rooted in friendship and community life" and that kind of association cannot start in Westminster either in the Houses of Parliament or Church House, which is just across the road and where the Church of England has its national offices. This association always starts in our church and civic parishes. It starts right here.

## **The Parish Lent Course 2024**

Lent has been around for a very long time. St Cyril of Jerusalem created it 1700 years ago, basing the idea on the 40 days that Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness at the start of his public ministry. One of the ways that we keep Lent is to do some study together and we do this at the Cutnall Green tea rooms on a Wednesday evening or in the Narthex at St Andrew's, Ombersley on Thursday lunchtimes.

This will be my last Lent Course that I will do in these parishes before I retire in August this year and I prepare the course myself so why don't you make the most of having me around while you can and come and join me.

This year we will be thinking about Faith, Hope and Poetry (I have pinched the title from a book by the wonderful Malcolm Guite a priest, scholar and poet whose work I love). Rowan Williams, also a fine poet, wrote that "all poetry begins from that moment of stillness, when something in your environment, something in your language, something in your experience, brings you up short and you don't quite know what to say but you have to work very hard to say it, all the same".

That is why I think that the best thinking about God and about life gets said through poetry.

The Lent Course will take place over five evenings in the Cutnall Green tearooms at 7pm each week beginning on Wednesday 21st February. And they will take place in the Narthex at St Andrew's Church, Ombersley at 12.30pm each week over five lunchtimes beginning on Thursday 22nd February. There will be soup and bread provided in both venues. (Please note that there will be a £5 charge to cover costs at Cutnall Green and a voluntary contribution to a local charity at Ombersley.)

So, make the most of having me around for this last time and let the riches of poetry into your life as we look at this together. I hope to see many of you at one of these venues.

*Stephen Winter*

### **PRAYING ROUND THE PARISH**



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

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#### Areas for February:

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February - Apple Tree Walk, Holt Fleet Road, Parsonage Lane, Dough Bank

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February - Sinton, School Bank, Ombersley School, Hawford, Hawford School

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February - Boreley, Mutton Hall, Comhampton, Dunhampton

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Shops and businesses in our community

If you would like a place of quiet to pray, or think, or just rest, St Andrew's Church is open every day from 10am.

# St Andrew's News

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

Welcome to 2024!

We would like to start the year thanking everyone who does so much to keep St Andrew's a thriving and busy church. One day we will work out how many there are, and would welcome anyone who feels their talents could help in a particular area. Check further on for some of the things we do.

Christmas was nearly normal this year, just the nasty cold that lurked around for far too long. All the services were well attended, though strangely this year the Midnight service was slightly busier than Christmas morning!

Our Christmas Story with carols and the animals kindly hosted by Little Owl Farm park was our busiest ever! A delight to see so many people engaging and joining in, we've made a note get more helpers for next year....

With the Craft and Handbells fundraiser, carol singing, and donation from the Christmas service we raised over £500 for St Pauls homeless shelter in Worcester, plus £100 match funding going to "Crisis", again thank you to all who contributed.

Here is an idea of what we do each week:

Monday	9.30am - 11am: Stay and Play for 0-3 plus carers 1.45 -3 pm: Handbells 7pm: Bible group, 1st of the month
Tuesday	7pm: Meetings (various)
Wednesday	10am -11.30: Ombersley Social Strollers Burial ground maintenance. Various times
Thursday	9-12pm: Church Office open 10.30 -12.30: Creative Coffee (on 1st and 3rd Thursdays) 20.00-21.30: Tower Bell Ringers
Friday	Cleaning - twice a month Flower arrangers - as rota 6pm -7pm: St Andrew's Singers
Sunday	1st Sunday 11am: Holy Communion 2nd Sunday 10am: Friendly Informal Sunday Service (FISS): Lay- led 3rd Sunday 10am: Morning Prayer, Lay-led 4th Sunday 11am: Holy Communion every 3rd Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 10am: Holy Communion at one of the seven churches.

The Lay-led services are put together by the worship team.

Building works are organised by building team.

St Andrew's Association - books and runs fundraising events through the year.



All this is done by volunteers, and the paid posts don't always cover the hours put in, and as someone commented over Christmas, we always seem to be smiling! Please, come and smile with us.

### **'Stay and Play' for 0-3 years:**

Monday mornings from 9.30 to 11am, £2 (*not Bank Holidays*). We started back on January 8th with a lovely group, welcoming two new families and said a sad farewell to those moving onto nursery. We did have a farewell gift of more books for the Book Nook which were very popular.

If interested, please email [stayandplayomersley@outlook.com](mailto:stayandplayomersley@outlook.com) or call 07837928531. We are open to everyone, so do come along. There are various toys and play areas, and a chance for a drink and a chat with circle songs at the end.

### **Creative Coffee:**

We had a lovely first meeting of 2024 with everyone bringing their own thing to do which covered knitting, crochet, quilling and something else that escapes me as well as a good catch up with the coffee makers!

Thursday 1st and 15th of February then Thursday 7th and 21st March (the quirks of a leap year!). We have Decopatch, Penguins out of icing, Easter bunny holders lining up before Easter, as well as our usual craft.

We meet in the Narthex at the back of the church and are open to anyone so please drop in and say Hello. If you have ideas of crafts or projects you would like to try, meet people or chat over tea or coffee, you are welcome to come along or call Fiona - 01905 621176.

### **Bible Reading Discussion Group:**

Richard Berry leads and challenges us on the readings of the previous Sunday, (if you want to look at them ahead of time) and discussion ranges far and wide! Anyone is welcome to join in and find out more, we meet in the Narthex on the first Monday of the month at 7pm. Please just come along if you are interested, or ring Richard on 07496 850192. 7pm on February 5<sup>th</sup> and 7pm on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Looking Ahead:**

**Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>:** 'Why not Sing' workshop

**Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>:** FETE:



## FEBRUARY 2024

### NEW MEMORIES MADE & TO MAKE

- Happy New Year everyone. Great news that the refurbishment of the Ombersley Play Area was completed for the Christmas holidays. **A NEW wooden picnic bench table** has been added to the area as well so that we can all enjoy some fresh air this month as the nights begin to get lighter.
- We also have **a NEW bench** in the Memorial Hall Field situated in the middle of the circular path so that anyone can sit and enjoy the view, or just watch the daily joggers doing their exercise!
- Ombersley **Movie Night on Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup>** is a killer comedy called 'The Baker' starring Damien Lewis. (or maybe it could be autobiographical for Max, our ex -village baker?) See magazine for details.
- Have you been to see **the beautiful snowdrops** which appear annually along the grass verges in Parsonage Lane? I have lived here in the village for over 30 years and have yet to do this, so it will definitely be **a NEW walk** on my agenda this month. Are there any other areas of snowdrops within the Parish?
- I also learned something **NEW** this year about **the Quilters** who meet in **the Ombersley Memorial Hall** every Friday. As well as making personal items the Group also make and donate Baby Quilts for **Project Linus UK** Last year the group also made some heart shaped cushions which they donated to the New Breast Care Unit in Worcester Hospital. If you are interested in knowing more about this group then please contact [jfowler954@btinternet.com](mailto:jfowler954@btinternet.com) or just pop into the Memorial Hall on Friday 10am-4pm for a chat.
- **Ombersley History Group** – Anthony Hughes will talk about 'Routes to the Rule of Law -UK and USA – A contrast' on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 7pm**. In OMH. See poster in magazine.

- **Speeding and Thieving.** Have you noticed the extra speeding cameras within the village? Check out the articles in this magazine from the Parish Council regarding the data they have produced and also read the update on the **NEW** way in which the Neighbourhood Watch scheme has changed over the years.
- **February 6th** - Ombersley Memorial Hall 2pm-4pm, Tea and Cake **PLUS** an opportunity to meet our local Police Community Support Officer, Ben Mawby and chat about how Neighbourhood Matters operates.
- A flock of about 30 **waxwings** was spotted feeding on the red berries of *Viburnum opulus* in Parsonage Lane over the Christmas period.
- Did you visit **St. Andrew's Church** over the festive period? My neighbour and I went along to Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve and were treated to a very special ringing of 'In The Bleak Midwinter' on the church bells as we walked down through the village. Thank you Andy Horn for this special treat, it must have been very difficult to ring, on your own, without the tenor bell working effectively. Why was this special? Well some of you in the village will also have **Missed hearing the Church Bells Ringing in the NEW YEAR**. The first time this has happened since the end of the second World War. Unless someone in the village can recollect another occasion? The very old and heaviest Bell at the church tower is cracked and unringable and so needs to be repaired. Can you help with this **Save Our Bell (SOB)** campaign? See the article in this magazine for details.
- Another **NEW** experience made when carol singing in December around the village was singing the carol 'While Shepherds Watch their Flock' to a Yorkshire folk tune which is the same as 'On Ilkla Moor Baht'at '. Have a go yourself, it does fit!
- Finally, the under-pew heating in St. Andrew's Church is now up and working. Hurrah! Quite another **NEW** experience. Hot bottoms at Midnight Mass.

*If you are planning any special event either as an individual or as a club or have any snippets of local news email Diane at [maxdiane@outlook.com](mailto:maxdiane@outlook.com)*

Please send articles/reports for inclusion in the March Magazine by  
**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

## Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Update

It is always extremely distressing to hear of anyone who has been affected by an intruder and has goods stolen from their property. In Ombersley and Doverdale, the communications between residents changed completely when the Parish Council set up the helpline on March 9th 2020 with over 35 volunteers signing up to assist residents with queries and concerns.

At that point numerous local WhatsApp groups were set up, many linking from one group to another; to name just a few - Comhampton, Sytchampton, Northampton, Uphampton, Haye Lane, Appletree Walk and many more. A number of these groups have gone from strength to strength and have become instrumental in keeping neighbours informed of any out of the ordinary behaviour.

Since 'Covid' the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme has changed significantly with National, Regional and Local meetings being replaced by Zoom and Teams. In response, the National Neighbourhood Watch Team and the Police have made vast improvements to the scheme making it much more effective and very easy for every resident to become a member if they so wish.

To become a member, go to the Neighbourhood Watch UK website where you will be able to select from a very wide range of options which will keep you updated with the latest information of your choice.

Whilst we are very fortunate that the crime rate in Ombersley and Doverdale is currently very low mainly due to the observations of residents and increased use of door and security cameras, it is imperative that we all look to keep each other safe by sharing information through word of mouth, WhatsApp, Instagram, Allaboutomersley and the Ombersley notice board.

For any further information on the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme please contact Judy Goodman, email: [jgoodman@odpc.co.uk](mailto:jgoodman@odpc.co.uk).

### A monthly update from Ombersley Medical Centre

In December 2023 there were:

- 3,081 Face to Face appointments with clinicians (GPs, Nurses and Pharmacists)
- 299 telephone consultations
- 134 DNA (Did not attend)
- 12,742 medications issued
- 1760 letters regarding patient care requiring action
- 10,845 test results reviewed and actioned



#### NHS App

The NHS app has been updated and redesigned following patient feedback. You will still be able to order your repeat medications, book and cancel appointments, see test results, and contact the practice. You can also contact us with non-urgent medical requests via our website.

#### GP updates

We are excited to announce that Dr Riley and Dr Hicks will be joining the partnership here at Ombersley Medical Centre alongside Dr Moore and Dr Stepien. Both of our new partners have been salaried GP's at Ombersley for the last few years and we are pleased to be expanding, allowing us to continue to provide a high standard of patient centered care to all of our patients.

## THE BELLS OF ST ANDREW'S

Many will have noticed that the Church clock has been silent for some weeks now, and furthermore, the even more observant will have noted that we are ringing on only five bells rather than the full six.

The simple explanation is that the heaviest bell, the Tenor, has developed a crack and become un-ringable. I have received a report from expert Bellhangers who confirm this as the problem, along with some other, but more minor issues that need attention.

The explanation is simple, the solution not so.

The tenor will have to be lowered from the tower, loaded into a suitable vehicle and transported to an approved Foundry to be recast. Once done, the process will need to be repeated in reverse and the bell rehung. The bell will be lowered within the tower having first dismantled the clock mechanism and removed the trap doors allowing access to ground level within the west porch.

Furthermore, there are significant administrative processes that have to be undertaken in order to gain permission from the Church authorities so that this essential work can commence.

So, I am afraid it is probable that at least 6 months will elapse before the clock will chime and the bells can be rung fully for regular church services and weddings.

The cost of this work is in the region of £25,000 plus VAT. Neither the PCC nor OSCA has enough in the reserves to pay for this in addition to the other planned work on the church, so we are going to have to set about some fund raising. If anyone has any ideas for helping raise the necessary, we, and the whole village, would be very grateful.

Andrew Horn, Tower Captain. [andyhorn51@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:andyhorn51@hotmail.co.uk)

### **From the Archive: March 1993; Church Bells by John Silvester**

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.

**Bell 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.



## **'OMBERSLEY MOVIE NIGHT 2024 FILMS**

**Doors and Bar Open at 7pm, Movie Starts at 7.30p**

**£5 entry on the door (Please note – cash payments only)**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

**'The Baker'**

***Starring Damien Lewis, Michael Gambon***

*The Baker is a 2007 British comedy crime thriller. An ex-assassin retires to a small Welsh village and opens a bakery but is unable to escape his former associates.*

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

**'Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny'**

***Starring Harrison Ford, John Rhys-Davies & Karen Allen and includes Phoebe Waller-Bridge, Antonio Banderas, Toby Jones and Mads Mikkelsen***

*The fifth and final instalment in the Indiana Jones film series.*

*Set in 1969, the film follows Indy trying to locate a powerful artifact before a Nazi-turned-NASA scientist plans to use it to alter the outcome of World War II.*

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

**'The Great Escaper'**

***Starring Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson***

*The Great Escaper is a 2023 biographical film directed by Oliver Parker. It is based on the true story of 89-year-old British World War II Royal Navy veteran Bernard Jordan who "broke out" of his nursing home to attend the 70th anniversary D-Day commemorations in France in June 2014*

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# Traffic in Ombersley

One of the major concerns highlighted during the resident survey, conducted as part of the Ombersley and Doverdale Neighbourhood Plan was speed and volume of traffic through the village. With the assistance of Worcestershire Highways and support from our County Councillor, the Parish Council initiated a planned programme of traffic calming measures consisting of road markings, signage, village gateway and the installation of a number of VAS units (Vehicle Activated Signs).

The latest VAS, became active in December 2023. There are now four units, located on School Bank, Holt Fleet Road, Main Road (North and South), which provide data for the four entry and exit points into and out of the village. Radar technology VAS gives an accurate speed indication for vehicles travelling towards and away from the unit. In addition to vehicle speeds, VAS provides the date, time and number of vehicles passing the four locations.

The following summarises details of the traffic data downloaded from three VAS units, kindly collated by Rick Johns. The bar chart for each VAS provides a more detailed summary of speed percentages.

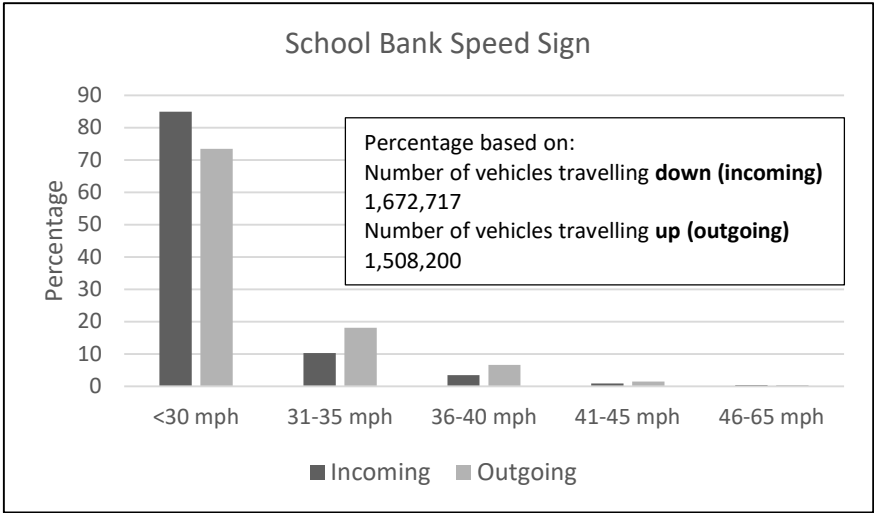
## School Bank Speed Sign: Period from 1/1/23 – 13/11/23 (310 days approx.)

Average speed down School Bank: 26.18 mph

Average speed up School Bank: 27.24 mph

Maximum speed down School Bank: In the range 37-52 mph

Maximum speed up School Bank: In the range 40-50 mph



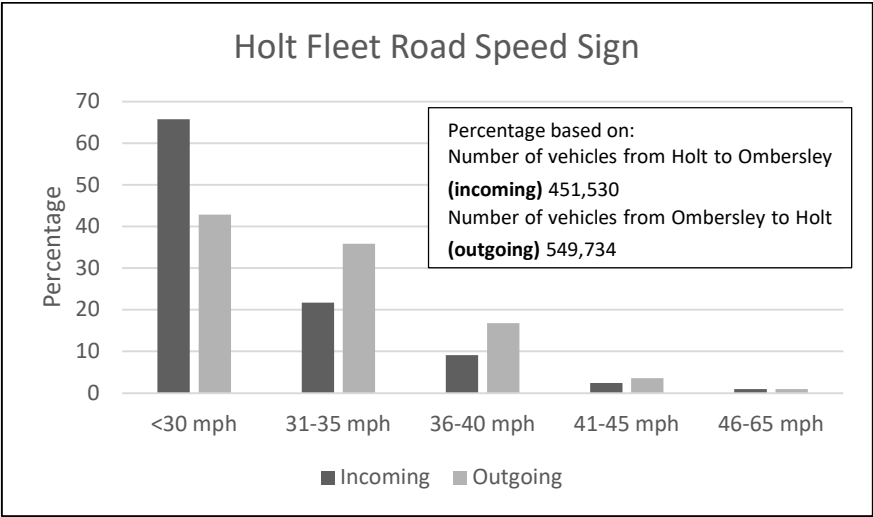
**Holt Fleet Road Speed Sign: Period from 23/7/23 – 14/11/23 (115 days approx.)**

Average speed incoming to Ombersley from Holt: 29.57 mph

Average speed outgoing from Ombersley to Holt: 31.98 mph

Maximum speed incoming to Ombersley from Holt: In the range 40-55 mph

Maximum speed outgoing from Ombersley to Holt: In the range 42-58 mph



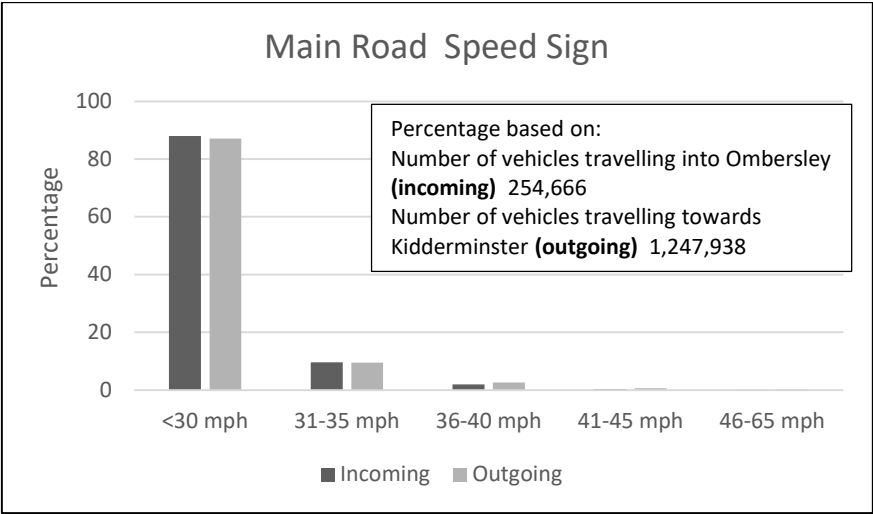
**Main Road (Chapel Lane) Speed Sign: Period from 16/11/22 – 13/11/23 (362 days)**

Average speed towards Kidderminster: 26.58 mph

Average speed towards roundabout in village: 25.40 mph

Maximum speed towards Kidderminster: In the range 35-48 mph

Maximum speed towards roundabout in village: In the range 30-40 mph





Number of vehicles exceeding the 30mph speed limit						
Speed	School Bank incoming	School Bank outgoing	Holt Fleet Road incoming	Holt Fleet Road outgoing	Main Road incoming	Main Road outgoing
31-35 mph	172,542	272,932	98,128	197,148	118,146	24,564
36-40 mph	57,465	99,833	41,265	92,059	33,107	4,920
41-45 mph	15,465	21,545	11,057	19,587	7,895	913
46-65 mph	6,084	5,879	4,473	5,398	3,185	330

Data based on 310, 115 and 362 days for School Bank, Holt Fleet Road and Main Street, respectively.

### Summary

The majority of drivers going in and out of the village observe the speed limits. The percentage data in the bar charts for School Bank and Main Road show that over 70% of drivers comply with the 30mph speed limit. However, the situation for the Holt Fleet side shows a higher proportion of vehicles exceeding the speed limit. The exit from the Ombersley roundabout travelling towards Holt Fleet has the highest proportion of speeding vehicles as shown on the bar chart (36% between 31-35mph; 17% between 36-40mph; 4% between 41-45mph; 1% between 46-65mph).

*Ombersley & Doverdale Parish Council*



## Tea & Coffee Shop Ombersley Memorial Hall



### Opening Times

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2-4 pm**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2-4 pm**

## **The Holt Fleet Bridge**

**Laying the first stone of Holt Bridge as reported in the Worcester Journal, 13<sup>th</sup> July 1826**

The ceremony of laying the first stone of this bridge, took place on Monday last. At about half-past one o'clock, a signal being given that the stone was ready, Lord Foley, accompanied by Sir T.E. Winnington, Bart. Sir C.S. Smith, Bart. Thos. Taylor Vernon, Esq. the Rev W. Vernon, Richard Griffiths, Esq. the Rev. John Foley, Henry Chillingworth, Esq. Edward Moore, Esq. and several other proprietors, proceeded to the spot where the stone was to be deposited, which was several feet below the bed of the River on the Holt Fleet side, in the natural rock, the surface of which had already been levelled and cut to receive the whole of the foundation. The stone (of about 2 tons weight) was suspended by a rope and pullies, and was gradually lowered, Lord Foley fixing the precise situation by lines, and giving the necessary directions, and, after seeing that it was in its proper situation, his Lordship adjusted it with the ordinary tools of the workmen, who were well rewarded for the use of them by a sufficient supply of Mr. Evans's best ale. As soon as the ceremony was concluded, the shouts of the spectators and the workmen, were repeated and loud, for a considerable time. The scene was rendered highly pleasing by the appearance of Mr. Evans's gardens on the banks of the Severn, which, as well as other parts of the banks of either side, were completely filled with ladies. It is calculated that upwards of 1500 persons were present to witness the ceremony.

Mr Evans provided a good dinner on the occasion, which was numerously attended, Lord Foley, of course, presiding; the party did not break up until a late hour.

The building of the Bridge will now proceed with all possible expedition, as upwards of sixty stone masons and their assistants are employed; the contractor has engaged and given security for having both abutments and also the land arches, as high as the banks of the river, by the 30th November next; to be ready to receive the arch by the 1st of March; and the whole to be fully completed, and made passable by 30th June, next, (unavoidable accidents or hindrance by floods excepted).

The whole of the Foundations on either side will be built in the natural rock, which, on the side where the work is commenced, made its appearance two feet nearer the surface than was calculated upon; this circumstance, together with the low state of the River, will be highly advantageous to the contractor.

The stone (which Lord Foley, with his usual liberality, has given to the Bridge Company) was always considered to be of excellent quality, but now the Quarry is opened, it proves to be of a very hard, superior quality, surpassing the most sanguine expectations, and lies so near and convenient to the work, as to enable the contractor to haul it with one horse only. It is the opinion of several Stone Masons that the quality of the stone is not exceeded in any respect by that of Higley, or Alveley Quarries.

*Pat Niner and David Collier, Ombersley History Group*

## The Holt Fleet Bridge and Tolls

In 1823 Mr Adrian Darby (a descendant of Abraham Darby of Coalbrookdale and Ironbridge) approached 'The Little Marchioness' at Ombersley Court with a plan and estimates to alter the turnpike road between Ombersley and Holt Heath and to effect a crossing over the River Severn by way of a metal bridge instead of using a ferry.

The Dowager Marchioness was interested and through her and her son's influence helped ensure on 5<sup>th</sup> May 1826 an Act of Parliament was passed allowing the road alterations and a new bridge.

The first stone for the bridge, designed by Thomas Telford, but with cast ironwork for its 150 feet span produced by William Hazeldine of Shrewsbury, was laid on 21<sup>st</sup> August 1826 by Lord Foley of Witley Court. The bridge was completed in the short space of 16 months, and opened on New Year's Day 1828. The work was completed within the budget of subscriptions (£8,500 collected) costing £8,300. Tolls were set, but it appears that it wasn't a financial success for the original investors until the tolls were raised at a later date.

BUT, not everyone was happy as the following extracts from Parish Council minute books show:

At the first annual assembly of the parish held at the National Schools on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1895, a motion was unanimously carried to 'free the Holt Bridge of toll charges'.

*"This meeting considers that Holt Fleet Bridge, the only one across the river between Stourport and Worcester and the connecting link between 2 main roads, should belong to the council and not a private company, and requests the parish council to consider the matter with a view to petitioning the county council to acquire and free the same."*

At the annual assembly of the parish held at Ombersley School on 31<sup>st</sup> March 1896, a motion was unanimously agreed stating:

*"That the inhabitants of Ombersley deplore the failure of negotiations with regard to the removal of tolls charged by the trustees of Holt Fleet Bridge and suggest that the Parish Council get a petition signed by the whole parish and presented to the County Council."*

From the minutes of the quarterly meeting of the Parish Council held at Ombersley School on 20<sup>th</sup> July 1898. The following motion was unanimously carried:

*"That steps be taken immediately to get a petition signed by the inhabitants of Ombersley for presentation to the County Council."*

1) *That the charging of tolls on the Holt Fleet Bridge is antagonistic to the spirit of the age and an evil which ought to be promptly removed.*

2) *That a resolution to this effect be adopted by this council, and copies forwarded to the Worcester Chamber of Commerce and the various parish councils around, also to the Rt. Hon. Earl of Dudley and to any persons whose influence may assist in removing this monopoly."*

The County Council acknowledged receipt of the said, strongly worded petitions in a letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> March 1899, and after consideration by the Highways and Bridges Committee of the County Council, a recommendation was made to hold a conference for local authorities affected at the Holt Fleet Hotel on 14<sup>th</sup> June 1899.

The quarterly Parish Council minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> July 1899 read *"The chairman reported on behalf of the Holt Fleet Bridge committee... had convened a conference of authorities interested in the matter and negotiations had taken place with the proprietors of the bridge and the highways and bridges committee of the County Council; the matter was proceeding favourably and he hoped that the results would be that the bridge would be free to the public in a short time"*



Holt Feet Bridge and Toll Collection Booth, c. 1900.

The Toll Booth was eventually demolished. Does anybody know when this was removed?

The Toll Keeper's Cottage in the background was demolished in 2016.

Finally, in 1900 the Holt Fleet Bridge, the last toll bridge in the county, became free. However, even then there were delays. The advertised opening on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July did not proceed as planned as the local Government Board required certain improvements to be done beforehand. The toll was finally ended on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 1900.

## **OMBERSLEY WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

**Thursday 1st February 2024 – 7.00 for 7.30pm**

**Howard Robinson will give an illustrated talk on  
The Importance of Salt**



Living near to Droitwich, originally named Salinae / Saltwich, should make us locally interested in salt production by the pumping up of brine from the underground brine streams which had/has taken place for over two thousand years.

**Next Meeting: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March: QUIZ NIGHT**

**Members: Free; Guests: £6: Contact Marie or Ann 07901522412 / 07712 811552**



## **Ombersley Gardening Club**



Ombersley gardening club would like to wish you all a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year. As we head into a wet 2024 the committee reflects on the last year and we hope our members enjoyed the speakers and events during the year culminating in a wonderful Christmas dinner in December as much as we did.

The AGM with supper will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> February. The Spring show will take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> March when hopefully by then, our gardens will be a mass of beautiful flowers and foliage.

It's wonderful to see the snowdrops and other Spring flowers starting to shoot up in the garden and the birds and wildlife preparing to nest and bring new life into the world promising better things to come.

There's plenty to be doing in the garden too if you are happy to spend time outside or in your greenhouses. Now's the time to prune fruit trees and plant bare-rooted roses and generally clearing the garden of rotting debris plants and leaves. Don't forget to feed the wildlife and leave out fresh water.

We hope to welcome new members at our AGM on 15<sup>th</sup> February. Happy gardening!

*Ombersley Gardening Club Committee.*

## **Thomas Rickman: Architect of Ombersley Church and leading Gothic Architect of his day.**

Ombersley is extremely fortunate that its beautiful and historically significant Church had Thomas Rickman (1776 – 1841) as the architect. The story of how the church was built is perhaps one for another day, but suffice to say that the modern trend for delay, procrastination, legal action and financial problems has historical precedents.

1814 was the year a new church was first proposed. Soon after, the Marchioness (xxxxxx) engaged the firm of Rickman and Hutchinson to design a church in the new Gothic style.

So, who was Thomas Rickman – well, not originally an architect. Until 1797 he assisted his father in their shop as a grocer and druggist. He then travelled to London to seek his fortune and independence, becoming assistant to a chemist and medical practitioner. This may also have been because he married his first cousin at that time. He and his family were practising Quakers and the cousin marriage was not accepted by the Family of Friends, who excommunicated them.



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Having completed an apprenticeship in London Hospitals, in 1801, he set up as a Doctor in Lewes. This lasted but 2 years, and subsequently he worked as a corn-factor and then from 1808 to 1818, as a clerk in an insurance brokers in Liverpool. It was during this time that he developed an interest in ancient buildings, especially Churches. As a result of his minute observation of different architectural styles, he rationalised the dating and styles of Mediaeval Architecture into the forms we know today: Norman, Early English, Decorated and Perpendicular. In 1817, he published

this in a book “An attempt to discriminate the styles of Architecture in England, from the Conquest to the Reformation”. Despite the catchy title, this became a seminal work, greatly influencing architects such as A. W. N. Pugin, the leading Gothic architect of the following generation.

In December 1817 he set up an architect’s office in Liverpool, Henry Hutchinson joining initially as a pupil, then as a partner. Work soon flowed in and in 1819 the Church Commissioners engaged him to design St Georges Church in Birmingham. Numerous ecclesiastical commissions followed – including the one for Ombersley Church. Rather than note all of his significant achievements, such as the “New” Court of St John’s College Cambridge, it is more interesting to note those commissions for which he was unsuccessful. Perhaps the most famous of these was that he came second to Charles Barry and Pugin for the design of the Houses of Parliament in 1836.

He also lost commissions for the Fitzwilliam Museum and King’s College Cambridge. At his funeral in 1841, he was buried in St George’s Church Birmingham where a magnificent tomb, erected in 1845, still stands. His eulogy described him as “a man of vivacious temperament, though unostentatious in his habits; a keen observer, and energetic in business”

So, you all want to know, was his marriage to his cousin, which resulted in his excommunication, successful and happy. Well, he married again, twice so, perhaps not!

*David Collier, Ombersley History Group*



### **Routes to the Rule of Law: UK and USA – a contrast**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February: Ombersley Memorial Hall, 7.00 for  
7.30pm**

These are two countries with very similar legal systems which both hold to the principle of the rule of law, but the historical routes to that principle were very different and so, in consequence, is the constitutional machinery.

**Admission: Members free: Non-members £5 (cash only)  
includes a glass of wine or soft drink. The talk will start at 7.30 prompt.**

You can join the OHG before the talk: £10 for 2024

Contact David Collier: drdcollier@gmail.com

# **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

## **from**

### **Ombersley Endowed First School**



We were very excited to welcome everyone back after Christmas and the New Year. Each class has some wonderful topics and activities for the New Year. Children have taken part in 'Resilience' workshops run by the WEST team to help to support them with their feelings and how to cope in challenging situations. Pre-School are having an exciting term learning about and being Superheroes. The Reception class is learning about the Arctic and transport this term. Year 1 are looking forward to their trip to Warwick Castle to fit in with their topic about fairytales and Royalty. Year 2 have enjoyed learning about famous explorers in history and Discovering Mexico in Geography. Year 3 are very excited to be learning about the Ancient Egyptians (especially about mummification!) Year 4 have been finding out about the Ancient Greeks.

#### **Young Voices**

On the second day back in January, the choir had an amazing experience at the Young Voices concert at the Resorts Arena in Birmingham. This is something we have been attending for many years and is a wonderful opportunity for us to sing and perform in front of a large audience with thousands of other school children. It was a long day, but very enjoyable.

#### **School Hall and Field**

It has been wonderful to be able to make the most of our new school hall. We are now enjoying using it for many activities including PE lessons, drama activities, whole school assemblies and eating together. We have also been enjoying the new school field at playtime and lunch times; we look forward to using it for many activities during the summer months.

Scooters club continue to be very busy before and after school and will be open during the half term holiday for lots of fun and special activities.

#### **Break the Rules Day**

On 29<sup>th</sup> February, the whole school will be having a day when they can 'Break the Rules'. They will really enjoy coming to school and doing things they are not usually allowed to do (for a small price!).

We are also looking forward to Book week in March, when we will be having lots of fun with books and stories.



# Sytchampton Endowed Primary School



## New Building

We are very excited to announce that our new building, which replaces our delapidated old portacabins, is almost complete! Our Key Stage 2 children are now in their new classrooms and we are over the moon with how spacious and light they are! As soon as the build is formally complete, we are hoping to hold an Opening Ceremony! We are so very grateful to all of the stakeholders who have supported us in completing this project and donated towards it.



**End of Term:** We had a wonderful end to our Autumn Term, with our Key Stage 1 Nativity and a KS2 Carol Concert, which included solo performances from the children who have been learning piano and guitar! Our favourite song was Percy the Poinsettia which made everyone smile!



## Worcester Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival

This year, our lovely school exhibited at the Worcester Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival for the first time! All of the children in the school made a Barnabee Bee (our school mascot) themed decoration and the tree looked stunning.

**Governors:** We still have some vacancies on our Governing Board. If you are interested in supporting our school as a Governor, please contact Jane Lawson (Clerk to Governors) on [seps-govclerk@sytchampton.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:seps-govclerk@sytchampton.worcs.sch.uk).

## THE PARISH OF ST. MARY, DOVERDALE

CHURCHWARDEN:	Mr. R. Coppini	Tel: 620963
LICENSED LAY READER:	Mr. Richard Jeynes	Tel: 620441
TREASURER:	Mrs. L. Tarleton-Hodgson	Tel: 07748 968992
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	

**FLOWER ROTA:** February 4<sup>th</sup>: Jean Dowty

February 18<sup>th</sup>/March: Lent, no flowers

## PARISH REGISTER

### INTERMENT OF ASHES

10<sup>th</sup> December: Anthony John Silvester

## PEWPOINTS

### LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March      Mothering Sunday

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March      Good Friday. Walk of Witness

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March      Easter Sunday

Please see MARCH edition of the magazine for confirmation and time of the above services

## CHRISTMAS AT ST. MARY'S

The morning of St. Mary's Service of 9 carols and Readings on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December dawned bright and dry to welcome everyone to church. The traditional holly, ivy and greenery, together with the twinkling lights from the Christmas tree, made a very festive scene as Revd. Stephen Winter welcomed the large congregation.

The service started with the processional carol "Once in royal David's city" and then, after the Bidding Prayer, the penultimate candle on the advent wreath was lit; the fourth (pink) candle, the candle of joy, remembering Mary, Mother of Jesus.

The lessons were read by a delightful mix of children and adults and as the Christmas story unfolded, the congregation were invited to people the crib. When all the figurines were in place, Revd. Stephen blessed the crib and everyone sang the lovely carol "Away in a Manger".

After the recessional carol "O come all ye faithful", everyone was invited to stay for a glass of mulled wine and seasonal fare provided by the Friends.

A huge "Thank you" to the church decorators, readers, organist and indeed everyone who helped make the service so enjoyable and memorable. A special "Thank you" also to Geoff and Audrey Baker for their very kind donation of our lovely Christmas tree.

A wonderful start to this very special time of year when families and friends come together to prepare for and celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ.

Our Christmas Day service was one of Morning Prayer at 11.00 a.m. led by Licensed Lay Reader, Richard Jeynes. Thank you, Richard, for very kindly agreeing to take this service for us. The last (central) candle was lit to celebrate the Birth of Christ. Thank you to everyone who came to support St. Mary's over Christmas.

Our first service in 2024 was held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January; a Morning Prayer service to celebrate the Baptism of Christ (the first of Epiphany). Despite the sunny, dry morning, those who attended were faced with a rather daunting flood along Doverdale Lane: fortunately, the water was negotiated with no mishaps.

Richard Jeynes took the service with Laureen Moyse leading us through the Epiphany hymns. A treat was also in store for everyone when Richard downloaded the hymn "Jesu, Priceless Treasure" and we could all listen to the lovely lyrics of this motet. After the service, Wendy and David Hawkins provided welcome cups of coffee and biscuits to fortify everyone before heading out into the cold of a winter's morning.

A lovely start to the New Year.

## SERVICES

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2 <sup>nd</sup> before Lent	11.00 a.m. MP (BCP)	Lectors: Mrs. A. Chapman, Mr. R. Coppini Sidesperson: Mr. J. Chapman Readings:- Proverbs 8(1) & (22-31) & John 1 (1-14)
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 1 <sup>st</sup> of Lent	11.00a.m. HC.BCP	Lector: Mr. D. Hawkins Sidesperson: Mr. C. Harris Readings:- Genesis 9(8-17) & Gospel Mark 1 (9-15)
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 3 <sup>rd</sup> of Lent	11.00a.m. MP.BCP	Lectors: Mrs. V. Harris, Mr. J. Chapman Sidesperson: Mrs. V. Harris Readings:- Exodus 20 (1-17) & John 2 (13-22)
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 4 <sup>th</sup> of Lent	11.00a.m. Mothering Sunday	Readings and Lectors to be confirmed MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE

## From the Archive

### Oct 1956: Do you go to Church?

The audience research department of the BBC, in 1954 in conjunction with Gallup, as part of an inquiry into religious broadcasts, discovered some interesting facts. Everyone was asked *Do you go to Church and if not why not?*

The following numbers, based on a sample size of 100, were found for those who did **NOT** attend Church:

- Too much to do – 29%
- Have lost the habit – 25%
- Don't see the point in going – 15%
- The services are boring – 11%
- No one else in the family goes – 8%
- It's too far to go – 7%
- Don't believe in Christianity any more – 3%
- The parson took no notice of me – 2%

*How different would the numbers be over nearly 70 years later?*

## Adverts (electronic) 2024

- 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
- Alena Morton – ladies' personal trainer – 07857 753340
- 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
- David Ward Firewood – 07866 441154
- GJS Dillon House Surveyors – 01905 676169
- Doorbars – chartered surveyors/land agents – 01905 27288
- Elite Sweeps – sweep/log burners – 01905 700701 / 07712 220671
- Graham Pugh – decorating/carpentry – 01905 621147 / 07967 883121
- Green Thumb – lawn care – 01905 840740
- E J Gumery – funeral services – 01905 22094
- I & S Stoves – woodburning stoves etc. – 01886 812452
- Jenny Davis Fitness – fitness classes – 07886 726102
- Jeremy Billingham TV Aerials – 01905 799152 / 07850 969307
- Jones & Associates – Estate Agents – 01386 291010 / 07496 625205
- Karol Kleen – carpet/upholstery cleaning – 01299 404275
- Lee Russell Independent Funeral Directors – 01905 347588
- MG Domestic Heating – 07870 498879
- MSB Plumbing & Maintenance Ltd. – 07769 342897
- Manor Hill House Ltd. – Wedding & Events venue – 01527 861 1200
- Mark Foster Podiatry/Chiropody – 07941 138957
- Marshall-McKay Kitchen & Interior Design – 07765 447704
- Me..Time Pilates – 07791 873870
- Mick Miles Pest control & Gardening Services – 01905 620394 / 07732 223825

- 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
- Ovengleamers – oven cleaning – 01562 702883
- Oven Magic – oven cleaning – 01905 700500
- Parks Café Droitwich – 01905 776633
- Phillip Serrell Auctions – 01684 892314
- Protex Midlands Ltd – long life wall coverings – 01905 622164 / 07833 965258
- RNA Heating Ltd – central heating maintenance – 01299 40515801299 405158 –
- Reynolds Heating Services – central heating installations etc. – 07857 755340
- W Roberts Tree Care & Landscaping – 01299 250664 / 07772 456692
- S G Electrical – electrical services – 01905 620693
- S J M Locksmith Services – 01905 570999 / 07871 442011
- SMB Electrical Solutions – 01905 428892 / 07917 182945
- Sage Skin – skin care products - 07715 571139
- Shelter-Adams Ltd – home heating experts – 07990 523790 / 07922 548915
- 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
- Walkercrisps – stockbrokers & financial advisers - 020 3100 8285
- Whitlunge Gardens – tea rooms/gardens – 01299 250669
- Worcestershire Imaging Centre – MRI scans – 01905 771500