



Ombersley & Doverdale Parish Magazine

**March
2024**



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Severn Parishes Service Rota

March 2024

March 3rd	9.00am	HC-CW	Hampton Lovett
	10.00am	Sunday First	Hartlebury
	10.30am	FS	Elmbridge
	11.00am	HC-CW	Ombersley
	11.00am	MP	Doverdale
March 10 th Mothering Sunday (MS)	9.00am	HC-BCP	Elmley Lovett
	10.00am	MS Breakfast Service	Ombersley
	10.30am	MS Service	Doverdale
	10.30am	MS Service	Rushock
	11.00am	MS Service	Hartlebury
March 17th	9.00am	HC-CW	Elmbridge
	10.00am	MP	Ombersley
	10.00am	MP	Hartlebury
	11.00am	HC-BCP	Doverdale
	6.00pm	Evensong	Hampton Lovett
March 24 th Palm Sunday	9.00am	HC-BCP	Elmley Lovett
	11.00am	HC-CW	Hartlebury
	6.00pm*	Evensong	Ombersley
March 31st Easter Sunday	6.30am	Bonfire & renewal of baptism vows	Ombersley
	7.15am	HC-BCP breakfast, 8am	Ombersley
	9.00am	HC-CW	Rushock
	10.00am	FS	Ombersley
	10.30am	FS	Elmbridge
	11.00am	HC-CW	Hartlebury
	11.00am	HC-BCP	Doverdale
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*Meet outside Checketts at 5.45pm and process into Church.

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	10.00am	Sunday First	Hartlebury
	10.30am	FS	Elmbridge
	11.00am	HC-CW	Ombersley
	11.00am	MP	Doverdale

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

MP Morning Prayer

March 1st World Day of Prayer: Hampton Lovett 11.00 tbc

Additional Easter Services

March 28th - Maundy Thursday: Passover Meal and HC, Ombersley 7.30pm

March 29th - Good Friday: Walk of Witness, 10 am at Doverdale followed by Meditation at Ombersley at noon.

Parish Register: St Andrew's Church

Baptism

December 20th	Elizabeth Louise Penelope Leipold
January 7 th	Zachary Sean Cleary

Memorial Service

January 9th	Richard Keith Watson
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Rota for St Andrew's Church

Date	Service	Sidespeople	Intercessor	Lector
March 3rd	HC-CW	Louise & Mark Tarleton-Hodgson	Stephen Winter	Jan Berry
March 10 th *	FS	Audrey & Geoff Axon	-	-
March 17th	MP	Gail & Philip Filer	Anthony Hughes	Angela Randle
March 31st**	FS	TBA	-	-
April 7th	HC-CW	Maureen Callow, Angela Randle	Stephen Winter	Fiona Davies

* Mothering Sunday **Easter Day

Holy Dusters

March 1st	Heather Barningham, Myra Cowdrey, Pernilla Asplen
March 15th	Fiona Davies, Marjorie Workman
March 28 th (30 th)	Liz Hooper, Jeanette Horn, Pernilla Asplen
April 5th	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

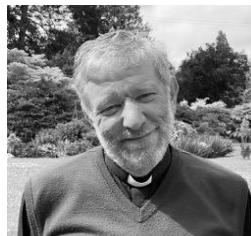
March: No flowers during Lent	
Wednesday 13th March: Flower Arrangers' Meeting at 2pm.	
28 th March	Arrange Easter Flowers after 3 pm
11 th April	Remove Easter Flowers; 10.00am

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

Jane Hill, 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)*



Not so long ago I learnt from someone I know in the world of pensions that the Church of England Pension Fund is a cause of some amusement in that community. This is not because of any perceived lack of competence on the part of those who administer that fund, but because of the particular set of problems faced by those administrators. You see, the problem that they face is that the clergy of the Church of England simply live too long. A combination of moderate personal habits and a decent diet and plenty of exercise (we clergy tend to think about such things!) and then the fact that so many women have become clergy in recent years, and women tend to live longer than men, all contribute to this. I might add to this list the fact that living a meaningful life is generally good for our health.

All this means that none of the clergy are going to become rich on their pensions. I am probably thinking about this at the moment because in a few months my clergy pension is going to become a substantial portion of my annual income, but I have been thinking about another issue of late that has a certain connection to this and that is the question of assisted dying.

Let me explain what I mean. You can never quite anticipate what will form the legislative programme of the next government but from all indications there is a good chance that a bill concerning assisted dying will be presented whichever party is elected. This issue is not a party-political issue. Within all the major parties there are differing opinions on the matter and so if a bill is presented there is likely to be a free vote on the matter. It may be a bill similar to that presented a few years ago by Lord Falconer who served as Lord Chancellor in Tony Blair's government. He proposed that someone who is terminally ill and mentally competent should be allowed to die in an assisted manner as long as two doctors sign the form. Such a system already exists in the American state of Oregon and now in Canada and the Netherlands.

I mention Canada because when its legislation was first proposed one piece of information that was presented for consideration was how much money would be saved from the state's social care budget if a proportion of its citizens were to opt for assisted dying and not for long term nursing care and, as you can imagine, that is quite a lot of money. It would be true here as well. We all know that care for the elderly, especially at the end of life, is one of the biggest drains upon our public purse. To put the matter brutally if more of us were to choose to end our lives rather than to receive nursing care we would be saving the state a considerable sum of money and everyone would be better off. Those that are still alive anyway. In such a calculation assisted suicide almost seems like an act of self-sacrifice. If I do not prolong my life my children and grandchildren will be better off.

This brings me back to where I began with my reflection upon the Church of England Pension Fund. If clergy did not live so long the fund would have much more money to pay out to the living members of the scheme. I would be better off when I retire later this year if the older members of the scheme were to die a little sooner.

Now I hope that you are all suitably horrified that I should think in such terms even for a moment. How could I want those good and wise men and women to end their lives simply so that I can earn a little more money? Surely, I should be thinking in terms of all that I receive from them in terms of spiritual riches? And you would be right. The way in which we grow old and then the way in which we die is one of the greatest gifts that we can give to those who come after us. Such a gift is almost impossible to quantify. And one of the most important parts of that gift lies in the way that the rest of us bear the burden of caring for those that we love and that includes the financial burden that we may bear. As a result of the care that we have for those who are dying we are all enriched in ways that are impossible to measure. I have seen this again and again as a priest and I have experienced it myself in the life of my own family.

So, I hope to be a burden to those who love me. Not in some sadistic fashion but in calling upon them to give of themselves beyond their strength and their resources and to find that the more they give the more they will receive. I say that I 'hope' to do this because I do not know in advance whether I will have the courage. I simply hope that I will. My hope is that in some way my last words will echo the words that Jesus said on the cross as he breathed his last. "Father into your hands I commend my spirit".

PRAYERS FOR THE KING

One of the problems in writing for a March magazine at the beginning of February is that I do not know how things will stand when the magazine is distributed in a few weeks time. I write this on the day after Buckingham Palace announced that the King is being treated for cancer and as I do so I know that you, as well as I, all wish His Majesty a full and speedy recovery, and I ask you to remember him in your prayers. Ever since the restoration of the monarchy in 1660 the Church of England has always made it our task to pray for our monarch and for England. The two belong together. I pray for the King, as I did for the late Queen, each time I lead a service in church and in my daily prayers. I remember reading a lovely piece in The Church Times a few years ago which ended by encouraging its readers to pray for the Queen because, it said, "You can be sure that she prays for you".

God Save the King.

PRAYING ROUND THE PARISH

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

Rev Stephen Winter 07773 760899 mail@stephenwinter.net

Angie Randle 01905 620753 angierandle@hotmail.com

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



Areas for March:

Sunday 3rd March – Racks Lane, Chapel Lane, Longheadland, Lord Hill Gardens

Sunday 10th March – Uphampton, Northampton, Lineholt, Malvern View, Abberley View

Sunday 17th March – Doverdale, St Mary's Church, Sytchampton, Sytchampton School

Sunday 24th March – Those in our community who work in the NHS

Sunday 31st March - Children and young people in our parishes

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 www.achurchnearyou.com

It always feels like January should be a quiet month to start the year, but not a bit of it! Once Epiphany was over meetings come thick and fast as we set to planning services, events and concerts, and also look at the building and repair programme we need to fit into the year. Of course, they do link up, this year our events will be fund-raising to repair the Tenor Bell, though we do have funds to upgrade the Loo which should happen in the next few months.

To help with the Bell... if Ombersley can provide 3-4 strong men to help get the bell in and out, it could save money, and it's not something you get to do everyday! If you think you could help please contact a Churchwarden or member of the PCC.

What do you think of our service pattern? Are there changes you might like? Our lay-led (worship team) services are more informal and sometimes happen at the Hall e.g. Harvest with ploughman's, or Christian Aid Breakfast. Other services are outside in the summer. Morning Prayer is often in the Narthex and Holy Communion in the body of the church.

We have another group starting in the Narthex! On Thursday February 8th, Ombersley Craft Club had its first evening meeting 7pm to 9pm. See Local News for core information.

Easter is very early this year which means the Bonfire service at 6.30am on Easter Morning is still just before sunrise (9 mins), and means you really get the feeling of moving from darkness to light. A very special moment to join us...and a challenge as the clocks go forward that weekend!

Creative Coffee:

We have been fairly relaxed so far this year enjoying our own crafts. Plans are afoot for an Easter something, led by Dee Woodford and another go at learning to crochet, but this time Tunisian! We have the facility to set up a You Tube tutorial and all learn together which will be....interesting!

March 7th and 21st. Times may vary slightly due to Lent lunch so please check the church website. We meet in the Narthex at the back of the church and welcome 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.

'Stay and Play' for 0-3 years:

Monday mornings from 9.30 to 11am, £2 (*not Bank Holidays*). If interested, please email 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.

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 March 4th 2024: 7pm on April 8th - note change to second Monday in April.

March 17th, 3pm

Come and Sing workshop led by Natural Voice choir leader, Liz Hooper.
£6 with Cake! See information elsewhere in the magazine.

Looking Ahead

An **Organ Extravaganza** on the evening of **Saturday 11th May**, by Keith Hearnshaw, who has entertained us in the past and left us all smiling.

FETE: June 15th, 1pm

It's time to think of all the bits that could support the stalls when the Spring Cleaning Bug strikes.....

Books, White Elephant, (Full) Bottles, Toys etc. See information elsewhere in the magazine.

Would you like to help? There are several games that need an extra pair of hands, as would the various stall holders. *'Many hands make light work'* as they say.

September or October

West Mercia Police Band went down a storm last year and would like to come back.

Easter at St Andrew's

PALM SUNDAY

24th March..... 6pm....

Sung Evensong

Gathering to process at Checketts 5.45pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY

28th March...7.30pm....

Commemoration of Last Supper

with Communion and Tenebrae
in St Andrew's

GOOD FRIDAY

29th March...10-00am....

Walk of Witness (families welcome)

from St Mary's Doverdale (gather 9:45)
to St Andrew's Ombersley

GOOD FRIDAY

29th March...12noon....

Meditation for Good Friday

in St Andrew's

Easter Sunday

6.30am.....

.....Easter Bonfire &
'Sonrise' Service
in churchyard

7.15am.....

...Short Communion
Service in St Andrew's

8.00am.....

...Easter Breakfast

10.00am

Easter Family Service

**with Easter Egg Hunt
in churchyard afterwards**



MARCH 2024

SPRING IS IN THE AIR

- Spring is definitely in the air and it's a busy time of year for birds nesting in our hedges, trees and gardens. Last year **Bird Boxes** were put up in the trees around the Ombersley Memorial Hall play area, the Weighbridge, on the OMH building and in the Tea Shop Patio. We would like to hear if they are being used so **please email me if you see any activity in them.**
- Have you heard about **The Cinnamon Trust**? I only discovered this wonderful charity last month. It is a National Charity for over 65-year olds or terminally ill people and their pets. It offers practical support, such as dog walking, for those who find themselves unable to manage the physical tasks relating to their pet care. There is no charge, but they rely on donations and volunteer helpers. Full information is online at The Cinnamon Trust or phone direct on 01736 757900
- **March 17th** is St Patrick's day and is traditionally the day when the first potatoes are planted in the UK. Therefore, a gentle reminder to all. **Grow your own vegetables, Gardeners and Allotment owners**, to ensure your potatoes are fully chitted and the soil is ready to go.
- A big thank you to Howard Robinson who gave a fascinating talk to **OWL** in February on '**Salt**' and its properties. Approx. 40 ladies attended and learnt one very intriguing and saucy benefit from the use of salt, which definitely is a good reason why you might consider joining this group. For future dates and speakers see advert in magazine.
- **Ombersley Craft and Chatter** is a new Evening club which began in February and is held in St. Andrew's Church Narthex every 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, 7 – 9 pm. Contact Mary Skeys on ombersleycraftclub@yahoo.com for further details.

- As the days get longer and warmer, why not think about joining the **Ombersley Social Strollers** who meet every Wednesday at 10.00am outside St. Andrew's Church. This is very much a social walk with the length and route governed by the ability of its walkers on that particular morning. Afterwards everyone is invited to enjoy tea and biscuits in the Church Narthex. So, come along and enjoy some gentle walking and talking. Contact; Peter Reynolds; 07855 441804
- **Church Handbells for Beginners** - On Mondays from 1.15 - 2pm there is a new beginners' group in St Andrew's Narthex. Anyone interested in trying out handbell ringing please contact Louise Robinson on 01905 620995.
- **Neighbourhood Matters - PCSO Ben Mawby – Firstly, huge apologies** to the village residents who came to the OMH community tea room on February 6th to meet our local Police Community Support Officer. I received a confirmation email from him 24 hours before this meeting and then a text message at 2.40pm informing me that he might not come. Ben finally arrived at 3.55pm after everyone had left! What was his excuse? Apparently, a scheduled training session in Droitwich from 12-2pm had overrun by 90 minutes. Really??? NOT impressed!
- EASTER is early this year on **Sunday 31st March** - it is also the start of **British Summer Time** so remember to move your clocks forward by one hour.
- Ombersley Memorial Hall will be holding their **Car Show on Saturday 13th July** 12noon-5pm in the Memorial Hall Field. Details in the magazine in the Spring.
- Lastly, Save the Date! On **Saturday JUNE 8th**, Ombersley Movie Nights are organising a **Charity Fundraising Film & Food Evening** in the Memorial Hall in aid of **The Brain Tumour Charity**. Look out for further details in the Spring.

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

Please send articles/reports for inclusion in the April Magazine by

Wednesday 13th March

Sunday afternoons at St Andrew's, Ombersley



WHY NOT
SiNG

with Tea & Cakes



£8 per person
to include Tea

on Sunday 17th March from 3-5pm

*If you've ever fancied having a go at harmony singing and missed last year's **FUN SINGING WORKSHOP** run by local Community Choir Leader Liz Hooper, here's another chance.*

We'll be singing up some fun again at this very informal event where all you need is a wish to sing! All songs are taught by ear (no need to read music)

You can 'find your voice' and join with others in learning and singing some great songs in glorious harmony!

**Please Register with Liz on 01905 620827 email: lizhooper127@btinternet.com
or Fiona on 01905 621176 email: fmdavies83@gmail.com**

Letter from Jane Hewitt

I would like to thank all those who so promptly and generously responded to my request (via recent church services, the Memorial Hall tea shop and OWL meeting) for unwanted suitcases/rucksacks/clothes etc. for asylum seekers/refugees living in Fownes Hotel Worcester. I took the clothes to the Maggs Clothing Project, which can be accessed by the hotel residents and also by the homeless, of whom a very high percentage are refugees.

My involvement with asylum seekers/refugees/migrants of varying nationalities, over the last few years, has been an unforgettable experience and I feel very privileged to be part of their lives. Your donations are already making a difference and are very much appreciated.

The collection of items is an ongoing mission until such time as the hotel closes. Any board games would also be very welcome. If you have items, please get in touch on 07815 072355 or email janey2700@gmail.com.

Ombersley Dramatic Society

Before the performance of our 3rd pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' at Hartlebury Parish Hall on Friday 26th of January, a cheque was given to a representative from the Joy Project (a woman's support group in Worcester). On Saturday evening a second cheque was given to the 'men walking and talking', a men's mental health charity. Both charities received a cheque for £250.

Thank you to our patrons in supporting our productions to help us raise funds for these two worthwhile charities.

Our next production is a comedy play in May. Details in the April issue.

Mike Turner

A monthly update from Ombersley Medical Centre

In January 2024 there were:

- 3,854 Face to Face appointments with clinicians (GPs, Nurses and Pharmacists)
- 1227 telephone consultations
- 166 DNA (Did not attend)
- 14,558 medications issued
- 2066 letters regarding patient care requiring action
- 16,907 test results reviewed and actioned



GP Updates

Do you know what the NHS app can offer you?

- Order repeat prescriptions.
- Use NHS 111 online.
- View your GP health records.
- Book and cancel appointments.
- Send non urgent message requests.
- Request fit notes.
- Find NHS services.

The app is beneficial for those who find it difficult to contact the surgery during the day. It is accessible 24/7 for those aged 13 years or older. You can use the QR code below to access the app.



The ABC of Health

As soon as you are up, shake blanket and sheet.
Better be without shoes than sit with damp feet.
Children if healthy are active, not still.
Damp beds and damp clothes will make you ill.
Eat slowly and always chew your food well.
Freshen the air in the house where you dwell.
Garments must never be worn too tight.
Homes should be cheerful, and airy and light.
If you wish to keep well, as you do I've no doubt,
Just open all the windows before you go out.
Keep all the dark corners most carefully clean.
Let dust on the furniture never be seen.
Much illness is caused by the lack of fresh air –
Now to ventilate properly must be your care.
Old rubbish and rags must be burnt and not kept.
People should see that their floors are well kept.
Quick movements in children are healthy and right.
Remember the young cannot thrive without light.
See that the cistern is clean to the brim.
Take care that your dress in the morning is trim.
Use your nose to find out if there be a bad drain,
Very sad are the fevers that come in its train.
Walk as much as you can without over-fatigue.
Xerxes could walk for many a league.
Your health is your wealth which your wisdom should keep.
Zeal will help a good cause and the good you will keep.

The poem called the 'Health Alphabet' and was originally published by the "Ladies Sanitary Association".

The poem appeared in a 1906 book entitled 'Medicine for the Millions' by "A Family Physician", published by the "News of the World".



'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 9th 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 13th 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



Tea & Coffee Shop

**Ombersley
Memorial Hall**



Opening Times

Tuesday 5th March 2-4 pm

Thursday 21st March 2-4 pm

From the Archive: May 1991

Memories of Hadley by Mollie Butler

I arrived in Hadley at the beginning of 1939 from the city lights of Edinburgh. How surprised I was to find there was no running water. The nearest shop was a mile away and no footpath to walk on. There were some buses into town from the village, but not very often. However, my disappointment did not last long as war broke out that year changing everybody's lifestyle.

The next year, 1940, I married a local man and went to live in a cottage down Pope's Hole. The cottage was one of nine. Seven of them shared the same pump for water, and six used the same wash house and copper. We all did the washing in turns and this seemed to work. My father-in-law lived in the hamlet and he was a crack shot with a gun. Very soon I learned to feather and dress wild birds, pigeons, partridge and pheasant, and also skin rabbits. We all had good gardens in those days with beautiful fruit trees and black and red currant bushes. With all the produce from the garden plus the game, I felt I was attending banquets. Food rationing wasn't a problem. This city girl settled down to country life.

Three bakers' vans delivered every week – De Greys, France and the Co-op. Two grocers (Evertons and Pestors) also came around from the village carrying all sorts of goodies and caused much excitement. There were two hardware vans which called once a fortnight with paraffin, soap, buckets, pots, pans and hardware of every description. One (King & Hazelwood) came from Droitwich, the other was Mr Hunt from Worcester. Both drivers were characters and could tell a good tale. The milk lady used to bring our newspapers and anything going from the butcher; she was wonderful and always laughing about something.

Further up the lane nearer the Droitwich Road there is a red brick cottage which had been extended, and a dear old lady lived there with her son and daughter. This was Mrs Fowler who celebrated her 100th birthday. This was most exciting. We all collected to buy a present and all our names were on a scroll and framed. I shall never forget that event as I had not encountered anyone of that age before. One hundred – how marvellous!

When the war ended, we had bonfires and parties, and sports for the children. It was all very gay. 1946 was the highlight as Lord Doverdale of Westwood House had electricity brought so we in Hadley were able to have it too; this was wonderful. The first thing I bought was an electric boiler. No more lighting the copper to wash or to bath. Oh, to have the tin bath in front of the fire and to be able to turn on the tap and just let the water run in was sheer luxury. My first electric bill for the quarter was £2.

Ombersley Walk Group

Next walk: 10am Saturday 23rd March 2024

Meet at Ombersley Memorial Hall where parking is available



Our spring walk is planned to head eastwards to Nunnery Wood on the edge of Westwood Park. The trail takes in a small section of the Monarch's Way, a 625 mile-long footpath that traces the escape route allegedly taken by King Charles II in 1651 after being defeated in the Battle of Worcester. Our 5.5 mile circular route is pretty flat with just a few well-maintained wooden stiles to cross.

After the walk, which will finish about 12.30pm, drinks and biscuits will be provided in the Jubilee room at the Hall. We are inviting everyone to make a small donation of £1.50 per head towards the cost of refreshments. The surplus will be given to the Hall 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, 07855 441804

OMBERSLEY & DOVERDALE PARISH COUNCIL

'KEEP OMBERSLEY TIDY'

**The Parish Council are looking for an individual
to keep Ombersley tidy, once a week for 4hrs.**

**Ideally, the suitable applicant will live in the Parish
and invoice the Parish Council monthly at the rate of £17.50hr.**

Closing date 4th March 2024.

Contact Anne Scadding; clerk@odpc.co.uk

or call 07731 929910

OMBERSLEY WOMEN'S LEAGUE



Thursday 7th March 2024 – 7.00 for 7.30pm

Quiz night



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

4th APRIL MEETING: Dalish Bakes at the Jinney Ring (Ali Humphrey) will teach us how to decorate cakes to a professional standard. More details to follow.

10% of Profits go to a National & a Local Charity

OMBERSLEY CHURCH & SCHOOL FETE



**SATURDAY
15TH JUNE 1^{PM}**

Start saving your
White Elephant items,
Books, Toys,
New unwanted gifts.
Pot up those plants,
Make & freeze cakes,
Put aside some bottles.
PLEASE!

SEE YOU THERE!

For more info contact Fiona 621176 or Liz 620827



Ombersley Gardening Club



The lighter mornings and evenings are slowly approaching and buds and early spring flowers are beginning to open and bring a ray of sunshine into our gardens. March is the first month of Spring and gardens are becoming alive with the vibrant colours of daffodils, crocuses, snowdrops and much more.

Having a garden, large or small, needs some care and attention so there are lots of jobs at this time of year to be doing and getting your hands dirty. Pruning of the roses, buddleias, hydrangeas and planting summer bulbs plus preparing your vegetable plot and allotments are just a few.

Our next event at the club is on the **21st March** when it is our **Spring Show** where we hope to see the hall brimming over with beautiful exhibits of Spring flowers and more.

On **April 18th** we welcome Samantha Hopes for her talk entitled **Plants with a Story** and later on in the year we hope to visit Nigel Hopes garden in Halesowen on one of his open days.

On **16th May**, it's 'Potty Time', a talk by Harriet Ryecroft about a year in pots.

The club is also organising a trip to RHS Bridgewater, which will be on the **26th June** so book early as a day not to be missed.

We have lots of exciting things happening during the year so watch this space! Remember to feed and give water to the wildlife as I'm sure there is more cold and wet days to come. We look forward to seeing welcoming new and existing members to our meetings.

Happy Gardening: Ombersley Gardening Club Committee

Date for your Diary:

Ombersley Memorial Hall, 27th April 2.00 pm - 4.30pm.

Women's Pre-loved Clothes Sale in aid of Hall Funds.

Details in the April Magazine.

Ombersley Endowed First School



The spring term is proving to be a very busy time for us all.

Following the 'Resilience' workshops for all classes run by the WEST team, a workshop was held for the parents too; this was very well attended with some lovely feedback. The WEST team are now supporting children and their families at school.

Scooters: Half term holiday club with Scooters was great fun, there were some fantastic activities and lots of fun and games.

Curriculum Fun throughout the School:

Pre-school had a visit from "The Police", who taught them how they look after everyone – they even got to go inside a real police car. Pre-school also had a very successful open afternoon; if you would like to come to see our lovely pre-school, please get in touch for a visit.

Reception children are looking forward to their spring visit to Bishops Wood to take part in lots of 'hands on' spring activities.

Year 1 had a fabulous time at the gymnastics festival, where they played alongside children from other Droitwich schools.

Year 2 enjoyed a lovely day at Avoncroft Museum, where they learnt all about the best materials to build houses with. They had a wonderful time learning about houses and buildings through the ages.

Some of the Year 3 girls took part in a football tournament and other Key Stage 2 children played in a Rugby tournament.

As part of Year 3's Ancient Egyptian topic, they are looking forward to an exciting Egyptian workshop.

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

Book Week: The whole school is looking forward to Book Week, when each class will be studying Julia Donaldson. There are some amazing things planned for the week – including dressing up days, competitions, Usborne Books sale and much more. We will let you know how it went next month.

With spring now in the air, we can all look forward to new life and all the wonderful new learning opportunities and fun it brings. We also look forward to the lighter mornings and evenings and some warmer weather to enjoy more outdoor learning.

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Trips and Experiences

It may only be few weeks into the new school year, but our pupils have already been on some fantastic trips to enrich their learning!

Our Year 3/4 pupils visited Bishops Woods to take part in a full day learning all about the Saxons and the Vikings, experiencing what life would have been like in these times.

Our Year 5/6 pupils visited Cosford RAF Museum as part of the History Topic learning about World War II. These experiences help to bring learning to life for our children and they have thoroughly enjoyed them!



As part of their Religious Education topic, our Reception children visited St Andrew's Church in Ombersley, where they experienced some the things they had been learning about in class. The children took part in a treasure hunt, designed their own stained-glass window and enjoyed standing in the pulpit. When they got back to school, the children made their own stained-glass window and designed their own church with the bricks and blocks too!

Clubs:

The school believes strongly in developing our pupils in the widest sense, including helping them to discover talents in non-academic areas! To that end, we do our best to deliver clubs which allow the children to try lots of different things. This term, we are offering a Computer Club where children have the opportunity to try virtual reality games and 3D printing. We are also offering a weekly trampolining club and we have discovered that some of our children have a real talent!

Sports Crew:

The Sports Crew have been busy this term, planning activities and games for our children during playtimes and lunchtimes. They led an assembly to introduce their plans and ideas!

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Organists:	Mrs L. Moyse	

FLOWER ROTA:

MARCH 3rd. LENT. NO FLOWERS

MARCH 10th. MOTHERING SERVICE. POSIES ON THE ALTAR

MARCH 17TH. LENT. NO FLOWERS

MARCH 31ST. EASTER FLOWERS

PEWPOINTS

DIARY DATES: LOOKING AHEAD:-

SUNDAY 21st APRIL: Meeting of PCC Members after HC Service to adopt the accounts.

MONDAY 20TH MAY: AGM of St. Mary's PCC. VESTRY MEETING at 7pm followed by AGM meeting. To be held in Ombersley Narthex.

Revd. Stephen Winter welcomed everyone to St. Mary's for the first Communion of the New Year on Sunday 21st January, the 3rd of Epiphany. The sermon was based on the reading from John Chapter 2; the story of the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee. This story of Jesus, turning the water into wine, has been used for centuries in the season of Epiphany, to tell us what Jesus is really like. We tend to prepare for difficult times when we have plenty, but God provided far more than was necessary in this story; perhaps, giving the message to us all, to enjoy the delights of life to the full.

Thank you to Laureen for leading us through the hymns and to the Friends for providing welcome refreshments after the service.

4th SERVICE: On Sunday 28th January, St. Mary's hosted the 4th Sunday Service of Holy Communion at 11.00a.m. Revd. Stephen Winter took the service and gave a warm welcome to members from neighbouring parishes. In the absence of an organist,

Richard Jeynes very kindly downloaded music and lyrics so that we could all enjoy the Epiphany hymns. After the service, the Friends served refreshments and many people stayed to mingle and chat.

SERVICES

Sunday 3 rd March 3 rd of Lent	11.00 a.m. MP (BCP)	Lectors: Mrs. V. Harris, Mr. R. Coppini Sidesperson: Mrs. V. Harris Readings:- Exodus 20 (1-17) & John 2 (13-22)
Sunday 10 th March 4 th of Lent MOTHERING SUNDAY	11.00a.m. Mothering Sunday Service	Lectors; Mrs. R. Stacey, Mrs. A. Chapman Sidesperson: Mr. J. Chapman Readings:- 1 Samuel 1 (20-end) & John 19 (25-27)
Sunday 17 th March 5 th of LENT	11.00a.m. HC (BCP)	Lector; Mr. D. Hawkins Sidesperson: Mrs. V. Harris Readings:- Jer. 31 (31-34) & Gospel John 12 (20-33)
HOLY WEEK TUES. 26 th March	5.30p.m. Gospel Reflection	At St. Mary's Church
FRIDAY 29 th March GOOD FRIDAY	10.00a.m. Walk of Witness	Meet at St. Mary's for walk to Ombersley
Sunday 31 st March EASTER SUNDAY	11.00a.m. Easter Celebration Service	Lector; Mrs. V. Harris Sidesperson; Mr. C. Harris Readings:- Acts 10 (34-43) & Gospel John 20(1-18)
Sunday 7 th April 2 nd of Easter	11.00a.m. MP (BCP)	Lectors: Mr.R.Coppini, Mr.J.Chapman Sidesperson; Mrs.A.Chapman Readings:- Acts 4 (32-35) & John 20 (19-end)
Sunday 21 st April 4 th of Easter	11.00a.m. HC(BCP)	Lector; Mr. D. Hawkins Sidesperson; Mrs. V. Harris Readings: Acts 4 (5-12) & Gospel John 10 (11-18)

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- 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
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- Graham Pugh – decorating/carpentry – 01905 621147 / 07967 883121
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- Jones & Associates – Estate Agents – 01386 291010 / 07496 625205
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- 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
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- Studio Smith Architects – 01905 622373 / 07921 623709
- Sytchampton Community Centre – 01905 620943
- T M Shouler – carpentry/joinery – 01905 620374 / 07900 268075
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