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Dear Friends,

We find ourselves 'in the bleak mid-winter'. The evenings are dark, the mornings are dark. The nights, and days, are cold. The trees are bare, the sun is low, the days are short. The wind is crisp on our faces, the hard ground crunches beneath our feet. We wrap up warm, we light our fires, and we hunker down. We wait patiently, hopefully, expectantly, for the light to come.

The season of Advent is all about waiting. For some, the wait is for all the joy of the Christmas Season. For others, the wait is for the sense of rest and relief that the holidays bring, in the hope that stresses and strains can be put to bed for at least a little while. For some, the wait is for the fanfare of Christmas to be over. It is a season that is not easy for everyone.

For me personally, Christmas is one of the most exciting times of the year. In fact, my excitement levels start to grow sometime around mid-November! But this year, things might well be very different. I might not be able to see family and friends. We might not be allowed to sing carols in church. We might not be allowed to share both wine and bread at Holy Communion on Christmas-Eve. I can't help but feel so sad when I consider the possibility of not doing these things.

But I then remember what the season of Advent is really all about. Waiting. Waiting for Christmas? Well, partly. That's half the answer.

For the church, the wait is for light to come. For darkness to be dispersed. For God to come into our human existence. For Emmanuel: 'God-with us.' For Jesus Christ. This is why I said that waiting for Christmas is half the answer. Christians do wait for Christmas in Advent, where we celebrate the birth of Jesus; the coming of God into our humanity two thousand years ago. But we wait for this celebration with the expectation, the reality, the un-dying hope that Jesus will one day come again; that the light of God will once again break forth into our world, that a new reality will come and justice and peace will be seen in all the earth.

This might all sound a bit overly optimistic. But I believe we can already glimpse it. Each time we hear stories of communities coming together, of neighbours being there for each other, of people doing all that it takes in order to help others. In each of these moments we see love, light, and, I believe, God. We have seen this a lot this year; a year that has been so difficult for all of us. But for me, the hope of Advent remains as strong as ever. For even in a time that has felt so difficult, stories of love and hope have broken through the despair. Even in a time that feels so dark, glimpses of light have shone bright in the darkness. Even where hope has felt as distant as the far horizon, the love of God has been as close as our own breath. All of this a glimpse of the future reality that the Church waits in expectation for.

So, as we enter Advent and wait for a Christmas that might feel difficult this year, let us remember this. Darkness and despair are not eternal. But love, hope, and light are. These are here, and these will come. And so we wait.

Sam

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Cardington News

Tuesday 5th January

Cardington Parish Council will meet in the Village Hall from 8-9.30pm. During each meeting members of the public have an opportunity to make comments or bring matters to the attention of the council. All welcome.

CARDINGTON MONTHLY DRAW 2021

We are now contacting people about next year's Cardington Monthly Draw. It has continued to be drawn each month throughout lockdown, usually during zoom meetings and David Pickard has been entering the winners in the Honeypot. We are hoping everyone will renew for next year and possibly those of you who do not subscribe will consider signing up, particularly as fund raising opportunities are so limited at present.

Everyone who belongs will (or soon will) have been contacted by e-mail or telephone. We are hoping most payments will be by bank transfer or standing order to minimise handling cash or cheques in these worrying times. An outline of how it works is:-

For £12 for the year you have your own unique number entered into the Draw every month and have the chance of winning one or more of the five cash prizes – 1 x £50, 2 x £20, 2 x £10. You may choose to have more than one number

Anyone interested in joining or wanting further details please contact me by e-mail at jackie_tonks@hotmail.com or by phone on 771525. We have a cut-off date of January 13th 2021 for entry in the January draw (unless you already have a standing order set up). You can join at any time but the full £12 will be due.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Jackie Tonks

Cardington Tote Winners:				
November				
1st	£50	77		Claire Drury
2nd	£20	78		Loreta Roberts
3rd	£20	178		Ricky Winwood
4th	£10	44		Sophy Roberts
5th	£10	50		Clive Tonks

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CARDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Please visit the new Parish Council web site, the address is :-
<http://www.cardingtonparishcouncilshropshire.co.uk>

Eaton-under-Heywood News

Ticklerton Village Hall

The hall is ready for use again as soon as regulations permit, complete with lovely new chandeliers! Big thanks are due to Tony Madely for doing a terrific job managing the renovations, and also to his painting and cleaning helpers. Tony has now stepped down as chairman in favour of Bruce Orme. Claire Nicholson has taken on Bruce's former role as treasurer. We look forward to hosting events, parties, talks and meetings as soon as possible.

When we are allowed to, we plan to hold an open meeting for everyone to review the management and use of the hall. Meanwhile, with time on your hands, why not look round your garden to see if there is anything that could go in a pot ready for next year's Ticklerton Fete plant stall, or have a search for "stuff" for the bric-a-brac or book stalls?

Claire Nicholson



EATON UNDER HEYWOOD & HOPE BOWDLER PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The parish council was unable to hold its open meeting on 16th November 2020 due to the latest Covid-19 lock-down. Efforts were made for the November meeting to be rescheduled and held on 21st November 2020 via Zoom with details of how the public can join the meeting published on the website and notice boards. Zoom meetings are not an ideal solution as two councillors do not have access to Zoom and most suffer from poor Broadband signal. If the meeting on 21st November is successfully conducted, the minutes will be available to view on the parish council website shortly thereafter.

The next meeting of the parish council will be on Monday 18th January 2021, 7.30pm at Ticklerton Village Hall if the current lock-down has been lifted, otherwise it will be held via Zoom. Details of how to join the Zoom meeting will be published on the website. At the January meeting the precept budget for 2021/2022 will be debated and fixed. The agendas for our meetings are posted on the notice board in Hope Bowdler and in the bus shelter in Ticklerton and can be viewed on our website which is www.eatonhopebowdler.co.uk. Also on the website are the contact details for all councillors and the clerk, information about the parish council's accounts and audits and copies of minutes, agendas, protocols and financial information.

To contact the Parish Council, please call the Clerk, Mrs J de Russett, at 1, Pipe Aston Barns, Pipe Aston, Ludlow SY8 2HG, tel. 01568 770741 or by email at eatonhopebowdlerpc@gmail.com.

Hope Bowdler News

Flicks in the Sticks.



Hope Bowdler Village Hall Committee had hoped to show a film in December for Christmas. However this is not now possible but I can assure you, our loyal audience, we will do so as soon as it is. In the meantime, we wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and hopefully a New Year where we can meet again.

Keep well and safe. **Evelyn Dapling**



Rushbury News

Monday 18th January

Rushbury Parish Council continue to meet via virtual remote meetings. The next meeting will be held on Monday, 18th January 2021.

RUSHBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Please visit our website for details of agendas, minutes, planning and other parish council news.

www.hugofox.com/community/rushbury-parish-council

Apedale Amblers

There will be no further leader led walks for the time being.

Merle Lippitt has printed walks of the immediate locale if you need inspiration for your own walks. 01694 771405. Look out for messages on Facebook and in other places in case we are able to reopen in January.

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Coffee Stop

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Rushbury Village Hall News

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Rushbury Village Hall: for bookings/what's on see www.rushburyvillagehall.org



Rushbury and Cardington Young Farmers

Rushbury and Cardington YFC are back! Or we were back for a couple of months....

Starting back in September we were able to meet up again as we are a youth organisation. 17 total members can attend an event and all COVID rules and regulations have to strictly be followed.

How lovely it was to see faces again.

With our first event in 6 months walking up the Ragleth, we all realised how long it had been since seeing each other. We had all been keeping in touch with one another via social media, seeing each other's whereabouts and taking part in zoom quizzes but it was good to see people face to face.

We have started a new year with new faces as the top table.

It was rather a strange year for Jim, Will and Ralph last year but we all had a fantastic year. We moved from an all male top table to an all female year with Loti, Harriet and Emily taking the reigns this year.

So far we have done a treasure hunt on foot around Church Stretton, public speaking evening run by Brian Williams and Gaz Davies and a club bike ride. Shropshire YFC have held their AGM and Chris Potter has decided to stay on as County Chairman for the upcoming year in hope that the biggest ever Chairman's Ball may be able to go ahead next year.

Our very own Jim McKnight won the most sociable member at the AGM, even if he wasn't always on time!

The latest Lockdown, Take 2 has stopped us on our tracks again much like everything else. We have however decided this year that we are raising money for Lingen Davies as their work is never ending. We are aiming to raise £1000 to buy a chemo chair for the centre. Our fundraising this year is going to very much depend on government guidelines and we hope that we will be able to do carol singing this year. Whilst we carry out carol singing we will be strictly following government guidelines, singing in smaller groups, adhering to social distancing whilst outside your property, and not entering any properties. We appreciate that we are still in some uncertain times and some people may not feel comfortable with us attending. If you would like to opt out of our singing skills then we fully understand and ask that you contact me on 07747368348 to let me know or if you would like to speak further about anything.



The routes will be the same as every year and are as follows:

Tuesday 22nd December:

Hughley, Kenley and Church Preen

Wednesday 23rd December

Route 1: Stone Acton, Wall, Rushbury, Stanway, Eaton and Soudley

Route 2: Lushcott, The Fegg, Hill Top, Easthope, Weston, Bourton, Brockton, Shipton, Slaughter House

Thursday 24th December

Route 1: Cardington, Wilstone, Enchmarsh, Chatwall and Plaish

Route 2: Gretton, Longville, East Wall and Gilberries

From all Rushbury and Cardington YFC members:

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for all your ongoing support and we look forward to what 2021 has to offer!

Rushbury Tote Winners:

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- £40 to Mr and Mrs King
- £10 to Pauline Griffiths
- £10 to Nick Churton
- £5 to Sarah Madley
- £5 to Chris Hotchkiss

November

- £40 to Andrew Henderson
- £10 to Kath Medicott
- £10 to Bill Russell
- £5 to John Lewis
- £5 to Elizabeth Bebbington

December

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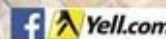
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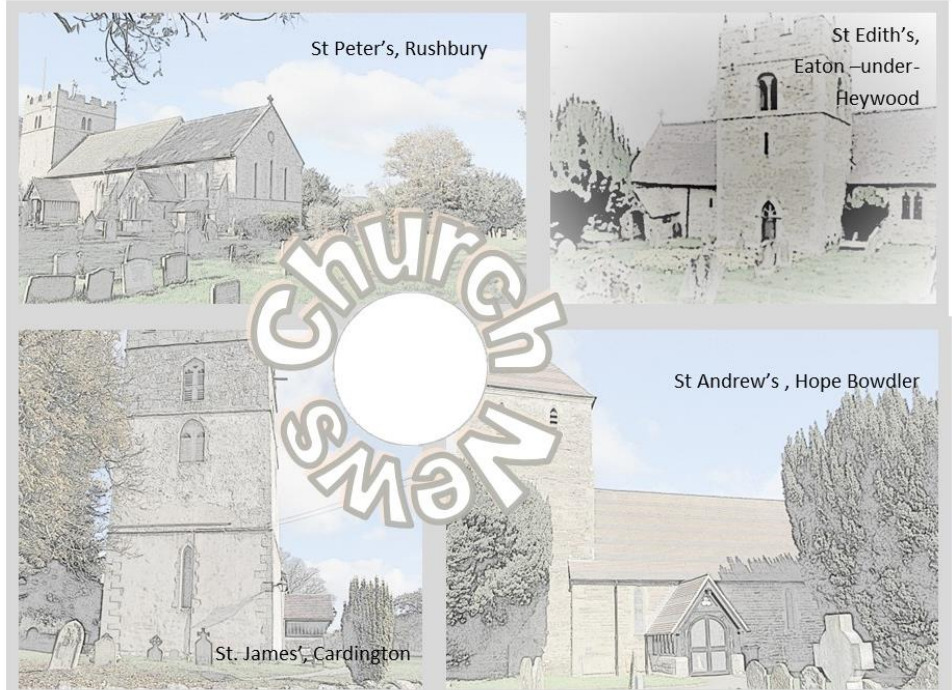
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SERVICE TIMES for December 2020 and January 2021



These will happen on condition that the lock-down will be lifted as planned.

SERVICE TIMES for DECEMBER

Wednesday, 2nd December

10.00am Holy Communion (No sermon) Hope Bowdler

Sunday, 6th December

10.00am Holy Communion Eaton
6.30pm Evensong Cardington

Sunday, 13th December

10.00am Holy Communion Cardington
6.30pm Carol Service Rushbury

Sunday, 20th December

10.00am Holy Communion Hope Bowdler
6.30pm Carol Service Cardington

Thursday, 24th December, Christmas Eve

3.30pm Crib Service Cardington
3.30pm Carol Service Eaton
3.30pm Carol Service Hope Bowdler
11.15pm Midnight Communion Cardington
11.15pm Midnight Communion Rushbury

Friday, 25th December, Christmas Day

10.00am Holy Communion Eaton

Sunday, 27th December

10.00am Holy Communion Hope Bowdler

SERVICE TIMES for JANUARY 2021

Sunday, 3rd January

9.30am Holy Communion Hope Bowdler
6.30pm Evensong Cardington

Wednesday, 6th January

10.00am Holy Communion (No sermon) Hope Bowdler

Sunday, 10th January, Epiphany

9.30am Holy Communion Eaton
11.15am BCP Holy Communion Hope Bowdler

Sunday, 17th January

9.30am Holy Communion Cardington
11.15am Holy Communion Hope Bowdler

Sunday, 24th January

9.30am Lay-led Morning Prayer Cardington
9.30am Holy Communion Eaton
11.15am Holy Communion Rushbury

Sunday, 31st January

10.00am Benefice Holy Communion Cardington

Notes from St James, Cardington

Michael Pickering

Mary, Sarah and family would like to say a very big thank you for all the lovely cards, phone calls and visits that we received over the last two months since Michael passed away.

Thank you also to everyone who came to support us on the day of the funeral, inside, and outside in the pouring rain. The donations raised £566 to be divided between Cardington Church and the air ambulance.

Michael loved living in Cardington and being part of village life. He was a founding member of the church choir and in 1981 gathered many good friends from around the village to help him raise funds and then restore the four original bells in the church tower. Many late nights of hard work and good fun were had while doing this.

Michael took on many roles in the church including chorister, verger, bellringer and crucifer. He helped raise funds for a new church organ and also bells number five and six that he had always hoped for.

In October 2018 Michael was awarded the Order of St Ethelbert by the Bishop in Hereford cathedral for his services to the church. He was especially proud of this and would love to show his medal off to anyone who visited whether they liked it or not.

Michael died peacefully at home which is what he wanted.

We will miss him very much.

Notes from St Edith's, Eaton-under-Heywood

Flower rota

December: Jen

January 2021: Phyllis

Cleaning rota

December 6th: Jen and Sue

December 24th & 25th: Judy & Elizabeth and Nicky & Phyllis

January 10th 2021: Ann & Megan

January 24th 2021: Rosey & Diana



Recovering steadily

We are pleased to hear from Caroline that Colin is moving short distances now and able to enjoy working at some small tasks. Slow and welcome progress. Alex, Ed's wife, is returning to routine as her nasty fracture knits. Relief.

Tremendous appreciation

Frances and Julian donated a substantial sum to Church. This gift commemorates the nuptials of Claire and Charles. Such a thoughtful gesture. In these strange and difficult times we cannot fundraise and thus we face next year in an improved position. THANK YOU.

A return to worship

For Harvest a lovingly decorated church greeted us all. The glowing autumn colours reflected the warm convivial atmosphere. Jars, packets and tins displayed gave a poignant reminder. There are many who depend on the Foodbank for additional sustenance. We are grateful to everyone for those generous contributions. Well known hymn music enabled us to think of the words or hum along.

Our listening skills are being honed. Memories stimulated. During the service Robin, Sally and Ruth swore the allegiance oath of Churchwarden. This simple act is not often seen or heard by the congregation. This year the Bishop empowered our Rector to conduct the ritual. An honour for St .Edith's.

Following the PCC AGM at the end of the service Ann and I took the same oath.

It seemed an even greater privilege in our 'own' church with our friends .

At the AGM we welcomed Jenny back to our ranks. AND received Megan as a new recruit. Amazing. Megan will serve as our Safeguarding officer.

The following week for All Saint's there was another full- house. Such a pleasure to see each other again.

Our joy is on hold as we travel through another month of restriction - LOCKDOWN 2. At the beginning of December we shall meet again. Until then, stay safe . Keep well.

Lockdown is less irksome this time.

Children are in schools and nurseries. University students, like Isabel, who worked hard for their opportunity are at last initiated. A little light at the end of the tunnel. Her brother, William will begin his post graduate police training in Derbyshire next year. CONGRATULATIONS to you both.

Remembering years of sacrifice

Today Brigit cleared, cleaned and dressed the war memorial in Ticklerton. This task is undertaken each year. She is most diligent. We may be "a Thankful Village", yet the misery of serving and observing such devastation cannot be underestimated. Thank You.

From Elizabeth Johnson

One last snippet from the book Royalty Revealed, concerning the Duke of Edinburgh 's religion . While he and the Queen are devoted Sunday morning churchgoers, they dislike long - winded sermons. Prince Philip explains why concisely. "The soul cannot absorb what the posterior cannot tolerate. "

December

We return to collective worship on the first Sunday. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day remain in preparation.DO JOIN US. DO BOOK.

Noticing

As you enter the church you will see to your left new well -appointed display boards. These were donated by Nicky. Tony built backward sloping stands. Our church info is now laminated and available to read. It includes a brief history of the Old Rectory from and by Gill. Received with grateful thanks.

At the front you will see four gently flickering candles. These are battery operated and on a timer. They are to enhance the welcome . Donated by Linda and Barri. TY.

Suggestions for increasing the impact of a peaceful friendly atmosphere will be much appreciated.

Gwen

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Notes from St Andrew's, Hope Bowdler

Flower rota

NO FLOWERS UNTIL 23rd DECEMBER

Dec 23rd & 24th All flower arrangers please.

28th Rosemary Allworth & Barbara Stubbs

2021

January 2nd and 9th Rosemary Allworth, Jean Webb

January 16th and 23rd Claire Szreider

January 30th Dorothy Landers

If anyone is unable to do these dates, please can you find another person to do them. Many thanks to all for all your work throughout the year, especially through these difficult times.



The church was open on November 1st for All Souls' Day, from 10.00am - 4.00pm, for quiet prayer and meditation. Children from Woodlands Nursery made lovely display boards to go in the church and to which visitors could add names and messages for loved ones.



Grateful thanks to Su Powell Jones who made a very moving display in the church porch, featuring men from Hope Bowdler who were killed during the two World Wars. **Ruth**



A trip down Memory lane to 13th October 2019

Last year, we were successful in nominating Helen Oldham our retired organist and choir mistress for the St Ethelbert's award which is presented by Hereford Cathedral to people who have given long and outstanding services to the diocese, their local church and community.

Helen became organist and choir mistress at St. Andrew's Church, Hope Bowdler in 1975 and remained in that post until she was 85. She then retired but continued to sing in the choir and play piano for our choir practices only ceasing to do this earlier this year when the winter weather and increasing mobility problems have made it difficult for Helen now in her 97th year to continue. During Helen's time as organist and choir mistress, she worked tirelessly with the choir taking them to new horizons introducing new communion service music and regular singing of anthems. Through the training she gave to the choir she enabled them to become involved in Hereford Diocesan and Lichfield Cathedral Choir festivals. Many enjoyable times were had by all particularly having tea and cakes at some tea rooms close to Lichfield Cathedral and in Hereford having a picnic lunch in the cloister gardens or eating in the cathedral restaurant.

Helen set up a music group in her house for the young children in the locality and was instrumental in getting them involved in worship through music. She also organised concerts for the choir and the children who sang and played a variety of musical instruments. She involved as many children as she could and even if they could not read music, she found a way of including them. Helen spent many a laborious hour writing out music parts for the children and the choir which before photocopying became available was quite a task.

In the wider community, she opened her garden and house and hosted several church fetes as well as being a very active fundraiser in earlier years. In Church Stretton, she was the Golden Age Retirement Group Choir Mistress. In the late 1970s and continuing for some time through the 1980s, she assisted with the music in St. Laurence's primary and junior school on a voluntary basis.

Helen received a letter in late Summer 2019 inviting her to attend a Choral Evensong in Hereford Cathedral to receive the St. Ethelbert's Award for her long and diligent services to the Diocese. The cream on the cake for all of us was that on October 13th 2019, 17 parishioners from our Apedale Group had a very enjoyable coach outing to Hereford Cathedral to attend the Evensong Service where Helen and 19 other people in the diocese were presented with the St. Ethelbert's Award. It was an amazing and poignant occasion for all, particularly Helen's children who had travelled from London and Winchester to be with her on this very special occasion.

We are all so grateful to Helen for all she has done during her long service in St. Andrew's Parish. We have all benefited so much from her tireless work particularly with her musical input which was so refreshing and enjoyable.

Jean Webb



Notes from St Peter's, Rushbury

Wishing all our Rushbury parishioners and the wider community a safe, peaceful and Happy Christmas and New Year. We look forward to welcoming you to join us at St Peter's Church, Rushbury for our Christmas services.

The following Christmas services will be held at St Peter's in Rushbury:

Carol Service on 13th December at 6.30pm

Christmas Eve Service at 11.15 pm

We would like to welcome as many people as possible but you will need to book your place with Darren Merrill on 01694 771341 or email at darrenbmerrill@gmail.com. There is a limit on places to maintain social distancing and we will ask you for your contact details for the NHS Track and Trace system which we will keep for 21 days, at which time these will be destroyed. In line with current rules, there will be no singing and face coverings must be worn inside the church. **We hope to see you there.**



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LETTER FROM THE BISHOP FOR December 2020

Most human beings have a natural sense of justice. We don't think it right that people can commit crime and get away with it. It was important at the end of WWII that those guilty of war crimes were seen to be punished. The Nuremberg trials did not accept excuses that they were only obeying orders. It was essential that those accused accepted personal responsibility and its consequences.

In the story of the Garden of Eden in the first book of the Bible, one of the characteristics of sin was evading responsibility. Adam blamed Eve, Eve blamed the serpent, and then they ran and hid when God showed up. The story is a powerful one. It identifies a defining human characteristic. When we are bang to rights, we all tend to try to excuse and blame someone else for our misdoings.

Advent is for Christians a season where we seek to reflect on our own responsibility and accountability before God. For many people, being accountable in this way sits uncomfortably with popular myths about what God is really like. We are comfortable with a cosmic grandfather or Father Christmas type figure, whom we expect to keep the good times rolling. However, we get cross if he doesn't do his job properly and things like COVID happen, or heaven forbid, he expects something of us.

Religion can be terribly abused if people's distorted view of God leads them to think they can do his job of judgement for him. ISIS is a case in point. However, faith can be a powerful corrective if we recognise our accountability. Christians sum it up in the creed that says, "one day he will return to judge the living and the dead". To have our inner secrets exposed in this way would be a frightening thing. But it's this bad news that led Christians to describe the message of Jesus as such very good news. There is judgement, but with Jesus there is also forgiveness. Advent anticipates the former, but prepares us for Christmas when we rejoice in the gift that sets us free.

Blessings

+Richard

COFFEE STOP Every Monday from 10.00am to midday at Rushbury Village Hall. Term time only. See Rushbury News for this month's dates. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US.**

HOLY COMMUNION 10am Holy Communion first Wednesday in month at St. Andrew's, Hope Bowdler.

This is not currently taking place but we are hopeful it will restart very soon.

A MONTHLY COMMUNION SERVICE, first Thursday each month, 1:30 p.m. at Mayfair Community Centre, Church Stretton. You would be most welcome. Not currently taking place. Check with Mayfair for further information.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND HEREFORD DIOCESE - explore www.hereford.anglican.org for information for Churchgoers, Visitors, about Church work and Diocesan News and views.

PRAYER AND CARE. In situations of illness or distress and need for prayer and perhaps visiting, please contact (with the permission of those affected) the Revd. Virginia Clements the Rev. Sue Jelleyman, or one of the churchwardens (details listed on the Church contacts page).

HOLY COMMUNION CAN BE TAKEN TO PEOPLE AT HOME if they are unable to get to church. Contact Revd. Sue Jelleyman, one of the churchwardens or one of the parish-link people if you would like either of these or if you know of someone else who would.

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Thursday 24 December: Cressage Practice will open as normal until 12.30 pm. Much Wenlock Practice will remain open until 6.00 pm.

Both Practices will be closed on: Friday 25 December, Monday 28 December and Friday 1 January.

Both Practices will be open as usual on Tuesday 29 December, Wednesday 30 December, Thursday 31 December. The 111 service will be available to provide medical advice over the Christmas and New Year period.



Rotary Club of Church Stretton:

On Saturday 24 October, battling wind and rain, members and volunteers of the Rotary Club of Church Stretton cycled 135 miles (217km) to Leeds, without leaving the Square in Church Stretton. The six cyclists, whose ages ranged from mid-20's to just turned 84, pedalled in ½ hour slots and maintained an average speed of 22.5 mph over 6 hours. Pictured on the right is Alex Smith riding the bike together with Rotarian Gloria Carter.

The reason for the event was to raise funds for Lingen Davies Cancer Care, one of Rotary Club of Church Stretton's Christmas charities. Usually the collection taken at Carols in the Square goes to this charity, but as Carols in the Square, will not be taking place this year, Church Stretton Rotary decided to do something different to raise funds. The something different was to have a static bike ride.

The support from the community was amazing, and because of people's generosity the event raised £575 for Lingen Davies.

A big thank you to the cyclists, and to Berrys and Sawaddee for keeping us supplied with hot refreshments, Bikold for donating the necessary Covid sanitizing products and especially yourselves for coming to support the Rotary Club of Church Stretton and for being so generous.

If you are interested in supporting our local community please visit www.rotaryqbi.org or contact Derek Smith dereksmith42@hotmail.com Phone 01694 723189



The Shropshire Hills Conservation Fund is open for applications.

This is a small grant pot, administered by the Shropshire Hills AONB Trust, which can award up to £2,000 towards local projects that help to conserve, enhance and raise awareness of the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Over the years, the Fund has supported many local conservation, community and educational projects. From habitat management for rare species such as the Wood White butterfly, whinchat, dormice and curlew, to creating pollinator gardens in community spaces, restoring village verges and enabling volunteers to monitor wildlife.

The fund has also helped lots of school children and young people to engage with their local landscape through various outdoor activities including using digital media.

Please get in touch with us if you have a project in mind. Priority areas for projects are:

Conserving and enhancing the natural beauty, landscape, wildlife or heritage of the Shropshire Hills AONB. Educational and awareness-raising activities relating to the AONB and its conservation, especially involving young people.

Public, private, voluntary sector and community groups can apply, along with individuals and businesses, but in all cases **the project must show a clear public benefit**. Grants are generally awarded for activity within a particular Financial Year (April to the end of March). So, applications this autumn/winter would be assessed for projects starting on or after 1st April 2021.

For starters, please email shropshirehillsaonb@shropshire.gov.uk to request a project ideas form. This is a short (two sides of A4) form to briefly describe your project idea. Once you have filled it in and returned to us, we will get in touch with you to discuss your project in more detail and will be able to recommend whether your project should progress to a full application.

Deadline for receiving your project idea form is 22nd February 2021 Deadline for full applications is 8th March 2021. From more information about the fund, the AONB Trust and the Shropshire Hills please take a look on our website at <https://www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk/a-special-place/shropshire-hills-aonb-trust/aonb-conservation-fund>

'GOOD' times and a 'GOOD' story

Advent heralds the arrival of a 'Good' tall, fresh scented fir to the back of church. It comes quietly, without fuss, to delight us all. Standing between the font and crib decorated to please children and adults alike, it towers majestically above us all.

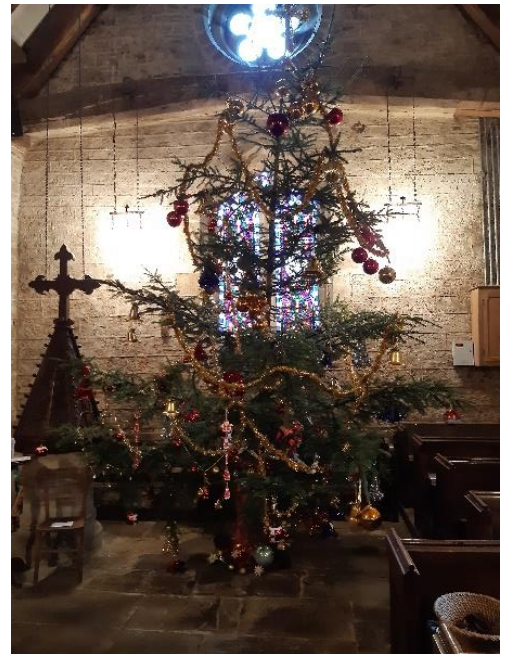
We love it.

This annual gift from Sheila and Gerald commemorates the birth, life and husbandry of Gerald's father, Noel. He was born on Christmas Day. During his life, he maintained and developed his forest on the Edge. As the family do to this day. In further tribute, there are two canvas kneelers. Each with the head of the Green Man carving above the organ. To help parishioners and visitors there is a book with a picture of the carving. This rests on the organ alongside a colour photograph of the Green Man ritual in Clun during May.

To encourage us to remember the essential space trees, forestry and footpaths occupy in our lives, the Goods invite us to stroll/saunter along one of their forest paths in late summer/early autumn. We stop. Listen. There is poetry, readings and song. Afterwards we adjourn to the 'shoot' hut for a magnificent tea.

DO JOIN US NEXT TIME. We love the company and chat.

Appreciation to Sheila and Gerald for all they do. THANK YOU! (Gwen Sidaway)



Thank you from Diane Pye



Thank you so much for all the kind words, messages, emails, letters, cards and gifts. I was quite overwhelmed by the thoughtfulness and generosity of so many people. Being the headteacher of Rushbury School has been a true privilege and I am proud to have played a part in its history. I would like to wish a very warm welcome to Mr Steve Morris, who has taken on the acting headship



A little bit of history...

This photograph is of Church Preen

School taken in approximately 1906. My mother is on left with a ribbon in her hair.

Rosemary Lockley

Do you recognise anyone pictured here?



.... and a glimpse of the future

A Red Oak tree, one of five, planted in a horseshoe shape this February. Wait thirty years and they should be visible from The Narrows.

Joy Kohn.



This is the card my grandson sent for my 75th birthday. I love it. It made me, my family and friends laugh so much. What therapy. Do read the story/book and watch the DVD. Pinocchio is my favourite puppet. **Gwen**



We hope you had a wonderful 75th birthday Gwen!



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Woodlands Nursery: Woodlands Fun in Winter 2020

These next few weeks form a pattern each year as we start with Guy Fawkes and move through Divali, Hannukah, then Thanksgiving before ending up at Christmas – all around the country, or the world, people love a party. We enjoy the stories and related activities and hopefully introduce the celebration of different festivals, people and cultures.

We have already started on the surprises that will hopefully delight parents as their children come home at the end of December with an array of gifts for whoever they choose to give them to. We encourage the idea that they can give as well as receive. How lovely to see their faces as they take their offerings home.

Challenging times but darkness gives us the chance to celebrate the joy of candles and warming food. Not long till the days start to lengthen again!

Moriel Gidney





TAKEN FROM OUR FACEBOOK PAGE....

The Honeypot. Parish magazine for the 4 parishes of Apedale

November 10 at 7:40 PM ·

Eaton Manor November 10 at 11:03 AM ·

Spotted near Eaton Manor recently...some cheeky looking locals hanging out, waiting for the bus maybe....



The Honeypot. Parish magazine for the 4 parishes of Apedale

October 27 at 9:20 PM ·

Claire Nicholson

The Honeypot. Parish magazine for the 4 parishes of Apedale

October 27 at 8:22 PM ·

It was worth getting caught in a shower on the top of Ragleth yesterday afternoon, October 26th, to get a photo like this.



HONEY POT BOOK REVIEWS:

Something for Christmas.....

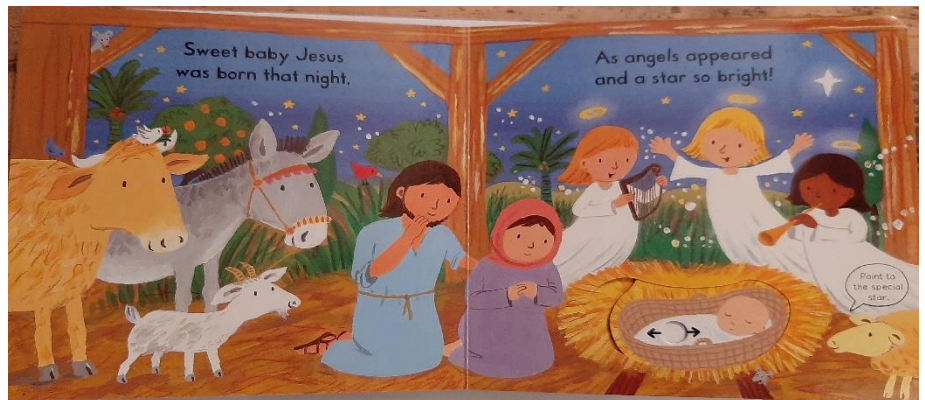
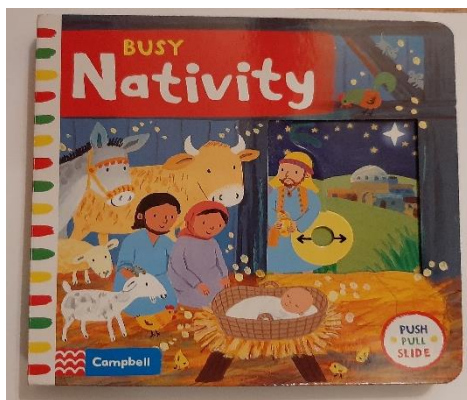
Busy Nativity, published by Campbell Books

I always buy my grandchildren a new Christmas decoration for the tree as a pre-Christmas gift. However this year my two little grandsons are having something different. I tried last year to find a particular nativity set that they could use for display but was also sturdy enough for them to play with and act out the story of the nativity.

Unfortunately everyone was sold out.

But I did find a lovely little book which tells the story in a lovely interactive way, so I bought a copy and have been saving it to give them this year. I love the colourful pictures, rhyming story and push and pull slides which are certain to attract their attention!

A Millard



Please note: I am happy to say that the desired nativity set has now been despatched so an email this morning informs me. So as soon as lockdown is over and I can meet up with family again I will be giving them their pre-Christmas present.

Images: reviewers own

Do you have new neighbours?

What a difficult time this is to move to a new area! Perhaps a copy of the Honey-pot might be a good way to make them feel a little more connected to their new neighbourhood.

We are always happy to deliver a complimentary copy so that they can decide for themselves whether they would like to subscribe.

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<http://connectingshropshire.co.uk/gigabit-broadband-voucher-scheme/>

<https://www.securewebservices.co.uk/gigabit-connections/>

More information will also be available on the Rushbury Parish Council website:

<https://www.hugofox.com/community/rushbury-parish-council-10625/home>

We have been asked to include this updated version of this information included last month to highlight the fact that this counselling service is free to use.

Shropshire **Suffered a bereavement?**

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FREE COUNSELLING

Help is just a phone call away

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**A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM THE HONEYPOT TEAM!**



Don't forget to let me have 2021 rotas and details of any change of officers, contact details etc. for 2021 as soon as possible please!

Many thanks to those of you who have already done so. Any alterations to contact details need to be made to the master copy and therefore need to be with me before 1st January to be included in the February magazine.

Subscriptions for 2021 are now due.

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We would ask you to please make life as easy as possible for your local distributors and for our treasurer, by making your payments on time, **ie. before 31st December 2020.**

Due to Covid, the committee feel it is inappropriate to expect our loyal team of distributors to call at people's homes or handle their money. We would therefore encourage you where possible to pay directly to the treasurer either by cheque or directly into our bank account, unless you have been contacted directly by your local distributor with alternative arrangements. Any of our readers who have any difficulty doing this should contact either their distributor, head of distribution, or the treasurer and we will do our best to help.

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Something to make.....

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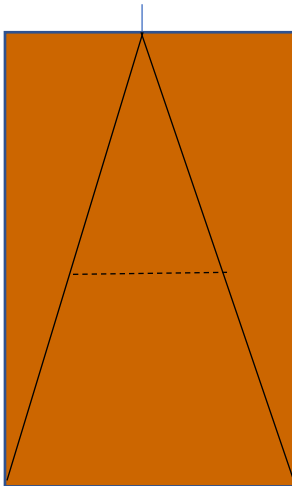
Some plain card for the background

Glue

Brown card or paper which should be a tallish rectangle (*mine was the same size as my background card and was a brown envelope from recycling*)

Something to make a shiny red nose (shiny red paper or a button both work well)

Black or brown marker pen



Mark the top centre of your brown rectangle and draw a line from each of the 2 bottom corners to form a tall triangle.

Cut along these two lines.

Fold in half (as the dotted lines on the diagram)

You can now add the details to make your reindeer.....

This works well as just a picture, or a card, or gift tag.



News from Little Acorns of Rushbury

Little Acorns have been enjoying lots of celebrations this autumn – including Halloween, Bonfire Night and Diwali. We have carved pumpkins (and had fun hollowing them out and counting the seeds!), had some mystical camp fires and a treasure hunt for tricks and treats. We also learnt a lot about Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights, by tasting Indian food, dressing up in silk scarfs and bindis, painting mehndi designs on our hands and creating different rangoli patterns.

This year for Christmas we are selling an A4 colouring book showing what Acorn (our resident guinea pig) really gets up to at Christmas time! Each picture is hand drawn and each book has gone through an intricate inspection process by the star himself. They are £3 each and are perfect for stocking fillers or a little bit of fun in the lead up to Christmas. Just use the contact details below to place an order or give us a ring on 01694771677.

We have some spaces available so do contact Elaine by e-mail info@littleacornsrushbury.org.uk for more details or visit our website www.littleacornsrushbury.org.uk





This Month's Dates for our Four Parishes



PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE EVENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE ACCORDING TO THE COVID REGULATIONS AT THE TIME.

DECEMBER

22 Tue Young Farmers Carol Singing p6
23 Wed Young Farmers Carol Singing p6
24 Thu Young Farmers Carol Singing p6

JANUARY

4 Mon Coffee Stop reopens. RVH. 10am p5
5 Tue Cardington Parish Council Meeting. CVH. 8-9.30pm p4
10 Sun Deadline date for copy for FEBRUARY PARISH MAG to reach the editor.
18 Mon Rushbury Parish Council remote meeting. p5

This will be the last edition of the HoneyPot to be published online. We return to a print only format for 2021. However, should we be placed in a position again where we feel we are unable to print we will of course look to going online again.

Subscriptions for 2021 are now due. See page 26.

Changes to contact details and roles need to be notified by January 1st to be included in the new master copy please.

Also those of you who send in yearly rotas need to have them with the editorial team by January 10th if you haven't already done so.

Please see also **THE FOUR PARISHES EVENTS CALENDAR** on Village Notice Boards, or websites www.cardington.org.uk or their new web address <http://www.cardingtonparishcouncilshropshire.co.uk>

**The rainfall at Ticklerton in October 2020 was 133mm.
Claire Nicholson**

SMALL Ads

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MY NAME IS MADELINE EGAN, (previously of Sayang House).

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Please note our new contact details. Tel. 01694722930 Mobile 07877836511 Email madegan@aol.com

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