

Footprints

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Cuppa and Chat 16th November 2 - 4pm

This month why not come and join us at our monthly Cuppa and Chat in St Leonard's Church and carry out Mince Pie tasting? We will be trying Mince Pies from some of the well known supermarkets so that you can decide which ones will make an appearance on your Christmas table this year!



Wreath Making Workshop

St Leonard's Church Cotheridge
Thursday 7th December 10 - 12.30pm



Have you ever fancied making a wreath for your front door? We have a few places for our Wreath Making Workshop which will take place in Cotheridge Church Community space where we will be in the capable hands of Helen Cook, part of the flower arranging team at Worcester Cathedral.

We will be providing all the materials and greenery for you but please bring your own special decorations for the wreath so that it can go with your own colour scheme. Coffee and refreshments will be provided. Cost £20.

To book your place please ring Elizabeth on 07543606629

See back page for this year's Christmas Charity appeal for
the **Midlands Air Ambulance**

Monthly musings from Rev Jennifer Whittaker

“ Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness.....” (John Keats).

I cannot help thinking of this poem as we approach November each year and I'm sure many of us remember it from our school-days. It is so very evocative of this time of Autumn when everything settles down and fades in preparation for a new season of growth after the winter.

Just as I always remember this poem with a certain nostalgia so it seems to be the moment in the year to focus on remembering, or re-remembering. With the Christian festivals of All Souls and All Saints our thoughts turn to those whom we no longer see. Loved ones, both family members and friends, who have died, some more recently than others, some for whom our hearts still ache with the pain of loss and the tears still fall, some who brought us great joy but left us with such happy memories that we smile and let them go while never forgetting. Nostalgia, but a recognition that, as we read in the Bible, “There is a time to be born and a time to die...”. Yet we don't let go completely as our memories and the love we had for them lives on within us, within our remembering.

Then there are those whom we celebrate at All Saints - those we have never known and yet they impact our lives as we are reminded by their stories of all they gave and brought to others in their life-time as they followed the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, keeping his memory, and the wonderful saving grace which he ushered into the world with his own death, alive. These Saints, like his close followers St. Peter, St. John and so on, St. Francis, St. Theresa of Avila and so many, many more down the ages gave their lives, living and dying for their faith, for Jesus Christ himself, and along with Christ's teaching. They have brought us those wonderful gifts of peace and hope. Through their sacrifice of themselves, in life and in death, we see reflected the love of God in Christ Jesus, the peace that a belief and trust in him and his promise that death is not the end but that there is a more wonderful life to come. In this is our hope.

It is this on the basis of this hope that we give thanks each year on the 11th of November as we remember those who died on the battlefields of the First and Second World Wars and the conflicts which have followed. Especially on this occasion we feel united with one

another, with those families whose loved ones did not return, sharing their pain but also offering our thanks for their huge sacrifice made in the strife for good over evil, for peace and reconciliation over conflict. Yet again in this case our remembrance, our grateful hearts are deeply saddened that the lessons of the past have not been heeded and that a desire for peace still has not overcome a lust for power and supremacy.

Finally I come to our re-remembering, this sense of putting things back together again, restoring that which was broken. Each Sunday across our 7 parishes you will find a service of Holy Communion when we share the bread and the wine around the Communion table, the altar. It is a service of remembering Jesus, his life but above all, his death and resurrection when his dead body was placed in the ground yet he returned to meet with and share food with his friends before returning to be with God, his Father and our Father, in heaven. Before he died, as he shared a meal with his Disciples, his closest followers, where he described the bread which he broke into pieces and gave to them, as his own body which would be broken on the cross on which he died, and the wine they shared as his blood which poured from his body with his death, he commanded them to "Do this in remembrance of me". An instruction which has been followed ever since by Christians around the world, a remembrance of his dying for us sacrificially to bring forgiveness to humanity for all the evil in the world, all the actions big and small which have caused pain and hurt, all the words which have wounded and were totally devoid of Love. Our re-remembering is a putting back together of that love, a commitment together to follow Jesus's teaching of loving God and others with the same unconditional love which God showed when he gave us his Son, and which the Son showed when he gave his life for us.

Remembrance is a vital tool for learning from our mistakes, discerning the best course of action in going forward and in feeding off that immeasurable love of God in which we are all held, and in sharing it with those we know and love.

Do please join us for one of our Memorial and Remembrance Services and experience the peace, hope and love of God.

Blessings, Jennifer

Events Diary - November

2 nd Thurs	12 - 2pm	Lunch in Company (LinC) - Broadwas Village Hall
5 th Sun	10.30am	Worship for All - Broadwas Church
6 th Mon	11.00am	Royal British Legion meeting at the Talbot
8 th Wed	10.15am	Holy Communion at Heaton House, Martley
11 th Sat	11.00am	“Act of Remembrance” Talbot at Knightwick
12 th Sun	10.45pm	Remembrance Sunday - Broadwas Church
15 th Wed	2.00pm	W.I. Monthly meeting
16 th Thurs	2.00-4.00pm	Cupper and Chat - Cotheridge Church
19 th Sun	10.30am	Holy Communion - Broadwas Church
22 nd Wed	10.15am	Holy Communion at Heaton House, Martley
25 th Sat	11 - 3.30pm	Broadwas Christmas Fayre - Village Hall
26 th Sun	10.30am	Morning Worship - Broadwas Church
	3.30pm	Forest Church - Almhouse Wood, Suckley
	4.00pm	Evensong at Cotheridge Church
30 th Thurs	10.30-13.00	Warm Welcome & Natter at Broadwas Village Hall
	12.30-2.30pm	Advent Soup Lunch - Wichenford Village Hall

Advent Soup Lunch

The Pastoral Team, active in Martley, Wichenford and the Lower Teme Valley, invite you to their annual Soup Lunch in Wichenford Memorial Hall on

Thursday 30th November from 12.30 - 2.30pm

Everyone welcome so do join us, bring a friend if you wish and enjoy home-made Soup, rolls, biscuits and cheese, fresh fruit and mince pies with tea or coffee to follow. - It's fun and filling !!

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INSPIRING WOMEN

This month we invited Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service to come and talk to us about 'Safety in the home'. We heard many stories about rescues and we learnt some tips like not running the washing machine or dishwasher whilst we are out of the house. Apparently many house fires start in the kitchen and if a fire starts we are advised to ensure that everyone leaves the building quickly, closing doors and phone 999. We were urged to resist the temptation to fight the fire ourselves as this can sometimes put us in danger and delay the call to the emergency service. Closing the door to the room with a fire can delay its spread.

It is good to learn that anyone can sign up for a home visit by the H&W Fire and Rescue service, by calling 0800 032 1155. An assessment is made of risks of fire in our homes, and smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are provided free of charge. It was a very worthwhile afternoon's visit and we thanked volunteers Jane and Matthew who came to talk to us.

Our next meeting on November 15th is a craft afternoon.

Susan Reeve



I should like to thank everyone who came to, or contributed in any way to, my Macmillan Coffee morning.

We raised over £500 for Macmillan Nurses which was amazing!

Thank you all very much,

Helen Walker



BROMYARD CHORAL SOCIETY

INVITES YOU TO

“COME AND SING”

Britten’s Ceremony of Carols

on

Saturday 18th November from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

with registration from 9.30 a.m.

at

St Peter’s Church, Bromyard

£10.00 to include music and refreshments

This event is a rehearsal for a

CONCERT

at **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, BOSBURY**

On the B4220 : HR8 1QT

(Please note not at St Peter’s Church, Bromyard
as originally advertised)

on Saturday 9th December 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

The Concert includes Haydn’s Little Organ Mass

Soloist: Soprano Bridget Snasdell

Supporting the organ restoration appeal

Tickets £12

Interested in either. Please contact our Secretary: patsymarson@gmail.com

Excerpt from **"Autobiography of Ted Morris"** - written about 1970 and recorded by a great Grandson, Richard Ankerson, from whom I got it many years ago, when I met him in Knightwick churchyard, visiting the family graves.

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He (Mr Riddle) had two daughters and a son, being the only boy in the family he was always spoilt, I can remember one afternoon when we were having tea Mr. Riddle came in from delivering his letters and said to his son, "Have you been to work", and he said "No, and I am not going to work", then they argued, and started to fight so I got up from the table and went out into the garden, when things had cooled down Mrs. Riddle called me back in, and said how sorry she was, I said "I am sorry too, but I am not used to this kind of life in our home, so I am afraid I will have to give you a week's notice", when my week was up, I collected my 3/- and went home, and told my mother I had left, and why I left. My father said "What are you going to do now". I said "I think Mr. Bishop wants a waggoners boy", so I went to see him. He looked at me, and said, "Are you the chap they stand on the wall to hear the clock strike", I said "I don't think so". "Well he said perhaps you will do for a make shift, but you don't look a mucker to me". He said "I will give you three bob a week, but that is more than I can afford, you come in the morning and mind you are here by six o'clock". He had two farms three miles apart, and I had to carry three quart bottles of cider from the one farm to the other for the waggoner, one morning when I entered the stable at 6 o'clock he said "Come on where have you been with that drop of scrumpy? I am thirsty, pour out". I said "How can you drink that cold stuff so early as this in a morning", he said "My lad don't you know, that bread is the staff of life but cider is life itself", I said "Then you will live for ever-more".

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Christmas Card Appeal Application

Please include me / us in the Footprints Annual Christmas Card Appeal

Name(s)

Tel.No.

I / We enclose herewith my/our donation to:

Midlands Air Ambulance Charity
to whom the enclosed cheque is payable

I am a UK taxpayer & would like **The Midlands Air Ambulance Charity** to reclaim tax under the Gift-aid scheme.

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference. [delete if not applicable]

Signed :

Address :

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