

# Footprints

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Broadwas Village Hall



Quiz  
Night



**FRIDAY, 1ST MARCH, 2024**

**DOORS OPEN at 7:00pm**

**QUIZ STARTS at 7:30pm**

£5 per Player, under 16's free : Tables 4 - 6 players

No need to Book, just turn up on the night for a night  
of Laughter and Fun

A Tasty Food Van will be serving up a storm, but Bring  
your own alcoholic drinks

## **Monthly musings from Rev Anne (Team Rector)**

### **Uncertainty, Uncontrollability, Unpredictability.**

Three words recently shared by Archbishop Justin Welby when he was visiting the Diocese. He was describing how so many of us are feeling as we look around our world today with the tensions in the Middle East, the effects of climate change, the economic challenges in so many places where people are struggling to keep body and soul together, let alone potential political upheaval in some of the leading nations.

These three “U’s” could be applied to different people, in different eras, across different nations. However, with the world becoming increasingly global, resulting from ever developing communication systems, more of ‘us’ are aware of what is happening politically, economically and environmentally. We no longer live in a local bubble totally unaware of communities beyond our own. We have 24/7 news – whether from the TV, our computers or our phones which contribute to feelings of uncertainty and uncontrollability in a world full of unpredictability.

As we recall the events of Holy Week from Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem to Good Friday and Easter Day at the end of March perhaps the friends of Jesus, both male and female, encountered the three “U’s”. The week started full of celebration and joy as the crowds gathered to welcome their Messiah full of expectation that Jesus was going to rescue them from Roman rule. Then as the week progressed elements of uncertainty probably started to creep in. After all what was their gentle, prayerful friend who could hold an audience of thousands, calm the waves and heal the sick doing when he lost his temper throwing the tables outside the temple around. Totally out of character. Then at the Passover Meal, which turned out to be their Last Supper, Jesus washed feet, talked about bread becoming his broken body and wine his shed blood and informed them that he would be betrayed by one of them. By now perhaps feelings of uncontrollability washed over them which were

exacerbated as they watched Jesus being arrested, tried and sentenced to death. Their friend, the Son of God, who they believed had come to rescue them was now deserting them, leaving them with a sense of an unpredictable future. Yet Jesus had told them he would rise from the dead. Of course, they didn't know the whole story like we do - that Jesus came to rescue us from the consequences of our wrongdoings including death and separation from God. Did their lack of trust in God contribute to possible human feelings of uncertainty, uncontrollability and unpredictability. Peter tried to take back control when he denied knowing Jesus as he sat round the fire after Jesus' arrest but as the cock crowed, Peter realised that he was not in control.

How much are we in control? How certain are we of what lies ahead? How confidently can we predict outcomes? On an international and even national scale little ol' you and me on our own has no control and we'd need a crystal ball to predict with certainty the outcomes of the current global issues facing us (even though we may have a good idea). However, whilst we might not be able to prevent a full-scale war in the Middle East or Trump becoming the next American President (that's sticking my neck out!!) we can work with others in helping to save our planet, donate to organisations helping those struggling to keep body and soul together and maybe there are other actions, no matter how small, we can carry out in contributing to make our world a better place.

We may be filled with senses of uncertainty, uncontrollability and unpredictability but we can celebrate that in Jesus' rising from the dead God fulfilled his promise of eternal life enabling us to have a sense of certainty in the prediction of a heavenly life beyond our earthly one and a God who is in control (though not always in the way we think).

He is risen, Alleluia. Wishing you all a Happy Easter .

Rev Anne

## Events Diary - March

3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	10.30am	Worship for All - Broadwas Church
	10.30am	Holy Communion : Martley Church
4 <sup>th</sup> Mon	11.00am	Royal British Legion meeting at the Talbot
6 <sup>th</sup> Wed	6.30 for 7pm	<b>Lent Refections 3 - Suckley Church</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	12 - 2pm	Lunch in Company (LinC) - Broadwas Village Hall
10 <sup>th</sup> Sun	10.30am	Holy Communion at Wichenford Church
	3.00pm	Evening Worship - Knightwick Chapel
13 <sup>th</sup> Wed	10.15am	Holy Communion at Heaton House
	6.30 for 7pm	<b>Lent Refections 4 - Alfrick Church</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> Sun	10.30am	Holy Communion - Broadwas Church
		Café Church - St Peters, Martley
20 <sup>th</sup> Wed	2.30pm	W.I. meeting - Broadwas Village Hall
	6.30 for 7pm	<b>Lent Reflections 5 - Crown East Church</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> Sun	11.00am	Palm Sunday at the <b>Cob House Fishery</b>
	6.00pm	Reflective Celtic Holy Communion - Martley Church
25 <sup>th</sup> Mon	7.00pm	Holy Week : Compline at Cotheridge Church
26 <sup>th</sup> Tues	7.00pm	Holy Week : Compline at Crown East Church
	9.00pm	Compline at Wichenford Church
27 <sup>th</sup> Wed	10.15am	Holy Communion at Heaton House
	9.00pm	Holy Week : Compline at Broadwas Church
28 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	10.30-12noon	Warm welcome and Natter - Village Hall
	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday - HC at Martley Church
29 <sup>th</sup> Fri	10-12noon	Childrens workshop at Suckley Church
	12.00-3.00pm	Good Friday Devotions at Martley Church
	6.00pm	Choral Devotions at Leigh Church
30 <sup>th</sup> Sat	1030-12noon	Coffee Morning at Martley Memorial Hall
	9.00pm	Service of Tenebrae at Knightwick Chapel
31st Sun	10.30am	<b>Easter Communion</b> at Broadwas Church



'Dogs for Good' is a charity of which I had no knowledge and so it was most interesting to hear Desna McAll tell us about its history and aims, which is to provide dogs to assist those living with disabilities. Desna explained how puppies were selected from 'brood bitch and stud', both of which had exhibited the desired qualities needed. At 7 or 8 months old the puppies are handed to 'Puppy Socialisers' where the training begins. Exposure to people and diverse environmental settings is vital to developing calm, relaxed personalities where puppies learn obedience and retrieval.

All sounds fun playing tug of war with a rag but essential for working life to come. The breeds are chosen for their friendliness and ability to learn quickly. At about 14 months the puppies go to the Training centre in Banbury, where for 16 weeks they train, learning fundamental skills like pushing buttons, pulling ropes which when attached to door handles enables the dog to open doors. Dogs help pull off socks and other items of clothing as well as taking clothes to the washing machine. Some very clever dogs can be trained to activate the washing machines and then transfer clothes to a tumble drier.

Dogs also need to learn to 'speak' to summon help in emergencies. These dogs offer a new lease of life to people in need and offer support and give confidence as well as forming a beautiful friendship. Dogs are so intuitive and can make all the difference to many people, even children with learning difficulties. All this work by the charity is only possible through fund-raising. We were able to support by buying some merchandise and making a donation. Desna was accompanied by Janet and Patsy, her support dog. Patsy, as a working dog sat patiently through the talk and then Janet told us a little about the advantages of living with a trained dog. It was a most heart-warming talk where we learnt so much and of course enjoyed seeing such a beautiful dog. Thank you to Desna, Janet and Patsy. Find out more at [info@dogsforgood.org](mailto:info@dogsforgood.org)

Our next meeting is **March 20<sup>th</sup> at 2pm**. Avril Pulley will talk to us about Worcester Porcelain. The competition is a small piece of porcelain.

Susan Reeve

# ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Last years Poppy Appeal total for our area raised the amazing sum of £7027. This is a superb effort by all our Poppy Collectors who I must thank again and a great big thank you everyone who contributed, every penny counts.

Three of our Poppy Collectors were awarded 25 year Certificates and badges and one was awarded a five year Certificate, between them over the years they have raised thousands of pounds for the Poppy Appeal a great effort all round.

A special mention for Broadwas School who every year raise a substantial amount of money towards our total.

Once again a big thank to everyone who contributed to this superb total.

As yet we do not have the final total for Worcestershire. I shall let you know as soon as possible.

Ed Jones & Sue Ganderton

Poppy Appeal Organisers for Knightwick & District RBL.

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

♦ . . . In the spring of 1916 Mr. Walker bought the famous Shire stallion, Bury Victory, a reserve champion at London and a first prize winner at the Peterbro, Huntingdon and Isle of Ely Shows. In March he asked me if I would travel him in the counties of Worcestershire & Herefordshire, he said "He was very valuable and I want a sober chap with him". I said "I will do my best", he said "I will give you 16/- a week and a groom's fee of 2/6". On March 25<sup>th</sup> he handed me a logbook and a certificate from the Board of Agriculture and said "You will have 35 miles to walk each day so off you go with the best of luck and be most

careful". It was often mid-night when I reached home, when I had completed the season on July 7<sup>th</sup> I handed him my book, he looked through it and said, "Well done my lad you have done very well, but I want you to do some work now, as you have only been walking about for the past 13 weeks".

In July 1917 my mother received a letter from the War Office to say my brother had been killed in action. In August she received another letter saying my other brother had been killed in action and that my younger brother had been severely wounded and was brought to Malta. This was a great blow for her and for my father. I did my best to keep them cheerful.

On June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1918 our first child was born, a son, this gave them and us a new hope for a while, but on May 13<sup>th</sup> 1921 my sister died with cancer at the age of 37 years, that was another nail in my mother's coffin.

On May 6<sup>th</sup> 1934 our second son was born, and my wife was in bed for nine weeks, but we never gave up hope, we always put our faith in God.

In 1942, my brother who had been wounded died at the age of 46 years and left a wife and young family.

My mother died at the age of 78 years but my father lived to be 96. I used to shave him each week. In 1946 my old bailiff went blind and I shaved him until his death and several more who were also blind.

When Mr. Walker died I went to his funeral to pay my last respects to the man I had worked for 37 years. I am sorry to say his sons or grandsons will never do as he done.

I remember him taking me to Docklow to fetch some cattle to Knightwick when we arrived at the farm he said to the bailiff, "Have you planted the Mangold seed", he said "No, the drill is no good", he said "What is wrong with it?", he said "Well it is as old as Adam", then he said, "My good chap, I have got one at Horsham that belonged to Adams father, and we are still using it". I heard him tell some farmers in Bromyard Market "That bit as I have forgotten would be useful to you people at times". He was a very witty man and a good farmer, whatever people said about him I always respected him and no one has come to take his place as yet.

After his death I left and went to the Ivy House Farm Broadwas, as waggoner for Mr. Pugh, I was with him for 12 years, then I was ill for six months so there seemed to be no chance for me to go back and he wanted the cottage for another man, so we moved to Hallow Green in 1959.

To be continued

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## **Church Officials:**

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