

Footprints

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KNIGHTWICK AND DISTRICT BRANCH



PRESENTS THE



WORCESTER CONCERT BRASS

at

MARTLEY VILLAGE HALL

on

Saturday 19th October 2024

at 7.30p.m.

£12.50 Pay at the door

Light Refreshments Included

All profits to the RBL Poppy Appeal

Monthly musings from Rev Anne (Team Rector)

The end of September/beginning of October is the month in our church calendar when we give thanks for the harvest, God's abundant goodness. For those of us living in rural England we are well aware of the farmers harvesting their crops in the fields around us, yet there are so many other harvests for which to be thankful.

The harvest of the vines and olive trees. The harvest of the bananas and pineapples. The harvest of the corn and the rice. Often these harvests involve manual labour in places where the 'farmers', like ours, are dependent on the weather. Yet for some the weather can make the difference between a good harvest feeding the family for the coming months or a bad harvest leading to starvation and death. There is also the harvest of the sea which happens all year round with fisherman going out in all weathers to bring in the catch that will feed, not only themselves and their family, but the wider community.

However, there is not only the harvest of food we have so much to be grateful. There is the harvest of God-given gifts or talents. Some people seem to have been given a plethora of gifts but every one of us has been given something we can do well. We might not feel that way at times and some of us have to work harder at finding what our gift may be. The joy is that we all have different gifts and talents with which to serve God and our fellow human beings. Gifts that include being a musician, a scientist, an artist, an academic, being creative, having IT skills, a communicator, an actor, being adventurous and so much more.

Gifts also include putting into action the values our children learn at school, kindness, compassion, respect, courage and love among others. Perhaps the gift of love is the greatest gift which brings about a true harvest of living together in peace. A smile is one of the simplest acts and yet, as Spike Milligan said 'A single smile like mine could travel round the earth', creating a harvest of love.

A smile could be like the mustard seed Jesus talks about in his

parables. The smallest seed that is planted, nurtured and grows into a huge tree offering shelter to the birds. Jesus uses the example of the mustard seed growing to illustrate how the kingdom of God, reflecting the Diocesan values of compassion, love, freedom and justice, can come about here on earth. The smallest of actions, like a smile, can bring a sense of being valued to someone feeling down, or lonely, or anxious. Think of the joy if lots of smiles rippled out throughout the community – what a wonderful harvest of goodwill for which to thank God. Not just during the harvest season but all year round. Now what would that look like.....

Less anger towards others, less frustration with the unfairness of life, less hostility between folk, less war, less strife, less human destruction of the world in which we live, less conflict and so on. A smile makes the person who smiles feel better and the person who receives a smile feel even better. Smiling is one of the first natural interactions of a young baby, a gift granted to each one of us. As we grow and are nurtured it is then our choice how we use that gift and how often. If we want to share God’s love for humankind, then why not start with a smile. A smile that may be an inner smile which is then shared with others creating a phenomenon in which the consequence of smiling results in a bumper harvest of goodwill towards all. Wouldn’t that be amazing....

Wishing you all a good harvest season.

Rev Anne

Harvest Festival Services

6th Oct	10.30am	All age Harvest Service - Broadwas Church
	6.00pm	Harvest Evensong - Broadwas Church followed by light refreshments
13th Oct	3.00pm	Harvest Service - Knightwick Chapel

Events Diary - October

- 3rd Thurs 12 - 2pm Lunch in Company (LinC) - Broadwas Village Hall
- 6th Sun 10.30am Worship for All - Broadwas Church
6.00pm Harvest Festival - Broadwas Church with refreshments
- 7th Mon 11.00am Royal British Legion meeting at Talbot Hotel
- 9th Wed 10.15am Holy Communion at Heaton House
- 13th Sun 10.30am Holy Communion at Wichenford Church
3.00pm Harvest Service - Knightwick Chapel
- 19th Sat 7.30pm R.B.L. - Brass Concert at Martley Memorial Hall
- 20th Sun 10.30am Holy Communion - Broadwas Church
Café Church - St Peters, Martley
- 23rd Wed 10.15am Holy Communion at Heaton House
- 24th Thurs 2.00 - 4pm Cuppa & Chat at Cotheridge Church
- 26th Sat 10.30 - 12noon Coffee Morning for Royal British Legion.
- 27th Sun 10.30am Morning Worship - Broadwas Church
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Broadwas Village Hall - Social Programme

October 25th - Halloween Party

November 25th - Broadwas Christmas Fayre & Santa's Grotto

December 13th - Christmas Disco