

Footprints

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A Very Merry Christmas

to all our friends and neighbours

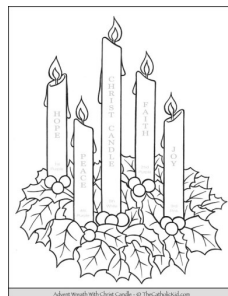
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We have raised **£850** for the
Midlands Air Ambulance this year. Thank you!

Monthly musings from Rev Mike Gardner

This month the count-down to Christmas begins ... but for Christians it is the Advent count-down to Christ's coming again. But as many of the Advent calendars and candles seem to count-up [1 to 25], it would seem to be OK for me to work backwards through December.



The 5th Sunday of the month falls on the 31st. So all are invited to St Thomas' Crown East for the 10.30 Team Holy Communion, as it is the last day of year we will be offering prayers for all that has happened, good and less so, and looking forward to what is to come in 2024.

The Sunday before will be both Christmas Eve and the 4th Sunday of Advent. So if Christ 2nd coming does not happen this year we can recall his first visit and celebrate his birthday. I encourage you all to try and find a moment of quiet amongst all the busyness of the day, to try and imagine the joy of Mary and Joseph on that first Christmas morning with the newly born Jesus. They didn't find themselves in the best of situations or times, their world was in turmoil and conflict, their future was far from certain and worst was to come. After so many years much has changed but so much is still the same or worst.

The central candle on our Advent Wreath the Light of Christ coming into the world, where as the 4th candle is to draw our minds to Mary his mother. In today's inclusive thinking we should also recall Josephs response to the Angels message for him and his part in Jesus' upbringing.

With the 3rd candle we are recalling John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, who is responsible for baptising Jesus and introducing Jesus' Ministry to the people seeking a Saviour.

The 2nd candle represents The Prophets, those who foretold of the

birth of the Messiah.

The 1st candle to be lit recalls the Patriarchs, with a focus on Abraham and David, in whose city Jesus was born.

As each Sunday reminds us of those who prepared for the coming of Christ, may we too get ready. With greetings for the start of the Church Year and the New Year to come.



Saturday 9th December - 7.30pm
Holy Trinity Church, Bosbury HR8 1PU

Haydn's - **Little Organ Mass**
&
Britten's - **Ceremony of Carols**

Conductor: Kate Cheetham
Soprano: Bridget Snasdell
Harpist: Stien de Neef

Tickets : £12 supporting the organ restoration appeal



Bromyard
Choral Society

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Events Diary - December

3 rd Sun	10.30am	Worship for All - Broadwas Church - Christingle
4 th Mon	11.00am	Royal British Legion meeting at the Talbot
7 th Thurs	12 - 2pm	Lunch in Company (LinC) - Broadwas Village Hall
8 th Wed	10.15am	Holy Communion at Heaton House, Martley
10 th Sun	3.00pm	Carol Sunday - Knightwick Chapel
13 th Wed	10.15am	Holy Communion at Heaton House, Martley
	2.00pm	W.I. Christmas Meeting
17 th Sun	5.00pm	Carol / Crib Service - Broadwas Church
20 th Wed	10.15am	Holy Communion at Heaton House, Martley
21 st Thurs	2.00-4.00pm	Cupper and Chat - Cotheridge Church
24 th Sun	4.00pm	Barnyard Nativity - Alfrick
	10.00pm	Holy Communion at Broadwas Church
25 th Mon	9.00am	Christmas Communion - Cotheridge Church
	11.00am	Christmas Family Worship - Martley Church
31 st Sun	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion (BCP) at Crown East Church

**** Advent Soup Lunch - Location changed ****

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

Now in **Martley Memorial Hall** due to a problem with the boiler at Wichenford. *Brrrr. . . . !*

This month was a very relaxing meeting where we made beautiful Christmas angels.



I assisted Barbara who put together all the components and prepared each pack to make things easy for us. I was very grateful that the tiny beads for eyes had been attached for us. Thank you Barbara for all your work. We all really enjoyed the meeting and were able to chat as we worked.

Our Christmas meeting is **December 13th** at 2pm.

We are delighted to welcome Gill Beardshaw who will help us make a small festive floral arrangement .

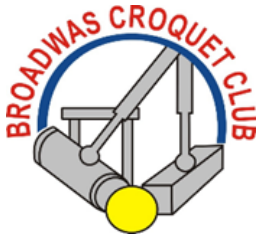
Susan Reeve



Winter Wonderland

Aren't we lucky ? Living as we do in the middle of England, with all the wind and the rain and occasional sunny intervals. Spare a thought for Jo Stenersen, who I've just hear from in Tromsø, one of our most northerly readers—the sun doesn't show above the horizon from November 21st to January 21st and then only if it's a clear day. They already have a good 10/12 inches of snow on all their roofs, which looks very Christmas-cardy and the temperatures aren't getting above zero day or night until the spring!

It's nice to keep in touch - Jo was born and raised in Knightwick as Jo Holland, before moving first to Denmark and then to Norway.



Another Great Season for Broadwas Croquet Club

Despite being delayed and punctuated by heavy rainfall, Broadwas Croquet Club enjoyed yet another exciting and convivial season.

Our twice-weekly rollup afternoons continued to attract large numbers of players throughout the season and we also welcomed an impressive number of new members to the club.

Amongst the newcomers was villager Billy Cooke, who had never picked up a croquet mallet before this summer. He proved to be a natural, not only winning a club tournament in his first season, but also being appointed as captain to one of our Golf Croquet teams for 2024..

Another relative newcomer, Jon Carrington took bronze in the national Golf Croquet B-Level tournament at Eastbourne in September after winning two of the 30 national heats held throughout the season.

The club also marked the centenary of Will Drake by presenting him with his own bench at the club, while croquet's governing body, the Croquet Association honoured club president John Steele with a Diploma For Services To Croquet.

Our Golf and Association Croquet teams performed well in external competitions throughout the season and Broadwas ended the season by beating the top four clubs in the West Midlands Federation Golf Croquet League, by winning the Robertshaw Cup final at our Stoney Ley headquarters.

Our club welcomes newcomers, whether they are total beginners or have experience of playing the game. If you are interested in joining the club, telephone Club Captain John Guy on 07941 787742.

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.

. Our pay day was on Sunday above all days, once a month, he always paid the men that worked on the estate first, then the waggoners and cowmen then I heard him shout "Come on in muggings", and shall never forget that first pay day, on his table he had 144 pennies, he looked over the top of his spectacles and in a rough voice he said "This is a hell of a stack of money to pay a bit of a boy like you, hold your cap here" and he put it in and said "You will be a millionaire before I am out of debt", that was 12/- for a months work. I suffered that for three years at the same wage. I was now seventeen years of age, so I thought I would try the old man for a rise. When I asked him, he said "Yes I was thinking about giving you an Irishmans rise", I said, "How much will that be", he said "One shilling less than you are having now", so I gave him one month's notice, when my notice expired I called for my big 12/- and went home, my father said "What are you going to do now". I said "I am going to church this morning", while I was in church I prayed to Almighty God to help me, and I was confident my prayers would be answered. When I went out after the service I heard someone calling after me, it was Mr. Walker's son, he said "Come back here my father wishes to speak to you". His father being a magistrate I said "I have done nothing wrong", he said, "I did not say you had", so I went back, his father said to me "You have left Mr. Bishop, I hear", "Yes Sir" I said, "And why have you left" he said, "Well Sir" I said "the wage he paid me was not enough", "How much did he pay you" he said, "3/- a week Sir", He said "You are one of Bill's sons", I said "Yes Sir I am", "Well" he said "your brother is waggoner at Horsham for me". Then he said "You can come and work for me, if you like. I will give you 8/- a week, a quart of cider each day and 2^d a hour over time", it was at this very moment I knew that God had heard my prayers in church and I have never forgotten it. When I got home my father said "What sort of a church service did I have", I said "A very good one and I have another situation to go to tomorrow morning at 6 o'clock".

. *more to follow another month*

Village Information

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