

Footprints

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What a lot can happen in a month.



Church Words by Rev Anne Potter

September 8th 2020 marked the end of, not only a reign, but an era. An era that spanned 70 years from the day her father, King George VI died to the day Queen Elizabeth II died.

A queen full of humility and grace, who gave of herself in service to our nation. So many tributes, so many words describing her warmth, her dignity, her selflessness, her commitment, her graciousness, her resilience, her courage, her sense of humour. Not only a queen but a daughter, a sister, a wife, a mother, a grandmother, a great-grandmother and a 'friend' to so many. A true servant queen whose life was founded in her Christian faith.

Mike and I were fortunate to finally go on our long-awaited cruise on the Norwegian Fjords (fourth attempt since 2020) and we attended the Sunday service. The Entertainment's Manager led and read the following saying how much it meant to him. After the service I asked him if he had a faith and you've guessed it – he didn't yet the words below meant so much to him. In my humble opinion HM Queen Elizabeth went spiritually shopping everyday and filled her basket because she believed in the final words.....

Heaven's Grocery Store

As I was walking down life's highway many years ago I came upon a sign that read 'Heavens Grocery Store'. When I got a little closer the doors swung open wide, and when I came to myself, I was standing inside. I saw a host of angels. They were standing everywhere. One handed me a basket and said "My child, shop with care." Everything a human needed was in that grocery store, and what you could not carry you could come back for more.

First, I got some **Patience**. **Love** was in that same row. Further down was **Understanding**, you need that everywhere you go. I got a box or two of **Wisdom**, a bag or two of **Faith** and **Charity**, of course, I would need some of that, too. I couldn't miss the Holy Spirit, it was all over the place. And then some **Strength** and **Courage** to help me run this race. Though my basket was getting full, I remembered I needed **Grace**.

I didn't forget **Salvation**, for salvation was for free. I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me. Then I started to the counter to pay my grocery bill, for I thought I had everything to do the Masters

will. As I went up the aisle I saw **Prayer** and put that in, for I knew when I stepped outside I would run into sin. **Peace** and **Joy** were plentiful, the last things on the shelf. **Song** and **Praise** were hanging near so I just helped myself.

Then I said to the angel "How much do I owe?" He smiled and said, "Just take them everywhere you go." Again I asked "Really now, how much do I owe?" "My child" he said,

"Jesus paid your bill a long, long time ago."

Whilst Her Majesty rests in heavenly peace our prayer is for His Majesty, King Charles III and that he, following his mother's example, goes shopping regularly in Heaven's Grocery Store. 'God save our Gracious King, Long live the King'.

We have a long winter ahead which many folk are going to find tough. Foodbanks need your help and so do others – particularly in Ukraine. **LINK TO HOPE** sends Christmas shoeboxes out to families and elderly folk in Eastern Europe and this year are including Ukraine. If you feel you can fill a shoebox and want to know more, please go to the Link to Hope website or contact Helen Cooke on 01886 821784 or Rev Anne on 01886 832355 and we can email/send you a leaflet. We will arrange to collect any shoeboxes from your parish church before **November 6th**. Perhaps you belong to a local organisation that would like to make this a project around sharing some love and kindness this Christmas time.

Confirmation Classes for Young People

We will be running a six week course in Cotheridge Church on Tuesday evenings, 4.30 - 5.30 pm from October 11th to November 22nd (break for half term).

Please contact either Rev Jennifer Whittaker (01886 833897) or Rev Anne Potter (01886 832355) if you are interested in your child/ren attending or for further information.

Events Diary - October

2 nd Sun	6.00pm	Harvest Evensong - Cotheridge Church
5 th Wed		W.I. Lunch
6 th Thurs	12 - 2pm	Lunch in Company at Broadwas Village Hall
9 th Sun	3.00pm	Harvest Thanksgiving- Knightwick Chapel
10 th Mon	7.00pm	Broadwas & Cotheridge Parish Council - Vill. Hall
12 th Wed	10.15am	Holy Communion at Heaton House, Martley
15 th Sat	10.30 - 12	Coffee Morning for British Legion - Broadwas Vill Hall
16 th Sun	10.30am	Holy Communion - Broadwas Church
19 th Wed	9.00am	Morning Prayers at Cotheridge Church
	2.00pm	W.I. - Broadwas Village Hall
20 th Thurs	2.00-4.00pm	“Cuppa and Chat” - Cotheridge Church
23 rd Sun	10.30am	Morning Worship - Broadwas Church
24 th Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayers - Broadwas Church
26 th Wed	10.15am	Holy Communion at Heaton House, Martley
	2.00pm	W.I. - Village Hall, Broadwas
29 th Sat	10.30 - 12noon	Coffee Morning for British Legion at Martley Vill Hall
30 st Sun	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion - Broadwas Church
	3.00pm	Annual Memorial Service - Martley Church
31 st Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayers - Knightwick Chapel

Today we had an amazing experience reliving Chris O'Grady's pilgrimage from Pershore to Rome. The talk was both entertaining and very interesting. We began by singing a verse of 'He who would valiant be' to set us in the mood. Chris explained that he wanted a challenge and decided to walk to Rome, taking very little. He hoped to rely on the kindness and trust of complete strangers and he was not disappointed. He made it to Rome with a rich store of tales and experiences and his photos showed the beautiful countryside and the many friends he made along the way. It was a moving talk and we were enthralled.

We have a lunch meeting arranged for Wednesday October 5th.
12.30pm.

October's meeting is on 19th at 2pm. 'A day in the life of a Speech Therapist' by Lizzie Benson. All welcome.

Susan Reeve

Nora Parsons' Centre

Can you help? We would love to be able to reopen on Thursdays at our very welcoming Centre for those who need a bit of company, fun and laughter, as well as sharing a meal and activities with others.

We are currently only open on Mondays from 10am - 3pm. Our team of dedicated volunteers keeps up the flow of hot and cold drinks, biscuits and good-natured banter throughout the day as they offer the different activities or introduce an invited guest to entertain their members.

In order to open on Thursdays we need to develop a second Team who, after training with our present group, will run that day for us. You require a willing, caring heart, a good amount of energy and a love of people.

If you are interested please contact Rev Jennifer Whittaker on 01886833897 and we can arrange for you to visit on a Monday to get a taste of what is required.

We are also in need of drivers (remuneration offered) to collect and/or return members home on both Monday and Thursday. Please contact David on 01299 896927. Many thanks,

Cotheridge Concert

Cotheridge church filled to capacity to welcome back Michael Lunts with his show 'Tickling the Ivories'. It was great to see so many people from the local community who formed an appreciative audience giving lots of spontaneous participation.

Michael Lunts presented a hundred years of comedy song, from G&S to Monty Python. Songs we knew and songs that we didn't joined by 'fun chat' in between. Quite a marathon, and all brilliantly performed.

Many thanks from the Trustees of Cotheridge church for supporting this event so well.

The FRIENDS of St. LEONARDS CHURCH, Cotheridge

Following the sad death of one of our members earlier this year, The Friends are looking for another local resident who would be interested in becoming a trustee. This is an exciting time to join us as we develop further community groups and events for local residents as well as beginning to work with the PCC on future development of the designated area of the Church as a community space.

If you are interested in joining us or you would like to find out more, please contact : Jane Green, Fay Leach, Andrew Longley, or Elizabeth Winscom (07543606629)

Jay Popplewell's family have been overwhelmed and are very grateful for the kind thoughts and wishes that have been sent to us at this time.

Knightwick & Doddenham Parish Council

The Parish Council of Knightwick and Doddenham has a Vacancy for a Councillor.

The Parish Council meets every two months in The Talbot Hotel, Knightwick and would like to co-opt someone to fill this vacancy.

If you are interested in serving the community in this way please contact the Clerk to the Council who can tell you more about the duties of a Parish Councillor.

Clerk : Geoffrey M Brewin, Whistlewood House, Lulsley, Knightwick, Worcester. WR6 5QT. tel : 01886 821 386
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Some more local history - from the Stroller

THE VILLAGE BUTTS.

The Quarter Sessions Roll of three centuries ago, records a prosecution of three Broadwas men, which shows that the Act of Henry VIII for encouraging archery, was still operative; though owing to a long peace somewhat neglected.

Despite progress made in development of fire-arms, then in use for more than two hundred years, the bow still remained the ordinary and probably the most effective weapon; and to secure its efficiency, men of age to bear arms were required by law to practice, at least once a month, at the parish "Butts"; and also, when summoned by the Constable, to present their arms at special "musters," for inspection.

In Broadwas and several adjacent parishes which were ancient Priory manors, and perhaps owing to this, both shooting and inspection appear to have been neglected; and probably it was on official instruction that in 1627, a "common informer" laid formal information, charging three parishioners of Broadwas with failing to show themselves armed with bow and arrows when summoned, and also with neglect to take part in monthly practice, "as required by Statute."

Village Information

Church Officials:

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Parish Councils

Broadwas & Cotheridge : **www.broadwascotheridge-pc.gov.uk**

Chairman – Richard Burrows

Clerk – Email : clerk@broadwascotheridge-pc.gov.uk

Knightswick & Doddenham

Clerk – Geoffrey Brewin 01886 821386

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