

Footprints

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Broadwas on Teme WI

Celebrating 70 years

But we need you !

New members are needed to help us to continue.

We meet on the third Wednesday
each month in the village hall, at 2pm.

We have speakers, outings and many activities.

Some involve our county. As members
of a National Organisation there are opportunities
to join in and do good for all our lives.

Contact our secretary for details - see back page

Church Words by Rev Anne Potter

February 2023 – what is in store?

Nationally and internationally, who knows. What we do know is that the potential cost of living increases will result in many folk struggling to feed themselves and to keep warm during the long winter days; that there is a high chance that more people will lose their homes and end up living on the street; that the war in Ukraine is unlikely to come to an end this month; that there could be more strikes disrupting people's lives and adding to the stress and strain of general living, especially those requiring medical help.

Not all doom and gloom.....

There are good things about February. The days get longer giving us more daylight hours. Valentine's day on February 14th reminding us of love for one another. The next month March is spring and often during February we see the first signs as the snowdrops flower and the early lambs are seen frolicking in the fields.

In the Christian liturgical year at the beginning of February on the second we remember Jesus being taken as a young baby to the temple by his parents Mary and Joseph as part of their Jewish faith ritual. (Many churches will celebrate Candlemas/Presentation of Jesus at the temple on 29th January). It was on this occasion an old priest, Simeon, and an old prophetess, Anna, who lived in the temple fasting and praying 24 hours, knew that the young baby being presented at the temple was the promised Messiah.

Simeon took the baby Jesus into his arms and praising God says the words of the Nunc Dimittis (which is often read at funerals)

*'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;*

for my eyes have seen your salvation,

which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for the glory to your people Israel.' (Luke 2:29-32)

The joy of meeting the new Saviour, God's son, is tinged with sorrow as Simeon tells Jesus' mother Mary that 'a sword will pierce your own soul too' (Luke 2:35).

Simeon is predicting the pain Mary will experience when her son is cruelly put to death on a cross. However, Simeon is now ready to die in peace having seen his Lord face to face in God incarnate, a tiny human baby.

February 2023 we will start our journey towards remembering that day – Good Friday. On Wednesday 22nd February, in our Ash Wednesday service at Heaton House (details elsewhere). Not forgetting, of course, Shrove Tuesday the night before when we clear our larders and eat lots of pancakes before commencing the six weeks of Lent. The annual time of fasting and penitence in the Christian calendar leading to the most important week of the Christian year, Holy week, culminating in the Easter celebration of new life – the resurrection of Jesus Christ which this year falls on April 9th.

There is a light at the end of the February dark tunnel – the light that came into the darkness at Christmas time is revealed to us through the eyes of an old man. That light which is there for all of us – even in the dark times, though we may not always see it.

Wishing you a February that is not all gloom and doom....look for those glimpses of light and celebrate times of joy and blessings.

And last, but not least (should be on the back page but there was a gap here !)

Police were summoned to a day-care centre where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

Did you hear about the fellow whose entire left side was cut off?
He's all right now.

The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine last week is now fully recovered.

If you don't have a sense of humour, you probably don't have any sense at all.

Events Diary - February

2023

February

2 nd Thurs	12 - 2pm	Lunch in Company at Broadwas Village Hall
5 th Sun	4.00pm	Evensong - Cotheridge Church
8 th Wed	10.15am	Holy Communion at Heaton House + refreshments
9 th Thurs	2.30 - 4pm	Pastoral Tea party at Martley Memorial Hall
12 th Sun	12.00pm	Farmers Market at the Talbot
	3.00pm	Evening Worship at Knightwick Chapel
13 th Mon	7.00pm	Broadwas & Cotheridge Parish Council
15 th Wed	9.00am	Morning Prayer at Cotheridge Church
	2.00pm	W.I. at the Village Hall, Broadwas
16 th Thurs	2.30 - 4pm	Coffee and Chat at Cotheridge Church
19 th Sun	10.30am	Holy Communion at Broadwas Church
22 th Wed	10.15am	Holy Communion at Heaton House + refreshments
26 th Sun	10.30am	Morning Worship at Broadwas Church
27 th Mon	9.00am	Morning Prayer at Broadwas Church



This month we enjoyed lunch at the Royal Oak. It was a cold but sunny day and we enjoyed our outing. We met early, for coffee and a discussion about the future of our WI. We will talk more at the next meeting and make a plan.

The good news is that Broadwas on Teme WI will be celebrating 70 years in March and we hope to mark the event in style. We do need more members to join us to enable us to continue for years to come. We have a lovely friendly group of ladies who enjoy many varied activities. At our February meeting we will hear a talk from Ruth Lowe about Mary Quant. **Wednesday February 15th at 2pm.** All welcome.

Ancient (well not that ancient !!)



and modern (possibly not that modern !!)



19th January 1918 - Berrows Worcester Journal

THE GREAT SNOWFALL – DAMAGE AND INCONVENIENCE IN WORCESTER

The snowfall of Tuesday evening was one of the heaviest known in this part of the country for many years. Steady and persistent it fell from the early hours of the evening till the morning was well advanced, when there was a depth of nine inches. Unaccompanied by wind the downfall differed in point of resultant damage from the violent blizzards which were here experienced during the past year or two, though the inconvenience caused by the miles of broken telegraph and telephone wires will be very considerable. The record gale of March, 1916, of which not all traces have yet disappeared (for trees are still lying on the countryside where they fell on the evening) was perhaps not more destructive to telegraph to telephone wires than this quiet snowfall. The great weight of the accumulated snow has some curious effects. In some roads in the city where the wires have so far withstood the strain the telegraph posts have been pulled out of the perpendicular by this steady pressure. The famous March gale of two years ago not only rendered these wires in a broken and tangled mass for miles around, but snapped the poles like matchwood. Happily this snowfall has not had these violent effects, and in the main only the wires have suffered. This is bad enough, because it will entail great inconvenience to hundreds of telephone subscribers. Early on Wednesday over 260 subscribers were cut off. Telephone communications were open only to Birmingham, Kidderminster and Gloucester; it was cut off to Malvern and the other local districts. The telegraph facilities were rather better than this, remaining open to London, Birmingham, Kidderminster, Evesham and Malvern but the rest of the wires were down. The Post Office Engineering Stall were grappling with the work as well as their depleted numbers will allow, but it is bound to be a considerable time before normal conditions are resumed. Two years ago they had the very valuable of the Royal Engineers in repairing the extensive damage, but on this occasion they will have to do the work themselves.

All the Worcester mails arrived on Wednesday, with the exception of that from Bromyard, that motor-car being hung up on Bringsty Common – one of the bleakest spots in the West Midlands. The mail trains arrived, but some were two hours late.

Though this fall has not broken up trees like the gale mentioned, it has done damage to many hundreds of gardens, where the trellis work, rambler trees, hedgerows, and shrubs and bushes of all kinds have been borne slowly but effectively to the earth by the crushing weight of the snow.

A large branch of a tree outside the house in the Bromyard Road occupied by Mr C H Bird broke under the weight of snow and smashed an electric lamp underneath, the standard being damaged.

A tram-car proceeding in the direction of Barbourne ran off the lines when near St Nicholas' Church It was pushed back on to the metals and proceeded on its journey. The Worcester trams were not able to traverse some of the routes at the usual hour but later in the morning were running on all routes.

Brighten up those gloomy February Days!

Come and join us at our

TEA PARTY

When?

On Thursday 9th February, 2023

Where?

At Martley Memorial Hall

At what time?

2.30-4pm

Do join us for tea, savouries, cakes
and a chat with friends old and new, following
a short act of worship

YOU will be MOST WELCOME.

NORA PARSONS EASTER FAIR

THE CENTRE IS HOLDING

An EASTER FAIR

1st APRIL at VENN LANE

**THERE WILL BE A RAFFLE
CAKE AND PRODUCE STALL
TOMBOLA
AND A RAFFLE**

Village Information

Church Officials:

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