

Footprints

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Macmillan Cancer Support

as part of the **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Cotheridge Church - 21st September - afternoon (2 - 4pm)

Norton House, Broad Green - Saturday 30th September
(10.30-12.30)

Martley Village Hall - also 30th September - morning



Please come along and support one of these Coffee mornings - a bit like the Air Ambulance and the Hospices - you never know when you might need their services and support.

Monthly musings from Rev Anne Potter

For those who aren't already aware, following Rev David Sherwin's retirement in November 2021 and the decision not to replace his post, all being well, I will have 'officially' been licensed as the Team Rector on August 20th, having sort of carried out the role for the past 21 months. Whatever the legality and the processes involved it has been, and will continue, to be a huge privilege to serve the seven parishes of Crown East, Leigh & Bransford, Alfrick-w-Lulsley, Suckley (my original four parishes), along with Lower Teme Valley (LTV comprising Broadwas, Cotheridge and Knightwick), Martley and Wichenford as incumbent.

Of course, there is no way I could 'care for' seven parishes with ten church buildings without the amazing commitment and support of the Ordained Clergy, Revd Jennifer Whittaker (who has led, and continues to lead, the pastoral ministry in Martley, Wichenford and LTV as well as taking services for the past 20 years); Canon Ruth Wintle who at the age of nearly 91 (at time of writing) is still taking services alongside being an active member of St Thomas in Crown East and tertiary Franciscan and Revd Michael Gardner who has joined us in the last couple of years from the Diocese of Winchester; ALM Worship Leaders Catrine Ball, Robert Pearce, Doug Whittaker, Helen Walker, Penny Hewlett and Sally Knowles (who will be ordained on Sept 24th at 6.30 pm in Worcester Cathedral); ALM worship leaders in training Becky Munn and Claire Daffern (whose service of celebration will take place on September 10th at 6.30 pm in Worcester Cathedral); the Open the Book teams who regularly go into our local schools to tell God's story; all the Churchwardens, PCC Secretaries and Treasurers, including Benefice Treasurer Paul Reeve and his assistant Ina Steele; all those who pastorally care for those in their parishes and everyone else who gives so much of themselves to the life of their parish church.

So, from September 5th – December 3rd I am off on sabbatical, leaving the care of the parishes in the, more than, capable hands of all those listed above, both named and unnamed. During my

sabbatical I will be taking some wind-down holiday and then travelling in and around sub-Saharan Africa including a trip to Malawi. Following my trip with the Diocese to Tanzania, I will be reflecting on how we can learn from the vibrancy of African Christianity alongside gaining further insight into how God is at work within the support and aid taking place in such an economically poor country.

Part of my visit will include spending some time with our own charity, Friends of Mulanje Orphans (FOMO) in Mulanje area, down south. I am also planning to visit other projects such as the Chisombezu deaf/blind centre which Edgbaston Convention Rotary club supports (one of our organists David Fowler is a member of the club and was National Rotary President 12 years ago), the Lion's eye hospital, a mother and baby project supported by St John's Ambulance, Mary's meals and the work of Mothers Union towards empowering women. Something to write about in future issues!!

In the meantime, may I be the first to wish you a joyous Christmas and peaceful New Year

With every blessing

Harvest 2023 in LTV

Three opportunities to celebrate Harvest and to give thanks for our farmers and all their hard work in The Lower Teme Valley.

September 24th there is our usual Cotheridge and Broadwas evening service at **4pm** at **St. Leonard's**, Cotheridge - followed by refreshments.

October 1st our All Age Team leads a Family Harvest at Broadwas at 10.30am followed by the usual hospitality.

October 8th Knightwick Chapel will be colourfully decked out for their Harvest Thanksgiving at 3pm, again refreshments after the service.

Do come and join us at one or all of these opportunities to give thanks for all God's gifts brought to us by those who "plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land". **if you wish to share our harvest with others why not bring some tinned or packaged dry food for the Foodbank which we and the other churches in the Team support.**

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Events Diary - September

2 nd Sat	7.00pm onwards	- Broadwas Village Hall - An Autumn Barn Dance
3 rd Sun	10.30am	All Age Worship - Broadwas Church
4 th Mon	11.00am	Boyal British Legion meeting at the Talbot
7 th Thurs	12 - 2pm	Lunch in Company (L in C) - Broadwas Village Hall
10 th Sun	3.00pm	Evening Worship at Knightwick Chapel
	6.30pm	Worcester Cathedral - Licencing of ALMS : Becky Munn & Claire Daffern
13 th Wed	10.15am	Holy Communion at Heaton House, Martley
14 th Thurs	2.30-4pm	Pastoral Tea Party at Martley Memorial Hall
17 th Sun	10.30am	Holy Communion - Broadwas Church
20 th Wed	2.00pm	W.I. Open meeting : Photographing Royal Occasions & Trains
21 st Thurs	2.00-4.00pm	Cupper and Chat - Cotheridge Church
24 th Sun	3.30pm	Forest Church - Almhouse Wood, Suckley
	4.00pm	Harvest Festival at Cotheridge Church
	6.30pm	Ordination Service at Worcester Cathedral for Sally Knowles
27 th Wed	10.15am	Holy Communion at Heaton House, Martley
28 th Thurs	10.30-13.00	Warm Welcome & Natter at Broadwas Village Hall
30 th Sat	10.30am	Macmillan Coffee Morning - Broad Green - Norton House
	10,30am	Macmillan Coffee Morning at Martley Memorial Hall

October

18th 2.00pm : W.I. Open Meeting - **Fire Prevention in the Home.**



We had a very interesting and informative visit to the Guild Hall in Worcester. Sadly the Mayor was on holiday so we did not get to see inside his Parlour, but we enjoyed our guided tour around the rest of the building. The Council chamber was fascinating and we were able to study the old photographs of

Councils dating back to 1900 and we were able to see the growth of female council members. There was a lovely portrait of Diana Ogilvy MBE who was Worcester's first Lady Mayor holding office from 1931 to 1932. She was a formidable character and served as a Justice of the Peace for 20 years.

We walked down to Greyfriars House where we enjoyed refreshments. We had added entertainment in the form of a thieving seagull, who made off with a toasted teacake. It was a lovely afternoon!

Next month we welcome back Jack Boskett who will share his photographs of trains and the Royal Family. We look forward to seeing some scenes from the Coronation of Charles III as well as Steam trains. **Wednesday September 20th at 2pm.** All welcome. £5 charge, to include tea and cake.

And last, but not least...

Apparently they were forecasting a hard winter in the USA.

A native American chief heard this and advised his people (probably by email) to collect more wood to keep warm.

After a week or two collecting wood they came back to him and asked if he still thought the winter was going to be extreme. He said he thought it was and that they should keep on with the wood collecting. Just to check he rang the met office and they said "Yes they thought the winter was going to be hard".

After more wood collecting the people came back to the chief and asked him if he was still sure about the winter. He said "Yes", but to be on the safe side, he checked with the met office again.

They said "Yes, they were even more sure than they had been". The chief asked why they were so sure. The met office man said "Because the native Americans are collecting wood like never before !"

Martley Young Farmers

Martley Young Farmers have had a busy few months. September marks the beginning of a new membership year, and we have already been planning some events and activities.

Our first event is our **New Members Evening on Wednesday 6th September at 6:30pm**, where we will be having a go at Laser Clay Shooting. This is being held at Ham Bridge Farm, Martley, WR6 6QT. If you are interested in joining us or want to find out what Young Farmers is all about, come along for the evening, we guarantee you will enjoy it! Young Farmers is open to anyone aged 10 to 28 - you don't have to be a farmer to be a Young Farmer.

If you would like some more information, please call :

Zoe 07772 020840 or Amy on 07975 636122.

We have also planned a Pub Quiz which we will be holding at Martley Village Hall on **Saturday 21st October**. It will be £10 per person, which will include food. Teams can be up to 6 people. There will also be a bar and tuck shop available. For more information or to enter your team, please call or text Zoe on 07772 202840, please pre-book by Wednesday 18th October.

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Chairman - Zoe Wickens 07772 202840

Vice Chairman - George Adams 07955 395742

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.

Back to the beginning :

I was born on July 4th 1894 in an ancient stone cottage on the east side of the Ankerdine Hills, it had been the home of my father, my grandfather and of my great grandfather, at birth my chances to survive were very slim, so the Rector came and baptized me in case I left this world at short notice, but by the grace of Almighty God, I am here today to write this book at the age of seventy-six years.

At the age of one year I was covered with boils, so I was taken to Worcester Infirmary where I remained for one month, then I was returned home, at eighteen months I scaled only eleven pounds at the weigh in. My legs were so deformed, that the doctor tried to persuade my father to let him break both my legs, and reset them, but my father objected to that being done. At two years old I could not walk, and I can remember it to this day because I had to sit in a tiny chair, with splints on my legs, bound with bandages to pull my legs into shape, and believe me, I used to scream at the very sight of that chair. This had to be carried out each day.

My godfather was Edwin Nicholas, a shoemaker by trade, he used to come to see me every week, one day he said to my father "Don't you ever let the doctor break that boy's legs. I will make him a special pair of boots that will enable him to walk", and I owe him a debt of gratitude to this day because I was able to walk in a short space of time,

. . . . *more to follow another month*

Village Information

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