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The Revd Stephen Fletcher, Associate Minister, writes:

As I write this Jean and I are preparing for a trip away to join friends at the Taizé Christian community in France. This place and community has been a constant for us throughout our adult life and ministry. An early spiritual writer that has a place in the brothers' lives is St Augustine who wrote the words variously interpreted that the Christian life consists of a series of beginnings which never end.

This quote is not to say that history does not have a part to play. Having an eldest son who is a lecturer in military history we deeply value the place of history. Our time here in these Benefices has allowed us mutually to share a time of history and also to learn something of the history of the parishes we have tried to serve. We are immensely grateful to all those who have shared their journey with us through this time and supported us in our journey. However, in the salutary words of the Gospel: 'No one who puts his hand to the plough and keeps looking back is fit for the Kingdom of God'. So let us look to a new beginning and celebrate the generosity of spirit that allows us to welcome the future and to support one another in all that lies ahead. The future we entrust to God through faith and we are not to be victims of fear. My new parishes are in an area that is steeped in my own family history but has changed immensely over the last 60 years since my family was actively involved. Our background has a place to play and may form who we are, but we are also about new beginnings. During my time here we marked the death of my dear Mother who would be amazed at living to the same age as our late Queen and having the same cause of death: 'old age'. This, for the Christian, is the ultimate in new beginnings.

Let us always welcome new beginnings and seek to show confidence in those entrusted with walking with us into our future. We are always strengthened by the traditions that have given confidence to past generations.
Stephen

Stephen and Jean Fletcher's final Sunday with us will be 13 November, Remembrance Sunday. We will be saying Farewell with a Tea at Tredington church on Saturday 12 November, beginning at 2.30pm with 'The Story of a Dancer' – a poignant presentation with words, music and Morris Dancing about the First World War, at Stephen's request. Tea will follow at 3.15pm. All are welcome. This will be an opportunity to thank Stephen and Jean for their ministry over four tumultuous years in the history of the Six Parishes. Stephen's Licensing to his new post will take place on Thursday 24 November at 7.30pm at All Saints Gravelly Hill in Birmingham.

The Church of England continues to produce services that are free to hear on the telephone simply dial 0800 804 8044. It is easiest accessed through the Church of England "a church near you" site <https://www.achurchnearyou.com>, where each church has its own page. Have a look! It is regularly updated in these changing times. There are lots of useful links to see!

Nature Notes November 2022

The UK is home to two types of seals the grey seal and the common/harbour seal. Seal pups can mostly be seen from November to January. There are a number of places to see seals with their pups, however it is vital to respect them keeping your distance to avoid distress. Seal pups feed on very rich milk tripling their birth weight in about 3 weeks. At that time they form small groups called weaner pods remaining on land whilst their mothers go to sea to feed. After a week or two the pups take their first swim in the sea. Seal pups are at their most vulnerable when starting to explore their environment, due to discarded plastic pollution and fishing nets. A seal pup will play with and eat plastic not realising the danger. Psalm 24:1 says "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it". We are called to be good

Six Parishes Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2022

Deadline Friday 4 November

Link to Hope is determined to ensure that its Christmas Shoebox Appeal reaches war torn Ukraine this year, delivering them direct to the poorest of families and the elderly, for whom these Christmas gifts are a lifeline. Others will go by lorry to Romania, Moldova and Bulgaria. Why not make up a box with a friend or between families? The charity's website shows you how to do this for just £10 (see below). To support the appeal pick up your INSTRUCTION LEAFLET from Ilmington Community Shop or from any of our six churches. Fill a shoebox suitable for either a **FAMILY** or for an **ELDERLY PERSON**. Items can be secondhand if in good condition.

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Thank you in advance for your wonderful generosity in these difficult economic times. Wendy Lewis Edwards Appeal Coordinator

stewards of it. So we can all play our part no matter how big or small it all counts!

DARLINGS SCOTT

St George's Church

We are wondering if anyone would like to join the Flower rota for Darlingscott, normally whoever joins us will buy and arrange the flowers for one month of the year. Easter, Harvest and Christmas we normally work together as a team to decorate the church, if anyone is interested in joining the Flower Rota please contact Doreen on 01608682949 or

email doreenmccarroll@doreenmccarroll.plus.com. Thank you.

STRETTON-ON-FOSSE

Stretton-on-Fosse Village Hall

Three dates in November to keep in your diary:

Wednesday 2nd November - Come and enjoy a **Soup Lunch in the village hall, from 12.30**, especially when it is cold outside! A choice of 2 or 3 home-made soups, rolls, tea, coffee, biscuits. Everyone welcome, donations if you wish and can do so. We are planning to have these Soup Lunches every fortnight on a Wednesday - 2nd, 16th, 30th November.

Sunday 13th November - We are holding a **Cream Teas in the village hall from 3.30 till 5.30**, organised by the Biodiversity and Sustainability groups in the village. Come and find out what is happening in Stretton. Stall, displays from the 2 groups and two short talks: The Cotswold Warden talking about their work and Jaycee from Shipston about swifts: 'Swifts are making a Comeback!'

Friday 18th November - An evening of wine-tasting, in aid of the village hall funds. More details to be announced.

PRESTON-ON-STOUR

Preston Village Hall

The Harvest Supper has just happened and everyone who joined us looked as though they were having a good evening! We certainly did. Many thanks to Rev Richard Cooke for opening the evening and telling us all about the 'Ripple charity' and to all those who supported this event; the helpers who cooked, carved, served, prepared the hall and most importantly tidied up afterwards. Thank you.

Friday 25th November - Film Night 'The Duke'

A true and intriguing story: a Goya portrait from around 1812 was stolen from the National Gallery in 1961. Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren star in this much acclaimed film. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 start.

Saturday 4th February 2023 - The Annual Preston Quiz

A date for your diaries, calling all those teams of four who enjoy being bombarded by sweets in the warm up rounds even if they can't answer the questions. Further information to follow.

ILMINGTON

Ilmington Village Hall Presents

An Evening with Sunny Ormonde (Lilian in the Archers) Saturday 26 November, 7pm

Sunny has been playing the "outrageous and raunchy Lilian Bellamy" in Radio 4's The Archers for the past 22 years and has become one of the listeners most favorite characters! Her antics have kept the nation gripped and entertained, whether it be riding round Ambridge on a Harley Davidson, drinking at The Bull and in the Cider shed dry with Eddie Grundy, absconding to Costa Rica with her beloved and recently departed Tiger! (Oh the louse!) or recklessly kicking off her sling-backs and leaping into bed with Tiger's brother Paul. In the show Sunny will fill you in on all the behind-the-scenes stories about the world's longest running soap opera, an evening of anecdotes, banter, and favourite pieces from Sunny's long and distinguished acting career. Tickets can be bought from the Community Shop at £15 and include for a glass of mulled wine and a warm mince pie.

The Coven

The winter is cold but the Howard is not, The fish and chips are crisp and hot. So on the 16th off we'll trot at half past twelve to scoff the lot!

Ilmington Community Shop and Café **Talking wine, shopping and babies!**

As the nights draw in, we like to think about our Christmas wine order – we hope you do, too! To help you make your choices, the highly-respected Broadway Wine Company is staging a Wine Tasting at the Community Café on **Friday 4th November at 7pm**. Informal tastings will continue every Saturday morning in the Shop until 17th December. Then on **10th November**, it's our fabulous Farmers' Market, which we organise in Ilmington Village Hall from 6 to 8pm. It's a chance to browse, buy and meet some of our favourite local artisans and suppliers. There's a bar and you can pre-book a two-course, home-made supper, too from the shop (or call 682838.)

Finally, we are keen to invite more parents and babies along on Wednesday mornings to the Café. Our regular Parent and Baby group has been a great success, but as our infant customers move on to nursery and even school, we'd love to see some new faces! Come along from 10am, whether you are pregnant, a new mum or dad, or a grandparent with babies in tow. We provide the cake, the tea, the company and a few toys for everyone to share.

Wednesday Club next meeting; November 9th at 2pm, Village Hall

We had a very sociable meeting in October with members coming together for a chat and lots of tea and cakes. Sometimes it's good to just relax and get to know each other better. Our next meeting is on November 9th where we will be entertained by Susan Brock telling us all about the life of the Reverend Julian Charles Young, a fascinating character and social reformer who was rector here in Ilmington in late Victorian times. Never heard of him? Come and find out! There is only one birthday to celebrate this month and that is Thelma Rondel's. Thelma is our treasurer for the group and she is a treasure too! Thank you Thelma for all you do and a very happy birthday to you!

Screen on the Green at Ilmington Village Hall: Friday 25 November

Phantom of the Open: hugely entertaining comedy starring Mark Rylance and Sally Hawkins. You don't have to be a golfer to laugh all the way through. Doors open 7pm for 7:30 start.

Ilmington Village & Horticultural Show: Supporting the Local Community

After this year's successful Show there is a substantial amount available for local good causes. Any group wishing to make a bid for support, please apply in writing to Alan (15 Cross Leys, Ilmington, CV36 4RT; E: alanwrightfireworks@gmail.com) by Wednesday 16 November stating what the money would be used for and a guide to the sums required so that requests can be considered. Get involved in the 2023 Show: come along to the AGM at 7.30pm on 23 November at the Howard Arms.

TREDINGTON

Tredington and Blackwell WI

The next WI meeting will take place on Thursday 10th November 2022 in the Tredington and Blackwell WI Hall, Armscote Road, Tredington, CV36 4NP commencing at 1pm. This will be our Annual Meeting. At our WI Meeting on Thursday 8th December 2022, our speaker will be Jo Golby whose talk is entitled *Christmas True Victorian Style*. We shall also have a 'bring and share' Christmas lunch. If you would like to attend our meetings, please contact Patricia Macpherson, Secretary, for further details. Telephone 01608 682102 or email secretary@tredingtonandblackwellwi.co.uk. Visitors are always welcome at this friendly WI. We continue working to reduce isolation in the community. For further information, please see our website: <https://tredingtonandblackwellwi.co.uk> and Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/tredingtonandblackwellwi>

Welcome to Tredington' Booklet

For many years, Tredington and Blackwell WI has produced and maintained a 'Welcome to Tredington' booklet, which provides details of the activities that take place and their contacts. It also provides some practical information in relation

to other services and facilities in the area which you may need. As it is a 'live' document, it is regularly updated and is available for you to view, download and print from: <https://tredingtonandblackwellwi.co.uk/welcome-to-tredington/>
We hope you find the booklet informative and that it will be useful to new and existing residents alike. If there are any groups or societies that would like to be considered for inclusion in this booklet, please contact Patricia Macpherson, Secretary, telephone 01608 682102 or email secretary@tredingtonandblackwellwi.co.uk

Craft and Chatter

Our next two Craft and Chatter meetings will be on Thursday 3rd November 2022 and Thursday 1st December 2022 in the Tredington and Blackwell WI Hall, Armscote Road, Tredington, CV36 4NP, commencing at 2.00pm. EVERYONE is welcome – including non-crafters. There are opportunities to share tips and learn other crafts in a relaxed, informal atmosphere. Bring your own knitting, sewing or craft to work on whilst having a cup of tea, a piece of cake and a chat. Our latest project is to make items for the WI Christmas Fair on 19th November 2022. For further details, please ring Trish 01789 740185.

WI Community Film Night

Our next film screening in the WI Hall, Tredington, will be on Friday 2nd December 2022. Bar opens at 7pm with the film starting at 7.30pm. The film is a British comedy film set in Cornwall, (Cert 15, 93 minutes, plus interval with bar and ice creams). Booking is now open. For more details of the film, to join the email list or to book places, please contact Gill, either email treasurer@tredingtonandblackwellwi.co.uk or text 07789810877.

WI Christmas Fair

Are you looking for treats or presents for Christmas? Why not come along to Tredington and Blackwell WI Hall, Armscote Road, Tredington, CV36 4NP on Saturday 19th November 2022, 10.30am-1.00pm. There will be crafts, cakes and preserves on offer. Tea and coffee available. Entrance free. Please support another of our community events.

Newbold and Tredington C of E Primary School

Our harvest service took place at St Gregory's Church, Tredington. Each class took charge of a section of the service: Ruby Class sang a song; Sapphire presented a harvest rainbow and said something they were grateful for, Emerald Class shared a performance of 'The Parable of the Sower' and Amber led our prayer. Thank you to every family who donated a harvest box of non-perishables for the food bank. We took part in the Year 5/6 football tournament in Shipston with our girls playing most recently. The team played superbly, finishing as runners up and only narrowly missing out on first place. Phenomenal team spirit, togetherness and sporting behaviour was demonstrated by our girls. Well done, team! We held a coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support at the Tredington site and invited families, friends and the community to buy a coffee and cake. Thanks to the support of our families, we raised a respectable £111.20. This month will be another busy one with our Remembrance service, a visit from an Olympic athlete, a SHINE day to celebrate our whole school vision and a visit to Lunt Roman Fort for Emerald Class.

Tredington & District Garden Club

Our last meeting of 2022 is on Thursday 17th November in the WI Hall, when Roger Umpelby will give an illustrated talk on garden pollinators titled "Bees- What's All the Fuss About?" As usual, our discounted bar opens at 7pm, with the speaker from 7.30pm. The evening will include a raffle, free 'bring & share' table for plants & garden sundries, and light refreshments. Non-members are always welcome.

SERVICE ROTA NOVEMBER 2022

November 2022	St George's Darlingscott	St Mary's Ilmington	St Mary's Preston-on-Stour	St Peter's Stretton-on-Fosse	St Gregory's Tredington	St Mary's Whitchurch
6th		Holy Communion 11.00am	Evensong (1662) 6.00pm	Holy Communion 9.00am	Family Service & Baptism 10.30am	Holy Communion (1662) 9.30am
13th	Act of Remembrance 10.45am	Holy Communion (1662) 9.30am Act of Remembrance 10.45am	Act of Remembrance 10.45am	Act of Remembrance 10.45am	Act of Remembrance 10.45am	Act of Remembrance 10.45am
20th		Family Service 11.00am		Evensong (1662) 6.00pm	Morning Prayer 10.30am	Morning Prayer 9.30am
27th		Evening Worship for Advent 6.00pm	Morning Prayer 11.00am	Holy Communion 9.00am	Holy Communion 10.30am	

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Enquiries about Weddings or Baptisms are very welcome! Please contact the Rector, Richard Cooke.

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OUTSIDE THE PARISHES

Stratford-upon-Avon Choral Society

Mendelssohn *Lobegesang* and Haydn's *Theresienmesse*

Stratford-upon-Avon Choral Society's concert on **November 19th, 2022 at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford** showcases Haydn's *Theresienmesse* and [Mendelssohn's *Lobegesang*](#), both important works from the Choral repertoire, the latter with wonderful choral writing and some amazing arias. Music Director, Oliver Neal Parker, will conduct the Choir, Regency Sinfonia, professional soloists and Holy Trinity organist Douglas Keilitz, as part of the Stratford Music Festival. The Choral Society was first formed in 1836, one of the two oldest choral societies in the country, now in its 187th season.

Tickets £20 (adults) or £10 (students) from <https://www.stratfordmusicfestival.com>, Choir members or www.stratfordchoral.org.uk.

A Breakfast for Women on Saturday 5th November 2022

at the Halford Bridge Inn, Fosse Way, Halford, Shipston on Stour. Please join us for a delicious continental breakfast at 9.00am for 9.15am. Our speaker is Helen Wright, who lives in Leamington Spa with her husband, Ben, and their three children, Caleb 11, James 8, and Hannah 6. Prior to having her children, Helen worked as a midwife, and now supports new mums with feeding their babies. When she is not being mum or working or serving in her local church, Helen enjoys ballet, running and getting lost in a good book! It will be a delight to hear Helen share her faith and her personal insights with us after breakfast. If you would like to book a place please email Liz Harvey: ma_harvey@hotmail.com or message:07914 02645.

Townsend Hall, Shipston-on-Stour

So much going on...Friday 18th November, Washington Whirligig – Whirligig by name and by nature! Saturday 3rd December, The Birmingham Blues Brothers; Sunday 4th December, the Shipston Town Band; Friday 17th December, the Carl Sinclair Quartet - get in quick when we release tickets for this one! Carl is a professional pianist, vocalist and entertainer with songs for everyone that'll get you dancing and singing along! All the proceeds from bookings and events go towards the charity under which we operate. For events we book ourselves, proceeds are targeted at specific projects, e.g., an investment in a stage lift to provide access to the stage for all – and, thanks to our event attendees, we're getting close! We need all the support we can get - take a look at <https://localgiving.org/charity/infoattownsendhallcom/> - if you can spare a little something, it would be very helpful to keep us going. See www.townsendhall.co.uk for more.

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