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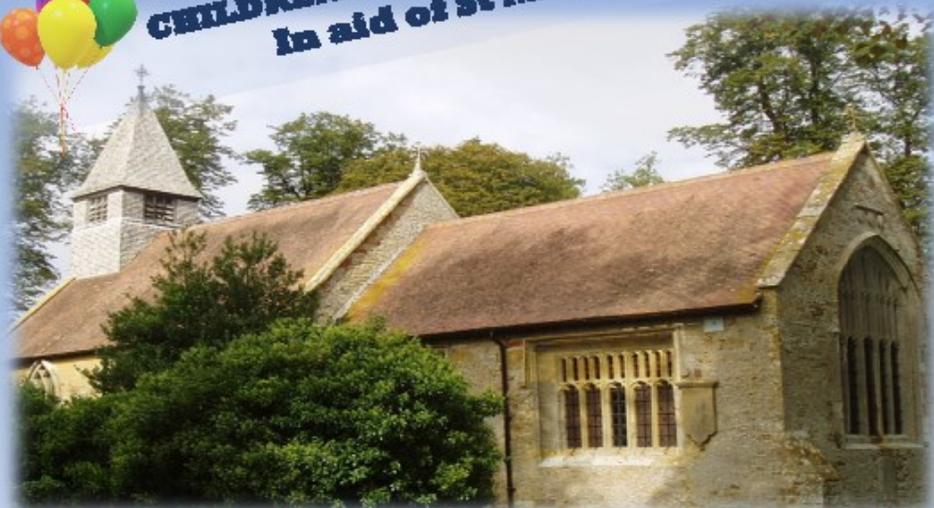
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The Covid pandemic is by no means over but there are moves towards ‘opening up’ and we are all having to navigate these extraordinary days. After many months of restriction affecting every aspect of life, we are discovering new ways of living in our communities and churches. We are being cautious in our approach, but folk coming to church need to be aware that things are gradually changing and singing is being introduced. Importantly we want to ensure that everyone feels safe in church.

We are also pleased to say that interviews for the new Rector are being arranged for the end of September and if all goes well an announcement will be made in October.

Meanwhile in these summer days we celebrate the beauty of creation, be it in our beautiful part of the world or if we are going away. At the same time matters of climate chaos are once again in the news. The devastating floods in Europe have come hard on the heels of record temperatures in Canada and USA. The link between human activity – carbon emissions – and extreme weather events can hardly be denied and action is urgently needed at an international and personal level. The UN environmental summit in Glasgow in November 2021 will provide the opportunity for nations to respond to the current crises; the Church of England is also playing its part in preparing documents to be presented at the conference, a prayerful basis for us to approach these matters. *Season of Creation: Creationtide or the Season of Creation* is the period in the annual church calendar, from 1st September to 4th October this year, dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. Many churches have been planning climate awareness services, and the Season of Creation is a great time to come together.

In the final few months leading up to the UN global climate change talks, we are being encouraged as churches to hold a special Climate Sunday service or event, to make a commitment to tackle climate change, and to raise our voices to call on world leaders to do the same. In the face of so much despair and tragedy in the world it is important to have a particular purpose and goal. A book recommendation: *Seeing Differently: Franciscans and Creation*, published by the Hillfield Franciscan community, exploring how the simplicity of Franciscan life-style can bring meaning and fulfilment.

There is no doubt that anxiety levels are high and confidence for the future has been low. The daily news can be overwhelming and it is just here that the Church can demonstrate steadiness of purpose, bringing a message of quiet confidence about the love of God, and the assurance that a warm welcome awaits all. Traditionally the Church has been a place of refuge in difficult times and we see that there has never been a greater need than now for the influential presence of the Church.

Stephen Fletcher
Assistant Curate.

The Church of England continues to produce services that are free to hear on the telephone simply dial **0800 804 8044**. The website now has the current issue of this magazine available it is easiest accessed through the Church of England “a church near you” site, each church has its own page. If there is anything you would like put up on the site do email it directly to revfletcher24@gmail.com. Have a look! It is regularly updated in these changing times. There are lots of useful links to see!

From the Registers

Baptism: Annabelle Meenaghan-Walter 4th July at Stretton Church

Wedding: Nathaniel Sear and Claudia Bayes 26th June at Whitchurch

Funeral: Dave Boyes 1st July at Sun Rising Natural Burial Ground

Shipston Medical Centre: SAVE THE DATE

The community very sadly lost wonderful Dr Sue Pritchard earlier this year, and with so many lovely comments about her a memorial service is planned on Saturday, 18th September at 3pm in St Edmunds Church, Shipston on Stour to celebrate her life. More information about the event will follow in due course.

Malcolm Spencer

Christine Spencer and family would like to thank everyone who sent cards and flowers following the death of Malcolm. We hope anyone who wishes to celebrate his life will be able to join us on August 2nd in Preston on Stour (numbers allowing).

Nature Notes July 2021

August reminds me of day trips or holidays by the sea. I love the sea shells in all their diversity, different shapes, colours and sizes. A discarded protective shell no longer needed by the occupant. Crabs, lobsters, freshwater creatures such as mussels and land snails have shells, to name a few.

I remember a tongue twister. Can you say it? How fast can you say it?

She sells sea shells by the sea-shore.

The shells she sells are sea-shells, I'm sure.

For if she sells sea-shells by the sea-shore

Then I'm sure she sells sea-shore shells.

The scallop shell is the symbol of baptism in Christianity. The baptismal font is often shaped like a scallop or decorated with one. The priests often use a scallop shaped dish to pour water over the heads of those receiving baptism. The scallop shell was used by the Apostle James the Greater during his pilgrimage to beg for food and water. Even the poorest people could fill the small shell, so he always found help along his way. Gill

PRESTON-ON-STOUR

Preston-on-Stour Village Hall

9.45 Thursday 19th August - Titania is back on the road!

The village hall carpark is host to the mobile library van, Titania. This is a fantastic service which is underused and will disappear without your support. There is a good selection of books on the van and it is easy to request titles that can be brought along too.

Film Nights - September .We are hopeful that this very friendly group of film goers will be back in the hall on Friday nights from the autumn.

Saturday 16th October - Harvest Supper. Please keep this date free for a grand village meal in the hall.

New Year's Day Breakfast 2022. The village hall committee ran this event for twenty years and it was a lovely way to see the year in with neighbours and friends. We would be delighted if any of the residents of the Three Parishes felt they would be able to take on running the breakfast. Please do get in touch with any of the committee members if you would like to give it a go.

TREDINGTON



Neighbourhood Plan: The story so far July 2021

Stratford District Council (SDC) has undertaken an informal review of our Plan over the last two months. Their comments and observations have been extremely helpful and we are incorporating them into the document. The Plan will not be recommending any sites for possible development because residents did not give the Steering Committee the authority to do so. However, the District Council's proposed Reserve Housing

Allocation sites in Tredington and Newbold remain in place as part of the developing Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA). We had hoped that two of the proposed sites would be designated as Local Green Spaces, but they do not meet the strict definition criteria. Of importance, is that the Plan is recommending a Built Up Area Boundary for Newbold and Tredington; the first time that such a limit on development will be put in place. Once the Plan is amended, the new version will be placed on the web site. A further review by SDC will be undertaken before the Formal Consultation phase, which will involve several public meetings. More information to follow.

www.tredingtonparishcouncil.co.uk ; www.TredingtonNP.co.uk

Tredington & District Garden Club

Great news! After a long wait, the Garden Club will begin its monthly programme of meetings again from September. Our first meeting will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 16th September in the WI Hall (and will comply with relevant COVID advice at the time). Please note the date in your diary, more details in the September magazine, or check the website

www.tredingtongardenclub.weebly.com We look forward to seeing you – All Welcome

Social Bridge

We have a small group of people who play social bridge in this area and we would welcome anyone who would like to join us. We play for fun not competition but could form a club should there be a need. Anyone interested please call Juliet Cox 01608 662868.

Craft and Chatter Thursday 5th August 2021

If you enjoy craft work, why not come along to WI Hall in Tredington at 2.00pm and join us for a couple of hours. We get together to work on our own projects but in a relaxed and friendly environment with tea and cakes provided. We look forward to seeing you!

Tredington and Blackwell WI

We will be holding a lunch on Thursday 12th August at 1.00pm in the WI Hall in Tredington or if a fine day in the President's garden! We will contact all members nearer the time.

ILMINGTON

Picnic on the Green 28 August

You might remember that July 4th was originally set aside as National Thank You Day, in gratitude for those who supported us through the pandemic. As Covid restrictions were still in place, we postponed our original plan for a Picnic on Upper Green, but now we are happy to announce we will go ahead on Saturday 28th August! We thought a party "en plein air" would be the perfect way to get together:

bring your own picnic blankets and we will supply the rest. To make it easy, you can pre-order all your picnic elements from the shop: sandwiches, pork pies, fresh fruit and wine. Just ask for our order form a week or two in advance. There'll be takeaway drinks and ice creams from the café, too. We are expecting lots of surprises on the day, involving other Ilmington village groups and societies. And as we aren't staging the annual Ilmington Show, this will be a wonderful way to celebrate the summer. Please save 28th August in your diaries and join us from 12 noon onwards on Upper Green.

Ilmington Horticultural Society Annual Show Monday 30 August

Although the Ilmington Show isn't going ahead this year there WILL be a show of produce at the Village Hall on Bank Holiday Monday 2-4.30pm. For reasons of space classes will be confined to flowers, fruit, vegetables and photographs but there will be children's classes. Schedules and entry forms will be available from the shop, Red Lion and Howard Arms from 1 August. There will be no advance registration. Just come along to the Hall on the day between 9am and 10.45am with your entries. For further information contact Susan Brock (E s.brock9@btinternet.com; T 682409). There will be triumphs and tears, there will be trophies, there will be money prizes for children. See you there.

Ilmington Village Hall

Ilmington Village Hall is proud to present the ever popular and widely acclaimed play **Old Herbaceous**, starring Giles Shenton. Performed at the Edinburgh Festival and to sell out audiences across the country, it is the story of an Edwardian head gardener which will keep you engrossed, amused and emotionally engaged from start to finish and hopefully leave you with a feeling that all is right with the world. It will be performed for one night only on 11 September and tickets are available at £10 from Ilmington Community Shop or at www.kickinthehead.eventbrite.co. The Hall is now in regular use and can be made by calling Nina Murchison on 01608682527. We will continue to have face masks and hand sanitiser available and encourage users to keep open the windows and doors during events.

The Coven

Greetings girls! Our next gourmet gathering will be at the Red Lion, Ilmington, on Wednesday August 18th at 12.30. We are offered basket meals (fish, chicken, scampi, bangers, fish cakes or burgers) for £7.95. Veggie options also available. If you haven't already checked in with your meal choice Christine (682 605) would love to hear from you. See you there.

Wednesday Club

What a big disappointment everyone! Just when we expected to meet, the Royal Voluntary Service have decided to be cautious and not give us the go ahead for our meetings until further notice. Our July 28th meeting is now officially cancelled and as the next meeting would be only two weeks away, then I feel that we should consider that one cancelled too. **NO MEETINGS IN JULY OR AUGUST FOR THE WEDNESDAY CLUB.**

Another sad thing to mention is that Margaret and David Goldsmith left Ilmington last month to continue their lives nearer their daughter in Cirencester. We all wish them health and happiness in their new abode and to say 'thank you' for all they have done in supporting our community.

On a brighter note, we have many birthdays to celebrate in this month of August. Margaret Goldsmith herself starts it all off with a birthday on 5th, then Phillip Patton on 10th, Tony Wilkins on 16th, Irene Sabin on 21st and finally Pat Gash on 23rd. A

very happy birthday to you all! There is still a date to keep in mind and that is 28th August when the village celebrates a thank you day. Let's hope we can all meet then!

Ilmington Parish Council News

Vacancies: There are currently two vacancies on the parish council. Local issues need local people to stand up for them. If you are interested in becoming a councillor then please contact the Clerk for details or speak to any councillor. Contact information can be found on the notice boards or council website www.ilmington.org.uk. **Meetings:** The council usually meets on the last Thursday of the month in Ilmington Community Shop. Future meetings are scheduled for 26 August and 24 September. **Contact Us:** The Clerk can be reached by email at ilmingtonpc@outlook.com or telephone 01451 885189.

Ilmington through the Seasons: 2022 Calendar

Did you use lockdown to hone your photographic skills? We are looking for some fabulous photographs of Ilmington for the Ilmington Community Shop calendar, capturing activities, landscapes, buildings and illustrating the four seasons. The deadline for submissions has been extended so it's not too late to join in. Send in your digital photos in colour, landscape or portrait (min. 1.5MB) to www.ilmingtonimages.co.uk.

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1 st August		Holy Communion 11 am	Evensong 6 pm	Holy Communion 9am	Family Service 10.30am	Holy Communion 9.30am
8 th August	Morning Prayer 11 am	Holy Communion 9.30 am	Holy Communion 9.30am	Family service 11am	Holy Communion 10.30am	
15 th August		Family Service 11 am		Evensong 6 pm	Morning Prayer 10.30 am	Morning Prayer 9.30 am
22 nd August		Evensong 6 pm	Morning Prayer 11 am	Holy Communion 9am	Holy Communion 10.30am	
29 th August		Morning Prayer 11 am	Holy Communion 9.30am	Holy Communion 9am	Morning Prayer 10.30am	

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 Rosanna Wakefield 01608 682146
 Malcolm Davies 01789 450793

Anthony Nicholl 01608 239578

Churchwardens

Tredington with Darlingscott *churchwarden post vacant* George Jackson OBE 01608 663647

Darlingscott warden Doreen McCarroll 01608 682949

Ilmington Jane Downie 01608 682720 Helen Patrick

Preston-on-Stour Andrew Holman-West 07712193773 *second churchwarden post vacant*

Stretton-on-Fosse *churchwarden post vacant*

Whitchurch Carol Rutter 01789 450795 John Craner 01789 450200

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