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October 2021

Autumn days are here already, as we all try to open up our lives post-covid. The seasons remind us of the beauty of God's creation even as we reflect upon how best the finite resources in our world can best be used. It is very important to have the Glasgow COP26 Climate Summit 1st -12th November. What, exactly will this be? COP26 is the 26th annual UN climate conference. A 'COP' means 'conference of parties'. COP26 will be the largest gathering of world leaders ever to take place on British soil. Many thousands of other people will also gather for the COP, both inside and outside the conference centres. The wide-ranging agenda for the meeting will be to discuss how to keep temperature rises below dangerous levels and prevent the climate crisis from causing even worse catastrophes for the world's poorest and most vulnerable people. (What will be the delegates' carbon footprint for the event? These are complex issues that we're all facing.)

The COP is a summit of all the countries which are part of the UN's climate change treaty, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change or 'UNFCCC'. There are 197 members of this process and they are known as 'parties' to the treaty. The Church has a particular contribution to make to the debate, having both a theology of creation and an innate appreciation of the wonders of our universe. There is always the possibility of change for the better, for redemption, and climate issues pose a challenge to each one of us to find new and creative ways of lessening the crisis.

Grace and merciful behaviour are at the heart of the Christian faith. Perhaps we can consider what this might mean in terms of the climate – how can grace be at work? What constitutes mercy as we think of the people around us? A wise friend recently asked the question 'How can I be myself, in such a way that I can love, praise and serve God? This has become an urgent question when we contemplate the future of our world.

Stephen Fletcher,
Interim Assistant Curate

Harvest Services:

October 3rd 10.30 am Tredington

October 3rd 4 pm Whitchurch

October 10th 11am Stretton on Fosse

October 10th 6pm Darlingscott

October 24th 11 am Preston on Stour

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

Weddings:

13th August at Stretton: Charlie Whitehead and Amelia Wright

28th August at Ilmington: Harry Westaway and Isobel Cowper

Nature Notes October 2021

The BBC's TV programme Autumn Watch often covers the deer rut which can start anytime from September onwards. This is when the male deer (stags/bucks) compete for the females with a lot of bellowing and clashing of antlers! There are several places around the UK and close to home such as Charlecote and Broadway Tower where you can see them. Traditionally the UK has been credited with 6 species of wild deer, but the Deer Society counted reindeer for the first time in 2016 as there was a small herd of free roaming reindeer in the Cairngorms. However, only 2 species are seen as truly indigenous that is the red deer and the roe deer. The reindeer was reintroduced in the 1950s. In the Bible Psalm 18:33 states that He makes me as surefooted as a deer. We have been privileged to see deers running effortlessly on mountains not stumbling or falling. God has created us to be stable, firm, secure, anchored and surefooted in the truth of who we are in Him. Gill

Six Parishes Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2021

Deadline Saturday 6 November

Link to Hope is celebrating! The charity has sent over **1 million** shoeboxes to Eastern Europe, delivering them direct to the poorest of families for whom these Christmas gifts are a lifeline. And over the last 22 years we've provided some 2,800 of those boxes, for which very many thanks. Can we hit the 3,000 this Christmas? 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. **Please deliver your box by SATURDAY 6 NOVEMBER to your village collector**: STRETTON: Margaret Holdsworth, Withens - 01608 661782 TREDINGTON: Gill Hutsby, Tweenwalls - 01608 664203 PRESTON & WHITCHURCH: Gill Hanrahan, The Old Vicarage, Preston - 01789 450448 ILMINGTON & DARLINGSCOTT: Wendy Lewis Edwards, Croake Cottage, Frog Lane, Ilmington - 01608 682049.

OR If you prefer to **MAKE A DONATION** so that Link to Hope can buy items on your behalf, then please let me have your **cheque MADE OUT TO THE CHARITY** or **cash** by the deadline, together with your full name and address, stating if you are a taxpayer for **Gift Aid** purposes. **OR** go online to www.linktohope.co.uk/shoebox appeal and donate direct. Here you can also watch a video of this year's appeal and our boxes being delivered last Xmas. Thank you in advance for your wonderful generosity!
Wendy Lewis Edwards, Appeal Coordinator

Shipston Food Bank

Shipston Food Bank is open to anyone and you don't need a referral or a voucher. Just come along on **Saturday mornings between 10.30 and 12.00** to St Edmund's Church, Church Street, Shipston. *Donations of food and basic items can be left in the church porch between 9.00am and*

5.00pm Monday to Saturday. *There's also a collection point in both the Co-ops.* For information about our current needs please check on our Facebook page or our website: www.shipstonfoodbank.org.uk or on Facebook: www.facebook.com/ShipstonFoodBank.

STRETTON

Church Flowers at St Peter's Stretton-on-Fosse

Any budding flower arrangers, or are you just willing to learn and have a go being creative once in a while? We have an informal rota of people who do the flower arrangements, and would warmly welcome any new volunteers. We have a beautiful garden near the church from where we tend to pick the flowers, so there's no cost, just your time. When your turn on the rota, we ask that you just do fresh altar vases (and entirely optionally and dependant on availability of flowers and foliage) a pedestal if you wish. You then water and keep an eye on the flowers for 2 Sundays. It's not onerous and actually a lovely thing to do. It can be done anytime to suit you. We will be doing the Harvest flowers on Sat 9th Oct from 9.30am, so feel free to come along and see what we do and meet us. Flower or foliage donations for the Harvest display welcome too. If you are interested or to find out more please call Emma on 01608 664300, or email espeechley@btinternet.com

WHITCHURCH

Poppies

We are looking for people to help sell poppies for the British Legion in Whitchurch. If you can help please ring Joan James on 01789 450275 or contact Camilla West.

DARLINGSCOTT

St George, Darlingscott.

Harvest service is on Sunday October 10th at 6pm. This year we are asking for donations of food we can give to the food bank at St Edmunds in Shipston, Pasta, Tins etc with a long date would be ideal. Food can be left in the church. We will carry out a small amount of Harvest Decorating on Saturday October 9th at 10am, please join us if you can. Thank you.

PRESTON

Preston-on-Stour Village Hall

Saturday 16th October - 7.30 pm Harvest Supper

This year things will be a little different. The committee is still very mindful of covid precautions and feel that numbers should be limited; so there will be ten tables to be booked with a maximum of 6 people on each. We are also going to source our food from local suppliers as much as we possibly are able. This means a necessary increase in the pricing which will be £12 per adult and £6 for under 12s. We are sure it will be good value and as always an enjoyable village evening. In the spirit of harvest bounty we

will also be collecting for the Stratford food bank, details of things needed can be found on stratforduponavon foodbank.org.uk. Please contact Margaret on 450710 or prestonbrocks@gmail.com for more information and tickets.

Friday 29th October 7.30pm - Film Night. This will be our second film night. We have two choices - 'Nomadland' or '63 Walks' and by the time you read this we will have chosen the one you regulars have voted for!

New Year Breakfast. It's not too late to cook for Preston. Let us know if you would like to have a go. We are happy to share our twenty years of experience.

Bookings. Please note that our bookings officer has changed. Many thanks to Mary George who has done a great job for the hall. Carole Sambrook Hurst is now taking over and can be contacted on 450486 or email prestononstour.hall@gmail.com.

ILMINGTON

Ilmington Church Generous giving.

This message comes from Ilmington Church, as a Christian community we have been upheld by the generosity of the wider community down through many centuries. We are delighted to be introducing a new scheme called the Parish Giving Scheme or PGS and it will be launched at the family service on 17th Oct. It enables simple regular giving which is controlled by you the giver and ensures a regular income for the church, with which we can plan for the future. Our church has been able to continue its witness throughout the pandemic largely by moving online with weekly services and the development of a new website. The church magazine has continued to be delivered to each household and our church school has remained open in some form throughout. As restrictions lift more activity is possible. As a church community each year we need to raise £34,000 to finance the cost of ministry and the upkeep of St. Mary's. It is through your generosity that this is possible. We hope that you will consider joining the PGS and either go to www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk, the church website, or obtain details from Helen Patrick at church. Thank you. Ilmington PCC.

20:20 Donations to the Parish Magazine

Thanks to all those who have contributed to the upkeep of the magazine by using Ilmington Circulation's Shop Window. Adverts are free but a donation to the Parish Magazine is requested. These can be left at Barn Cottage, Valenders Lane or Little Close, Front Street.

Helping the Afghan Refugees

A big thank you to all those of you who donated so generously to the appeal for clothing to help Afghan refugees newly arrived in the country. Three car loads of items, including shoes, warm winter coats and anoraks, raincoats, hoodies, ladies wear and piles of baby and children's clothing are now being distributed by Welcome Here, Stratford, and Care4Calais who coordinated a nationwide collection for those who fled the Taliban for

the UK. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated. Wendy Lewis Edwards.

Ilmington Village Hall Booking Fee Offer for Current and New Users

Several 'not for profit' Ilmington organisations, clubs and societies have experienced difficulties fund raising during the pandemic. The village hall would like to help these organisations by offering them a 50% reduction in booking fees for the year 1/8/2021 to 31/7/2022. If your organisation has experienced such difficulties and would like to take advantage of this offer, please mention this to the booking secretary Nina Murchison at 01608682527 so that the trustees can consider your case. Thanks to everyone who attended and enjoyed 'Old Herbaceous'. It was a full house and we shall look to provide more high quality shows.

Ilmington Community Shop and Café: Dates to Savour

Covid stopped us in our tracks at Ilmington Community Shop, as we had a number of calendar dates planned and postponed over the past year. Now we are ready to run an airy, indoor event: our autumn Farmers' Market in the Village Hall. It takes place on **Thursday 14th October** from 7 to 9pm and entry is free. There will be lots of local foods and craft stall on the night, along with hot food and a bar. Think cheeses, meat and fresh fish, bread, cakes and preserves. Cotswold artisans will be selling a wide range of locally-made goods, from cushions and gin to natural soaps and chocolate. And while we are saving dates, please keep **Saturday 4th December** free for Carols at the Café. We will be lighting the Christmas tree at dusk and enjoying a cup of mulled wine as we sing. This will also be a chance for residents to reignite the fabulous Lights in the Dark event which began last year! More details to come.

The Coven

We had such a good time at The Howard last Wednesday that we have booked ourselves in to do it all again on October 20th at 12.30. We missed Brenda though.

Screen on the Green, Friday, 29th October, Ilmington Village Hall

Our charming film this month is 'Little Women', the enduring story of the four March sisters as they stand on the threshold of womanhood in a nineteenth century America recovering from war. It has an all-star cast headed by Saoirse Ronan as headstrong Jo and Emma Watson as the eldest, Meg. Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start. Licensed bar and refreshments. Tickets on sale beforehand at Ilmington Village Shop and at door on the night. All welcome and if you are new to Ilmington, please phone Susan Carr on 682806 for complimentary tickets.

Ilmington Wednesday Club! Next meeting

Wed. Oct 13th, 2pm, Village Hall

Yes, on September 8th, we had our first meeting in eighteen months! On a beautiful warm day, we gathered together for a lovely afternoon tea with music supplied by Paul Bryan and friend, Des. Thank you boys! Everyone

Was very happy to finally meet again. For our next meeting on October 13th, Bill Buckley will be regaling us with how the **Spirit of Ilmington** was started plus he has promised to bring some bottles for us to sample if we wish. Visitors will be most welcome! To help our dwindling funds, our grateful thanks must go to Glynis Cooper who has donated £35 to the Club through her sales of marmalade and to the Village Hall committee for helping us by reducing the hire fees. Thank you both!! Some sad news to end on. Brenda Faulkner, long time member of our club and a resident of Ebrington, died suddenly last week. Full of character and a constant help throughout the years, Brenda will indeed be sadly missed. Her funeral will be held on 27th September in Ebrington. For further details please phone Carole (017519704038).

TREDINGTON

Decorating the Church for Christmas

As in previous years we have been very pleased to decorate the church with lovely drawings and tree decorations made by our local children. We would like to do the same this year, so will the children who attend Tredington and Newbold School and all children who live in Tredington please think about decorations they would like to make. There will be more information in the November magazine. I know the school are already making plans but we want as many children as possible to be involved. Jenny Plenderleith Tel. 664278.

Craft and Chatter

Our next meeting is Thursday 7th October at 2.00pm in the WI Hall. Please join us for a crafty afternoon so that you can finish your own projects, have a cup of tea and cake, and get to know other likeminded craft people. For further details please ring Trish on 01789 740185.

Neighbourhood Plan: The story so far September 2021

The draft Plan can be viewed on www.TredingtonNP.co.uk click on 'Plan'. At present the District Council is conducting a formal review of the Plan. The District Council is also consulting with interested parties, such as the Environment Agency, to establish whether a 'Strategic Environmental Assessment' is needed. The steering committee has been advised that this is unlikely to be needed but the consultation process is a requirement. The District Council may request further amendments to the Plan. We will formally consult you, the residents, as soon as possible. The formal consultation process is where we ask you for your opinion on the final Plan. We are also required to consult a range of interested parties, such as the utilities. The formal consultation process is likely to start early in the new year, if not before, and will take a minimum of six weeks.

Tredington and Newbold CofE School

We are pleased to have welcomed back our pupils and new families to Newbold and Tredington and our Reception children are settling in well. We have been able to regain some of our 'normal' activities such as collective worship in the hall and eating together as a school. We remain cautious and will continue with our extra hygiene routines. Children who wished to become part of our School Council were



invited to create a poster to persuade others to vote for them. Our new members were elected including a class representative from Sapphire, Emerald and Amber and a secretary, treasurer, chair and vice chair from Year 6. Last year, Sapphire Class planted seeds in the outdoor area as part of their work on seasonal vegetables. The plants thrived over the summer holidays and we now have one enormous pumpkin and several others and some lovely ripe tomatoes. The children have been investigating their progress as part of their topic 'Into the Woods.' We will be taking part in the Co-op Food Share again this year. Families are invited to take an item or several for free from the table outside the Tredington site main entrance.

Tredington Film Night

As advertised in September, Film Night will be held in the Hall on Friday 1st October – doors open at 7.00pm, Film at 7.30pm. Bar service, popcorn, sweets & beverages are available to buy from 7.00pm. There is no charge for admission, which is by advance ticket only. For more information about the film (cert 12), or to book a free ticket, either email treasurer@tredingtonandblackwellwi.co.uk or text Gill on 07789 810877
Advance notice: – the next film will be a festive family matinee (cert U) between Christmas and New Year. More information in the November magazine.

Tredington Activities Café

This new venture got off to a good start in September and will meet again on Wednesday 20th October at 2.00pm in the Hall. £2.00 admission provides tea and home-made cake, a variety of table-top games, the puzzle lending library and 'bingocorner'. With good ventilation and plenty of space, this is a pleasant mid-week opportunity to start socialising again. All are welcome.

Tredington & District Garden Club

We had a delightful evening in September as we re-opened our programme of meetings – excellent speaker, new members and a pre-meeting bar. Our next meeting, in the Hall on Thursday 21st October, promises to be just as enjoyable. Due to popular demand, we'll be offering the pre-meeting bar from 7.00pm, followed by our speaker at 7.30pm. Philip Aubury, former Director of Birmingham Botanical Gardens will talk on "No Plot – No Problem", which describes how to grow great fruit, veg and salad in a limited space, with plenty of practical tips. The evening includes a raffle and closing refreshments. All are welcome. More at www.tredingtongardenclub.weebly.com

Tredington and Blackwell WI

Our next meeting is on 14th October at 1.00 in the WI Hall. This is the first of our lunchtime monthly meeting, which includes a light lunch of homemade soup and roll. Our speaker is Lucy Morgan who will talk to us about the dramas and changes in the travel industry over the years. Please do come along and join us, for further details ring Trish on 01789 740185. A note for November, we have arranged a workshop by "Thoughtfully Wrapped", who will show us how to wrap our Christmas presents with a difference! It will be held on Saturday 27th November in the WI Hall from 10.00am to 1.00pm, the cost will be £20 to non-members, including wrapping paper etc. Please ring Trish to book a space.

	St George's, Darlingscott	St Mary's, Ilmington	St Mary's Preston- on-Stour
3 rd October		Holy Communion 11 am	Evensong 6 pm
10 th October	Harvest Festival 6 pm	Holy Communion 9.30 am	Holy Communion 9.30 am
17 th October		Family Service 11 am	
24 th October		Evensong 6 pm	Harvest Festival 11 am
31 st October		Morning Prayer 11 am	Holy Communion 9.30 am

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	Harvest Festival 11am	Holy Communion 10.30am	
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Tredington Save the Children Coffee Morning

It's back, our popular Coffee Morning takes place on Saturday 16 October from 10.00-1200 noon in Tredington W.I. Hall. There will be a selection of our Christmas cards and very delicious cakes, including our home made Christmas cakes. All money raised will be used to help children in Afghanistan. Please join us with your friends and neighbours to support this much needed cause. Details from Marilyn Payne MBE, Save the Children volunteer, 01608 666206.

OUTSIDE THE PARISHES

Shipston Home Nursing: October Events, 2021

Golf Day, Feldon Valley Golf Club, Lower Brailes, Friday 8th October 2021, 9am (£55 per person, members only £35. Teams of four: £220). Our annual Golf Day Feldon Valley 230-yard Par 71 course. Teams of four, On-course competitions & refreshments. Two-course lunch and prizes. Please email Rebecca.mawle@shipstonhomenursing.co.uk

10k Run/Walk at Walton Hall, Wellesbourne, Sunday 10th October 2021 – POSTPONED! New date: Sunday 8th May 2022. Due to unforeseen difficulty with gaining safe access to the off-road part of the course, it is with regret that we have decided to postpone this event until May 2022. I am sorry that this has occurred, but we know you all find the course a challenge and we need to maintain this, hence the new date of Sunday May 8th 2022. Please let us know if you would like a refund, or we will keep your booking until next year. Thank you for your ongoing support. www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk/events

Pop up Shop, Friday 15th October 2021, Townsend Hall, Sheep Street, Shipston on Stour, 9.30am-6.30pm. Pop-up shop is back! Pre-loved clothes, designer labels. Donations of excellent quality clothes & bric-a-brac wanted. Drop at Townsend Hall, 5.30-7.30pm, Thursday October 14th.

A Breakfast for Women at the White Hart Inn Newbold

This is a time when women can meet up and hear a Christian speaker on a Saturday morning. It is a great joy to be able to book a 'live' breakfast again, and also with huge thanks for everyone who continued to zoom in over the past year. We have had friends joining from Chinnor, Norfolk, Wales, Stoke Poges and further afield - even France, so for a season there has been a 'plus' in IT and no early alarm clock or transport needed. It's time to 'go local' again, and there will be a very warm welcome for everyone if you would like to come for breakfast on SATURDAY 16TH OCTOBER at The White Hart Inn, Newbold at 9.00 a for 9.15 am. A light continental style breakfast will be served for £8. Our Speaker will be JANICE CAIRNS, from Wellesbourne. RSVP to reserve a place: Liz Harvey: 07914026451 or e mail: ma_harvey@hotmail.com.

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