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## Holidays – time for a rest?

It's funny how you don't remember the rainy days, isn't it? Most of us can recall the sense of freedom that came with the end of the Summer term – no matter how much we enjoyed school – and all those carefree weeks when routine vanished and, in the memory at least, every day of the holidays was sunny.

Holidays this year are eagerly anticipated after the difficulties of the Pandemic and all that has come from it. But it can be pretty stressful going away, particularly if you're heading abroad given the uncertainties about air travel at the moment, or even at home as rail strikes take place. But let's assume you get away without too much trouble and have arrived at your destination. What do you do now?

For many of us in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Western culture, 'switching off' is hard to do. Smart phones keep you connected with home and often with work, and probably there is a myriad of things going around in your head, and disentangling those can take a good few days. One of the distinctive elements of our culture is the way we find it hard to set our concerns aside, to really take some time away from the normal routine, and perhaps recapture some of that 'end of term' feeling we once had. In other words, to rest.

The Bible starts with the story of creation, and portrays God making the heavens and the earth and then, seeing what has been made is good, resting, satisfied with the work he's done. It's a powerful image of stillness and enjoyment, of being able to rest and take a holiday and let the world tick along on its own. It's from that ancient Jewish story that the idea of sabbath – which means in Hebrew simply a rest from labour – developed, and in time the idea of holiday, which of course meant originally a 'holy day'.

So if holidays are really about rest, what do we do? Well, intentionally turning off phones, moving email apps from the front screen (or temporarily disabling them) can help, for example. The Out of Office message is a useful tool. Being clear with yourself, as much as anyone else, that it's OK to take some time away and disengage is important too. Allowing for a bit of decompression time at the start of the holiday matters as well – I find it usually takes two or three days to get there for me, and having worked that out helps those around me!

I'm far from an expert in this, I hasten to add, but making rest a priority on holiday can make a big difference. It helps us to refocus, to see what we return to a bit differently, very often, and brings new perspective. It helps us become more aware of the world around us, and stops us from being too centred on ourselves and our needs. If it does that, then I'd say that it brings us closer to God too.

*Richard Cooke, Rector*

Keep up to date with everything that is happening, including the current issue of the Six Parishes Magazine on the church website [https:// fosseway6churches.weebly.com](https://fosseway6churches.weebly.com). 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. If there is anything you would like put up on the site do email it directly to [revfletcher24@gmail.com](mailto: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

### **Baptisms:**

**Theodore Callow** at St Mary's Preston-on-Stour, 26 June.

**Ava Giddings** at St Mary's Ilmington, 17 July.

### **Banns of Marriage:**

**At Ilmington (3, 10, 17 July)**

**Christopher Marek Wiloch Stefanowicz** and **Eleanor Mary Trotman** of the parish of St Stephen's Ealing (wedding at Ilmington on 6 Aug)

**At Tredington (3, 10, 17 July)**

**Daniel James Ashmore** and **Amelia Gabrielle Cozon** of the parish of St Peter & St Paul, Battersea (wedding at Tredington on 6 Aug)

**Toby Feirn** and **Victoria Winter** of Tredington (wedding at Tredington on 20 Aug).

### **Weddings:**

**At Whitchurch on 8 July – John William Cowper** and **Lucy Ross**

**At Ilmington on 16 July - Richard Gotch** and **Laura Bott**

**At Ilmington on 26 July - Richard Charles Luker** and **Patricia Ann Hopkins**

**James and Sam Bagshaw** at St Mary's Whitchurch on 25 June 2022.

## Changes at the Six Parishes Magazine

This month we welcome Tim Seller as our new Treasurer, Tim Seller Enquiries about advertising should now be sent to him E:: [t.im.seller@outlook.com](mailto:t.im.seller@outlook.com), T: 01608 682244; Long Barn, Back St., Ilmington CV36 4LJ. **Deadline for the September issue is 20 August.** Copy to Susan Brock E: [s.brock9@btinternet.com](mailto:s.brock9@btinternet.com); T: 01608 682409.

## Nature Notes August 2022

Do you love a golden sandy beach? Maybe you like pale white sandy beaches or something different black, green, red or pink yes really! There is nothing quite like it to walk on, sunbathe on, make sandcastles or sculptures! How are the different colours and textures made? Where does it come from? The sand on a specific beach is unique to it, created by its surroundings. It is like a fingerprint. Rocks, shells and other hard pieces of marine organisms make up sand. Over time, the elements, plants and animals break rock into smaller pieces, until it becomes grains of sand. Pounding waves and the tides contribute to this process. Footprints in the Sand, a famous poem by Mary Stevenson, says she saw two sets of footprints in the sand hers and the Lord's but at her lowest times she only saw one set of footprints and the Lord replied that was when He carried her. He had not left her. God is with us through tough times and the good.

## **ILMINGTON**

### Ilmington Horticultural Society Annual Show Monday 29 August

For the first time since 2019 the Annual Show of Flowers, Fruit, Vegetables, Cookery and Crafts will take place at the Playing Fields from 2pm to 4.30pm as part of the Village Show. We are hoping that lot's of children will enter this year and there are two sections: for children up to and including 6 and for children 7 up to and including 11. There's a project for the summer holidays!

Schedules and entry forms are available now from the shop and online at <https://www.ilmington2020vision.co.uk/hortsoc>. There will be no advance registration. Just come along to the Marquee on the day between 8.30 and 10am with your entries. For further information contact Susan Brock (E [s.brock9@btinternet.com](mailto:s.brock9@btinternet.com);

T: 682409). There will be triumphs and tears, there will be trophies, there will be money prizes for children and in the sky above a Dakota will fly past. See you there..

### **Ilmington Community Shop and Café:**

We continue to make Community the heart of everything we do at Ilmington Community Shop and Café. Join us for our August evening socials: Summer Drinks on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> (non-ticketed) and an Italian celebration meal on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> (tickets from the shop.) Also look out for Marketplace @thecafe events. On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August, 10am to 2pm, there's a chance to sample Chapman's delicious fish dishes, which we sell frozen direct from Grimsby. And every month we welcome The Eco Weigh, a pop-up eco-store for dried goods, beauty products, detergent refills and natural gifts: 20<sup>th</sup> August and 24<sup>th</sup> September, 10am to 2pm, in the Café.

### **Next Wednesday Club meeting on 10th August at the Manor 2pm**

Firstly, my apologies for the missing July edition of the Wednesday Club news. Somehow it ended up in the wrong place! The main item in July was that of the sad passing of Pat Gash who used to live in Armscote Road. She had moved to Stratford to be nearer her sisters and then had a severe stroke. Pat was a keen member of our club and always tried to attend our meetings. She will be sadly missed by us all.

Our butterfly walk in Blackberry Farm, Idlicote was thoroughly enjoyed by all who went. Richard Grey, the owner, was very informative and we learnt a lot about the different species. All the proceeds went to the Shipston Home Nursing charity. Next month, we have a Garden Party at the Manor House so hopefully we will see you all there on Wednesday 10th August at 2 pm.

Terry Hall was 99 in July so congratulations to you Terry! She is settling into her new Care Home at Cedar Lawns in Stratford and would love to hear from her friends. Please contact me if you would like her phone number. Gill Grey also had a birthday in July but that's all I am allowed to say. The month of August is a busy one with Margaret Goldsmith having a birthday on 5<sup>th</sup>, Phillip Patten on the day of our meeting (and also a wedding anniversary!), Irene Sabin on 21<sup>st</sup> and here's to the big one, Tony Wilkins on 16<sup>th</sup> when he will be ....90!!!! Happy birthday to you all and well done to Tony!

### **The Coven**

Lovely ladies, please remember - we'll meet on 21<sup>st</sup> September. Happy Holidays!

## **TREDINGTON**

### **Neighbourhood Plan: The Story So Far July 2022**

The Tredington Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan together with the Consultation Statement and Basic Conditions Statement have been formally submitted to Stratford-on-Avon District Council. In compliance with the legislation The District Council will now carry out its own consultation process. When complete the Council may request amendments to the Plan. This is the 'regulation 16' stage in the Neighbourhood Plan process, as required under the

Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012. The Plan and all related documents can be viewed at: [Tredingtonnp.co.uk](http://Tredingtonnp.co.uk).



### **Newbold and Tredington C of E Primary School**

In the penultimate week of term, Emerald and Amber children performed 'Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits' after weeks of rehearsals and were pleased to be able to

invite their families to watch this year. Children moved up their new classes for a day which gave our new Reception children another chance to visit Newbold and our current Year 1 children the opportunity to try out Year 2 at Tredington. We enjoyed the return of the picnic on the field including a bouncy castle, ice cream van and a raffle organised by the PTFA with wonderful prizes. For Discover an Artist day, Nursery and Ruby Class studied textile artist Janet Bolton, Sapphire created sculptures like local artist Jude Tucker, Emerald were inspired by the work of David Hrobowski who builds furniture and creates artwork from lollipop sticks and Amber created a Shakespearean statue like Greg Wyatt. Our Year 6 children enjoyed their 'Mystery Trip' which, this year, was to Cotswold Wildlife Park. We said a fond farewell to our Year 6 leavers in church. We wish everyone a lovely summer and look forward to seeing familiar faces, and welcoming new children, in September.

### **Tredington and Blackwell WI**

The next WI meeting will take place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022. It will take the form of an afternoon outing to Bourton House Gardens, Bourton on the Hill where we shall enjoy the gardens and then have afternoon tea. If you would like to attend this event, please contact Patricia Macpherson, Secretary, for further details. Telephone 01608 682102 or email [secretary@tredingtonandblackwellwi.co.uk](mailto:secretary@tredingtonandblackwellwi.co.uk). Visitors are always welcome at this friendly WI. We are 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 in Tredington and the local area, with names of those to contact should you wish to know more or join in. 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](mailto:secretary@tredingtonandblackwellwi.co.uk).

### **WI Community Film Night**

Our next film screening will be on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Bar opens at 7pm with the film starting at 7.30pm. The film is a heart-warming British comedy-drama about second chances in later life. (Cert 12; 106 minutes, plus interval with bar and ice creams). Booking is now open. For more details of the film, or to book places, either email [treasurer@tredingtonandblackwellwi.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@tredingtonandblackwellwi.co.uk) or text 07789810877.

### **Craft and Chatter**

There will *not* be a meeting of Craft and Chatter in August. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 1st September 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. For further details, please ring Trish 01789 740185.

## WHITCHURCH

### **Whitchurch Fete, Saturday 13 August 2.30. Whitchurch Farm Orchard**

We need

-Volunteers: to set up: Friday 12 August Whitchurch Farm Orchard from 6.00 pm; to help with stalls: on the day

-Donations: Produce, Cakes, Jams and Preserves, Bric-a-Brac, Books, Second-Hand-Clothes-as-New, Children's Toys; bring on the day -or-leave on the front porch of Whitchurch Farm from 25 July onwards (contact Biddy James: [jweeah@aol.com](mailto:jweeah@aol.com))

-Crowds: To attend!

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### **Notes from a Small Church in a Field.**

Who was William Smyth? His remains lie in a handsome chest tomb on the north side of the chancel, its marble slab incised with a cross, chalice, and book. The inscription running around the border reads in translation 'Here lies William Smyth sometime Rector of this church to whose soul may God be gracious. He died on the feast of St Maurice in the year of our Lord 1442 Jesu Mercy.' Smyth may have been a young schoolmaster – in Worcester at the turn of the century. He was clerk to the Botiler family 'heirs...[of] the church at Whitcherche' in the reign of Henry IV. His master, William Botiler, served under Henry V at Agincourt, 1415. When the incumbency fell vacant in 1420, Botiler's widow appointed Smyth rector of Whitchurch. Graffiti on the tomb is suggestive. In the absence of schoolrooms, churches were used for teaching. Can we imagine generations of school-boys, set to learn Latin verbs, sitting on 'scole magistro' Smyth's tomb, idly carving their initials into the marble instead? And what about the outline of the foot that appears there? It's not graffiti. It's the mark of 'stewardship'.

## PRESTON-ON-STOUR

### **Preston-on-Stour Village Hall**

**Film Night:** Our next film night will be on Friday 30th September. More details here next month and on our website.

**Harvest Supper:** This will be our next big village hall event to be held in October, date to be decided.

If you would like to be involved in helping to keep our hall running and arranging fund raising events, please let us know. All ideas welcome to Mick Jennings, [mickandsally76@gmail.com](mailto:mickandsally76@gmail.com) or to Margaret Brocklehurst, [prestonbrocks@gmail.com](mailto:prestonbrocks@gmail.com). We will be holding our AGM in early August so look out for details on the village noticeboard or the website.

## OUTSIDE the PARISHES

### **Townsend Hall, Shipston: June in Shipston is a buzz!**

So happy to welcome Proms events back after the covid hiatus! We also got involved with our Jools and the Jazzaholics" evening – events like this go towards our stage lift project, to make the stage accessible to all. We're over half way there thanks to your support! Our jazz programme re-commences in September. Don't consider yourself a jazz fan? Give it a go - it's a great night out for a tenner! Our September Friday 30<sup>th</sup> booking is "Sarah Spencer and her Transatlantic Band". Tickets are available now from [www.ticketsource.com/townsend-hall](http://www.ticketsource.com/townsend-hall) - and general availability from Clarke's in town nearer the time. Contrary to some comments we hear, the hall is not maintained by the council (although we're very grateful for council grants of course!) - it's a charity, held in trust for the community. Visit us at [www.townsendhall.co.uk](http://www.townsendhall.co.uk) to find out more.

## Services August 2022

<b>August 2022</b>	<b>St George's Darlingscott</b>	<b>St Mary's Ilmington</b>	<b>St Mary's Preston-on-Stour</b>	<b>St Peter's Stretton-on-Fosse</b>	<b>St Gregory's Tredington</b>	<b>St Mary's Whitchurch</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>		Holy Communion 11.00am	Evensong (1662) 6.00pm	Holy Communion 9.00am	Family Service and Baptism (Emily Bird & Aurelia Tacey-Green) 10.30am	Holy Communion (1662) 9.30am
<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	Morning Worship 11.00am	Holy Communion (1662) 9.30am	Holy Communion (1662) 9.30am	Family Service 11.00am	Holy Communion 10.30am	
<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>		Family Service 11.00am		Evensong (1662) 6.00pm	Morning Prayer 10.30am	Morning Prayer (1662) 9.30am
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	Evensong (1662) 6.00pm	Evensong (1662) 6.00pm	Morning Prayer 11.00am	Holy Communion 9.00am	Holy Communion 10.30am	

Note: Services marked '1662' are according to the Book of Common Prayer

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**Reader:** Ros Wakefield 01608 682146 (landline)

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### Churchwardens:

**Tredington** Posts vacant – contact the Rector

**Darlingscott** Doreen McCarroll 01608 682949 (landline)

**Ilmington** Jane Downie 01608 682720 (landline) Helen Patrick

**Preston-on-Stour** Andrew Holman- West 07712 193773 (mobile)

**Stretton-on-Fosse** Posts vacant – contact the Rector

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