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November 2021

There is a great deal going on in the life of the churches. Here are some headlines. First, delightful news! Further to the interview process which we conducted for our Interim Rector, we are pleased to announce that the Reverend Canon Dr Richard Cooke, currently Director of Ministry and Associate Minister of the Edgehill Churches, will be our next Rector. We have yet to arrange a date for his licensing service but will publish details as soon as we are able. Thank you for your prayers during this time. Please continue to pray for us, and for Richard and Barbara, as they prepare to come and serve our church and community here in Ilmington with Stretton-on-Fosse and Ditchford with Preston-on-Stour with Whitchurch and Atherstone-on-Stour; and Tredington and Darlingscott.

Richard says:

I'm delighted to have accepted the invitation to come to the parishes. I'm currently Director of Ministry in the Diocese and have been working in training and development for the diocese since 2004, while also being an active Associate Minister in the Edgehill Group of rural churches, based around Kineton. Prior to that I spent 16 years in parish ministry. We're very grateful for the welcome we received in the parishes as part of the interview process, especially from Stephen and Jean Fletcher, who I look forward to working with. Barbara, who was a Primary School head, and I very much look forward to joining you, with Ruby, our one-year old Labrador! Please pray for a smooth transition for us from Warmington, where we currently live, to Ilmington.

COP 26 The COP is a summit of all the countries which are part of the UN's climate change treaty. **Wednesday 10th November beginning at 6.30pm** we will be holding a vigil at Ilmington Church. Pray for those meeting in Glasgow, for wisdom and commitment towards halting climate change.

Sunday 14th November marks **Remembrance Sunday** – details of services are in the centre-fold.

Christmas is not far off we will be publishing details of the Christmas celebrations next month, but to give notice of our **Carol Services**: these will take place

Sunday 12th December Darlingscott at 4pm

Thursday 16th December Whitchurch at 7 pm.

Sunday 19th December Preston 4 pm; Tredington, Stretton and Ilmington all at 6 pm.

Stephen Fletcher, Interim Assistant Curate

Keep up to date with everything that is happening on the church website. 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 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:

26th September Monty William Coton at Whitchurch

Weddings:

18th September Wayne Reynolds and Katherine Morris at Tredington Church

24th September Mark Nichols and Rebecca Drew at Tredington Church

As if by magic...

1250 copies of the Six Parishes Magazine are delivered each month not by magic but by a band of hardy volunteers. Muddy tracks, barking dogs, hidden (or no) postboxes, rain, snow and scorching sun... regardless they get the news to you. Stephen Wright has kept everything on the rails for as long as I can remember but he is stepping down now and we are looking for a new distribution czar. The job of collecting the magazines from the printers in Willersey, bundling up the copies for each parish and delivering them to the local hubs needs an organised mind, a car and half a day a month. If that's you, please get in touch with me on 01608 682 409 or email s.brock9@btinternet.com. And I'd love to hear from anyone interested in delivering in their area (15-30 houses). Susan Brock, Editor.

Nature Notes November 2021

We have a shallow sunken water dish in our garden. I saw a hedgehog drinking from it, crouching down close by it I had a lovely encounter. Some practical steps to assist these garden visitors are: Leaving a pile of leaves in a quiet area and a few logs if possible. Making/buying an artificial home/ put a piece of board against a wall. Make a small tunnel under a garden boundary approx. 13 x13cm can help them get around. Hedgehogs travel around a mile every night. Hedgehogs can fall into garden ponds, a small ramp in the pond will help them climb out. Check for hedgehogs before lighting bonfires, using a strimmer/mower, they may be snoozing! Slug pellets/pesticides poison hedgehogs and birds. Try crushed eggshells or coffee grounds around plants instead. Litter is hazardous. Discarded disposable masks cause entanglement in the elastic. Hedgehogs must weigh 600grms to survive hibernation. If you see one when it should be hibernating, please pick it up with gardening gloves, put it in a cardboard box, you can give it some meat (no fish) cat/dog food, no milk only water and contact RSPCA or St Tiggywinkles 24-hour helpline: 01844 292292. Thank you for caring!

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.

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.

DARLINGSCOTT

St George Darlingscott.

Thank you to all who provided food gifts and decorated the Church for Harvest Festival, the flower arrangements were lovely, the food donations were delivered to St Edmunds the day following the service.

Flower Rota 2022

I am organising the flower rota for 2022, if you would like to join please let Doreen know on 01608 682949 or send an email to doreenmccarroll@doreenmccarroll.plus.com. Normally the person organises the Altar Flowers for a month (the service at the moment is once a month). If you would like to arrange other flowers in the church for your month that is your choice. Easter, Harvest Festival and Christmas we normally come together as a community to decorate the church. Thank you to the ladies who have arranged the flowers previously, I hope you will carry on .

PRESTON

Preston-on-Stour Village Hall

The village hall committee would like to thank all villagers, family and friends who came to dedicate a bench to Margaret Boyd last month. It was a beautiful day and a lovely occasion to remember for us all.

Film Night - 7.30 Friday 26th November . We will be showing 'Official Secrets' based on world shaking true events; Katharine Gun, a British intelligence specialist, leaks a secret memo to the press in order to avoid the Iraq invasion by the US and her government, starring Keira Knightley and Matt Smith.

The Preston Quiz - Saturday 5th February 2022. Mick Jennings will be our quizmaster for the annual contest to win the Ray Beauchamp Trophy. Full details next month.

ILMINGTON

Wednesday Club Next Meeting: November 10th, 2pm

A big thank you must go to Bill Buckley for giving us such an interesting talk on the Spirits of Ilmington business plus of course, a chance to sample his delicious drinks. It was good to see that the subject attracted some non members too. Thank you Bill for making it a great afternoon.

Brenda Faulkner had a lovely funeral with many attending the service at Ebrington church. It showed just how much she was loved and respected in her own village. Brenda will indeed be missed by us all.

Our next meeting will be on the subject of MELTS. It is a self treatment technique to help prevent injury, improve recovery time and alleviate pain.

Debbie Williams will come and show us how it works and we will all be encouraged to try it out. Visitors will be most welcome!

We have the 'Shoe box Appeal' once more so please give any boxes or donations to Wendy Lewis Edward's or phone 672 049. Last year, we did so well, donating many boxes.

Quiz night at the Village Hall

The Village Hall will be holding the ever popular Quiz Night on Friday, the 19th of November. Numbers will be restricted in order to allow for social distancing so please book early to avoid disappointment. There will be supper included and tickets will be £10 for adult and £5 for those under 16. It promises to be a great night as usual with our esteemed quiz master Lis Ribbans. Tickets available from the community shop.

Ilmington Community Shop and Café: Dates for the Diary

Following the success of our Farmer's Market in October, here are some dates for your autumn-winter diaries.

On **Saturday 4th December**, we stage our annual **Carols at the Café** and light the Christmas tree. As dusk falls, we will also be enjoying our lockdown-inspired event **Lights in the Dark**. Candles in windows and fairy lights in trees signal the beginning of Christmas in Ilmington village.

Before Advent, join us in our Community Café for:

Book Club 2nd November, 2pm. A Gathering Light by Jennifer Connelly (or just come for cake and coffee).

Games Club 17th November, 2pm. Fun, games and good banter!

Knit and Natter 24th November, 2pm. Knit, crochet, sew, or simply natter....

Parent and Baby Group every Wednesday from 10am. A friendly space for parents and mums-to-be.

Screen on the Green, Friday 26th November. Ilmington Village Hall,

Our November film is the acclaimed and multi award winning 'Nomadland'. 12A. It is the thought provoking story of the journey of a woman, a teacher in a quaint provincial town, who has lost her husband and her job. Forced to pack up her belongings in a van, she finds new friends and fulfilment in her itinerant life across Western America. Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets £3.50, students £2.50. On sale at Village Shop or at the door on night.

The Coven

Reasons to be cheerful! We live in a lovely village. That village has not one but two excellent pubs. We shall be enjoying lunch in one of them on Wednesday 17th November. Call me on 682 605 to find out which. Happy Hallowe'en! Christine.

TREDINGTON

Neighbourhood Plan: The story so far October 2021

We are making progress. Stratford District Council will let us know within a few weeks whether the Plan requires a Strategic Environmental Assessment (it is likely that it will not). We will then move on to the next stage when we consult you, businesses, and other interested parties. The consultation will be your opportunity to comment on the Plan before it is formally submitted to Stratford District Council. We have yet to finalise the plans for the consultation but it will involve an online survey complemented by public meetings in each of the village halls. The consultation will take place early in the new year.

Meanwhile you can view the latest draft of the Plan at www.Tredingtonnp.co.uk. If you want to be involved please contact Nigel Willis: nigelwillis48@gmail.com or Sally Ward: olivehill@hotmail.co.uk.

Tredington and Newbold CofE School

Our new School Council members met for the first time and have already made plans for cake sales, milkshake Mondays, a non-uniform day and a Christmas raffle. Our Macmillan Coffee Morning was well supported and we raised a whopping £157. Thank you to our generous families for providing delicious cakes and to everyone who donated. At the moment, our assemblies that would normally involve parents being invited remain virtual. Our first shining stars were celebrated and Sapphire Class shared their learning this half term from the topic 'Into the Woods.' We enjoyed seeing a range of work including instructions to catch a wolf, pumpkin life cycles, sketch maps of the school and surrounding area and some Diwali dance moves. Our harvest service has been moved back a few weeks in the hope that we can visit the church. As always, we will be donating items to Shipston Foodbank.

We are keen to add new books to our library to develop the children's love for reading and to introduce the children to more diverse authors and characters. If you would like to donate a book to our library, please contact us by email admin3214@welearn365.com or phone 01608 661568.

Save the Children

Thank you to everyone who supported my Coffee Morning in Tredington. It was so nice to see everyone out and about again. This raised an amazing £912 which is just fantastic and your generosity is really appreciated, especially by the children and their families that you are helping. Anyone who would like to order Christmas cards from me can do so and I will deliver them. Thank you, Marilyn Payne, 01608 666206



Craft and Chatter

We will be craft and chattering at WI Hall in Tredington on Thursday 4th November at 2.00pm. Please bring your own projects and we will provide tea and cakes! It is a friendly group who enjoy many crafts and who have wide skills, which may help if you are stuck! You would be very welcome. For further details please ring Trish 01789 740185,

Tredington and Blackwell WI

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 11th November at 1.00pm in the WI Hall. Our speaker for the month is Christine Green who has worked for BBC in many stichy projects including Antiques Roadshow, Drama and sewing buttons on Pudsey Bear! Her passion is Gees Bend quilts and their influence on her own quilts, This will be a Zoom meeting. As usual we will be providing a soup/roll lunch, for more details please ring Trish 01789 740185

Thoughtfully Wrapped Workshop

Getting ready for Christmas? Join us on Saturday 27th November 10.00am -2.00pm when Alan from Thoughtfully Wrapped will be wrapping parcels and then we will have a go ourselves. The cost is £20 and all paper will be provided. There are a few places left so please ring Trish 01789 740185 for more details.

Activities Cafe

We meet on Wednesday 17th November at 2.00pm in the WI Hall. Admission £2.00 includes tea & cake, a selection of board games & puzzles, bingo and jigsaw puzzle lending library. All are welcome.

Tredington and District Garden Club

We meet on in the WI hall on Thursday 18th November, open at 7.00pm for the pre-meeting bar followed by the meeting at 7.30pm. Our speaker for November is Lucy Hartley, a garden designer, on "Gardening with Wildlife in Mind". The evening will include a raffle and will close with light refreshments. For more information about the club go to www.tredingtongardenclub.weebly.com
Non-members are welcome.

WI Christmas Fair

Saturday 20th November, 10.30am - 2.00pm in the WI Hall. **Free admission.** A chance to get ahead with your **Christmas shopping**: cakes, bakes, preserves & produce; accessories & household items; Christmas gifts, stocking fillers & decorations; hand-made craft items. **Refreshments** available throughout, including bacon baps, monster sausage rolls & mince pies. Mulled wine from 12 noon. **Raffle.**

Tredington Film Night

Following on from the success of our first film night, our next film evening will be on **Friday 3rd December in the WI Hall.** The hall opens at 7.00pm for bar and snacks, with the film showing at 7.30pm. The film is "**Lion**" an award-winning film from 2017 starring Dev Patel and Nicole Kidman. Admission is free by advance booking from gillgoodlad@hotmail.com. There will be an opportunity to join the **Film Club for 2022**, showing a minimum of 6 films.

STRETTON-ON-FOSSE

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OUTSIDE THE PARISHES

Brahms's *Eine Deutsches Requiem*

Stratford-upon-Avon Choral Society presents Johannes Brahms's *Ein Deutsches Requiem* on **Saturday 20th November 2021 at 7.30pm** in Holy Trinity Church, Stratford for Stratford Music Festival. The Choir is delighted to welcome its new Music Director, Oliver Neal Parker, who will conduct the Choir, The Regency Sinfonia, professional soloists Hannah Davey soprano and Julian Debreuil baritone. The Choral Society was first formed in 1836 and has the accolade of being one of the two oldest choral societies in the country. Tickets at £15 (adults) or £8 (students) are available from Choir members, www.stratfordchoral.org.uk, Stratford Music Festival <https://www.stratfordplay.co.uk/stratford-music-festival-2020> or on the door on the night if seats available. Up to two children under 16 are admitted free if accompanied by a paying adult.

The Townsend Hall in Shipston

The Hall is back for both events and club bookings. A big thank you to the Shipston Rugby Club for booking their dinner recently with us, with guest rugby union referee, Nigel Owens - a great example of things that are possible to put on at the hall given the comprehensive facilities it has to offer. Check out our diary on the website – slots still available if you'd like to make a booking for your event / club. The hall is a charity and help on funding is always welcome – check out our "150 club". Winners in the October draw are: £15 no. 65; £10 no. 54; £5 no. 101. On Sunday November 14th we have a Christmas gift fair booked into the hall and some of our trustees will be attending – look us up for a chat! Visit us at www.townsendhall.co.uk to find out more.

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7 th November		Holy Communion 11 am	Evensong 6 pm	Holy Communion 9am	Family Service 10.30am	Holy Communion 9.30 am
14 th November	Rem'brance 10.45 am	Rem'brance 10.55 am	Rem'brance 10.55 am	Rem'brance 10.55 am	Rem'brance 10.30am	Rem'brance 10.55 am
21 st November		Family Service 11 am		Evensong 6 pm	Morning Prayer 10.30 am	Morning Prayer 9.30 am
28 th November		Advent Service 6 pm	Morning Prayer 11 am	Holy Communion 9am	Holy Communion 10.30am	
5 th December		Holy Communion 11 am	Evensong 6 pm	Holy Communion 9am	Family Service 10.30am	

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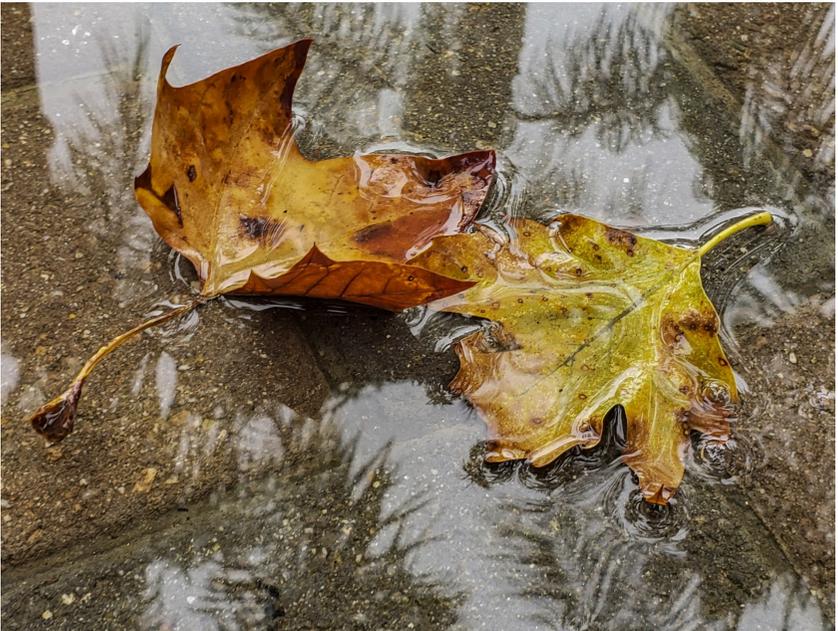
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At day-close in November
Thomas Hardy

The ten hours' light is abating,
And a late bird wings across,
Where the pines, like waltzers waiting,
Give their black heads a toss.
Beech leaves, that yellow the noontime,
Float past like specks in the eye;
I set every tree in my June time,
And now they obscure the sky.
And the children who ramble through here
Conceive that there never has been
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