

OnnyCamlad Parishes

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The Rector writes.... Which book has had the greatest influence on the English-speaking world over the past four hundred years? It should not be a difficult question to answer as it's the Authorized Version of the Bible – the King James Version – which was produced in May 1611. This year is the 400th anniversary of that famous Bible! Until a generation or so ago, it was The Version of the Bible you were likely to come across and, as a child, I remember the School version I was given for Divinity lessons with those wonderful line drawings which illustrated the text. The AV was the product of a group of divines who had been brought together by King James 1st who had succeeded Queen Elizabeth in 1603. There had been earlier versions of the Bible – Tyndale, Great Bible, the Geneva Bible (the Bible Shakespeare used) and the Bishops Bible – and the AV owed a lot to Tyndale – but the AV was definitive in its own day, using the best Hebrew and Greek sources, and held sway until quite recently, especially in Protestant America. It was designed for public reading from its inception and its subsequent success owes much to the beauty of its language and its poetic cadences. Remarkably, the AV held its own as The Holy Bible across the English-speaking world and helped to bring the English-speaking world into being, being the Bible of the Church, School and Home until the 1960s when the New English Bible and other modern versions began to appear, benefiting from newly discovered manuscripts like the Dead Sea Scrolls. So 2011 – the 400th anniversary of the AV – is a wonderful celebration to be living through for anyone who loves their bible! It's also a great opportunity to return to the Bible, especially if you have not turned its pages for a while! The Bishop of Hereford has issued a challenge and produced a plan to read the Bible in a year! If you are up to this then please contact me and I will give you details. We shall have some special services and events to mark this 400th Anniversary in the course of the year - our hope should be that there will be a revival in reading the bible so that we can appreciate more keenly God's Word in our lives, His love for us, and come to know and love Him better,

SUNDAY SERVICES

SUNDAY 30 JANUARY EPIPHANY 4

10.00 BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION LYDHAM (followed by Coffee in Lydham Village Hall)

SUNDAY 6 FEBRUARY EPIPHANY 5

8.00 Holy Communion Lydham

9.15 Holy Communion Hyssington (Hyssington Chapel)

9.30 Family Worship Churchstoke

10.30 ALL AGE SERVICE & HC Ratlinghope

11.15 Family Communion Norbury

6.30 Evening Prayer Wentnor

Friday 11 February 6.30pm St Valentine's service of Readings, Poems & Hymns Myndtown

SUNDAY 13 FEBRUARY EPIPHANY 6

8.30 Holy Communion Holy Communion Ratlinghope

9.45 Holy Communion (CW) Wentnor

11.15 Holy Communion (CW) More Rev Jo Evans

11.15 Holy Communion Churchstoke

6.30 “Songs of Praise” Norbury

SUNDAY 20 FEBRUARY SEPTUAGESIMA Education Sunday

8.30 Holy Communion Wentnor

10.00 Holy Communion Snead (Hyssington Chapel)

11.15 Holy Communion Churchstoke

11.15 Morning Praise Lydham

6.30 "Songs of Praise" Ratlinghope

SUNDAY 27 FEBRUARY SEXAGESIMA Creation Sunday

8.30 Holy Communion Norbury

9.45 Holy Communion

9.45 Morning Prayer (Lay led) Ratlinghope

10.00 Hyssington United Service

11.15 Holy Communion Churchstoke

6.30 "Songs of Praise" More

SUNDAY 6 MARCH QUINQUAGESIMA NEXT BEFORE LENT Transfiguration Sunday

8.00 Holy Communion Lydham

9.15 Holy Communion Hyssington

9.30 Family Worship Churchstoke

10.30 ALL AGE SERVICE & HC Ratlinghope

3.00 Memorial Service (Hilda Eustace) Norbury

6.30 "Songs of Praise" Wentnor

Happy & Blessed New Year to everyone! Many thanks for all the Christmas cards and gifts that I was fortunate to receive over the festive period! Rev Norman

Wednesday Morning Prayer 8.30am All are welcome to this short weekly act of worship from all the parishes. Weds 2 Feb Snead;; Weds 9 Feb Ratlinghope; Weds 16 Feb Norbury; Weds 23 Feb Lydham; Weds 2 March Churchstoke; Ash Weds 9 March No MP Special services; Weds 16 March More; Weds 23 March Wentnor; Weds 30 March Myndtown; Weds 6 April Snead.

AT THE CHURCHES: The **Local Ministry Team** runs a **Prayer Line** which is like the School Snow Line. You phone the first number and we phone several volunteers to pray for any worrying situation you feel you need help with. Prayer request number: contact 0782 7750 665. The Local Ministry Team members are Ann Remfry (Ratlinghope) ; Anita Bright (Wentnor & Myndtown), **David Hardham** (Ratlinghope), Oliver Goode (Norbury), Trish Macmullan (Snead); Janet Wilcoxon (Lydham & More), David Jelves (Churchstoke), Capt Jon Price, Canon Julia Francis, Margaret Wallsgrove (Hyssington) & Rev Norman Morris. Rev Dr John Daniels is the new Diocesan Local Ministry officer. We always welcome new members, especially at this stage when we are renewing for another four years. . "Calling out" is being called for so please look around and if you think someone young or old would be a good potential team member, please put her or his name forward.

Possible Annual Parochial Church Meeting dates (APCM)

Monday 7 March Ratlinghope APCM 7.30pm Coppice Farm

Tuesday 22 March Churchstoke APCM 7.30pm St Nicholas, Churchstoke

Friday 25 March Snead APCM 2.30 or 7.30pm TBA

Thursday 31 March Lydham APCM 7.30pm Upper Broughton Farm?

Friday 1 April Hyssington APCM Cefn Farm 7.30pm

Monday 4 April Wentnor APCM The Rectory 7.30pm

Wednesday 6 April More APCM 7.30pm The Rectory

Thursday 7 April Norbury APCM 7.30pm Lea Farm?

Friday 8 April Myndtown APCM Handless Farm 7.30pm ?

More Church Monthly Draw:

November 1. W.H. Tomlinson

2. Helen Langford

3. A & D Jones

December 1. Gary Whale

2. Sue Cooke

3. M. Reynolds

January 1. Crystal Hamar

2. D & J Preshous

3. Brian Haddigan

The **More Quiz** held on 19th November at the Inn on the Green was a great success. More PCC would like to thank the Semple family and all who prepared the quiz or helped in any way. Winners were Eleri and Adrian Fairbanks and Helen and Richard Langford. The winner of the £1 in the Pot competition was Sarah Burke.

Lydham News

Celebrating her 81st birthday our indefatigable verger Joyce Yapp organized a very successful Christmas Fayre in the church. The Fayre raised £886 and rising for the East Window repair project. Thank you Joyce, the Lydham Ladies who helped with stalls and all who supported this excellent event.

Lydham is very grateful to David Preshous for the £750 donation from the sale proceeds following the publication of the 'Upper Onny Valley' book. This very generous donation has also gone into the East Window repair project. For a 19th and 20th March exhibition in Lydham Village Hall of 'Yesterday and Today - celebrating Life in three border parishes- Lydham, More and Snead' David and Janet Preshous would greatly appreciate readers lending them photographs, tools and artifacts connected with life in these parishes. Thanks to from the Rector to all at Lydham for holding such a magnificent Christmas Fayre, supporting the Lydham Church East Window Appeal

On New Year's Day fifteen of us enjoyed a walk on the Lydham and More parishes, looking at their two Norman motte and baileys, and thank Barbara for the walkers' lunch in Lydham village hall.'

A Youth Alpha course - an exciting development - is being run by run by Captain Jon Price and has just begun, , assisted by the Rector and the Local Ministry team. Many young people have been involved with "Sunday Stars" over the years so we hope that they will join in this Youth Alpha course which may lead onto Confirmation. **Young people from all the parishes are invited to join in too!**

Do talk to the Rector 01588 650244 about this if you wish or know of someone who would like to be involved. Adults who are interested are very welcome to discuss getting confirmed too.

Ratlinghope 200 Draw October £20 - Chris Remfry £10 - John Brisbourne £5 - Joyce Pinnock.

November £20 - Joyce Ashley £10 - Millie Pinches £5 - Charlie Morris. **December** £20 - John Brisbourne £10 - Chris Remfry £5 - Jill Middleton Christmas Bonus winner of £30 - Martin Pinches.

WENTNOR FLOWER FESTIVAL, JUNE 2012

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday February 9th at 2pm. Please do join us if you can, if flower arranging is not for you perhaps crafts might be, woodworking, candle making, or fabric crafts, too many options to list. Whatever your skill you will assured of a warm welcome as we plan for the Flower Festival. Bring a mug with you if you would like to have a tea or coffee. If you are interested in becoming involved, but unable to come to this meeting please call either: Victoria Cockburn (650454) or Angela Turner (650352)

Norbury Church is holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday 26 Febrary at 2.00pm for church funds. All are welcome!

NEWS ROUND

IONA WEEK 21 -28 April 2012 FOUR SPACES AVAILABLE (TWO ROOMS WITH TWIN BEDS)

In the past years I have organized a couple of pilgrimages to Iona in 2007 and 2009 which were much enjoyed, and a former parishioner, Hilary Jackson, is planning to take a party to Iona, staying at Bishop's House, in **April 2012**, which I am attending myself. We may possibly still have a couple of rooms (twin beds) available so there are vacancies for a couple of couples or a couple of people to share. **Anyone expressing interest is very welcome to get in touch with me 01588 650244 or Hilary Jackson 01432 761588 who now lives near Hereford**

A wonderful **Children's Craft & Activity Day** took place on **Tuesday 21 December** at Norbury Village Hall when some 25 children of all ages had a very interesting and creative morning. Our thanks to Sue Cooke and her team for all their good efforts! We have running these art days for more than ten years now and a great blessing they have been!

On SATURDAY 1 JANUARY there was an excellent **NEW YEAR'S DAY WALK** around the parishes of Lydham and More, led by Neil Hird, with Soup & rolls at Lydham Village Hall afterwards. Our thanks to Neil & Barbara and all who helped organize such a good occasion!

Happy Birthday Janet and thank you for holding another Ratlinghope "All Day Breakfast" on Saturday 22nd January and at the same time supporting Ratlinghope Church and new Norbury Village Hall.

NEW POETRY BOOK: THE SIN-EATER: A collection of poems by Nigel Sustins is on sale at Wentnor Stores. It contains the poem written for the 'Sin-Eater' concert at Norbury Village Hall last May, which raised funds for the repair of Richard Munslow's monument in Ratlinghope churchyard. The book also includes a tribute to the late Anne Oakes Jones, and poems on local places and Shropshire traditions. There are colour illustrations by Jean Couper. For each copy sold, £1 will be donated to Ratlinghope Church.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

BENEFACTIVE BOOK GROUP: Next meeting **Saturday 5 February 2.30pm Norbury – Discussing "The Death of Ivan Illich" by Tolstoy** Discuss of Tolstoy generally, particularly as this year is the anniversary of his death Also references to **"Resurrection" by Tolstoy & "The Cossacks and other stories Further date Friday 4 March 2.30pm at The Stables, Asterton "Gate of the Stairs" by Lorrie Moore**

COUNTRYSIDE QUIZ: Lydham Village Hall Friday 4 March 7.00pm £5 per person To include light supper Teams of Four Contact: Rachel 01588 620301; Daphne 01588 650259 Proceeds for Lydham, more & Snead WI.

A Myndtown/Snead Quiz is taking place at The Three Tuns, BC on Friday 11 March at 7.30pm – supporting our smallest churches Myndtown & Snead - last year this was a very popular event so please form teams of four and take part! Phone Malcolm Corfield for details 01588 650205

"Yesterday & Today: Lydham, More & Snead Celebrating Life in Three Border Villages"

Lydham is holding a **major Exhibition**, organized by David & Janet Preshous over the weekend **Saturday/Sunday 18/19 March** called **"Yesterday & Today: celebrating Life in three border villages Lydham, More & Snead"** - in aid of the Lydham East Window Appeal and also supporting the other two Churches of More & Snead. Taking place in Lydham Village Hall Saturday 10.00am – 4.00pm & Sunday 11.00am – 4.00pm

Please be in touch with David & Janet Preshous 01588 638363 or Rev Norman 01588 650244 if you can help with stewarding or refreshments and preparing on the Friday evening beforehand. An earlier exhibition was enjoyed back in the 1990s so I am sure this one will be a great success! Please support it!

The Bible Study Group Meets at the Rectory, usually occasional Fridays - new members always welcome! Currently studying St John's Gospel at the Wentnor Rectory. Contact: The Rector 01588 650

ADVANCE NOTICE

Rev John Cribb informs us of 2011 **Marches Spirituality** dates ...14th April Michael Tavernor Dean of Hereford; 7th October Esther de Waal Writer; also 5th November John Bell of Iona - a return visit to Bishops Castle.

Weddings in 2011 are currently booked for Saturday 9 April at More; Saturday 18 June at More; and Friday 19 August Ratlinghope

TWENTY YEARS AGO! From the February magazine 1991 Barry Irons retired for the Clun parishes; the Deanery Synod was going to discuss the Decade of Evangelism; Clungunford parish now had street wardens; Rt Rev John Oliver had been enthroned as Bishop of Hereford; a meeting was arranged in Ludlow to discuss Entended Communion; a Mission to Churchstoke was being organized; Graham Lloyd was ordained at Churchstoke; "Arthur's Plough" was a play being shown in Shrewsbury and was booked to be shown in BC.

Our sympathies extend to the families of the late **Alan Eyres**. Alan Eyres was a well-known and well-loved figure in the parish of More and beyond. The local press described Alan as "a well-known farmer...prominent in the local and agricultural communities throughout his life." All those who met and knew him were touched by his wonderfully cheerful presence, his good humour and unflinching interest in life around him. He was for years, practically an epoch, a member of More PCC, Churchwarden and Treasurer of More Church, utterly devoted to the church, always to be found doing all sorts of jobs necessary to keep the church up and running for the services he loved. For any parish priest, he was as a churchwarden a shining example.

Although poorly in recent years, Alan was very well looked after by Diana and Frederic and by local carers, He much enjoyed the visits of family and friends, getting out for drives, and was still occasionally able to get to church. At a More Breakfast a couple of years ago, Alan was presented with a fine commemorative mug as a token for his immense service to More Church and parish – a very happy occasion.

It is fitting that he should be finally be laid to rest in More churchyard beside his beloved May who died in 2005. Alan farmed at More Farm with May whom he married in 1966. He was Chairman of Shropshire NFU in 1965, on the Milk Marketing Board, a County Councillor, and a Governor of Adcote School, near Shrewsbury. He loved farming, had wide countryside interests, especially training sheep dogs, competing successfully in sheep dog trials. Alan was born in Stockport where his family had a successful iron foundry business, J Eyres & Sons, Manchester. He was educated at The Kings School, Chester, and studied Agriculture at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth. Desiring a country life, Alan, his father, and his brother, Gordon, moved to Belgrave Farm on the Duke of Westminster's estate and later bought Abertanat Farm, Llanblodwel.

Diana writes... "Frederic and I can take comfort from remembering all the happy times that we spent with him, particularly over the past few months, when his health had improved and he was able to get out and enjoy the farm and life in general. His sense of humour kept us entertained and his cheerful smile always lit up our days." Alan will be very much missed – may he rest in peace and rise in glory.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals:

Alan James Eyres (80) More Monday 13 December

Fiona Elizabeth Marshall (33) Wentnor Thursday 6 January

Pete Postlethwaite (64) More 15 January

Age UK Lunches for those 60 & over at the Crown Inn, Wentnor, 12 Noon for 12.30pm

Normally SECOND WEDNESDAY in the month –

NEXT LUNCH IN JANUARY Wednesday 9 February

to book your meal please ring Vera Brookfield 01588 650230 BY 3 June

AND third Tuesday in the month,

NEXT LUNCH IN JANUARY Tuesday 15 February

please ring Margaret Cooke 01588 650280 to make a booking

Table Tennis! Open to all! Anyone wanting a good game! Often taking place Mondays at Norbury Village Hall 2-3pm for details contact The Rector 01588 650244

Local public transport?

DIAL-A-RIDE Wentnor to Bishops Castle & back every Friday pick-up 10.00am Wentnor Church & Wentnor Shop (can stop at Norbury) return 12.45pm from Tuffins BC.

SHROPSHIRE LINK ring 01743 210368 – need to make a booking a day or two before.

Find out what is going on across the **Hereford diocese** at the website at www.hereford.anglican.org - have a look at the Notice board. For details of service times at the Cathedral, please telephone 01432 374212 or visit the cathedral website www.herefordcathedral.org.

Norbury & District WI: Thursday 10 February; "Yoga - tips on yoga – loads of fun too!" Speaker: DAVID HEDGE; Hostesses Jenny Burdett, Christine Mansell & Mary Atkins; Flowers: Margaret Wells; Competition: Limerick on exercise.

Lydham, More & Snead WI: Thursday 17 February; Skittles; Competition: Most articles in a small matchbox; Soup: Sarah & Shirley.

Onny Valley Social Club: Usually meeting at Norbury Village Hall; .Social gatherings & outings for the over-fifties: well worthwhile – do join! Contact: Pat Varcoe 01588 650204 New members welcome. Monthly meetings First Tuesday Norbury Village Hall 1 February TBA; Val Littlehales; 1 March Dr Arian Penney Stone house TBA DAY TRIPS; 20 April Black Country Museum; 18 May Blaenarvon Big Pit

Churchstoke Mothers Union: Contact: Olive Fitzhugh 01588 620698 The Mothers Union has a scheme to provide holidays for families in need – any recommendations, please contact the AFIA Holiday Organizer at the Mother's Union 01432 373306 or email: mothersunion.hereford@surefish.co.uk

Churchstoke "Over-Sixties": Meet alternative Wednesdays 3.00pm Churchstoke Community Hall contact: Jay Frank 01588 620081

Age UK: please contact Mrs. Janet Brandon on 01588 650232 – your Age Concern Parish Link – who will also be pleased to help.

FLOWERS/CLEANING: Thanks for all the wonderful Christmas decorations in the churches!

Wentnor

23 & 30 Jan: Mrs. M Rowson & Mrs. B Jones
6 & 13 Feb: Mrs. R Jones & Mrs. L Middleton
20/27/6 March: Mrs. R Preston & Mrs. P Bevan

Ratlinghope

6 & 13 Feb: Mrs. J McNamara & Mrs. S Cusack
20 & 27 Feb: Mrs. J Brandon & Mrs. V Harley
6 & 13 March: Mrs. Margaret Cooke & Mrs. J Pinches

Norbury: February: Mrs. L Pinnock & Mrs. J Pinnock: March LENT

Lydham: Feb: Mrs. M Denwood; March LENT

More: Feb: Mrs. D Pritchard; March LENT

NOTICEBOARD

Want a Magazine?

Know someone who would like one? Please encourage sales & distribution! Please contact Margaret Cooke 01588 650280 (Shropshire & Snead parishes) or Jay Frank 01588 620711 (Churchstoke & Hyssington)

Myndtown Combined Parish Council Contact: Parish Clerk Mrs. L Thomas 01588 650509.

Wentnor Stores: The Post Office OUTREACH service is OPEN on TUESDAY 9.00AM – 11.00am - offering personal banking, Car Tax & Euros- please support our village shop WENTNOR STORES as much as possible!

Bus enquiries: **0870 241 2 216** National Rail Enquires: **08457 484950**

Hall Bookings: Norbury 650660 Anita (or if need be Rev Norman Morris **650244**) – **Lydham 638737** –

Hyssington Village Hall: 01588 620197 - do use our halls!

Norbury Village Hall: Tables, chairs, hostess trolley, crockery, & boiler available for hire 01588 650660

The Rector is always available to discuss Wedding and Christening dates at any time

Office Hour: Saturday morning at The Rectory 9-10am. Tel: 01588 650244.

House Communion is available to anyone who cannot easily get to Church.

Photocopying at The Rectory: 5p per sheet – reductions for longer runs.

Bishop's Castle Dial-a-Ride and Community Car scheme: Available for individuals or groups regardless of age or disability. All journeys must be pre-booked. Volunteer drivers and escorts urgently required for this worthwhile community service. Contact: Adrian Varcoe or ring 01588 638350.

RATLINGHOPE'S FESTIVAL OF CEREMONIES

A Celebration of Weddings and Christenings

9th - 10th JULY 2011

Were you christened or married at St Margaret's Church, Ratlinghope?

We are looking to display associated items: wedding dresses, family photos,

Christening gowns, memorabilia, interesting tales etc. relating to wedding

and christening celebrations at Ratlinghope Church over the decades.

We would like to hear from you should you be able to contribute to our festival.

Please contact Margaret Cooke (tel: 01588 650280) or Janet Brandon (tel: 01588 650232).

Proceeds to: St Margaret's Church, Ratlinghope &

The Rainbow Unit, Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.

A major Exhibition!

**'Yesterday & Today: Lydham, More & Snead
Celebrating Life in Three Border Villages'**

Saturday/Sunday 18/19 March

**In aid of the Lydham East Window Appeal and the Churches
of More & Snead at Lydham Village Hall**

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Contact: David & Janet Preshous 01588 638363 Rev N Morris 01588 650244