

OnnyCamlad Parishes

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The Rector writes... How much to you plan ahead? This is always something of a challenge. Those of us brought up on the parables are mindful of Our Lord's parable of the man who kept building ever-bigger barns assuming, rather like a rising house prices of recent years that things could only get better and then unexpectedly his soul was claimed by God! Similarly we are told to be like the flowers of the field and the birds of the "who toil not neither do they spin" but that's misleading because Our Lord's counseling us not to worry, knowing that our Father in heaven is always has care of us. On the other hand, the parable of the Talents rewarded the servant who went out planned, invested, and made his talents (money) grow and the poor servant who buried his talent got sent to a dark place for his laziness masquerading as caution. So its not clear that we should not plan for the future, bearing in mind we take each day at a time, mindful that God always has ideas for his church and people here on earth.

How do we discover these ideas and discern what God wants us to do? Well "The Church looks Ahead" is part of the 2015 exercise which the diocese of Hereford has unrolled to peer into the immediate future. Your Local Ministry Team has picked up the baton, as it were, and prepared seven special "services" across the parishes over the next few weeks - begun in Churchstoke in late May.

The process will culminate in a Ploughman's Supper Evening at Lydham Village on Friday 2 July at 7.30pm at which Rev Nick Read will speak, followed by discussion on the theme "The Church looks Ahead". The event is free – we have 80 places and we would like to have 80 present from all our nine parishes! So please apply to the Rector or Local Ministry team members for tickets. It should be an interesting and important evening. Why do this? Well to try and discover the signs of the times – what God has in mind for us and his church – to try also to prepare for the changes, indeed, already happening around us, ageing population, declining public services, and in the church itself, trying to keep all our churches going, half the 90 parish priests in the diocese retiring in the next five years is telling us that the church of the future could be looking very different from now! There's lots to consider so let me commend "The Church looks Ahead" to you – come along to the services and supper and play your part!

SUNDAY SERVICES

SUNDAY 30 MAY TRINITY SUNDAY

8.30 Holy Communion Lydham

10.30 Benefice Pet Service Myndtown

BANNS (1): Colin Sheard & Mary Fox

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BANNS (2) Sarah Louise Perks (Lydham) & Peter Nigel Bevan (Churchstoke)

4.00 Hyssington Gardens Chapel Service Preacher: Canon Julia Francis

12.00 Christening Wentnor
1.30 Christening Bishop's Castle
6.30 Benefice Evening Prayer Norbury

SUNDAY 6 JUNE TRINITY 1

8.00 Holy Communion Lydham
9.15 "The Church looks Ahead" Presentation" & Holy Communion Hyssington
10.30 All Age Service Ratlinghope
11.15 "The Church looks Ahead" Presentation" & Holy Communion Norbury (Julia Francis)
11.15 Holy Communion Churchstoke
BANNs (2) : Jason Francis Price (Churchstoke) & Angela Clare Norton (Churchstoke)
BANNs (2) Peter Nigel Bevan (Churchstoke) & Sarah Louise Perks (Lydham)
Churchstoke Sunday Market Mission 9.00 – 1.00pm
6.30 More Festival Evensong Preacher Canon Pullin, Chancellor of Hereford Cathedral
Banns (2) Colin Sheard & Mary Fox

SUNDAY 13 JUNE TRINITY 2

8.30 Holy Communion Ratlinghope
10.00 Morning Prayer (BCP) Hyssington
9.45 Holy Communion (CW) Wentnor
BANNs (2) Ian Edward Mason (St Helen's Church, St Helen's Gardens, London) & Satarupa Alice Bradley (Myndtown)
11.15 "The Church looks Ahead" Presentation" (for More & Lydham) & Holy Communion More
BANNs (3) Sarah Louise Perks (Lydham) & Peter Nigel Bevan (Churchstoke)
11.15 Holy Communion (Preb Michael Pollit) Churchstoke
6.30 "Songs of Praise" Norbury
Churchstoke Sunday Market Mission 9.00 – 1.00pm

SUNDAY 20 JUNE TRINITY 3

8.30 Holy Communion Wentnor
9.45 **"The Church looks Ahead" Presentation" Ratlinghope**
10.00 **"The Church looks Ahead" Presentation" & Holy Communion Snead**
11.15 Churchstoke "Service of Welcome to Methodists " & Holy Communion
BANNs (3) : Jason Francis Price (Churchstoke) & Angela Clare Norton (Churchstoke)
BANNs (3) Peter Nigel Bevan (Churchstoke) & Sarah Louise Perks (Lydham)
11.15 Morning Praise Lydham (Julia Francis)
6.30 "Restoring Hope in our Church" Video & discussion Wentnor Rectory All Welcome!

SUNDAY 27 JUNE TRINITY 4

8.30 Holy Communion Norbury
9.45 "2015" & Holy Communion Myndtown
10.00 Hyssington Utd Service
11.15 Holy Communion Churchstoke
6.30 **"The Church looks Ahead" Presentation" & Evening Prayer Wentnor**
BANNs (3) Ian Edward Mason (St Helen's Church, St Helen's Gardens, London) & Satarupa Alice Bradley (Myndtown)
BANNs (3) Colin Sheard & Mary Fox

SUNDAY 4 JULY TRINITY 5

8.00 Holy Communion Lydham
9.15 Holy Communion Hyssington
9.45 Holy Communion Ratlinghope (Julie Francis)
11.15 Family Communion Norbury
6.30 "Songs of Praise" Churchstoke
6.30 Evening Prayer Wentnor (Barry Preston)

Wednesday Morning Prayer 8.30am

26 May Wentnor; 2 June Myndtown.; 9 June Snead; 16 June Ratlinghope; 23 June Norbury; 30 June Lydham. All are welcome to this short weekly act of worship from all the parishes.

AT THE CHURCHES

The Rector would like to thank all those involved in the magnificent **Concert** we held on Saturday 8 May - "**A Shropshire Tapestry**" - especially all our talented artistes – all local and brilliant! - And those from Ratlinghope parish who provided and served refreshments. Particular thanks to David Preshous who gave two illustrated talks on the Onny Valley and its surrounding hills. Over 90 people attended and over £600 was raised for the Sin-eaters funerary monument in Ratlinghope Churchyard...so we have raised all the money we needed for its restoration! Good news!

Frank and Margaret Wood wish to thank all those who generously supported their Coffee Morning for the fold the victims of Uganda, very close to Bosano, whose homes were washed away in foods during the spring of this year. The response was fantastic...over £1000 was raised at the Coffee morning held at Lydham Village Hall on Saturday 15 May! Terrific achievement!

Message from **Alice Naluga, Head of School (St AEMPS) in Tanzania** to the Clun Forest Deanery Synod and all the parishes following the gift of funds to support two children at her School "No words can express our sincere gratitude to you and the Synod members together with the entire diocese of Hereford You have brought back the lost hope to these two children Neema and Pascal.

In my capacity as the headmistress of St Augustine English Medium Primary school I am extremely excited about you heartfelt love that you have shown to our school and to these two children in particular. You have made a mark in their lives that even after this level of education I believe you have paved a way for their future. I have full confidence that these two children will make it to government school which will enable them to attain free education for their secondary education. You will be receiving from Neema and Pascall letters shortly, expressing their gratitude all said may the Lord bless you Neil, Angela and Roger and all members of the Synod and the entire diocese Yours Alice Naluga

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 & Mary Hardham (Ratlinghope), Oliver Goode (Norbury), Trish Macmullan (Snead); Janet Wilcoxon (Lydham & More), David Jelves (Churchstoke), Jon Price & Rev Norman Morris. Margaret Wallsgrove (Hyssington) attends. Rev John Daniels is the new Diocesan Local Ministry officer.

The Local Ministry Team is launching "The Church looks Ahead"

A series of presentations at Church services during May-June.

Culminating in a special Benefice- wide evening on 2 July

Friday 2 July

"The Church looks Ahead!" Evening

Including a free Ploughman's Supper, discussion & speakers

At Lydham Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Many changes to society & the church are taking place

And this is our opportunity to shape our future!

80 Tickets (free) are available

We hope there will be a good take up from all who use our churches!

From the diocese....“We are pleased to announce that the **Revd Caroline Pascoe** has been appointed as the Lay Development Officer (*successor to Revd Peter Massey*). At present, Caroline is the Ministry Development Officer in Llandaff Diocese, Wales. She will be beginning her ministry in the Diocese on 1st May 2010 initially on a part-time basis and will be taking up the post fully on 1st July 2010. We are very much looking forward to Caroline bringing her great experience and gifts with her to enable us to move forward in developing the life of our benefices and deaneries working closing with the Local Ministry Officer.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

Country Lunch

Lydham Village Hall

Sunday 13th June

12.30 for 1.00 p.m.

(Buffet of - Fresh Salmon, Ham, Quiches, Salads and Homemade Puddings)

Tickets £12.50 from Carol Griffiths 01588 638737 (ansaphone also)

Tables available in the hall or marquee on the side.

Fundraising for Lydham Village Hall

Benefice Book Group: Friday 28 May 7.30pm - “To kill a Mocking Bird” & “Catcher in the Rye”. At “The Stables” , Asterton, followed by next month “Wolf Hall” followed by -”All Quiet on the Western Front” & “Testament of Youth” Date & Place TBA

The **Bible Study Group** Meets at the Rectory, usually occasional Fridays - new members always welcome! Next meeting - studying St John’s Gospel at Wentnor Rectory on Friday 28 May at 4.00pm at Wentnor Rectory. Contact: The Rector 01588 650244.

WEEKEND 5/6 JUNE

10TH MORE FESTIVAL

Saturday 5 June

“More Breakfast” Lydham Village Hall – in aid of More Church

10.00am – 12.30pm

(bookings by invitation)

Summer Concert

Bill Rowell plus “Local Talent Young & Old!”

More Church

Adults £5 (accompanied children under 16 free)

7.30pm

Tickets available from Doris Wright 650360 & Rosemary Farr 638377

All welcome!

Sunday 6 June 6.30pm

More Festival Evensong Preacher: Canon Chris Pullan,

Chancellor of Hereford Cathedral

NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME
“OPEN GARDEN”
MAREHAY GARDEN, RATLINGHOPE
SUNDAY 6 JUNE
11.00am – 6pm
ADULTS £3 – CHILDREN FREE
TEAS FOR CHRISTIAN AID
Friday 25 June
7.30pm
Lydham “Wine & Cheese Party”
at “Parkside”
Tickets: £7.50
in aid of Lydham Church
Details: Janet Wilcoxon 638646 & The Rector 6850244

Friday 9th July 8.00 p.m.

WORDS AND MUSIC FOR A SUMMER EVENING

A concert for Ratlinghope Church
at Leasowes Bank Farm, Ratlinghope

Richard Duncan - recorders and Bryan Holland – harpsichord
music by Handel, Corelli, and John Stanley

Richard Beaumont and Val Littlehales
stories and poems

Tickets: £5.00 to include a glass of wine, from Frances Williams 01743 790769

HERE AND THERE

FORWARD NOTICE: Friday 22nd October and Saturday 23rd October 2010 at Kingsland Hall, Shrewsbury School, Shrewsbury

Please remember us when you sort out your wardrobe as we would love any unwanted good quality clothing to sell at this event. Please contact Jane Sayer at sayer@stedment.co.uk to arrange collection. Your help is much appreciated. Last year Dress for Less raised £16,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support in Shropshire.

SUMMER DATES: Please contact the Rector if you would like a listing. More details will follow nearer the date of the event.

Friday 25 June Lydham “Wine & Cheese Party” at “Parkside”, in aid of Lydham Church

Friday 2 July The Churches look Ahead!” “2015” Evening at Lydham Village Hall 7.30pm

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Sunday 11 July Inter-Parish Cricket Norbury Football Stadium 12.30pm

Saturday 17 July

Table Top Sale & Teas Lydham Village Hall

**In aid of More & Lydham Churches
& Lydham Village Hall**

Sunday 18 July Upper Onny Country Show Norbury Village Hall & grounds

Saturday 24 July Open Garden & Coffee Morning

Adstone Farmhouse –

in aid of Wentnor Church 10.30 – 12 Noon

Saturday 25 July Hyssington Annual Open Church & Churtyard Afternoon

Sunday 1 August Annual Snead Duck Races & Festival Evensong

BABK HOLIDAY MONDAY 30 AUGUST WENTNOR FETE

Tuesday 28 September Harvest Produce Sale at the “Inn on the Green” for More Church & Busano Parishes (Uganda)

Saturday 9 October Coffee Morning at Upper Bent for More Church 10.00 – 12.30pm

2010 Harvest Festival Dates

Sunday 12 September 11.15 Lydham Harvest Festival & Harvest Lunch (Lydham Village Hall) Preacher: The Bishop of Hereford ...*early because of September weddings & the Michaelmas Fayre*

Sunday 19 September 10.00 Snead Harvest Festival Preacher: Rev Maurice Young

Sunday 26 September 11.15 More Harvest Festival Preacher: Rev Dr John Daniels

Sunday 3 October 6.00 Ratlinghope Harvest Festival Preacher: Captain Jon Price

Friday 15 October 6.30 Myndtown Harvest Festival Preacher: Rev Jo Evans

Sunday 17 October; 3.00 Hyssington Harvest Festival Preacher Canon Julia Francis

6.30 Wentnor Harvest Festival Rt Rev Michael Bourke, former Bishop of Wolverhampton

Thursday 21 October 2.00 Norbury School Harvest Festival

Sunday 24 October 11.15 Churchstoke Harvest Festival & Harvest Lunch Preacher Norris & Kathy Boyland; 6.30 Norbury Harvest Festival

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO! Rev Dick France was due to be inducted to the Wentnor parishes in July; VE Day was commemorated with a Tea Party for Senior Citizens in Norbury Church Hall (as it was still called then); Churchstoke Recorders put on a VE Exhibition; St Nicholas was also planning to hold an Exhibition of Wedding dresses; Bucknell was having a summer festival; the Rural Dean wrote about the church's financial crisis.

Myndtown Combined Parish Council

The Parish Council now has a new web address www.myndtown.org.uk In due course it is hoped that the website will provide information relevant to the Parishes. It is also hoped to set up a business directory on the site for local businesses, be they plumbers, electricians, b&bs, gardeners or anyone running their own business locally. If you would like your contact details and maybe a link to your own site in the directory, please send your details to philip@myndtownwines.co.uk. The bigger the directory the better for everyone and it is an ideal opportunity to have a web presence, so please do contact us.

Myndtown Combined Parish Council 2010

Meetings: Norbury Village Hall 7.30pm Mondays; 5 July; 6 Sept; 8 Nov. Contact: Parish Clerk Mrs. L Thomas 01588 650509.

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

SECOND WEDNESDAY in the month –

NEXT LUNCH Wednesday 9 June

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

AND third Tuesday in the month,

NEXT LUNCH Tuesday 15 June

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 Noticeboard. For details of service times at the Cathedral, please telephone 01432 374212 or visit the cathedral website www.herefordcathedral.org.

Norbury & District WI: Thursday 19 June ; GUEST NIGHT (WITH BRING & BUY) Speaker: JINNY SWAN “History & the making of Chocolate” Hostesses: Vivien Ridgeway, Gilly Batcelor & The Committee ; Flowers: Margaret Rowson; Competition: Four Chocolate truffles on a plate.

Lydham, More & Snead WI: Thursday 17 June Garden meeting at Sarah Screen’s Upper Bent Farm 7.00pm with picnic supper Competition: Homemade Summer Drink Recipe.

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. 1 June Skittles; 6 July Prolley Moor Gardens Visit – home of Heather & Julian **DAY TRIPS 16 June** Matlock Train & Tram Museum (early start & late return); 21 July Southport; 18 August Blaenau Ffestiniog Railway to Porthmadog

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

FLOWERS/CLEANING

Wentnor

30 May & 6 June Mrs. R Jones & Mrs. L Middleton

13 & 20 June: Mrs R Preston & Mrs. R Bright

27 June & 4July Mrs. J Shear & Mrs. A Turner

Ratlinghope

6 June Mrs. M Cooke & Mrs. J Pinches

13 June Mrs. J Ryan & Mrs. A Remfry

20 June Mrs. C Mansell & Mrs. P Sansom
27 June Mrs. M Atkins & Mrs. M Hardham
4 July Mrs. Cooke & Mrs. A Littlehales

Norbury:

June Mrs. A Cooke & Mrs. J Cooke
July Mrs. P Prettiman & Miss O Pinches

Lydham: June: Mrs. J Chisholm: July Mrs. J Yapp

More June: Daphne Matthews

NOTICEBOARD

Want a Magazine?

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

Run up the Flag! Here's an offer to everyone in the Wentnor Group of parishes and beyond - every man, woman and child - those living in Wentnor, Ratlinghope, Norbury, Myndtown, More, Lydham, and Snead - mark your birthday, pet's birthday, wedding, anniversary, exam success, passing your driving licence, whatever, by having the Union Flag or St George's Flag flying from the Wentnor Flagpole - pay only £1 to the Benefice account which supports all the churches. The flag could fly for you! Any day of the year!
Contact Rev Norman Morris 01588 650244.

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.

From RoseLeah.....Dear Friends,

Greetings in Jesus name. How are you? I believe you are fine in the Lord. I am okay and well kept by the Almighty God. I'm born again and have every reason to serve and worship God the whole of my life. This far He is Ebenezer.

Our family is fine. Everyone send regards to you with a lot of love. I thank God for you and pray always that He blesses you in everything that you do. Continue trusting in God and cast all your cares on him and He will never leave you (Psalms 55:22).

I have learnt much about God and His love for me by attending Leadership Development Program Annual Conference in August 2009. Read Isaiah 61:1-4. We are also having a Bible study with the title "Attaining Sexual Purity", which is building my spiritual, social and physical life.

I'm having wonderful time in school. I will be sitting my examinations soon and will be going home for my Christmas holiday in December. I am trusting God to fulfill His wonderful and prosperous future plans for me and for my academic excellence. I thank Him for giving me different opportunities to serve Him and serve Humanity. Currently I'm serving as one of the Bible Study Leaders in our Campus' Christian Union. The title

of the study guide is "United in Christ"-a study on 1st Corinthians. Please pray with me to overcome the challenges and temptations that are very prevalent in the University. I also thank God for the new friends I've made in University, whom He is using to transform me and who influence my life positively. I request you to pray for peace, love and unity in our country-Kenya. Since the Post- Election Violence that happened after the 2007 General elections, hatred has developed, among the citizens, families and tribes. A commission, to investigate the facts and circumstances surrounding the post election violence and the conduct of state agencies in handling the violence, was formed. It's coming up with measures to prevent, control and eradicate similar violence in future, to bring to justice those responsible for criminal acts and promote National reconciliation. Nevertheless, the economical, social and political situation in Kenya is getting worse. We need God to bless our country and bind its citizens with cords of love that can not be broken.

I am looking forward to hearing from you. God bless you from your child,
Roseleah Igoki Kaboti