

OnnyCamlad Parishes

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The Rector writes....November is that month of commemorations with All Saints Day and All Souls Day in the church calendar and then Remembrance Sunday which this year is on Sunday 14 November. Britain is a country at War – the War in Afghanistan, whatever our views, is real and deadly, costing many lives and even more war injuries. I have spoken to two people recently who have been on the wards of the military wing of the Birmingham Hospital and they are in no doubt that the British public is not being told the truth of the extent and scale of the injuries sustained by our troops. Remembrance Sunday gets us all the opportunity to remember with thanksgiving those who serve or have served their country at heavy cost in life and limb, to support the Royal British Legion and other military charities, and commit ourselves to building a better, more peaceful and just world. We have Remembrance Sunday services at Churchstoke, Wentnor and Lydham – please support them and a special plea for children to attend so they too can begin to share in our commemorations and understand why we keep this Remembrance Sunday special .

Glimpses of a better world we sometimes see and the recent rescue of the 33 Chilean miners was very heartening – their courage and cheerfulness waiting weeks for a rescue, the remarkable skill in constructing a mineshaft to reach them, and the evident joy around the world when they came up one by one at the surface. It was such a united effort and showed what can be done when people pull together – there’s another story about justice, mining conditions, health and safety, and the insatiable world demand for copper which needs attention but it was good to have a positive news story for once!

All Souls Day give us the chance to remember our loved ones and this year we have two “Those we have loved” Memorial Services for the bereaved at Wentnor on Sunday 31 October at 6.30pm and Churchstoke on Sunday 7 November at 6.30pm – all are welcome to come and, in the course of the service, come forward and light a candle in memory of someone. Good to stop for a moment, reflect, give thanks, and pray to God who loved us so much that he sent his Son into the world to save us from our sins and promise eternal life to all who believe in him.

SUNDAY 7 NOVEMBER TRINITY 23

8.00 Holy Communion Lydham

9.15 Holy Communion Hyssington

10.30 ALL AGE SERVICE & Holy Communion Ratlinghope (David Jelves)

1.00 Christening (Isobelle Wall) Norbury

3.00 Christening (Oscar James Peter) Churchstoke

6.30 “Those we have loved” Memorial Service for the bereaved Churchstoke

6.30 Evening Prayer Wentnor (Barry Preston)

SUNDAY 14 NOVEMBER TRINITY 24 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

9.00 Holy Communion BCP (said) Hyssington

10.30 Benefice SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE Wentnor

10.55 SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE Churchstoke (David Jelves & Jon Price)

3.00 SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE Lydham

6.30 “Remembering: Words & Music” Norbury (Rector & Canon Julia Francis)

SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT *CHRIST THE KING*

8.30 Holy Communion Ratlinghope

10.00 Holy Communion Snead

11.15 Holy Communion Churchstoke

11.15 Holy Communion More (Canon Julia Francis)

2.00 Christening (Sarah Medlicott) Wentnor

6.30 “Songs of Praise” Wentnor

SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER ADVENT SUNDAY

8.30 Holy Communion Norbury
9.45 Holy Communion Myndtown
9.45 Morning Praise Ratlinghope (Layled)
11.15 Methodist Holy Communion Churchstoke (Rev Ian Waugh)
3.00 Hyssington Advent Party
6.30 "ADVENT PRAISE" Evening Service More

SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER 5.00 Norbury Nativity

SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER ADVENT 2

8.00 Holy Communion Lydham
9.00 Holy Communion Hyssington
9.30 St Nicholas Festival Service (Jon Price) Churchstoke
10.30 ALL AGE SERVICE & Holy Communion Ratlinghope
LICENSING OF CANON JULIA FRANCIS as READER
Preacher & Celebrant: The Bishop of Hereford
6.30 "ADVENT SERVICE OF LIGHT" Wentnor

Wednesday Morning Prayer 8.30am All are welcome to this short weekly act of worship from all the parishes.
3 Nov More; 10 Nov Wentnor; 17 Nov Myndtown; 24 Nov Snead; 1 Dec Ratlinghope

Benefice Carol Service rehearsals start second Sunday in November at More 6.30 on **Wednesday 10 November**.
All welcome! The Benefice Carol service "**CAROLS BY CANDLE LIGHT**" is on Sunday 19 December at 6.30pm at More Church.

If your magazine reaches you by the end of the October, reminder that on **SUNDAY morning 31 OCTOBER**, there will be at **Norbury Church at 10.00am a FAMILY SERVICE "Teddy Bear "Service** for young and old to bring their Teddy Bears to church! All are welcome adults, children and teddies of any age!

On **SUNDAY evening 31 OCTOBER at 6.30pm** there will be a "Those we have loved" **Memorial Service** for the bereaved at Wentnor Church – we have had these services before – they have been much appreciated occasions at All Souls time when we can remember loved ones by name and light a candle in the service. Any names please pass on in a note to the Rector

PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS! AN INVITATION TO THE ONNYCAMLAD BENEFICE

Amidst the planning and preparations for our 'commercial' Christmas we can so easily forget why we celebrate. There will be an opportunity to keep Advent, the 'little Lent', by spending a peaceful 30 minutes focusing on why we light a different candle each week, culminating in Christmas.

The first weekly Advent Service will take place at **Hyssington Village Hall on Tuesday 30th November at 12 noon**.

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), Jon Price & Rev Norman Morris. Margaret Wallsgrove (Hyssington) attends. Rev Dr John Daniels is the new Diocesan Local Ministry officer. We always welcome new members especially at this **four year** stage. "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. If you wish, talk to an LMT member beforehand about what's involved.

CALL FOR CONFIRMATION: A Deanery Confirmation Service will be taking place in March 2011- its early days yet but time moves on quickly. In past years we have had very successful responses to Confirmation

Confirmation is open to all, young and old alike, starting around the age of 10 or 11 years –adults are included – and is a special service when the Bishop comes. It enhances and completes our membership of the Church, which began at our Christening. Baptism and Confirmation enables us to be full, communicant members of the Church. Of course, we grow on learning and growing in our faith and Confirmation is a stage along the journey of faith. Preparation takes the form of meetings in homes, centred on the questions people young and old raise.

This time round we are planning to invite young people to raise their questions through a **Youth Alpha course** run by Captain Jon Price. He will be 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 feel like joining in this Youth Alpha course which may lead onto Confirmation.

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

IONA 2012 Hilary Jackson is organizing a Week at Bishop’s House, Iona 21st to 28th April 2012 – there are a handful of places still available – anyone interested please be in touch with the Rector 01588 650244 ASAP please – we had Benefice pilgrimages there in 2007 and 2009 which were much enjoyed.

NEWS ROUND

St. Peter’s, More: monthly Draw results

September: 1. Mr E. Trow

2. Spike

3. Glyn Thomas

October: 1. Shirley Mundy

2. Peter Swanson

3. Mrs M Hill

Quiz Night: Friday 19th November at 7.30 At the Inn on The Green, Wentnor. Tickets £8 each to include Hotpot supper. Purchase from Rosemary Farr: 01588 638377 or Doris Wright:01588 650360.

A very successful coffee morning was held on **Saturday 9th October** at the Upper Bent Farm by kind permission of Mrs Sarah Screen. More PCC would like to thank Sarah and all her helpers, those who attended or contributed. £377 was raised for More Church.

“THANK YOU RATLINGHOPE” from the ‘PORRIDGE PROJECT’: Angela Turner writes: “Captain Jon Price led the Harvest Thanksgiving service at Ratlinghope on October 3rd. What a joy to see so many children attend, and Jon involved them in a memorable service, then the multi skilled Jon became an auctioneer for all the produce that had been donated. The PCC had decided to donate the money raised from the auction and the Harvest Service collection to the “Porridge Project”. I have received a cheque from the PCC for £200, this will feed 18 children with a daily mug of porridge for the 2011 school year of 10 months. Thank you for your generosity”.

WEST END ACTORS & SINGERS JOINED SHROPSHIRE MUSICIANS TO RAISE £1,000 TO FEED TANZANIAN CHILDREN

Lydham Village Hall was the venue on October 9th for the 2010 ‘Porridge Project’ Supper Concert for St Augustine’s School in Dar es Salaam. There was a capacity audience, and the evening opened with ‘The Telfordaires’ in traditional barbershop style. There was audience participation to rival the Last Night of the Proms, when Shropshire’s own ‘ZootFen’ closed their programme with the ‘Sailor’s Hornpipe’, and the feet stamping and hand clapping rang to the rafters. Yet, when Veronica Roberts performed “Children Listen” by Stephen Sondheim, the proverbial dropped pin could have been heard. Some members of the audience admitted to a lump in the throat and tears in their eyes, so moved were they by Veronica’s delivery of Sondheim’s poignant words.

Children were also the theme of the six pieces that Eve Polycarpou and Alwyne Taylor had chosen. Alwyne’s voice was perfect for her choice of ‘God Bless the Child’ made famous by the American jazz singer Billie Holiday. They closed the evening with “Thank You for Today”, which Eve wrote earlier this year especially for a children’s chorus, to raise funds for The Leukaemia Foundation, of which she is a patron.

Angela Turner began this project in 2006, and is delighted to report that in addition to the success of the event in Lydham she has received almost £2,000 in donations this year.

Bishop Anthony of Hereford was able to make a return visit to St Augustine's School in August when he visited the four Dioceses of Tanzania linked with our Diocese of Hereford. Angela says: "I am overwhelmed by the compassion and generosity of this community, and family and friends near and far, who have yet again given their support to the Porridge Project. The Crown Inn at Wentnor deserve a special 'Thank You' too, they prepared the Soup & Pudding supper served in the Interval. I appreciate so much all the help given in serving the supper and to help clear at the end of the evening"

"The amazing total of £3,000 will enable more children to be given a daily mug of porridge if that becomes necessary in January 2011 when the new academic year begins, and to be able to offer help with basics such as the provision of sight tests and spectacles, or medical treatment where required. **Thank you so much**"

NORBURY NATIVITY? Over the past six years, we have had a roving Nativity before Christmas every other year at Norbury, starting from Norbury Village Hall (Nazareth) going on the Sun Inn (no room in the Inn) to Herod's Palace (church west front) culminating at Lea Farm (Bethlehem) Its been hugely popular with young and old taking part and in excess of 100 people sharing a memorable outdoor experience of the Christmas story! We need to prepare! Here's a call for adults and children to come forward from all our parishes to help/take part this year – we have a Mary so we need a Joseph and Wisemen, shepherds and angels! Please initially be in touch with the Rector ASAP 01588 650244 to express interest. **The projected date for the Norbury Nativity is Saturday 4 December 5.00pm (time to be confirmed).**

Captain Jon Price held a Roving Nativity at Churchstoke last year and plans to hold another on Saturday 18 December at Churchstoke.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

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 650244.

Friday 29 October 7.30pm Norbury Quiz "Inn on the Green" Tickets from John Glover £8.00 includes "Fish and chip Supper" – raffle - proceeds for Norbury Church.

Benefice Book Group: Barbara Kingslover "Lacuna": at Asterton Stables on Saturday 6 November 7.30pm

Saturday afternoon 13 November
Churchstoke
"Afternoon Tea" & Christmas Stalls
Community Hall
2.30pm
Tickets £5 Children free
All welcome

Monday 8 November Wentnor Fete Review meeting Wentnor Rectory Monday 8 November 7.30pm

Wednesday 10 November Deanery Confirmation Clun 7.00pm

Friday 19 November More Quiz Tickets 650244/638377/650961 £8.00 includes "Hot Pot Supper" – raffle - proceeds for More Church.

Saturday morning 20 November Norbury Coffee morning

THE UPPER ONNY COUNTRY SHOW

'A wonderful community event celebrating rural life'

AGM to be held at

The Crown Inn, Wentnor

Tuesday 7th December 6.30pm

ALL ARE VERY WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO COME ALONG.

Saturday 11 December Lydham Christmas Fayre – supporting the Lydham Church East Window Appeal

ADVANCE NOTICE

Please come and celebrate JANET'S 70th with another Ratlinghope "All Day Breakfast" on Saturday 22nd January 2011 at Glebe House - 9.00 am to 6.00 pm Eat a "BIG BREAKFAST" and at the same time support Ratlinghope Church and New Norbury Village Hall.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Christenings:

Weddings: Stephen Hudson & Diane Wood Wentnor Sunday 25 September

Funerals: Olwen Pinches (73) Norbury Tuesday 19 October

Our condolences are also extended to the family and friends of Olwen Pinches of Norbury who died very suddenly on 3 October and whose funeral took place at Norbury Church on 19 October. A full appreciation of Olwen will appear in the next magazine – she was a wonderfully caring person, devoted to the community and church of Norbury, and will be greatly missed.

Peter Vince contributes this Tribute to his late wife, Monica, who died on 2 August, aged 68 years "A wonderful and beautiful wife, Mother and Grandmother, who will be greatly missed. Monica went to Art College and achieved the highest National Awards as a young artist. Her Mother's ill-health for several years forced her to give up college to be Mother to her 5 younger brother and sisters. Afterwards she became a first-class secretary to the heads of Banks and Councils before giving up work to raise her son and daughter. Latterly she worked as a secretary in the local community and was then a Director and Secretary of our Building Company. Even though our world is a sadder place without her, the blessing now is that she has found peace without pain and we feel so fortunate to have spent so many years with her."

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 8 Nov. Contact: Parish Clerk Mrs. L Thomas 01588 650509.

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

SECOND WEDNESDAY in the month –

NEXT LUNCH Wednesday 10 November

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

AND third Tuesday in the month,

NEXT LUNCH Tuesday 16 November

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 11 November; “Host of Angels”; Speaker Anne Lloyd; Hostesses: Judy Shear, Margaret Wells & Jane Ingram; Flowers: Nid Garratt; Competition: Make an Angel any material.

Lydham, More & Snead WI: Thursday 18 November ANNUAL MEETING Uses and properties of Beeswax Hands on demonstrations Members have a go Speaker: Jane Frank; Competition: Household recipe containing honey: Christine & Tricia.

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 2.30pm DAY TRIPS; 26 November Abbey Cwm Hir Xmas Decorated House
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 Many thanks for all the wonderful Harvest decorations! Winter greenery in the Advent season, please, beginning Sunday 28 November

Wentnor

31 Oct & 7 Nov: Mrs. R Preston & Mrs. P Bevan
14 Nov & 21 Nov: Mrs. J Sheard & Mrs. A Turner
28 Nov & 5 Dec Mrs. B Jones & Mrs. M Rowson

Ratlinghope

7 & 14 Nov: Mrs. C Mansell & Mrs. P Sansom
21 & 28 Nov: Mrs. M Atkins & Mrs. M Hardham
5 & 12 Dec: Mrs. Sue Cooke & Mrs. Allison Littlehales
Norbury: November: Mrs. A Cooke & Mrs. B Wall December: Mrs. J Pinnock
Lydham: November: Miss J Wilcoxon & Mrs. J Yapp;
More: November: Mrs. R Farr December: Barbara Butler

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!

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.

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.

LUDLOW CHORAL SOCIETY

Gounod Messe solennelle (St Cecilia Mass)

Durufle Requiem

with Sarah Ann Cromwell (soprano) and Stephen Newlove (tenor)

conducted by Patrick Larley

Saturday 20th November 2010 at 7.30pm in St Laurence's Church, Ludlow

Tickets: £15, £12, & £8 (u16s half price) available from The Silk Top Hat Gallery, Quality Square 01588 875363, Ludlow Visitor Information Centre, Castle Square 01584 875053 and St Laurence's Church Shop or by emailing tickets@ludlowchoral.org.uk