

OnnyCamlad Parishes

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The Rector writes.... The month of November has become our month of remembrance and once again on Sunday 8 November we will be remembering the Fallen from Two Wars and since at our Remembrance Sunday services. Back in the Sixties, typically for that decade, there was considerable public debate about how worthwhile it was to continue to have such a commemoration and was n't it time we had something "more relevant to the young"! Well "the young" then have grown old and thank goodness Remembrance Sunday, unlike a lot of things, survived the sixties and how important and "relevant" it is today. Probably "the Troubles" in Northern Ireland which broke out in 1969 (the year before 1968 turned out to be the only post-war year when no British soldier was skilled on active duty) and the Falkland War 1982 changed perceptions and made us realise that sadly in every generation there was and is going to be the need for national Remembrance of those who died for their country. Now we have the dreadful conflict in Afghanistan with fatalities among our Forces every week this year – a War, and it is a War which has gone on longer than World War Two! Whatever our views about War and Wars in general our duty is to honour those who have given their lives for their country, to remember them and to pray and work for peace and better World for our children.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday 1 November Trinity 21 All Saints Day

8.00 Holy Communion Lydham

9.15 Holy Communion Hyssington

10.30 Sunday Stars All Age Service Ratlinghope

11.15 Holy Communion & Christening Churchstoke

4.00 All-Age Service "Saints & Sausages" Churchstoke followed by "Bangers *& Mash "at the Vicarage

6.30 "Songs of Praise" Norbury

Sunday 8 November Trinity 22 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8.30 Holy Communion Wentnor

10.30 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE Ratlinghope

10.55 CHURCHSTOKE REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE David Jelves

3.00 Lydham Remembrance Sunday Service

6.30 Norbury "Reflections for Remembrance Sunday evening – Readings, Prayers & Hymns"

Sunday 15 November Trinity 23

8.30 Holy Communion Ratlinghope

10.00 Holy Communion (by Extension) Snead David Jelves

10.30 Sunday Stars All Age Service More

11.15 Holy Communion Churchstoke

6.30 "Songs of Praise" Wentnor

Sunday 22 November CHRIST THE KING: Sunday next Before Advent

8.30 Holy Communion Norbury

9.45 Holy Communion Myndtown

9.45 Morning Praise Ratlinghope (Lay led)

11.15 Holy Communion Churchstoke

2.30 Hyssington Utd Service

6.30 "Songs of Praise" More

Saturday 28 November 12 Noon Christening Myndtown (Iris Bridge)

Sunday 29 ADVENT 1

10.30 DEANERY EUCHARIST Celebrant & Preacher: Rt Rev Alistair Macgowan, Bishop of Ludlow

3.00 Christening Myndtown

Sunday 6 December Advent 2

8.00 Holy Communion Lydham

9.15 Holy Communion Hyssington

10.30 All-Age Service Ratlinghope

11.15 Holy Communion Norbury

6.30 ADVENT PRAISE; Hymns, Readings & Prayers Churchstoke

6.30 Evening Prayer Wentnor (Barry Preston)

Wednesday Morning Prayer 8.30am

4 Nov Lydham; 11 Nov Churchstoke; 18 Nov More; 25 Nov Wentnor; 2 Dec Snead

All are welcome to this short weekly act of worship from all the parishes.

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.

Many thanks from the Rector for many cards and best wishes on celebrating 30 years of Priesthood. Sunday 13 September (anticipating the actual day 30 September) was a wonderful occasion at Wentnor church for a celebratory Eucharist and reception afterwards. It was good to have Canon Dick France preaching, and joining, with Curly, his wife, at the reception. Many thanks too for all the refreshments provided by everyone, Myndtown for putting up the Myndtown marquee, and how magnificent the weather was!

On **Friday 18 September** the National Wales Ploughing Service took place at Churchstoke and a very splendid service it was too! The Ploughing event takes place annually in different parts of Wales and ten years ago it was at Churchstoke. This time again 250 Welsh Farmers gathered at St Nicholas Church for an impressive service which included the Blessing of a beautifully decorated and painted plough. The “ploughman” around the Plough was an impressive team, including past and present ploughing champions – one had been Runner Up in World Ploughing Championships! Fortunately with Jon Price being present, the service could be bilingual in part. Afterwards a “Bangers & Mash” supper was held in the Community Hall.

Benefice Harvest Festivals were wonderful services so our grateful thanks to all those who beautifully decorated our churches and a special thanks to our Preachers! We also has many **weddings** in the course of the summer so hearty thanks to all those who prepared churches and churchyards for the wedding families! As one of them I am very grateful!

UP AND COMING EVENTS

The next **Benefice Book Group meeting: Friday 30 October** Welsh Row, The Bog 7.30pm

Details from the Rector

Saturday 31 October Norbury Bonfire Party

Monday 2 November Deanery Synod Aston – on –Clun 7.30pm

Thursday 5 November Pastoral Cttee Meeting 7.30pm Clun Vicarage

Friday 6 November Hyssington PCC meeting Cefn Farm 7.30pm

Monday 9 November Licensing of Rev Diana Hoare Bucknell Group Bucknell 7.30pm

Friday 13 November More Quiz Inn on the Green 7.30pm Details: The Rector 01588 650244

Saturday 14 November Churchstoke Christmas Bazaar Community Hall 1.30pm

Wednesday 18 November Post-Wentnor Fete Meeting The Rectory 7.30pm

Saturday 21 November Norbury Coffee Morning The Barns 10.30am

Monday 23 November Meeting of Parish Treasures Clun 7.30pm
Friday 27 November Wentnor Harvest Supper The Crown 7.30pm (bookings at The Crown, please)
Saturday 28 November Benefice Book Club Norbury 7.30pm
Sunday 29 November Deanery Eucharist BC 10.30 Celebrant & Preacher: Bishop of Ludlow

The Onny Camlad Confirmation Service will be taking place at **Wentnor** on **Wednesday 4 November** at **7.00pm**. **All are welcome. Please support our candidates.**

The **Bible Study Group** continues to meet to discuss the St Paul's Letter to the Colossians at Wentnor Rectory, usually **occasional** Fridays - new members always welcome! Contact the Rector to know more 01588 650244.

HERE AND THERE

Age Concern Lunches for those 60 & over at The Crown Inn, Wentnor, 12 Noon for 12.30pm **SECOND** Weds in the month – **NEXT LUNCH Wednesday 11 November** – to book your meal please ring Vera Brookfield 01588 650230 BY 3 November **AND** third Tuesday in the month, **NEXT LUNCH Tuesday 17 November**, please ring Margaret Cooke 01588 650280.

Pensioners' Table Tennis! Well anyone wanting a good game! Often taking place Mondays at Norbury Village Hall 2- 3pm Resuming in September 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 9.30am Tuesday & Thursday Wentnor Church – taken to Pulverbatch for picking up Arriva bus – 3 hours in Shrewsbury – return 1.45pm from Shrewsbury – to register 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.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO! From the Deanery Magazine....The Bishop of Hereford was due to come and speak at the Deanery Synod about the new Strategy for the diocese which envisaged Local Ministry Teams and no extra expenditure “ which cannot be financed from increased investment or glebe income” (!); Rev Alan Toop wrote about “The Taize Phenomenon”; BC Church was worried about damp and wishes to restore the Church Clock; David Hayes thanked his parishioners as he left the Bucknell group; Bishop John Saxbee had an Awayday in the Clun parishes; Canon Robin Howard returned from a visit to Hong Kong and celebrated 40 years in Christian ministry.

Our condolences this month are extended to the families and friends of **Mary Middleton and Jimmy Garside**. **Mary Middleton** was born near Stanton Lacy and her parents moved within the village area (to Hayton) whilst she was still a baby. She had an elder brother + 3 younger brothers and a sister. (She was the last surviving). When she left school she went in to service at Adstone where she met Edward. Left after two years and went to work for the Earl of Plymouth at Oakliegh Park. He was the local MP and she went with the family when they went to London (Cadogan Square). Moved back to Shropshire to look after an elderly lady at Myndtown Farm. Moved back into family home to keep her mother company as mother lonely and sad after her husband and eldest son died fairly closely to each other. Mary kept on outside job though. At this time was courting Edward and they married in 1947 so she moved back to Adstone as his wife and, in due course, a family followed. Edward and Mary were great supporters of Wentnor Church. In the 1980s sadly a farm accident saw Mary lose her husband and her later life was spent at Minsterley where she was a well regarded and active member of the Mothers Union and the church. Her funeral and interment took place at Wentnor with Preb Alan Toop, Vicar of Minsterley officiating, with a large number of family and friends attending. Donations were divided between Wentnor Church and Severn Hospice. Mary was a much loved and respected lady.

James (Jimmy) was born on 24 September 1964 in Gloucester, the eldest son and middle child of Jim & Daphne Garside. Val can remember he was always getting into scrapes. At the age of one, he broke his arm and used the plaster cast as a prop when crawling! Their sister Emma was born two years later and he was always leading her in daring childhood exploits! James attraction to vehicles began early from listening to his Father's tales as a bomber pilot during the War. While still at Primary school built a trailer and fixed it

to a lawn mower so that he could ride round the garden! Sadly the father Jimmy idolised died in 1977 and Jimmy was much affected by this loss. They had shared a love of motor bikes and motor racing in general. While at Secondary School Jimmy started to play truant so in 1978 he went to live with Val and Malcolm at The Bridges. He finished his schooling at Bishops Castle he enjoyed woodwork and metal work. Jimmy then decided to give Gloucester another go but he missed Shropshire – he returned sporting pink and blond spiked hair as he had a girlfriend who was a punk! His friendship with Clifford and the boys dates from this time. He had over the years many and varied jobs, including working for John Price at the Forge, Lydham until he wanted a change from being covered with oil all day! So he swapped his spanners for a trowel and developed his skills working with Dale and Paul. He was married for a short time and then a few years later became the proud father of Jenny. Jimmy met Maxine at Clifford and Stacey's wedding in 2008 and "they laughed, talked and danced the night away!" They spent time together in Telford or at the Old school House and earlier this year Jimmy asked Maxine to come at Wentnor. They spent much time painting and gardening. There has to be mention of Jimmy's beloved and distinctive blue van with its white bonnet. Many suggested it should be upgraded but his answer was to put another engine in! Some of its bodywork was held together with gaffer tape – how did it ever pass its MOT? Yet this van often went to Swansea where Jimmy helped Sam with his home and even made its way to Spain! Jimmy would do anything for anyone, sometimes he was too busy for the moment and then turning up straightaway! As one friend summed up Jimmy "I don't think I have met anyone who is quite so willing to have ago a Jimmy. He didn't care much for course or being taught how to do things. He would simply jump in feet first and have a go. He seemed to approach things with the attitude that "well is someone else can do it, why not me". And even if it did require a few extra roll ups to think about it a bit longer, eventually he usually got it right. Because of this we will have physical reminders of his life, left with us as a tribute to his many skills for many years to come, every time we drive past a house he had painted, sit in a room he plastered or see a car he'd sprayed! We will remember him standing at the bar in the pub, laughing and joking whilst having a few beers with friends." As Val said "James has had a colourful life. Lots of ups and downs. This time the down was too much. We shall miss him. Who is going to do all the jobs that are on our lists? As someone wrote this week "every community needs a Jimmy" At his funeral, one of his best friends Clifford added his tribute, recalling the many names Jimmy seemed to have and relating amusing incidents on the golf course but adding to the question put by his wife "How long did you know Jimmy?" his replay was "Not long enough, not long enough" – and I guess most of us feel that way.

Christening:

Sunday 4 October Thomas James Boffey Hyssington

Weddings:

Sunday 16 August Carl Stephen Stone & Patricia Julie Gardner Church Stretton

Saturday 19 September Richard Mountford & Kelly Woodsford Churchstoke

Funerals:

Friday 16 September Mary Olive Middleton Wentnor (91)

Wednesday 23 September James "Jimmy" Mark Garside Wentnor (44)

AROUND THE WIs

Norbury & District WI: Thursday 12 November Speaker: Dr Nick Howell "How to stay healthy"; Hostesses: Judy Sheard, Margaret Wells & Jane Ingram; Flowers Jane Semple; Competition: Healthy Eating Tip.

Lydham, More & Snead WI: ANNUAL MEETING 7.15PM Thursday 19 November "All creatures Great & Small in a Churchyard"; Competition Most interesting Inscription on a local Gravestone; Teas: Barbara & Caroline

LOCAL SOCIETIES

Onyx 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.

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 Winter Greenery in Advent please

Wentnor:

1 November & 8 November: Mrs M Rowson & Mrs B Jones

15 & 22 November: Mrs R Jones & Mrs L Middleton

29 & 6 December: Mrs R Preston & Mrs R Bright

Ratlinghope

8 November & 15 November: Mrs M Atkins & Mrs M Hardham

22 & 29 November: Mrs S Cooke & Mrs J Pinches

6 & 13 December: Mrs J Ryan & Mrs A Remfry

Norbury:

November: Mrs Audrey Cooke & Mrs Betty Wall

December: Mrs J Pinnock

Lydham November: A.N.Other; December: Advent No Flowers

More November: Mrs R Farr; December: Mrs B 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 Jane Frank 01588 620711 (Churchstoke & Hyssington)

Myndtown Combined Parish Council 2009

Meetings: Norbury Village Hall 7.30pm Mondays 12 Jan & 9 March, x 4 Parish Meetings 6 April

Myndtown 7.00pm; Norbury 7.30pm; Ratlinghope 7.45pm; Wentnor 8.00pm) 11 May AGM, 6 July, 7

September, 9 November.

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

Wentnor Stores: The Post Office OUTREACH service is OPEN on TUESDAY 10.00AM – 12 NOON - 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.

Are you thinking about who might come for Christmas this year? Perhaps you would like to make it a bit different. Some of the adults from overseas who are currently studying at UK universities would love to spend a couple of days in a real home, rather than on a deserted campus. It is interesting to share Christmas with people for whom it is all quite new (many international students are from China, for example). HOST has been linking students with hospitable volunteers for 22 years, at Christmas and also one-off weekends throughout the year. HOST is a registered charity backed by the Foreign Office and many universities. It is not necessary for hosts to live near a university, as students are prepared to travel far for this unique experience! See www.hostuk.org or call HOST's voluntary regional organiser, Roger

Lowery, on 01885 489024. Thank you! HOST UK Unit 8 Water House, 8 Orsman Road, London N1 5QJ
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**New Project at Bishop's Castle Heritage Centre Are you researching your family
history? Do you want to know more about your parish?**

Do you want to access this locally?

Volunteers at BCHRC are currently looking through Shropshire Archives to see what information they hold on local parishes, in particular parish registers and tithe maps and apportionments.

We will then prioritise what can be digitised and held in Bishop's Castle to help us develop as a Local History Centre. This will save you travelling all the way to Shrewsbury to do your research.

If you would like to help in any way please leave a message on 01588 630556 or e-mail us at mail@bchrc.co.uk