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Benefice Magazine

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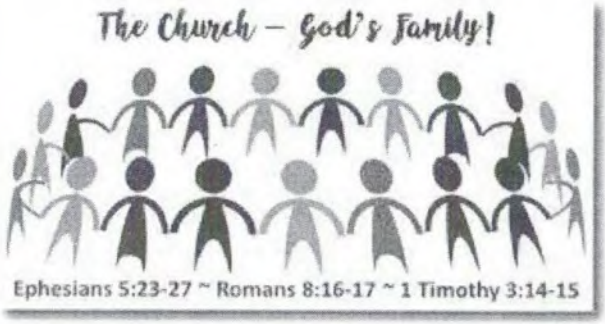


Dear Friends,

I don't know what your family is like; small, extended, eclectic or just ordinary. Bob and I have extensive families, cousins galore, stepfamilies of every race, colour and creed. During Lock Down, we greatly missed our nearest and dearest, especially the Grand children. Important celebrations may be on hold, and family funerals having been restricted and only marked by the few. We have had to find different ways to mark these occasions. Zoom may have helped but it is those shared moments at celebrations, meals, in the garden, visiting places together that bond you together more closely. It is lovely to spend time walking, chatting together and hopefully, able to have some seaside sun and sea days to savour in the next few months.

We are very lucky to live in this glorious part of the world with open spaces, country walks, a local shop, and people that care and look out for each other. Many may suffer in silence and behind their front door, leaving you feeling isolated and alone. How to address that? People may not know and just

assume you are O.K. Making contact with other may be difficult but there are various local face-book communities and websites. Don't be afraid to pick up the phone and just make that call. If you'd like some contact, then do let us know.

Whether you are an introvert or extrovert, contact with others in important as we are meant to be social, in community and a support network for one another. Our circumstances may change and our network of family and friends may shrink but we can always reach out to others with a little bit of courage to take that first step. Belonging to our Berrow Benefice community has been important for our church community. Our churches have gradually opened up for services, the occasional offices like weddings and baptisms beginning to be held once again . We've held 'pop up' services, picnics, walks and St. Faith, Berrow recently a lichen trail and swift count!

When we belong to a family, there are benefits and privileges. In Romans 8:15 "You have received a spirit of adoption" God has adopted us into His new family. Jesus has paid the debt in full for all our sins that separated us from God.

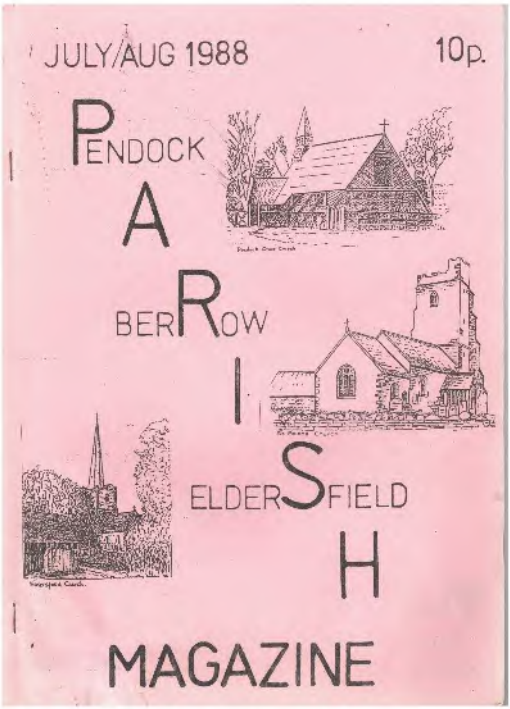
The Holy Spirit is sent into "our hearts," i.e., the centre of our intellect, moral, and spiritual life. We can now approach the Father in an intimate way calling Him, "Abba, Father". In following Jesus Christ, our actions and deeds are to be more like Christ. None of us are perfect and it through our actions that show whether we understand the responsibility of being a Christian and using the 'gifts' of the spirit to seek for justice, mercy and peace in our communities and the wider world.

Rev'd Julie James

Prayer for families

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family. Take away the past hurts and hatred which infect our hearts. Break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love. Give us the courage to reach out when we are lonely and anxious. Help us to befriend those in need. Work through our struggles and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth, that in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*



The Editors have recently re-discovered a cache of old Parish magazines. Shown left is the cover of the July/August 1988 edition when the Benefice was comprised of Berrow, Pendock and Eldersfield. The magazine was typed by Leta from scratch every month on wax stencils. The adverts were produced likewise from wax stencils which were electronically cut from the artwork. Because each stencil cost £5 to produce and could only be used once, the advert pages for the whole year were run off in one session which when boxed up filled a built-in wardrobe!

The text of the magazine was typed on a manual portable typewriter direct on to wax stencils, remembering to remove the typewriter ribbon, and then loaded on to the Gestetner copier. Soon after, in 1989 the Editors acquired an Amstrad computer complete with dot matrix printer and the blank wax stencils could be loaded into the printer, once again remembering to remove the printer ribbon.

Looking at all the effort required we can only assume there were more hours in the day then!

Bible Study

When? Tuesday:- Please use the Webex/phone method

14th July 2020, 15th September 2020

10.30am Virtual cuppa and biscuit!

Bible reflections 11.00-11.30am

If you are interested in having some notes sent

for the planned sessions, just let me know.

Any comments via email for discussion amongst group is possible.

Rev. Julie James

Benefice Diary

Please note that all meetings planned below are on Zoom unless otherwise arranged.

July 14	Standing Committee	7.30pm TBC
July 21	Birtsmorton and Hollybush PCC	2.30pm. Hollybush Church
July 21	Berrow and Pendock PCC	7.30pm TBC
August 25	Eldersfield PCC	3.00pm Eldersfield Church
September 18/19th	Eldersfield	Concert. Watch out for more details
Nov 11th	Diocesan Synod	7pm Zoom/TBC

If you have any additional dates, please contact Mel Roberts at home phone number, or Rev'd Julie James.

Counting Swiftly: a week of celebration & observation

I was delighted so many Benefice People took up the invitation to mark Love your Burial Ground Week, organised by Caring for God's Acre. Thanks to the generosity of Andy Raistrick of Bakes from the Barn, £100 was raised from the sale of the scrumptious cakes and biscuits he makes.

On the final evening Rev'd Julie James led us in a Rogation Service around the churchyard when we gave thanks for all we have locally, including the Village Hall, and the Village Shop and Post Office which has been a lifeline during these long months of the pandemic. As she blessed the trees, I was able to remind those there that St Faith's Church was built – nearly 1000 years ago – to be a Chapel of Ease for the workers who came from Overbury some 10 miles away to source the wood from the trees in this area for the furnaces back 'home'. The uncommon name comes from our mother church of St Faith's Overbury

The order of service had this evocative poem by Dave Radley – Swifts ~

Sailing in on summer's prow
Sickle wings scythe the sky
Gliding, calling,
Swooping, falling,
Catch-breath turning –
and – up
Spirit soaring

I then gave this summary of the week –

'During a week of beautiful weather, what did we see? Well, certainly the amazing flying prowess of the swifts, at high heights, and then with accuracy as they swoop in, often coming from the east and tearing round the tower, with that high-pitched scream or sometimes in along the straight line of the path in a fly pass. I've found the description of the cry but no reason offered, just perhaps the distinctive feature of their breed. One of the marvellous aspects of watching them is that they do not seem to have been discomfited by our presence.

The numbers may have declined by half nationally over the last 25 years but this looks like an undiminished number at St Faith's from earlier years. By sitting and watching we have regularly identified 8 birds, 4 pairs, that we can also see going into 4 clear openings along the north side of the church. Another 2 birds have been seen, and perhaps they are nesting on the south side of the church or even in one of the houses in Chancel Close. There is proof they are such good visitors with no mess, and only the sign of some dislodged moss from the roof on the ground below to indicate some activity.

Will there be a time when we see in the skies the numbers multiply? Well.. I'm not certain. 'Googling', I feel that once the fledgling is ready to go – having done all those wing-strengthening exercises – that will be it, and off they will go, to fly and fly for some 3 to 4 years till they are fully mature and ready to breed themselves. I know it's a moment in the summer when I feel that passage of time as suddenly the place is quiet and I miss them as intensely as I welcome them.

Fortunately we have not seen any swifts on the ground – they can take off again, but it is usually a sign that the bird is in trouble and the RSPB advice is actually not to interfere but to seek help. With small, poorly formed legs the swifts cannot walk. Last night watching the Queen's Birthday parade, I was really struck by the commentary on the important of defending the colours of the regiment. It perhaps made me receptive to a mention of the heraldic bird – the 'martlet', always defined without feet and possibly representing a swift. Heraldry is the most wonderful subject to explore: the medieval foundations of all marketing, advertising and subliminal imagery. I had never before made the connection to swifts and wait for the imagery – a martlet represents the fourth son, with no chance/ no legs of inheritance!

As we have gazed sky-ward, the cloud formations have been glorious and surely could be the focus of another event. As different to all this, is the silent testimony of our lichen population – the information about them is overwhelming. I am very grateful also to Andy (Raistrick) for helping me identify the different types and for providing the guides to them. I think it's the gentle dusting of a lime green on the headstones facing the chancel wall, and the last stone of the tour alongside the

path way with its almost snowflake-like shape and bark-like consistency that are my favourites.

At Morning Prayer Ruth read to us the wonderful passage from Luke Chapter 12, forgive me if I take a traditional version -

Consider the lilies of the field: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

The round-up of news we have after all our zoom/phone services always includes an appreciation of nature – from Ruth teaching us about 'Lotties' (long tailed tits), the numbers of goldfinches at Mel's feeder, the recovering of a stunned thrush-fledgling Martin saw, David's reassurance to Elisabeth about birds' ability to heal – that confirms our precious role as its stewards.

A final word from Ted Hughes' poem The Swifts–

> They've made it again,
> Which means the globe's still working, the Creation's
> Still waking refreshed, our summer's
> Still all to come –'

We were joined on that final evening by a pilgrim from Kent – I never cease to be amazed by the way the church and churchyard holds witness and faithfully inspires a sense of continuity, grace and fellowship, with just a dash too, of the unexpected.

Thank you for all your support and interest ~

Elisabeth Rambridge
Churchwarden

13 June 2021

God's Adopted Children

His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure. Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

Based on Ephesians 1:3-14 (NIV)

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What's one of the best gifts you've ever received?

What do you know of God's gift of grace? Paul in his letter to the Ephesians says: Ephesians 1:3: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. (NIV®)

A blessing is a gift. God's Grace is a gift not because you're the strongest or best or good but simply because God loves you. God adopts us into his family. Your own family may be great, or imperfect. But through Jesus Christ, the Father has adopted you into a loving family who want to spend time with you, know you and love you forever. Adoption is the promise through Jesus Christ, His only Son, who redeemed us, saved us through his sacrifice and the forgiveness of our sins and promised eternal life.

Grace is a gift within a gift within a gift. When we open up grace we discover our Heavenly Father chose us to be a child of God, a son, a daughter, and to share in that inheritance. But we find another gift, and when we unwrap that we find we are redeemed by the Son. That Jesus has won our freedom and has forgiven us by his death apart from anything we've done. But there's another gift, and when you unwrap it we find that we have the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is everywhere, the one that unites us all and enables us to work for all that is good for the world.

Recipe of the month – July/August

Summer Fruits Surprise

Ingredients

100 ml Double Cream
100ml Low Fat Greek Yoghurt
½ pint "Loose set" Strawberry or Raspberry Jelly
1 – 2 teaspoons Castor Sugar
Vanilla Essence
(1) Mixed summer fruits, but mostly strawberries and raspberries (for (2) see below)
Sugar to finish as required.
4 Sundae glasses or small tumblers

Method

Ahead Make about ½ pint raspberry or strawberry jelly and let it set.
Chop up some summer fruits and mix into the jelly. Place 2 tablespoons of the mixture into the bottom of each glass. Whip up double cream, vanilla essence and 1 – 2 teaspoons castor sugar. When thick (but don't overwhip), fold in the Greek yoghurt and divide between the glasses. Put another layer of fruit/jelly mix on top and sugar as needed and allow to rest in fridge. Top with whole strawberries and serve with boudoir finger biscuits.

OR (2) using any of peaches/apricots/nectarines/Victoria plums in combination, chopped up and mixed with loose set orange jelly. Then proceed as above.

Castlemorton Common Association

ANNUAL SUMMER SHINDIG

What a great positive response to our article in the March 2021 magazine! We have been contacted by numerous local residents who really want to see the return of the Summer Shindig. We have had offers of help, sponsorship, raffle prizes and food for the refreshment tent and BBQ.

The Castlemorton Common Association **are** going to hold a Summer Shindig on -

Saturday 7th August 2021

and our proposed timetable of events is as follows: -

2.30 Start

2.30 – 4.30 Gymkhana

4.30 – 5.30 Dog Show

5.30 – 6.30 Family Races and Bicycle Races

There will be a Refreshment Tent and a BBQ open during the afternoon. A Disco later in the day before the Band plays.

6.00 – 10.00 Bar

7.30 Pig Roast

7.30 – 8.30 & 9.00 – 10.00 Live Music
There will be a Grand Raffle which will be drawn between 8.30 -9.00
The Shindig will close at 10.00pm.
We are still in the planning stage, but the above timetable should not vary by much.

The charities we intend to support with this year's profits are: -
St. Richards Hospice, Herefordshire Mind and St. Gregory's Building Development Fund

We still need more volunteers for the following tasks: -

- Set up on the Saturday morning to erect tents, set up tables and chairs, mark out the arenas (Approx. 2 Hours from 8.30am)
- Help serve the Pig Roast – 2 teams of 5 people (Approx. 1 Hour each Shift from 7.15pm)
- Help with the Refreshment Tent (Approx. 1 Hour)
- Help in the evening with the Skittles and Quoits games.
- Help on the Sunday morning to clear the site (Approx. 2 Hours from 8.30am)
- It would be useful if any First Aiders could help us out with 1 or 2 hour shift in the afternoon

Prizes for the raffle and cakes for the Refreshment Tent will be gratefully received.

Please contact Ann Brennan email ann.brennan@virgin.net or Ian Flanders i_flanders@sky.com (or any other Committee member) if you would like to be involved.

Eldersfield Cricket Club

Results

Huntley (Away) Abandoned
St Briavels (Home) Abandoned

Newent Lions (Away)
Newent Lions 112 (George Bunn 4-13, Chris Fincher 3-34)
ECC 82 (Charlie Icke 30, Chris Fincher 16)
Newent Lions won by 30 runs

Corse and Staunton 3rds (Home)
ECC 226-8 (Charlie Icke 43, Harvey Sagar 40)
Corse and Staunton 3rds 66 (Matthew Rawlings 4-19, Charlie Icke 3-7)
ECC won by 160 runs

Dymock 2nds (Away)
ECC 236-3 (Jack McCracken 99no, George Bunn 72no)
Dymock 2nds 126-9 (Harvey Sagar 3-25, George Bunn 3-26)
ECC won by 110 runs

ECC Fixtures

July 3rd Cinderford St Johns (Home)
July 10th Bream (Away)
July 17th Huntley (Home)
July 24th St Briavels (Away)
July 31st Newent Lions (Home)
August 7th Corse and Staunton 3rds (Away)
August 14th Dymock 2nds (Home)
August 21st Penallt and Redbrook (Away)
Sunday August 22nd - Corse Lawn (Eric Spragg Cup) (Away)
August 28th Alvington (Home)

Corse Lawn Cricket Club

July 4th	Elmley Castle (Away)	2.00pm
July 11th	Aston Ingham (Away)	2.00pm
July 18th	Alvington and Woolaston (Home)	2.00pm
July 25th	Tewkesbury (Away)	2.00pm
August 1st	Aston Ingham (Away)	2.00pm
Saturday August 7th	Penn Street Tourists (Home)	1.00pm
August 15th	Gotherington (Home)	2.00pm
August 22nd	Eldersfield – Spragg Cup (Home)	1.30pm
August 29th	Overbury (Away)	2.00pm
September 5th	Corse and Staunton (Home)	1.30pm

PENDOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

on

Tuesday 20th July 2021

7:30 p.m.

At Berrow and Pendock Village Hall (under COVD-19 guidelines)

EVERYONE WELCOME

Please contact the Parish Clerk at pendockparishcouncil@gmail.com.

www.pendockparishcouncil.org.uk

Everyone is welcome at this meeting. The Parish Council try to do the best for their parish but need your input and support so please come along.

Pendock Parish Council

Bus Shelter Repairs

Pendock Parish Council will shortly be issuing a tender for the repair of the bus shelter at Pendock Cross on the B4206, in preparation for being used by the school bus as a pickup / drop off point.

If you are interested in receiving the tender or for further information, please contact Janice Kennedy, Parish Clerk at pendockparishcouncil@gmail.com or 01684 833019.

Trevor Bell,
Chairman, Pendock Parish Council.
9th June 2021.

PARISH COUNCIL OF PENDOCK

VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR

TO BE FILLED BY CO-OPTION

The above Parish Council will consider filling by co-option a casual vacancy for a Councillor at its meeting to be held

On: Tuesday 20th July 2021 @ 7.30pm at Berrow and Pendock Village Hall

Those who are interested in serving the community in this way and want to become a candidate for co-option should obtain an application form for candidacy from the Clerk. Completed application forms should be returned to the Clerk by:

12pm, Thursday 15th July 2021

Information on eligibility, the role of the Parish Council and its schedule of meetings may be obtained from the Clerk:

Janice Kennedy

pendockparishcouncil@gmail.com

01684 833019

PARISH CLERK VACANCY.

Berrow Parish Council and Pendock Parish Council

These two Councils have a vacancy for a Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer. Both roles are performed by one person and are part time averaging about 10-15 hours per month for each parish.

No previous clerk experience necessary but admin/finance background would be advantageous along with good IT skills. An ability to work on their own initiative also desirable.

Start date 1st October 2021.

For more details, including salary, please contact Janice Kennedy at one of these addresses:

berrowparishcouncil@gmail.com

pendockparishcouncil@gmail.com

More Snippets from the July/August 1988 Parish Magazine

A THOUGHT FOR 1988

Count your blessings instead of your crosses
Count your gains instead of your losses
Count your joys instead of your woes
Count your friends instead of your foes
Count your smiles instead of your tears
Count your full years instead of your lean
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean
Count your health instead of your wealth
Count on God instead of yourself.

FETES 1988

£65 was raised on the Linen Stall at Pendock Fete, which was tremendous. My thanks to Ruth for her help, and to all who contributed linen, lace etc.,. If anyone still has any items of that nature, I would be grateful for more, as Berrow and Eldersfield still have their Fetes to take place.

CHRISTINE PARKINSON

BERROW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

on

Tuesday 27th July 2021

7:30 p.m

At Berrow and Pendock Village Hall (under COVID-19 guidelines)

EVERYONE WELCOME

Please contact the Parish Clerk at
berrowparishcouncil@gmail.com

www.berrowparishcouncil.co.uk

Everyone is welcome at this meeting. The Parish Council try to do the best for their parish but need your input and support so please come along.

Berrow and Pendock Village Hall

Berrow and Pendock Village Hall will shortly be issuing a tender for the refurbishment of the kitchen and other areas of the hall. Trades required include plumbers, electricians, decorators, plasterers, flooring specialists.

If you are interested in receiving the tender, please contact Janice Kennedy, Village Hall Secretary at berrowandpendockvh@gmail.com or 01684 833019 for further details.

John Davison,
Chairman, Berrow and Pendock Village Hall.
9th June 2021.

Weddings during Coronavirus-rules are being updated. Please check the website. www.berrowbenefice.org.uk

Many wedding days have sadly been disrupted by Coronavirus restrictions. **At present, there are 2 church services inside St. John the Baptist, Eldersfield on the 3rd. Sunday of each month and St Faith, Berrow on the 1st. Sunday.** For the 'qualifying attendance' to be married in a church, these are the ones to attend. Wedding ceremonies can take place if all the legal requirements are in place **and the number of** people in our church buildings will depend on the social distancing that is **SAFE. Numbers of guests -please check with the official web sites and ourselves.**

How we get you legally wed

We are legally entitled to marry you in a Church of England church through the publication of banns, read 3 times before the wedding date. However, banns can only be published during the principal service of public worship in a parish church on a Sunday. We ask you to contact your local parish church and arrange when the banns are to be read 3 times there too. A **Marriage Document** is now signed at the church ceremony since the rules changed on May 4th 2021 and then you apply for a Marriage Licence through the **Worcester Registry Office**. We will give you all the details.

Common License

If you have made the qualifying connection to the Church, you can apply for a Common License to marry with us. We have already explained to our couples who could apply for this and what is involved.

Civil Ceremony followed by a Blessing in Church

In the interim, if a Registrar marriage is possible, you could have a civil ceremony. We can offer you a Church blessing of your marriage which is as similar to a full wedding as we can make it.

Conclusion

Many of our couples have postponed or delayed their marriage dates. At present, **the number of** people present is set by the Government guidelines and to be socially distanced in church. No singing, just organ or recorded music. Rev'd Anthea and I are ready to help you during this decision making process. Please do discuss the options with us and your wedding venue hosts. It is an anxious and frustrating time and no-one can predict too far in the future what restrictions, rules or recommendations will be made.

Be safe and keep healthy! May your love for one another be strengthened and bind you closer than ever during this upheaval worldwide.

Rev'd Julie James

Baptism or Christening

Now that restrictions are being lifted, it is possible to now plan to have a baptism. During a christening your child will be baptized with water. It's the start of an amazing journey of faith for your child and a special day for all your friends and family. One of the first things you will need to do is be in touch with your local church.

It can seem that there is a lot to organize for a christening. But remember the important thing is that you and your family are there on the day to see your child baptized at their christening.

Have a look at what will happen in the service and the words that you will be saying.

- Take the opportunity to go along to the church to find out more about having your child baptized at the christening.
- Enjoy the party – a key part of the day is being with family and friends.
- Think about what you and your child are going to wear. Many parents like their child to have a traditional christening gown, but it's not compulsory and there may be a special outfit that they'd be more comfortable in – that's fine. Like any celebration event, many families like to dress up for the occasion too. There are no hard and fast rules – choose what you'll be happy and comfortable wearing on the day.
- Get in touch with your godparents and tell them what will be happening.

- Don't forget photos – your child will be able to look back on them when they're older and talk to you about what their christening means.
- Why not take a few moments to think about your child and your family. Ask God to be close to all of you as you start this amazing journey of faith.

Rev'd Julie James

Benefice Office - Working Hours

Wednesday and Thursday

1.30-4.00pm

For a variety of reasons, I am not always in the Church office on Wednesdays and Thursdays .

Melanie Roberts

If you need to visit me, please give a call to check if I am in !

Rules are changing , so please contact us for the latest up-date or look at the advice on www.berrowbenefice.org.uk

Funerals during restrictions due to Coronavirus

We are here to help, so do get in touch to discuss details but sadly, we are unable to offer a service in church due to the Coronavirus restrictions

What type of funeral can we have at the moment?

We are able to offer a burial or interment of ashes service at the graveside. We will always aim to make it as reverent and appropriate as possible. St Faith, Berrow, St John the Baptist, Eldersfield and St Thomas of Canterbury, Birtsmorton are available to have funerals inside the building

Who can attend?

Numbers who can attend are under review. Due to age or underlying health conditions, some people must not attend. Numbers will depend on the place the funeral is held. We are to remain socially distanced, to wear masks inside a building but you will need to discuss your own particular circumstances with your officiating minister and Funeral Director.

What about a service at a Crematorium?

Each crematorium is operating under its own particular guidelines, so you will need to liaise with your Crematorium and Funeral Director to see what is possible.

Could we have a second service at a later date?

Absolutely. Once the current restrictions are lifted, we would be happy to assist in organizing a memorial service or service of thanksgiving for your loved one, which all who wished to remember and give thanks for their life would be able to attend.

What if I am unable to attend the funeral service?

Sad though it is not to be able to be there for the service itself, there are things that you can do from a distance while it is happening;

- Why not take a few moments to think, write, or draw some of your memories of the person? Later you may be able to share that with others at a special memorial service.
- You can still pray at home, maybe with a candle lit by a special photo of the person – we can give you some prayers if you wish ***or go to our website or the main Church of England website***
- You could also read a poem at home or look at Psalm 23
- You could write a card to others who are missing the person you are grieving.
- Remember that when this crisis is over [and it will pass] there will always be services both formal or informal for remembering that can be organised by the local church.
- You can light a 'virtual' candle via the:- www. churchofengland.org/funeral-candle

Rev'd Julie James

Success! 26 miles done – 11 hours and a few blisters.

Thank you to all who donated towards my 3 Rivers Walk which I completed on 24th May. Your generosity helped me to raise £1775 for The Children's Society – a fantastic result … and it's still going up! If you haven't donated and would like to, my Just Giving site is:
https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Andrew-Holt15
where more details of the walk and of the work of The Children's Society are online. Really grateful to everyone who supported me, thank you.

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E L D E R S F I E L D E X T R A

JULY		SIDESMEN	FLOWERS
3rd	9.30 a.m.	Mr. E. Lane (Corse Lawn)	
10th	11.00 a.m.	Mr. G. Coppin	Mrs. J. Taylor
17th	3.00 p.m.	Mr./Mrs. Booth	
24th	11.00 a.m.	Mr. F. Williams	Mrs. James
31st	8.00 a.m.	Mr. G. Coppin	

AUGUST		
7th	9.30 a.m.	Mr. E. Lane (Corse Lawn)
14th	11.00 a.m.	Mr. G. Coppin
21st	3.00 p.m.	Mr./Mrs. Booth
28th	11.00 a.m.	Mr. F. Williams

ELDERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

At the May meeting Mr. H. J. Baimbridge was re-elected to be Chairman of the Council and Mr. C. P. Barradell was re-elected to be Vice-Chairman.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, 14th July at Corse Lawn School. One of the items on the Agenda will be discussion on proposed alterations to Hereford and Worcester County Structure Plan which is concerned with planning policy until the beginning of the next century. Everyone is welcome to attend.

ST. JOHN'S GUILD - Our May Meeting was held at the Vicarage on Thursday 26th and we were happy to welcome yet another new member, Mrs. Meryl Spencer. Our speaker for the evening was Mrs. Christine Parkinson who outlined the life of Mother Theresa of Calcutta. Undaunted by the tremendous tasks which she and the Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity undertake out of love for their fellow men, Mother Theresa is upheld by her absolute faith in God. Mrs. Parkinson's account of such a remarkable woman was followed by much discussion on faith and love. Thank you, Christine, for your thoughtful talk and for your hospitality.

Instead of a normal meeting in June, we held a Coffee Evening and Bring and Buy at Orchard Rise. It was a lovely evening and we were able to be outside in the garden. Although relatively few in number because of holidays, with the generosity of members and friends we raised almost £37. Thank you all for your kindness.
The NEXT MEETING will be on THURSDAY, 22nd SEPTEMBER.

LADIES CLUB - NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, 7th JULY - "Pot Pourri" Talk by Mrs. Slater from Cheltenham.

CORSE LAWN & DISTRICT W.I. - THURSDAY, 21st JULY
Visit to the Three Choirs Vineyard

SATURDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER

W.I. Tombola Stall at Eldersfield and Corse Lawn Gardeners' Show, Corse Lawn School.

MANY THANKS to all the people who gave cakes for the stall at The Nuffield Hospital at Oxford. The cakes alone realised £641.80 towards a total of £3950 taken at the Fete.

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FROM THE PARISH REGISTER: Friday, 27th May. Ernest Frank Arnold (Bill) Suttle Service at Hereford Cathedral followed by Interment at Eldersfield Parish Church.

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Would readers and intercessors themselves please arrange an appropriate replacement if they are unable to be present on the dates shown

Date	Venue	Time	Service	Reading	Reader	Intercessor
1st August 9th Sunday after Trinity	Berrow Church	11.00am	Holy Communion	Exodus 16. 2 – 4, 9 –15 Ephesians 4.1 -- 16	Bob James	Doug Braund
8th August 10th Sunday after Trinity	Phone Church via Zoom	11.00am	Holy Communion	1 Kings 19. 4 – 8 Ephesians 4. 25 to 5. 2	Elisabeth Rambridge	Ann Ward
15th th August 11th Sunday after Trinity	Eldersfield Church	11.00am	Family Service	John 6. 51 – 58	Fiona Collins	Cathy P-Chandler
22nd August 12th Sunday after Trinity	Phone Church via Zoom	11.00am	Holy Communion	Joshua 24. 1 – 2a, 14 – 18 Ephesians 6. 10 -- 20	Mel Roberts	Julia Knott
29th August 13th Sunday after Trinity	Berrow Church	11.00am	Outdoor Service and Prayer Walk	TBC	TBC	TBC
5th September 14th Sunday after Trinity	Berrow Church	11.00am	Family Service	Open the Book	Open the Book Team	Open the Book Team
12th September 15th Sunday after Trinity	Phone Church via Zoom	11.00am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 50. 4 – 9a James 3. 1 -- 12	Heather Braund	David Allen
19th September 16th Sunday after Trinity	Eldersfield Church	11.00am	Holy Communion	Jeremiah 11. 18 – 20 James 3.13 to 4. 3, 7 – 8a	Bob James	Martin Knott
26th September 17th Sunday after Trinity	Phone Church via Zoom	11.00am	Holy Communion	Numbers 11.4-6,10-16,24-29 James 5. 13 -- End	Ruth Coates	Doug Braund

Please Note: Services are for Sundays only.

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Date	Venue	Time	Service	Reading	Reader	Intercessor
4th July 5th Sunday after Trinity	Berrow Church	11.00am	Family Service	TBA	Open the Book Team	Open the Book Team
11th July 6th Sunday after Trinity	Phone Church via Zoom	11.00am	Holy Communion	Amos 7. 7 – 15 Ephesians 1. 3 -- 14	Mel Roberts	David Allen
18th July 7th Sunday after Trinity	Eldersfield Church	11.00am	Holy Communion	Jeremiah 23. 1 – 6 Ephesians 2. 11 -- End	Matthew Collins	Martin Knott
25th July 8th Sunday after Trinity	Phone Church via Zoom	11.00am	Holy Communion	2 Kings 4. 42 – End Ephesians 3. 14 -- End	Heather Braund	Cathy P- Chandler

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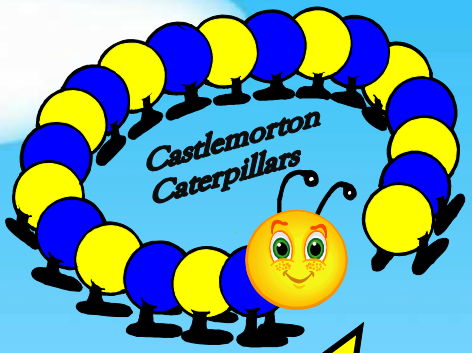

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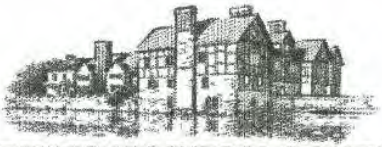

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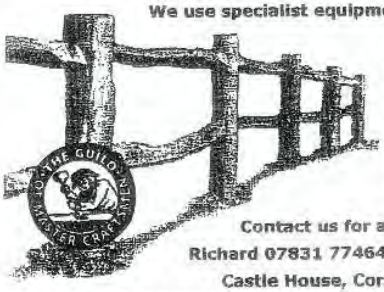

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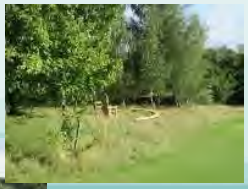

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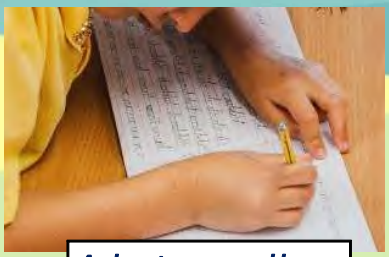

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