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Berrow with Pendock, Eldersfield, Hollybush and Birtsmorton

Benefice Magazine

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Dear Friends,

I cannot believe that it is September already! Schools, colleges and Universities will starting a new term for our young folk. Whether following their new career path, joining their new class or school, it will be a new experience after the many disruptions which have occurred since 2019. Hopefully, students will be able to mix more freely and those involved in running and organising education in this new academic year will be able to offer more ideal conditions than beforehand.

With a mixed summer of extreme weathers, climate changes can be noted by the level of floods, drought, icebergs melting more rapidly, and huge wild fires, scorching temperatures and many more extremes of climate being experienced across the globe. Scientific evidence is clear of the impact of human activity on our planet. Unfortunately, wars and conflicts still rage as we all also battle against the Coronovirus with inoculations and the like. The homeless and refugee numbers increase and it is difficult to comprehend the scale, misery and disruption others cope with when set alongside the many disruptions in our own lives.

As restrictions have been lifted and the percentage of double vaccinations rising, people have been gradually emerging at different rates to return, if possible, to the ways of life once taken for granted. It is a time to reflect upon what is essential, necessary and how can we better treat our planet, run our daily lives and engage in the good of our families, community, and the wider world. Still some things are off limits or folk may not wish to engage in some activities. Holidays have become

more focussed nearer home rather than jetting off to foreign parts. As more venues open and more open air activities are possible, meeting family and friends has become a more precious occasion. Our church buildings are open but we are managing them in different ways as we are still being cautious.

We are the 'Body of Christ', people of faith coming together to worship God, to encourage one another in our faith, and to pray for our world. We look to ways we can seek justice and peace in our world. Furthermore, we can also look at ways to slow down climate change. I am pleased that at St. Faith, Berrow a Sliver Award from Eco Church has been achieved, having already signed up for the Bronze award across the Berrow Benefice through the ' A Rocha' organisation 'Your Church Caring for God's Earth'. More about that when the award is official!

Rev'd Julie James

pastoral care

Pastoral care is one aspect of a priest's role. The word *pastor* comes from the Latin word for "shepherd." Caring for a person who is struggling with a difficulty, being present during a time of pain, praying with someone in a crisis—these are the moments when we need to know someone can come alongside us from the church community.

Most people only visualise a priest working on a Sunday. The reality is that preparing for Sunday services, Bible Study, and daily prayers are only a small part of my role. Looking after several churches, being on many different committees including being a school governor for our two local schools, engaging in a large wedding ministry, plus occasional offices like funerals and baptisms, means that my working week is very busy.

The Pastoral Visitor is Mrs Cathy Powell-Chandler. Part of her role is to co-ordinate pastoral visitors within our church communities. If you would specifically like me to visit you, then please indicate this by contacting me direct or via one of the church officers, all details of which are in the magazine. In a caring community, we all look to see whether our neighbours need or wish to accept our help.

Rev'd Julie James

10.30am Sunday Church Services

Many of our church members are returning for church services in a church building but we may still offer 'Zoom' worship by computer of telephone. We are slightly changing the times to 10.30am on the Sunday morning and beginning to offer a 6.30pm Evensong. The pattern of services will begin in October and we'll see how that pans out as time goes by.

Wednesday phone church will remain at 11.00am and Compline on Fridays 7pm. Wednesday's are the 'Open the Book ' day in our local schools, so if we allowed back into assemblies, again do be alert for changes to happen.

We acknowledge that many challenges still exist in our daily lives. We are all individuals but as humans, we are communal beings. Being separated from family and friends was the one of the hardest things to bear during the last two years. Human contact is so important and it reminds us of the fellowship and encouragement we give one another. Jesus spent time with his disciples, where sharing meals and worship was important and fellowship grows with time spent together.

"Christ has no body now on earth but ours, no hands but ours, no feet but ours, ours are the eyes through which to look out Christ's compassion to the world. Ours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good; Ours are the hands with which he is to bless all people now."

Rev'd Julie James

Benefice Church Services

If you would like to volunteer to assist us in preparing the churches for services, please let me know. Tasks can be shared and if you can work in pairs, the jobs quickly completed. If you enjoy brass polishing, flower arranging, dusting , polishing, grass cutting, and are prepared to learn how to set up an altar ready for communion, we'd love to hear from you! Help with giving out service materials, welcoming newcomers and wedding couples, and serving refreshments after a service, are always welcome.

We always like to have a variety of people to read the Sunday Bible readings or to lead the prayers (intercessions). We also would like encourage other ways you can support us in the maintenance of these Grade 2* listed buildings in particular.

Do get in touch if you'd like to be part of the services in this way.

Rev'd Julie James

Harvest Service in 2021(may change!)

You are warmly invited to join us on:-

Sunday 3rd October

10.30am Harvest Communion Service,

St Faith, Berrow

Sunday, 17th October

10.30am. Harvest Thanksgiving Service,

St. John the Baptist, Eldersfield

Please do donate any tins, packets, and non-perishable goods to the local FOOD BANKS.

Bible Study

When? Tuesday: - Thistledown, Pendock

(unless Lock Down re-instated, then on Phone Church system)

Tuesday: 14th September, 12th October, 9th November, 14th December 2021

10.30am Cuppa and biscuit!

Bible reflections 11.00-11.30am

It is your choice if you wish to wear a face covering.

Rev. Julie James

Benefice Diary

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

September. 4th	Pop up Plant Sale etc.	Hollybush. Watch out for details
19th	Eldersfield Concert Singers and Harpist	4.30pm. Cream Tea. Watch out for more details
25th	Deanery Synod	9.30-1pm Castlemorton Parish Hall. BOOKING essential
26th	GIFT DAY	St Faith, Berrow 2-4pm. Pendock Cross 2-4pm
October 27th	Birtsmorton and Hollybush PCC	2.30pm. Hollybush Church
27th	Berrow and Pendock PCC	7.30pm TBC
November 4th.	Visit to Deanery by Bishop Martin Gorrick	TBC
Nov 9th	Diocesan Synod	7pm St George's church. Kidderminster

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

September Poem

Lo! a ripe sheaf of many golden days
Gleaned by the year in autumn's harvest ways,
With here and there, blood-tinted as an ember,
Some crimson poppy of a late delight
Atoning in its splendor for the flight
Of summer blooms and joys
This is September.

(*Lucy Maud Montgomery (1874-1942) is best-known for her classic novel for children,* Anne of Green Gables, *set in Montgomery's own country of Canada (on Prince Edward Island).)*

Prayer

Dear Lord,
May I enjoy every second, every minute and every day this month.
Thank you for all the blessings we have received during these last busy months; often difficult, often testing. May our resilience be enhanced by your mercy and grace.
In Jesus's name. Amen

A date for your diary

Saturday, December 4th

A "Pop-Up" FESTIVE FAYRE

at St Faith's, Berrow

11.00 am to 12.00 noon

John Sylvester Sermon

24 April 1932 – 10 July 2021

On behalf of the family and myself, I would like to thank you all for the wonderful help and support you have given us during this very sad time.

John loved Eldersfield and always looked forward to the wonderful services we attended, I will always feel close to him when I return to the Services at the Church.

Thank you again to everyone.

God Bless

Pam Sermon

EldersFest

A Late Summer Musical Evening

Sunday September 19th 2021

Eldersfield Court Gardens

Jazz Group and Royal Harpist

As band plays on the terrace, the audience can sit and listen or tour the grounds to see the beautiful gardens.

3.30 p.m. Gardens open

4 p.m. Jazz begins

4 p.m. Cream teas served with glass of prosecco. Bar opens.

5.30 p.m. Take your seats in the (well-ventilated) marquees as Jemima Phillips is introduced, who will play for 45 minutes and again after a short break before taking questions.

Evening finishes at 7.30 pm.

Tickets: Adults £20. Children £10 Available from:

Wendy B: 07748 484442, Liane B: 07767 841233, Frieda G: 01452 840364, Andy H: 01452 780429, Cathy P/C: 01531 635794

EldersFest

A Late Summer Musical Evening at Eldersfield Court with world famous Harpist

Jemima Phillips

Exciting, entertaining and vibrant, renowned electric acoustic harpist, Jemima was appointed official harpist to The Prince of Wales and performed at his wedding to the Duchess of Cornwall. She has played for Her Majesty the Queen at Buckingham Palace and for many other royal occasions, as well as internationally. Her repertoire is varied, her performances accomplished, her style informal and her explanations, entertaining. As featured on BBC, GMTV, Classic *fm*, and with two Royal Weddings in her back catalogue, she is a highly experienced and sought-after artist. The performance ends with questions and answers with Jemima.

Berrow-with-Pendock PCC

GIFT DAY

Sunday, September 26th

at

The Church of the Redeemer, Pendock Cross

2.00 – 4.00 pm

Please support your church in this year when there has again been no Pendock Fête and no services in our little church, meaning no collection income has been received.

Berrow-with-Pendock PCC

GIFT DAY

Sunday, September 26th

at St Faith's Church, Berrow

2.00 – 4.00 pm

Please support your church in this year when there has again been no Fête and so many services have had to be cancelled, meaning collection income has been greatly reduced.
There will be a cake stall; contributions will be gratefully received in advance or on the day.

Recipe of the month – September

Peach Strudel

Ingredients

4 ripe peaches, washed, peeled, stoned and chopped into small pieces.
½ small cup of raisins or sultanas
Good sprinkle of nutmeg and cinnamon
2 tablespoons light, soft brown sugar
Zest of half a small orange
Juice of a small orange (approx. 2 tablespoons)
2 oz + 2 oz butter
Small cup of white breadcrumbs
6 large sheets (or 12 smaller sheets) filo pastry
Icing sugar to dust after cooking

Method

Preheat oven to 190C/170C fan/ gas 5. Line a baking tray with baking paper. Prepare the peaches and mix in a basin with spices, zest, juice, sugar and raisins. In a small frying pan, melt 2 oz butter and fry the breadcrumbs until golden brown, then add to the fruit mixture. Melt the rest of the butter in a clean pan. On a clean, dry tea towel lay a sheet of filo pastry (or several overlapping sheets to make a large rectangle) and brush with melted butter. Lay another sheet on top and repeat until you have used all the filo. Pile the fruit mixture along the length of the pastry on one side about 1 inch in from the edge. Using the tea towel to help you, roll the pastry up to enclose the fruit filling. Tuck the ends in and roll, "seam-side" down, onto the lined baking sheet. Brush with the remaining melted butter. Bake for 40-45 minutes, until golden brown. Leave to cool to room temperature before removing from the baking tray. Dust with icing sugar. Slice and serve warm with whipped cream or ice cream.

A lovely way to use the last of the peaches or nectarines, but just as nice with other available fruit.

Castlemorton Parish Hall

Official Opening of the New Extension

Saturday 4th September 3pm

When the parish hall building was due to open in the summer of 1933, the Parish Council thought *'that Lord and Lady Somers be asked to open it. Also, that there be arranged a Bazaar, Sale of Work and Produce on the afternoon of the opening of the Hall followed by a Whist Drive and Dance in the evening.'*

Now the building work has been completed, the hall extension will be opened in 21st century style with a ribbon cutting, tea and cakes and a display of the activities for which the hall is used. There will also be a local history exhibition which will include the pandemic needlework panel, Together but Apart, on show.

From the Clerk

ELDERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on 27th July at the Church. (The School was unavailable 'because of Covid').

Councillors welcomed as a new councillor **Mr Chris Mills**. There are vacant seats on the Council and Mr Mills was co-opted to serve until the next election.

The **Parish Plan**, last issued in 2003, is now being up-dated. It has been refreshed, and actions that have either been done or items which are no longer relevant (e.g. the bus service) have been removed. Although there has been no consultation, suggestions and proposals from Parishioners for future iterations are welcome.

The Parochial Church Council occasionally arranges open-air events of parish-wide appeal and these are at the mercy of the weather; this risk could be reduced by the acquisition of a marquee. The PCC asked the Council for help. Council considered the matter and decided to buy a **marquee** which it would lend to the PCC; the marquee remains the property of the Council but will be operated for the benefit of Parishioners by the PCC. Delivery is not expected until October.

The Council has a small store of **chairs, table and crockery** which it keeps at the School and lends out to assist with social gatherings. Loans are not frequent and the shed the stock is kept in needs maintenance. Is this a valuable, and valued, service? What should we do? Please let me have your views.

The **Parish Paths Officer,** Simone Bullen, attended the meeting and is keen to be kept informed of problems concerning public rights of way. She can be contacted on eldersfieldparishpaths@gmail.com.

Broadband: three areas had been defined which could be supplied with fibre from the new cabinet near the church, and in the last few weeks the working party (and some volunteer Parishioners) could be seen busy laying fibre to premises in Area 1, near the Church. Connection of the first house is imminent. However, extension of the network to Areas 2 (approximately Staunton Road) and Area 3 (Corse Lawn) is dependent on demand, which currently appears weak. What is needed for the project to go ahead is someone to come forward who is willing to lead it. Do let me know if you are interested.

J. L. Gabbott
Clerk to Eldersfield Parish Council

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ELDERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Stop Press!

Councillors from Eldersfield Parish Council, with help from parishioners, have brought together a Parish Plan to bring up to date the plan previously published in 2003.

The new plan is available on the web (google 'Parish Website of Eldersfield' and navigate to 'Parish Plans') or I can send you a copy, either by email as a pdf or as hard copy by post.

The Council is eager to hear your comments and suggestions. Do please let me have them!

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From the Parish Magazine Archive – September 1988

Senior Citizens Outing- Wednesday, 6th July
45 people enjoyed an evening coach tour in good clear weather conditions, travelling through Hartpury, Maisemore and Over, joining the A40 West to Ross-on-Wye onto the Hereford Road roundabout and then East along the M50 to join the A38 northwards turning off to Upton-on-Severn and thence to Welland where an excellent evening meal had been arranged at The Pheasant.

The Eldersfield and Corse Lawn Bellringers and Friends recently visited the North West Herefordshire "Black and White" villages on their Annual Ringing Outing. The morning's ringing commenced at St. Mary's Church, Dilwyn followed by Weobley and Eardisley. Following lunch at Kington, the Parish Church of St. Mary's was visited. The band then moved on to Lyonshall, where some rectification work to the clock hammer release mechanism was undertaken before ringing could commence. The highlight of the afternoon was a visit to the detached 14th Century Belltower or Pembridge where some spirited ringing was achieved. To round off the outing, the band visited Eardisland with its beautiful ring of eight bells – a fitting conclusion to an absorbing days ringing. During tea, a vote of thanks to the organisers Arthur and Janet Peters was heartily endorsed by all.

Eldersfield Cricket Club

Results

Penallt & Redbrook (Home)
ECC 256-5 (Charlie Icke 79, James Green 50 not out)
Penallt & Redbrook 200-9 (Leo Rendall Baker 4-47, Charlie Icke 2-35)
ECC won by 56 runs

Alvington & Woolaston (Away)
ECC 275-5 (Charlie Icke 168 not out Chris Fincher 69)
Alvington & Woolaston 125 (Matthew Rawlings 3-30, George Bunn 2-24)
ECC won by 150 runs

Cinderford St Johns 2nd (Home)
Cinderford St Johns 2nd 125 (James Crenan 4-34, James Bullock 2-24)
ECC 126-4 (George Bunn 52 not out, Jack McCracken 29)
ECC won by 6 wickets

Bream (Away)
ECC 208-8 (George Bunn 77, James Green 44 not out)
Bream 153 (James Crenan 3-16, James Bullock 2-9)
ECC Won by 55 runs

Huntley (Home Game Cancelled

St Briavels (Away)
St Briavels 130-9 (James Bullock 4-16, George Bunn 2-40)
ECC 133-7 (Jack McCracken 49, James Green 23 not out)
ECC won by 3 wickets

Newent Lions (Home)
Newent Lions 86 (Leo Rendall-Baker 4-5, James Knight 3-10)
ECC 88-4 (Charlie Icke 30, James Green 28)
ECC won by 6 wickets

Corse and Staunton 3rd (Away)
ECC 219-6 (Harvey Sagar 65, James Bullock 31 not out)
Corse and Staunton 3rd 109 (Leo Rendall-Baker 5-23, James Bullock 4-26)
ECC won by 110 runs

From the Parish Magazine Archive – September 1988

The death on 17th August of Harry James Baimbridge has left us all shocked and saddened.
Harry followed his father to farm Pigeon House Farm where he combined his farming with his many country interests.
He was a true countryman with a great love of hunting and was joint Master of the Ledbury Hounds from 1976. He was a gifted horseman and always seemed to get the very best from the horses he rode both racing and in the hunting field.
He was involved in village activities, being Chairman of the Parish Council, the Eldersfield Cricket Club and the Eldersfield Branch of the Conservative Party.
He had a great rapport with young people and this was shown by his involvement with the Pony Club, where as a Committee member he was always ready to help and encourage the younger element. The Young Farmers movement also benefited from his interest. He had just completed his term of office as President of Corse Young Farmers Club.
Our thoughts are with Bridget who supported him in all he did, and with all the family.

PENDOCK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

on

Wednesday 6th October 2021

7:00 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.

BERROW PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

on

Tuesday 12th October 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

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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.

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Castlemorton Cinema

Thursday 16th September at 7:30pm

Summerland (12-2020-100mins)

Alice is a reclusive writer living by the cliffs of Southern England during World War 2. She is assigned a young London evacuee Frank to look after. After initial resistance Alice is gradually won over by Frank's innocent curiosity and the two realise they have more in common than she assumed. As the painful past opens up a brighter future, this tells an intensely emotional story of love's endurance in trying times.

Starring **Gemma Arterton, Gugu Mbatha-Raw and Tom Courtney**

Licensed Bar / Refreshments / Ice creams

Tickets £5, advance booking and payment preferred, Call Beth 01531 631503 or Malcolm 01684 833297 for further information

Please ensure you are double vaccinated unless exempt

www.castlemortoncinema.co.uk

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Climate Change Word Search

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GLOBAL WARMING
EVAPORATION
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OZONE
NITROUS OXIDE
METHANE
GEOSPHERE
GREENHOUSE GAS
RADIATION
CLIMATE CHANGE

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The pieces of needlework for the wall hanging to commemorate the pandemic, under the title 'Together but Apart', have been completed and are being assembled by Cecily Howick. It will be on display in Castlemorton Parish Hall when the new extension is opened and also at our meetings. The subjects of the individual designs reflect what each contributor has been unable to do as a result of the Covid restrictions, ranging from work to travel, from missing family to lack of social opportunities. It will be interesting to get feedback from the community when it is on show.

Meanwhile the History Girls have been assembling articles for the next BCH Archive Journal, due out before Christmas. We shall also plan to put together one of our 'black books' on the subject of the pandemic as a record of the past 16 months. If anyone wishes to record their experience of Covid and life in lockdown as a contribution, please get in touch. We are also interested in hearing from anyone with an aerial photograph of their property. Over the years many of these have been sold around the area and it would be interesting to compile a record of them. There will be an opportunity to bring them along to one of our meetings, once we feel safe to hold them again.

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HARTPURY HERITAGE

SUNDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 12noon - 5pm

HARTPURY ORCHARD CENTRE

Blackwell's End GL19 3DB

PERRY PEAR DISPLAY

hopefully about 80 varieties depending on the crop!

PLOUGHMANS + TEAS

Perry and cider for sale, books, leaflets, and orchard themed gifts.
Come and enjoy an autumn afternoon in the countryside,
with wonderful views.

Perry and cider tastings from 12 – 7pm

THE OLD CHAPEL HALL

by Hartpury Church with the Bee Shelter in the churchyard

2pm-5pm TEAS

All free admission, but there will be donation buckets!!!

Part of National Heritage Week

see www.hartpuryheritagetrust/events

Benefice Office - Working Hours

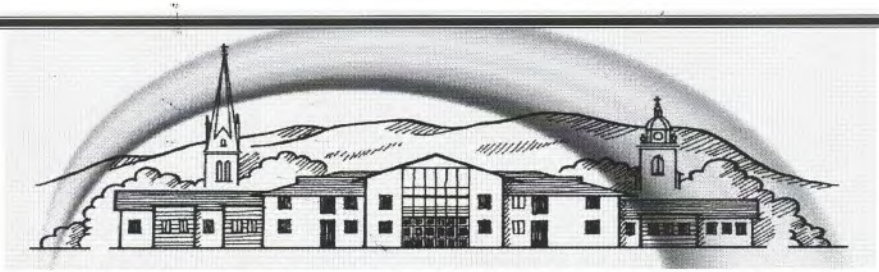
Wednesday and Thursday

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 !



UPTON SURGERY NHS FLU VACCINE UPDATE

WHAT CAN OUR PATIENTS EXPECT FROM THE NHS FLU VACCINE PROGRAMME DURING THE PANDEMIC?

(PLEASE NOTE-GUIDANCE IS EVER CHANGING AND WE MAY NEED TO ADAPT OUR PROGRAMME TO REFLECT THIS)

- AT YOUR APPOINTMENT, YOU WILL BE OFFERED A FLU VACCINATION AND A COVID BOSTER VACCINE AT THE SAME TIME.
- UNLIKE PREVIOUS YEARS, NHS GUIDANCE STATES WE ARE TO OFFER VACCINATIONS TO THOSE MOST VULNERABLE FIRST.
- PLEASE WAIT TO BE INVITED FOR YOUR VACCINATION BEFORE CONTACTING THE SURGERY TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT.
- PLEASE HELP US TO PROTECT OUR MOST VULNERABLE PATIENTS BY WEARING A MASK TO YOUR APPOINTMENT AND SOCIALLY DISTANCING WHERE POSSIBLE WHEN ON SITE.
- WE WILL BEGIN VACCINATING PATIENTS MID- SEPTEMBER

Free NHS flu Jab for all over 65 years of age, pregnant women, those with certain conditions making them most at risk, Carers and Children ages 2-3 years old. Due to the pandemic, we anticipate the free NHS flu vaccination eligibility being extended to patients aged 50 and over.

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, we are holding church services each Sunday. Please check for details on the website or contact us to check.** For the 'qualifying attendance' to be married in a church, you need to attend for 6 months, once a month. Numbers attending are increasing-but we still ask guests to wear masks in church, as singing is now allowed.

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. 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

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.

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Funerals

If you wish to have a church service, please contact the priest to check dates as soon as possible. With your chosen Funeral Director, all bookings and other arrangements can proceed for you, the family and with the help and support of the clergy during this difficult time. We are still requesting the wearing of face coverings inside the buildings.

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Date	Venue	Time	Service	Reading	Reader	Intercessor
3rd October 18th Sunday after Trinity	Berrow Church	1030am	Harvest Communion	Genesis 2. 18 – 24 Hebrews 1. 1 – 4; 2. 5 - 12	Andrew Rambridge	Ann Ward
10th October 19th Sunday after Trinity	Hollybush Church	6.30pm	Evensong	Joshua 5.13 – 6.20 Matthew 11. 20 – 30	Gill Robson	Cathy P-Chandler
17th October 20th Sunday after Trinity	Eldersfield Church	10.30am	Harvest Communion	Isaiah 53. 4 – End Hebrews 5. 1 -- 10	Fiona Collins	Doug Braund
24th October Bible Sunday	Birtsmoton Church	10.30am	Family Service	John 5. 36b -- End	Bob James	Julia Knott
31st October All Saints Day	Hollybush Church	10.30am	All Saints Service	TBC	TBC	TBC

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We will also be continuing our other ZOOM services as below:

Every Wednesday at 11.00 am – Morning Prayer service.
Every Friday at 7.00 pm – Compline

Details of how to join these services are published on the Berrow Benefice website
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Date	Venue	Time	Service	Reading	Reader	Intercessor
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 (i) James 3. 1 – 12	(i) Heather Braund	David Allen
	Hollybush Church	6.30pm	Evensong	Exodus 18. 13 – 26 (ii) Matthew 7. 1 -- 14	(ii) Shirley Williams	Celia Greatwood
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

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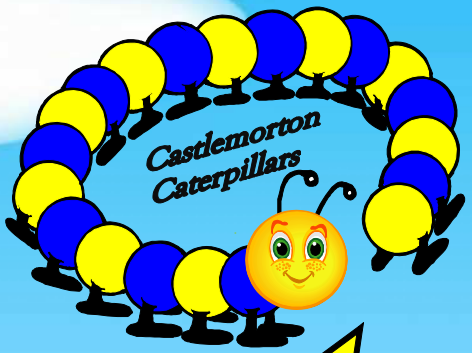

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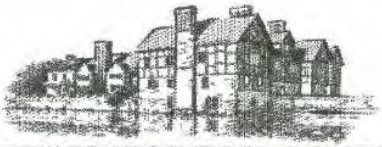

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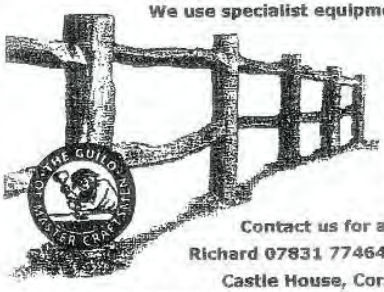

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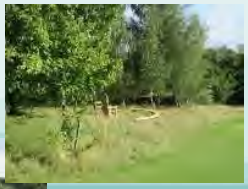

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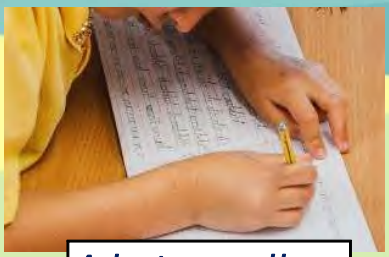

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If people would like to join the WhatsApp group 'Community Inspired' please text mobile number to Liane Barton on: 07376236504.

By setting up a WhatsApp group, this will give us a facility to inform you of any necessary changes to planned events in a timely way. It also gives us a forum to safely share and celebrate contributions and activities as photographs can be posted onto the group. For example, photos of the Easter garden decorations, which really encouraged people last year. Photos would also help us all know where to safely walk/jog/ ride by and admire them over the Easter weekend.

This does not replace the existing means of notification of events but may help in providing safe, adaptable events that we can all enjoy this year.

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