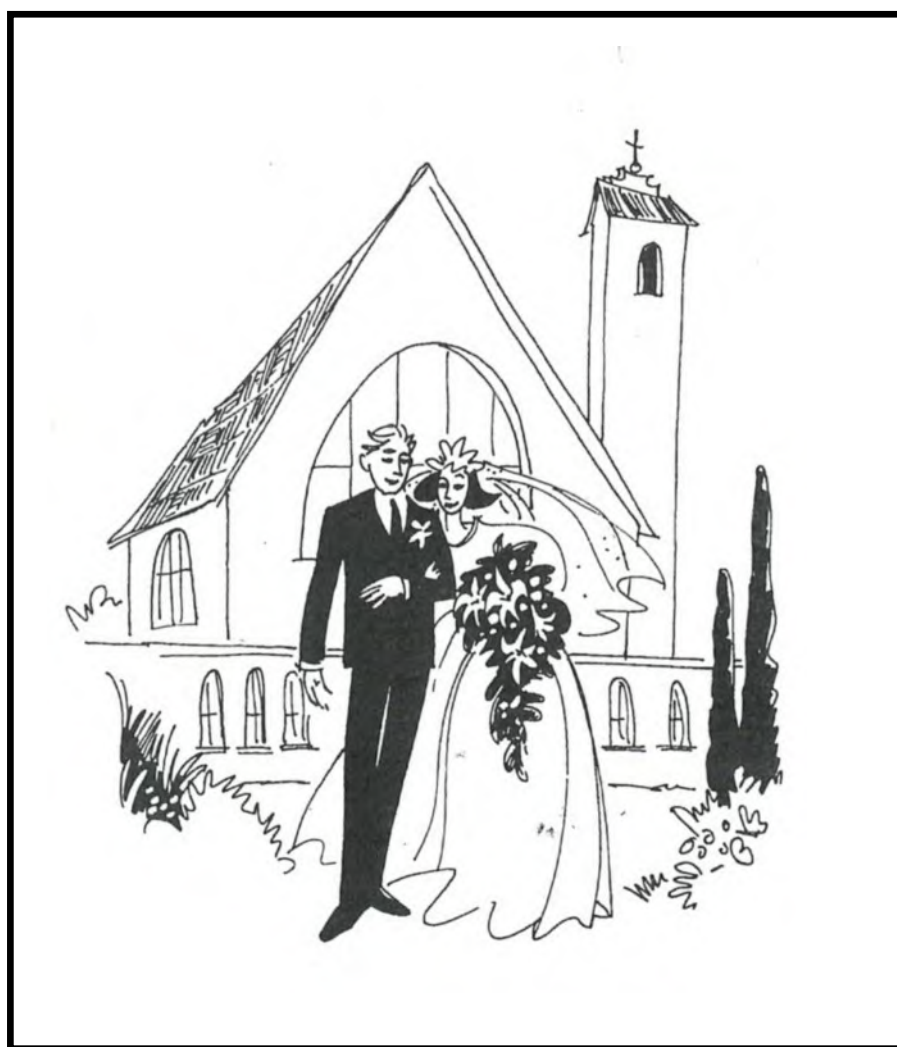


Berrow with Pendock, Eldersfield.
Hollybush and Birtsmorton



**UNITED BENEFICE OF BERROW WITH PENDOCK ELDERSFIELD HOLLYBUSH AND
BIRTSMORTON**

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BIRTSMORTON AND HOLLYBUSH

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| Hollybush: | POST VACANT | |
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Dear Friends.

Church buildings are part of our rural communities. Already, the Berrow Benefice are a group of 5 churches and Pendock Old Church actually makes it 6 church buildings and 5 grave yards. Responsibility for maintaining an effective and a living Christian presence in churches will lie with Churchwardens, Parochial Church Councils, Readers, Local Ministry Teams, and members of the congregation. But it is the formal and informal networks and relationships which underpin many of our communities. Working collaboratively is essential for any rural church to survive and thrive. 19% of the population of England are considered to live in rural areas with a higher proportion of those aged 60+. There is a corresponding lower proportion of young people (aged 15- 29) in these rural areas.

The lack of affordable housing in the countryside is a major problem. House prices in many rural areas are very high and it is often only higher income earners working in larger towns and cities who can afford to buy homes in many villages. Sustainable communities need a good housing mix. Often hidden is rural poverty, loneliness and a poor standard of living for some. Most rural areas no longer rely on agriculture and other land-based industries.

There has been much research carried out about the role of the rural church in sustaining a vibrant local community in rural areas. It is the ordinary relationships, the actions and interactions of individuals and groups that overlap and benefit people and communities. This is the 'glue' that holds people and communities together.

Some structures and decision making may actually de-skill folk if too dependent on leadership. The rural church can be too focussed on having a 'priest' to 'do' and 'be' everything. Faith may be expressed in the rural communities through both the local and wider community projects.

Jesus Christ is our role model and our response as people of faith is to exhibit those bonds of mutuality, fostering friendships, giving support where needed through cooperation and trust. It is the informal caring for neighbours and friends that goes on every day, that is effective in creating a rural culture of communication, energy and vitality, and a capacity to reach isolated people in their need.

As we look ahead at the process and transition into a Group Ministry, let us give one another help and guidance to look afresh at the future. It is not the quantity of things done but the quality that counts. Those of us in the Rural churches are a valuable part of the Church of England's mission and need to be cherished and encouraged. The mission of the rural church is carried out primarily through ordinary people, shown through their lives, work and service. This outward expression of faith is the building block for the future direction of any rural community. The mission of all the people of God, cannot be limited to the place where someone lives but is shown throughout their lives and the networks they belong to. A rural church is called to be a baptismal and Eucharistic community that exists for the wider community and involved throughout it.

A Group Ministry makes difficult and complex demands on lay people and clergy alike. The church is the whole people of God who together share responsibility for the tasks of worship, evangelism, service and pastoral care. We are not alone in this change of direction and the suburbs, towns and cities have challenges too. By being creative and collaborative we can invest in both sustaining and growing our rural churches.

May the Holy Spirit guide us and bless all those who travel together on this journey,

Rev'd Julie James

July-August Combined Issue

Just a reminder to all contributors that next month is the combined July-August issue. Due to holiday commitments of the magazine printers, it is essential that the Editors receive all contributions **no later than Saturday 10th June.**

Benefice Diary

Please note that all meetings planned below are in person unless otherwise arranged.

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| Monday, 12 June | Deanery Synod | St Andrews, Malvern 7pm |
| Sunday, 18th June | Confirmation St John the Baptist | Please pay for Jack and Rose Gott and +Bishop Michael |
| Sat. 1st July | Eldersfield Concert | Details to follow |

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



Bible Study

Tuesday: - Thistledown, Pendock

Tuesday: 13th. June, 11th July 2023,

10.30am Cuppa and biscuit!

Bible reflections, depart 12 noon

Rev. Julie James

The future of our Rural Church

Over the centuries, the network of village churches have been at the heart of our communities. But with dwindling congregations and increasing costs (Ministerial Share) and an ageing congregation, we have the huge burden of our historic ancient church buildings and a shortage of volunteers to carry out their routine care.

Smaller numbers mean we have to concentrate our resources and make best use of the resources we do have. It can change the pattern of where we worship. Social events and fund-raising make take on a different shape, purpose and emphasis. The problem is not just financial. All three are all important and linked: pounds, people and purpose. Rural life is at a turning point. If together we can rediscover our gifts, support one another and find imaginative ways to meet the challenges ahead.

Many conversations, formal and informal, have been looking at the future of our churches in the light of many factors that are changing the way our priests, mission and ministry in the Diocese of Worcester and in particular the Malvern and Upton Deanery are structured. The rural churches (21) are trying to grapple with the formation of a Rural Group Ministry; with a staffing structure of 3 Stipendiary clergy working collaboratively across 3 Rural Groupings.

A group ministry is a formal legal structure. It obliges the incumbent and/or priest in charge of each benefice within the group to assist each other in making the best possible provision for the cure of souls in the group as a whole. Those offices and services that would normally be performed by an incumbent or priest in charge may be performed by any member of the group in any benefice within the group. Each incumbent and priest in charge in the group has a duty to assist one another.

Each incumbent retains their rights and authority as incumbent of their own benefice. The group structure permits each incumbent or priest in charge to minister in the other benefices in the group without the need for a formal licence or authority. When ministering in a

benefice other than the incumbent or priest in charge's own, each member of the group must act in accordance with the directions of the incumbent or priest in charge of that benefice. In providing directions, the incumbent or priest in charge of the benefice must have regard to their duty to work collaboratively.

Parishes continue as they did before the creation of a group ministry scheme. Each PCC remains responsible for its own parish. Each incumbent or priest in charge is a member only of the PCCs in the parishes within their own benefices.

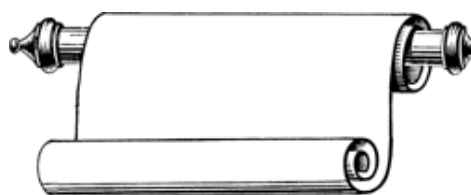
This ministry and mission model is hopefully going to provide a more creative and missional approach, enabling more strategic and sustainable approach to the provision of 'traditional' church and the establishment of New Worshipping Communities. Within these models' leadership teams would work strategically to identify what is needed and desired alongside what resources are available and deploy accordingly.

Much work is still to be done as details are worked out. By collaboration, discussion, love, wisdom and reflection, hopefully together we can journey on this path and emerge as the Kingdom of God' s people set to be ready to be people of faith in our communities.

Rev'd Julie James



**FROM
THE
REGISTERS**



Funerals and Interments

All Saints Hollybush

28th March Roy Hughes

St John the Baptist Eldersfield

28th February Brenda Anstey
3rd March William Morris
23rd March Susan Nicholls
30th March William Kinahan
21st April Rosemary Hiatt

Baptisms

St Thomas of Canterbury with St Peter and St Paul Birtsmorton

11th February Henry Whatford
1st April Hugo Hawes

St John the Baptist Eldersfield

25th March Ottilie Layton-Hill

Weddings and Blessings

St Thomas of Canterbury with St Peter and St Paul Birtsmorton

6th April Samuel Preece and Emma Louis-Jean
15th April James Bettis and Amy Smith
22nd April Robert Watts and Krystal Ramsey



Rosemarie Bolton and Birtsmorton Church

After 43 years, Rosemarie has taken the very difficult decision to hang up her church warden's staff and focus on the many other things which still occupy this creative, hard-working lady. There's a farm to be run, cakes and meals to make and a whole raft of grandchildren to take immense pride in. But we couldn't let the moment pass without taking a little time to reflect on such a lengthy period of service to our Benefice, and in particular to Birtsmorton Church.

Taking over the office as Church Warden, she was given both the background knowledge and history of this Grade 2* building. Rosemarie took great pride in the Church, and enhanced it with her creative flower arrangements. The Book of Common Prayer service was her preference and as the number of wedding's topped 40 plus, her Church Warden and Verger role increased. We looked forward to her homemade cakes at the refreshments for the 10am service, and she also undertook the catering for our Marriage Preparation days. Some couples became firm friends, returning to have babies baptised, commissioning flower arrangements and cakes.

A talented baker, many a celebration cake would appear with appropriate decorations chosen carefully for whatever occasion. Her knowledge of flowers resulted in the church flowers being chosen by her to suit each wedding couple. The buckets hanging from the candelabras became her signature – along with an ever-present butterfly or two!

Balancing both farm work, such as a tricky delivery of a lamb in the early hours of the night had to be balanced with the demands of the church services and maintenance of this ancient building. Rosemarie was passionate in her support for local businesses – especially Yvonne at the shop – and it was a sad day for her and

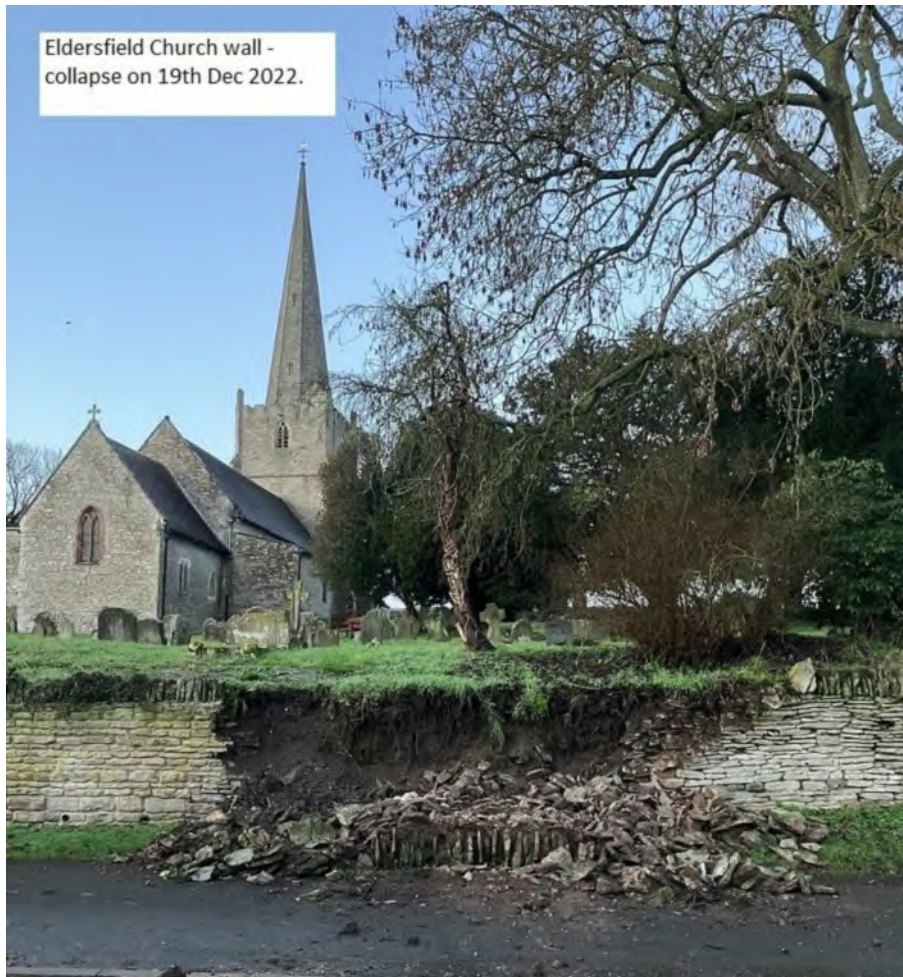
for many of us when the shop closed. She always supported benefice events – with many a tray bake or bacon buttie.

Rosemarie quietly offered both kind and practical support to many around the benefice going through a tough time – whether a listening ear, a yummy baked apple pie or a lovely bunch of flowers. She has always hated to be the centre of attention, so I hope she forgives us for writing this short tribute for all the care, support and hard work for Birtsmorton Church. Projects like the safeguarding of the medieval stained glass and a French Drain have all helped to address damp issues and enhance the church for the future.

The sudden and unexpected death of her husband Edward was a body blow, from which it was hard to recover and then the Covid pandemic came along. We are all struggling to return to normal after that, and, with regret, Rosemarie has decided that family and farm must come first, which means that we at Birtsmorton have lost our churchwarden, but we sincerely thank you for all that you have contributed.

Rev'd Julie James





As many will have seen the boundary wall at Eldersfield Parish Church has suffered a major collapse and is in need of urgent repair and restoration. After extensive discussions with structural engineers, archaeologists etc. it seems that the reconstruction will be a major job with around 10m of wall to be replaced at a cost of over £10,000. When dealing with a historic building, classified as a Grade 2* site, the work must be completed, overseen and approved by archaeologists and the Diocese of Worcester. We hope that the rebuilding work will begin very soon.

You can guess that this will require a lot of fundraising! Last year our wonderful team managed to raise over £5000, mainly for minor works in the church building, with the concert, auction, quiz nights etc: these funds will now, however, have to be diverted to the wall repair. Our major event this year is the Summer meal and entertainment at Eldersfield Court on 1st July (see opposite page) and we hope that you will be able to support us in our major efforts to restore this remarkable and beautiful historic site.



**The
Children's
Society**

www.childrenssociety.org.uk

Andy's Thames Walk for The Children's Society

Thank you to everyone who has generously supported me on my walk and has helped raise over £1100 (incl. giftaid) which is a great result – and the Just Giving site is still open if you would like to donate to the Society's work. Simply copy the web address below and paste it into google: [justgiving.com/page/andrew-holt-1678702892071](https://www.justgiving.com/page/andrew-holt-1678702892071)

Job done! (photos in JustGiving gallery) The day started early at the Thames Head near Cirencester which, as usual, had no water at all but within half a mile it was a beautiful flowing stream. Unfortunately, after an hour or two, with so much rain lately, the Thames was in flood and the footpath submerged - up to my knees which was slow, heavy going. When nearing Cricklade the fast-flowing water would have been waist deep on the footpath so had to seek an alternative route into the town as the path was too dangerous. Happily reached the Riverside pub in Lechlade after 10 hours walking in the early evening - a swift pint helped: 58,000 steps!

I am so grateful to all of you who supported my efforts for The Children's Society - so many children will have a better time due to your generosity. Much appreciated - thank you. A.

A Summer Night's Entertainment *in a beautiful setting*

Sumptuous Summer meal with musical entertainment
and a storyteller



Country Garden Gathering – Sat. July 1st 2023.

We hope that you will join us for our summer event in the wonderful grounds of Eldersfield Court (by kind permission of Matthew & Fiona Collins.) There will be opportunities to explore the beautiful gardens, and to enjoy a two-course meal with musical entertainment which will be followed by the dramatic performance of a professional storyteller. The bar will be available throughout the evening. Help us rebuild the wall!

Tickets are available from the usual sources: also on Community Inspired

Wendy B: 07748 484442, Liane B: 07376 236504, Frieda G: 01452 840364, Andy H: 01452 780429, Cathy P/C: 01531 635794 Adults £25. Children £10



24th June-St John the Baptist celebrated

John the Baptist was a Jewish prophet of the Jordan River region, celebrated by the Christian church as 'the Forerunner' to Jesus Christ. He emerged from the wilderness preaching a message of repentance for the forgiveness of sins and offered a water baptism to confirm the repentant person's commitment to a new life cleansed from sin.

Herod Antipas arrested, imprisoned and executed John who had spoken out against immorality and targeted Herod Antipas, who had rejected his wife in order to marry Herodias.

Dear God,

May we look at the example of John the Baptist and direct our minds to always seek truth and justice.

Help us who have received your grace and salvation, fight hard for our faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Name: _____ Date: _____

JOHN THE BAPTIST

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Recipe of the month - June

Savoury Flan

Let's call it a "Flan", not a "Quiche"! – because it is very different from the quiche we were persuaded to try for the Coronation!

Ingredients

1 shortcrust flan baked blind (or bought flan case), about 7" - 8"
(approx. 20 cm)
8+ baby tomatoes, halved
3 - 4 hard-boiled eggs
2 + 2 oz mature grated cheddar cheese
½ pt well flavoured white sauce (1oz butter, 1oz flour, ½ pt milk)
Seasoning
(Chopped parsley and/or chopped chives)
Egg wash (Egg only, no milk)

Method

Blind bake flan and cool. Coat the inside of the flan and the outside vertical walls with egg wash. Return to moderate/hot oven to dry and seal the flan. Do not over colour! Cool. Prepare white sauce and add 2 oz of the cheese. Slice the hard-boiled eggs, or cut each egg into segments. Layer with half baby tomatoes into flan. Season. Cover with cheese sauce and then the rest of the grated cheese. Sprinkle with chopped parsley and chives if wished. Return to moderate oven to cook through the flan and melt the cheese. Serve hot or cold. (Sealing the pastry case with egg wash will help to prevent the pastry from going soggy)

Extras which could be used:

- a) Finely sliced button mushrooms
- b) Nibs of cooked ham or bacon
- c) Flaked tuna or salmon.

If you wish to freeze the flan, use cornflour instead of flour in the white sauce.

Thank You!

A huge thank you from all at All Saints Hollybush to all who came along to support our plant sale at the end of April, and to all those on the benefice team who worked so hard to help out, particularly to Brian and Leta for bringing all those lovely books along!

We raised the magnificent sum of £583 on the day, which has since risen to over £600 with subsequent plant purchases and donations. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

And of course, not forgetting, Hollybush Fete,
Saturday 2nd September.



Christian Aid is an organisation that has influenced vast changes. In Southern Malawi, the farms have been destroyed by cyclones and flooding. Many families are desperate to feed their families. Christian Aid gives support by getting farmers to set up cooperatives which then result in fairer prices for their crops, the ability to buy essential tools, spare money to pay school fees for the children and warehouses to store crops safe from floods and storms. All these factors lead to stability and security for families.

Can I suggest that you could make donations direct to support this vital work. All details on the Christian Aid website.

If unsure how to do so, please contact Rev'd Julie James

Staunton & Corse Community Hub

Opening hours:

Wednesdays - Fridays 11am - 3pm
Fridays 5.30 - 10.30pm
Saturdays 5.30 - 10.30pm

Daytime activities

Rhyme Time - Wed, 11 - 11.30am
Knitting & crochet group - Thur, 11am - 12.30.
Book Club - 1st Fri of the month, 11am
Card Making - 1st Thursday of the month 11am - 12.30pm (charges apply)
Gardening Group - Fri, 11am - 1pm

Coronation Garden Tea Party

We held a wonderful Coronation Garden Tea Party on Sunday 7th May. The weather was lovely and it was well attended with over 50 local people enjoying themselves, culminating in our National Anthem and a shared toast to our new King.

New Bridge Club - Fridays, 1-3pm, from 9th June, please reserve your space at the Hub.

Forest Voluntary Action Forum Advice Hub - Every other Thursday - 08/06, 22/06, 06/07, 12.00 - 2.30pm.

Other Regular Events

Quiz Night - Friday 2nd June, starts at 7pm £8 per person (incl. food)
Please contact us to book a table.

Anything with wheels - Natter & Noggin - held every second Thursday of the month, next event is on 8th June, 7-9pm.
Come and share your knowledge and experiences with other like-minded people.
The bar will be open for drinks and snacks.

Bingo - Friday 23rd June from 7pm - eyes down and don't forget your dabbers!
Come along and have some fun, prebooking required as spaces are limited.

If you would like to set up your own event or club please get in touch.

New Spring/Summer Daytime menu

Ploughman's- cheese, Ploughman's – ham, Pork pie & salad, Cheese & onion Quiche with side salad, Quiche Lorraine with side salad, Filled baguettes - cheese, ham, cheese & onion

Children's Menu - Ham or Cheese Sandwich

Homemade cakes, different each week

Friday Night Food Vans

02/06 Marinades
09/06 Roly Poly Eats
16/06 Burgerlish
07/07 Dirty Boys

Dine in Supper with Tudor Fish & Chip Shop - 30th June - menu available on Facebook or at the Hub. Orders and payments to be made by 29th June.

Saturday nights

We are now only serving food on Saturday nights for special events. Please contact us if you have such an event coming up and we will be happy to discuss the options with you.

Upcoming events

Wine Tasting - 16th June, 6-8pm - please visit www.cotswoldwineschool to book your space.

Beer & Cider Festival - Saturday 12th August, 12pm - 10.30pm - further details to follow.

The Cygnet room is available for private bookings, so please get in touch to discuss your requirements.

If you have a few hours spare each week and would like to join our family of amazing volunteers please call 01452 840323, email theswancommunitygroup@gmail.com or message us via Facebook Messenger. Various roles and shifts are available.

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LAUGH LINES

The eagerly awaited visiting preacher was ill and the minister had to take his place. "I'm just a poor substitute," he began modestly; 'like a piece of cardboard you put in the hole when the window breaks. 'No need to apologise,' they told him afterwards. 'You weren't the bit of cardboard. You were a real pane.'

'APPLE A DAY! - Adam and his son Abel were taking a walk, some years after being expelled from the garden of Eden: they passed by that lovely garden, and Abel exclaimed: 'Gee, Dad, what a beautiful place! Wouldn't it be nice to live there?' Adam paused for a moment, then answered: 'Well, son, we did live there once, but your mother ate us out of house and home.'

TAILPIECE

In our haste to deal with the things that are wrong,
let us not upset the things that are right.

King Charles III Coronation Party

Many thanks to all who donated towards and supported the Community Picnic at Pendock CE Primary School. Food was consumed, and shared, wellies were 'wanged', quizzes completed, raffle prizes won, Coronation crowns judged! The weather was picnic perfect and the raffle proceeds were shared between the school and local food banks. It was great to see many so many adults and children, friends and families coming and relaxing together.

Rev'd Julie James



Community 'Drop In'

ALL welcome!

Pendock C.E. Primary School Hall

Refreshments and Books to exchange.

Chat and catch-up

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to help and attended.

Can you think of any way the 'Drop In' sessions could incorporate any useful:-
hobby/discussion/business venture?

Do let us know!

Rev'd Julie James

Eldersfield Cricket Club Notes by Dereck Hartland

It's been a damp and depressing start to Eldersfield's cricket season with their opening games cancelled due to the weather and damp outfield.

The only other year I can remember when there was such a wet start to the season was way back in 1983 when the grass on the outfield was so long that we had to get a tractor and forager to cut the grass, resulting in the outfield at The Jack Wassall end of the ground being so badly churned up that it needed a lot of rolling to get it fit to play on and we never started a home game until well into June! But hopefully the sun will start to shine and cricket will start at Harp Meadow sooner rather than later.

Fixtures (all 1pm start)

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| June 3 rd | Hatherley and Reddings 3rds | Home |
| June 10 th | Cam 2nds | Away |
| June 17 th | Kings Stanley | Home |
| June 24 th | Stone | Away |



Foodbanks at Upton-upon-Severn Foodbank, The Baptist Church, Old Street, Tewkesbury and Ledbury.

Many thanks to all those who continue to donate food for the Food Bank during these tough times. It was most gratefully received.

Please continue your generous contributions in these times of rising costs for everyone. People really appreciate both food, toiletries and money. The referral of families to the food banks is unfortunately greater in numbers, so please support. The money from the Coronation raffle was donated to the Food bank at Upton.

Rev'd Julie James

Castlemorton Community Café



Delicious
homemade
bakes

Hot
drinks

Treats
for the
Kids!

Cream
teas

All dietary
requirements
catered
for

Everybody
welcome!

Fri 9 June, Fri 14 July

♥ 2.30 - 4.30pm ♥

Castlemorton Parish Hall

SPECIAL OFFER: bring a local neighbour, friend
or relative who cannot attend by themselves
and get a cup of tea and slice of cake FREE!

Any profits towards Parish Hall projects

CASTLEMORTON COMMON ASSOCIATION

We will be holding the Summer Shindig on Saturday 8th July 2023. There will be a Gymkhana, Dog Show, games including Skittles and Welly Wanging. In the evening a Bar, Pig Roast and a Band. Profits to Acorns Children's Hospice and Alzheimer's Research UK. We are in urgent need of volunteers to help us put this event on, please contact Ann on ann.brennan1@aol.com if you are interested.



Mark and Sheila Wardle warmly invite you to visit their garden at Weir Reach, The Rudge, Maisemore GL2 8HY which is opening again this year for The National Garden Scheme on Sunday June 11th and Wednesday June 14th from 11.00am to 5.00pm. Plant sale and home-made teas. Admission £5.00.

The National Garden Scheme supports many charities including Marie Curie, Macmillan Cancer Support and Parkinson's UK

Full details at <https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/36192>

Or email: weirreach@gmail.com

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P E N D O C K C H U R C H F E T E

SATURDAY, 4th JUNE AT 2.30 p.m.

Come and enjoy a Happy Afternoon in the Beautiful Gardens of PRIORS COURT. NUMEROUS STALLS - COMPETITIONS - CHILDREN DANCING - JUMBLE STALL - RAFFLES - ETC., ETC., - T E A S

Gifts for the Stalls would be greatly appreciated and Mrs. Moore, The Old Forge would be pleased to receive cakes for the Cake Stall.

COFFEE MORNING :: SATURDAY, 2nd JULY-10.30 a.m.-12 NOON will be held at the Home of Mrs. Mary Griffiths, Cromer in Aid of Pendock Church.
• BRING AND BUY, CAKES, RAFFLE.

El Dorado Festival

The El Dorado Festival is taking place again this summer at Eastnor Castle Deer Park in Ledbury. The timetable of activity is as follows:-

Friday 23rd June - Thursday 5th July Event Build

Thursday 6th July 17:00 – 00:00 Live event with music and entertainment

Friday 7th July 12:00 – 04:00 Live event with music and entertainment

Saturday 8th July 12:00 – 04:00 Live event with music and entertainment

Sunday 9th July 12:00 – 03:00 Live event with music and entertainment

Monday 10th July - Sunday 16th July Event De-rig

Sound checks have not yet been scheduled but will take place after 9am each of the live event days and for no longer than two hours at a time. Guests will start to arrive to the festival from Thursday 6th July in the morning and the majority will depart on Monday 10th July in the morning. Please be aware the A449 and A438 roads close to Eastnor Castle will be busier during these times. El Dorado Festival is a mixed-genre music festival, for people 18 years and over. This year some of the performers include KC & the Sunshine Band, Sampa the Great, Folamour & Shy FX. The event is a camping event and this year we are expecting approximately 10,000 people to attend. We work closely with the Safety Advisory Group at Herefordshire Council on the event plans for the festival. We have a discounted residents ticket process in place, further information is available at www.eldoradofestival.com/faqs in the section 'Tickets'. Should you have any questions in advance or throughout the event, don't hesitate to get in touch with Yasmin Galletti, Operations Director: yas@wearethefair.com

The El Dorado Festival Team

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GARDENING NOTES FOR JUNE

This is the month of the Rose, and there are a number of jobs to be carried out in order to obtain the best results.

First, protection from pests and diseases. Damage from Greenfly and Blackspot can be avoided if the bushes are given the protection of an early spraying, and this is then continued at regular intervals. Early mornings or late evenings are the best time for spraying.

A number of 'twiggy' growths where there is no sign of buds forming, will need to be trimmed off the bushes. Cut these back close to the stem from which they emanated.

Roses pay for feeding with a liquid fertiliser. I have always found that Epsom salts at the rate of one ounce to two gallons of water will be much appreciated, and the leaves will take on a good glossy appearance. Ask your chemist for commercial or agricultural Epsom salts. Liquid feeds are best applied when the soil is already in a moist condition.

If grass mowings are free of weed seeds, they make an excellent mulch for roses, and also help to suppress weeds. Again apply when the soil is moist.

If you wish to be able to produce specimen blooms, it is wise to start to bisbud at the earliest possible stage, always taking great care not to damage the terminal bud.

In order to get the best results from your Strawberry plants, all runners should be removed at the earliest opportunity.

With Raspberries, the same procedure should be adopted when growth from underground runners appears away from the line of the main canes.

In the vegetable garden, it should be safe now to plant out without special protection, Marrows, Courgettes, Tomatoes, Sweet Corn and Runner Beans.

Even though frost is unlikely during this month, a final moulding-up of the potatoes can be beneficial to save any of the tubers going green by being exposed to light.



Weddings-Please check the website. www.berrowbenefice.org.uk

At present, we are holding a rotation of services each Sunday. Please check for details on the website or contact us. For the 'qualifying attendance' to be married in a church, you need to attend for a minimum of 6 months, once a month.

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

In very special cases, you can apply for a Common License to marry with us. Please do seek an early explanation and the process involved.

Civil Ceremony followed by a Blessing in Church

If you are unable to attend for 6 months to qualify, then you could have Registrar a civil ceremony first. We can then 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. We do try to meet your expectations and make this a special day. Do try and attend our marriage preparation day. We try to answer your questions, look at the wedding day itself and looking ahead to the future.

Be safe and keep healthy! May your love for one another be strengthened and bind you closer than ever during the challenges of our world.

Rev'd Julie James



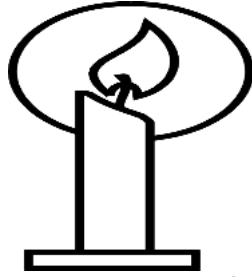


Baptism (or Christening)

The baptism service is for a child or adult. As an adult, you make the decision and the promises. A child has adults (godparents) who make decisions and promises on behalf of a child.

At the point you are baptized, you simply have water poured on your head. If you are considering being baptized or for a member of your family, do talk to us as we will be delighted to help. Baptism can occur during the usual church services which rotate around the Benefice or at a time for just you, your family and friends.

Rev'd Julie James



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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.

If you wish to have a burial in the churchyards at St John's, Eldersfield. St Faith's, Berrow or All Saints, Hollybush, the deceased person must have been resident in that Parish. Reservations (which last for 25 years) can be made by applying for a faculty which is a formal legal process and which we can help guide you through.

The Diocese of Worcester has issued guidelines for the erection of memorials in the churchyard. Please contact a local Stonemason who will have these details.



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

SERVICES IN THE UNITED BENEFICE OF BERROW WITH PENDOCK, ELDERSFIELD AND BIRTSMORTON AND HOLLYBUSH

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 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 4th June Trinity Sunday | Eldersfield Church | 8.30am | BCP Holy Communion | Isaiah 40.12-17, 27--End 2 Corinth's 13.11--End | Janet Peters | --- |
| | Berrow Village Hall | 10.30am | Café Church | TBA | TBA | TBA |
| 11th June 1st Sunday after Trinity | Berrow Church | 10.30am | Holy Communion | Hosea 5.15 -- 6.6 Romans 4.13 -- End | Elisabeth Rambridge | Ann Ward |
| | Hollybush Church | 6.30pm | Evensong | 1 Samuel 18. 1 -- 16 Luke 8. 41 -- End | Shirley Williams | Cathy P-Chandler |
| 18th June 2nd Sunday after Trinity | Pendock Cross Church | 8.30am | BCP Holy Communion | Exodus 19. 2 -- 8a Romans 5. 1 -- 8 | Andrew Rambridge | --- |
| | Eldersfield Church | 10.30am | All Age Worship | TBA | TBA | TBA |
| 25th June 3rd Sunday after Trinity | Birtsmorton Church | 10.30am | Holy Communion | Jeremiah 20. 7 -- 13 Romans 6. 1b -- 11 | Bob James | Doug Braund |
| | Eldersfield Church | 6.30pm | Evensong | 1 Samuel 24. 1 -- 17 Luke 14. 12 -- 24 | Fiona Collins | Brian Woodcock |

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| 2nd July 4th Sunday after Trinity | Eldersfield Church | 8.30am | BCP Holy Communion | Jeremiah 28. 5--9 Romans 6. 12 -- End | Janet Peters | --- |
| | Berrow Village Hall | 10.30am | Café Church | TBA | TBA | TBA |
| 9th July 5th Sunday after Trinity | Berrow Church | 10.30am | Holy Communion | Zechariah. 9. 9--12 Romans 7. 15--25a | Bob James | Doug Braund |
| | Hollybush Church | 6.30pm | Evensong | 2 Samuel 2. 1-11 and 3.1 Luke 18. 31 to 19. 10 | Liz Lean | Lis Ritchie |
| 16th July 6th Sunday after Trinity | Pendock Cross Church | 8.30am | BCP Holy Communion | Isaiah 55. 10 -- 13 Romans 8. 1 -- 11 | Andrew Rambridge | --- |
| | Berrow Church | 10.30am | All Age Worship | TBA | TBA | TBA |
| 23rd July 7th Sunday after Trinity | Birtsmorton Church | 10.30am | Holy Communion | Isaiah 44. 6 -- 8 Romans 8. 12 -- 25 | Ruth Coates | Martin Knott |
| | Eldersfield Church | 6.30pm | Evensong | 1 Kings 2.10-12; 3.16-28 Acts 4. 1 -- 22 | Matthew Collins | Brian Woodcock |
| 30th July 8th Sunday after Trinity | Eldersfield Church | 10.30am | Walking Church -- pets welcome! | 1 Kings 3. 5 -- 12 Romans 8. 26 -- End | TBA | TBA |

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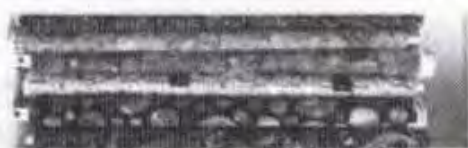
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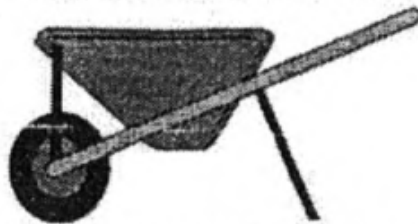
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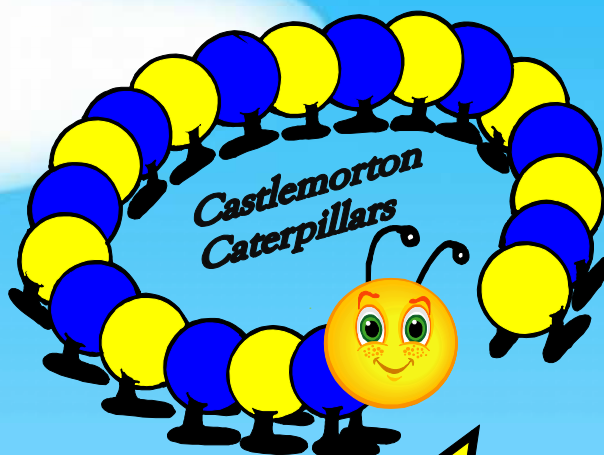
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