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Hollybush and Birtsmorton



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BIRTSMORTON**

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Dear Friends,

Over the Summer months, Rev'd Anthea, myself and the 'Team' have been busy with services, Weddings and Baptisms and shared some wonderful busy but special happy occasions. The 'Pop up' Hollybush fete included an excellent local exhibition of creative works inside All Saints church. It was good to welcome and chat with both familiar and new faces to this event. This month marks one year since our late Queen Elizabeth 11 died, a true servant of God and her Country and Commonwealth and Charles 111 became King.

Around our villages, grains and fruits have been harvested. Harvest Festivals take place to thank God for the land, for its richness and for those who work the land. Harvest also reminds us that we 'have' so much and to give thanks to God. Thank you to all those in and around the Berrow Benefice who work on the farms and the land. Harvest is also a time for remembering to 'share' the fruits of the earth. Because if we can extract the word 'have' from harvest, sad to say, we can also extract the word 'starve'. Jesus often talked about the perils of having too much, and keeping for oneself what which should be shared with others. He told a parable of a rich man whose crops were so abundant, that he planned to build more barns in order to store them. He didn't sell or 'share' his abundant harvest; but then he died and wasn't able to enjoy the results of his wealth. It's a parable that reminds us that being greedy, and hoarding are not virtues in God's eyes. As we enter once more into the difficult winter months, living and fuel costs continue to rise we all need to think about those in need around us and the organisations that strive to help.

We continue to support the local Food Banks. If we can all actively encourage one another to share what we can, it is another opportunity for trying afresh to get the balance right between providing for ourselves and our loved ones, and building a world based on mutual support and help for those in genuine need, rather than on materialism and greed. Jesus reminds us that earthly food comes and goes, and that we

should seek instead the food that lasts forever; the spiritual food which He offers to those who believe in Him.

Finally, 'harvest' time is also a time for remembering that God sows spiritual seeds in our hearts. Seeds that He wants to bear an abundant harvest. I came across this Pilgrims Creed written by Father Murray Bodo recently whilst Bob, the family and I were enjoying a lovely beach holiday in Cornwall. 'I am not in control. I am not in a hurry. I walk in faith and hope. I greet everyone with peace. I bring back only what God gives me.'

I wonder what God has in store for me and you. One thing I am sure about, I cannot predict what the next few months will bring as we face the challenges of our faith journey with our community, our local schools, and our adjoining parishes. We all receive many more gifts from God than we are ever aware of. We can simply walk each day of our pilgrimage together in faith and in hope.

Rev'd Julie James



Harvest Services in 2023

You are warmly invited to join us on:-

Sunday 1st October

10.30am Café Church, Berrow Village Hall

Followed by a 'Bring and Share' Harvest LUNCH-



Sunday 15th . October

10.30am All Age Harvest Worship, Eldersfield



**Berrow Benefice Remembrance Sunday,
10.45am, 12th November
At -St John the Baptist, Eldersfield**

This is our opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.

We remember the Armed Forces, and their families, from Britain and the Commonwealth, the vital role played by the emergency services and those that have lost their lives as a result of conflict or terrorism.

Wreaths for all 5 of our parish churches will be blessed and laid as we remember those who sacrificed their lives. If you have any additional names to put forward, please do contact me .

We will also be meeting at Pendock Church of the Redeemer on Friday, 10th November for a 'Pop' up Remembrance get-together, chat, reflections and refreshments. Rev'd Julie James

Remembering those loved ones who have died

A bouquet of meaningful memories,
sprayed with a million tears,
wishing God could have spared you,
if just for a few more years.

It does not take a special day,
for us to think of you,
each room reminds us,
each anniversary and birthday too.

Though futile to wish they return,
It brings flooding back time past,
our family group chain broken,
but treasured memories will last.



Prayer for those who have died.

Dear God,

We pray for *N/N* and for all those who have lost a dear friend or relative.

In our sadness and loss, may there be people to help, comfort and guide me/us.

Give us a sense of unburdening our hearts , and know that *N/N* are at peace in the eternal kingdom.

We remember the love which shared together in our earthly lives.

Our memories can bring tears and laughter.

May we also know the consolation of the light of hope and strengthen in us the gift of faith.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

All Souls

Saturday, 28th October at All Saints, Hollybush : 2.30-3.30pm



'All Souls' is traditionally a time when the Christian community remember those who have died. We remember those we have loved and see no more. It is a time to remember and reflect upon what they meant to you.

During the Saturday afternoon, there will be a very informal gathering and time to reflect, light a candle, put a message on the Tree of light' at All Saints at Hollybush. There will be a very short time of prayer and reading the names of those who have died during the last 12 months.

There will be a prayer sheet on the pews/chairs at the Open churches of Hollybush, Eldersfield and Pendock during the week leading up to the 28th October.

With God's blessings, Rev'd Julie James



PLUS 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. Money donations are also accepted.

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.

Rev'd Julie James

Benefice Diary

Sunday 1 st October	Berrow Village Hall	10.30am Café Church followed by Bring and Share Harvest Lunch
Friday 6 th October	Quiz and Fish and Chip Supper	Eldersfield Corse Lawn CE Primary School 7pm
Wednesday 18 th October	Standing Committee	2.30pm Pendock Church of the Redeemer
Wednesday 25 th October	Birtsmorton and Hollybush PCC Berrow and Pendock PCC	2.30pm Hollybush Church 7.30pm at home of Knott's
Wednesday 1 st November	Eldersfield PCC	2.00pm at home of Holt's
Friday 10 th November	'Pop up' at Pendock. Remembrance event	10.30-11.30am Chat, Remember and Refreshments Pendock Church of the Redeemer
Saturday 2 nd December	Festive Fayre	St Faith's Berrow 11.00am - 12 noon



Bible Study

Tuesday: - Thistledown, Pendock

Tuesday: 10th October, 14th November, 12th December 2023

10.30am Cuppa and biscuit!

Bible reflections, depart 12 noon

Rev. Julie James



Fun Quiz Night

Eldersfield Lawn School Friday 6th October

We hope that you can join us for our next Quiz Night in the school hall. At half time we will be serving a Fish and Chip Supper (included), and there will be prizes for the winning team. Tickets £12.50 pp.

On arrival, we will fit you into a team, or you can bring a group of up to 8 people yourselves. Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7 pm start, food at 8pm and finish around 9.15pm; you are welcome to bring your own drinks. (Let us know in advance of any allergies.)

We hope that you can come and look forward to hearing from you. Proceeds to Eldersfield Church wall fund.

Tickets available from: wendyburr455@gmail.com Frieda Griffiths (07879 465853), Andy Holt 01452 780429, Cathy Powell-Chandler 01531 635794.

Eldersfield Church Boundary Wall repaired

We hope that you have had a chance to take a trip to the church and to see the excellent job which John and Oliver Williams have done on the boundary wall. The large section collapsed dramatically last December briefly blocking the road – and then began the process of getting it repaired. After consultations with various archaeologists, architects, structural engineers, Diocesan advisers etc. and advice from our builders, work was completed during August. Two days' advice on site from archaeologists (thankfully) yielded nothing of significant interest and so the wall was reinstated upright and with 'weep holes' to allow drainage. Job done! Eldersfield PCC is immensely grateful to local people who very generously donated towards the repairs. Thank you to all for helping us maintain this important site for future generations.

A date for your diary

Saturday, December 2nd

A "Pop-Up"

FESTIVE

FAYRE

at

St Faith's, Berrow

11.00 am to 12.00 noon

Two writers, two artists, one churchwarden and a fascination with – SWIFTS

Mark Cocker describes Swifts as living mysteries that are on the edge of knowability. Maybe for this reason the story of research is fascinating too. The earliest paper on swifts dates from the 1680s, written by a Cornish-born cleric Charles Morton; he believed the only way to account for the birds' appearance and disappearance was they were going to outer space possibly to the Moon. In the mid-18th century Johann Frisch, a German naturalist, caught a group of (in fact) swallows and wound red thread twice round their legs, and on finding some return could disprove a notion that they buried themselves in a muddy pond over the winter. I wasn't certain of the great Edward Jenner's technique in 1766 – he clipped off two of the claws of 12 swifts for identification; and when they returned, he could establish site-fidelity but not where they had gone.

The aluminium bands invented by the Danish naturalist Hans Christian Mortensen in 1896 were the real game-changer in the study of avian migration; into the soft surface of the bands Mortensen stamped an address. 120 years later some 115 million birds have been marked, about 45 million in Britain alone, to reveal astonishing information about avian migration. I always enjoy hearing Ruth Coates describe how her late husband John was a BTO (British Trust for Ornithology) ringer of a variety of birds and indeed ringed some of the swift colony at St Faith's, Berrow in the churchyard in the late 1990s/early 2000s. Ruth tells me – John put up mist nets, usually at dawn or dusk and once the bird was caught in the net, carefully extracted it, recorded all the relevant details, placed a ring on its leg and then safely released the bird back into the wild.

It's very interesting to read that swifts can show astonishing trust and researchers who handle swifts say they appear tame. Possibly their ancient isolation means they have never evolved fear of humans – the less romantic feature of this is that swifts are infested with fleas.

Recent scientific developments have opened up the collection of extraordinary information by a Geolocator, a tiny aviation 'black box', with a light sensor and a little chip to store the information. These tracking devices were first put on bigger birds, but as they got smaller could be attached to swifts. The technology has been able to track literally the bird's daily activity, proving their capacity to fly non-stop for 10 months. They fly by the sun and star and can detect the earth's magnetic field in

cloudy and stormy weather. Swifts fly to great heights as the light is fading – sometimes as much as 4 kilometres - possibly to assess weather conditions.

Does some of the mystery lie in the inaccessibility of nests? The assembling of the nest is no simple task: nest components are bound by the swifts' viscous saliva. As we well know, they return to the same site annually. The standard clutch is 2 or 3 – with 3 being the most efficient, the eggs lack colour which shows up better in the dark environment. The incubation period of 19 days is a full week longer than similarly sized songbirds. Once born, chicks process food efficiently. An extraordinary characteristic is that if the weather is poor and the parents don't return with food, the chick can enter a state of torpor, lowering its metabolism to eke out subcutaneous fat deposits until relief arrives. Most songbird nestlings will die within hours of not receiving any food, but a swift chick could survive 48-hours without nourishment. The swift's endurance starts young!

The original nesting places were woods. I've speculated before if the wooded area which defines this part of Worcestershire and accounts for the foundation of St Faith's, Berrow in 1050 as a Chapel of Ease for the woodmen (sent from Overbury) first brought the swifts here.

Now they nest in some of the major cities of the world, and everywhere, swifts make small ecological judgements where they settle. Mark Cocker seeks out man-made structures that are homes to swifts, pondering on how long they have nested there and as I read names of places I knew from long ago – Merida in Southern Spain that I visited as I specialised in Moorish History and the shores of the Caspian Sea where I was taken as a child - I wished that then I had understood about this wonderful creature. There is a huge colony in the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem and as they are ecumenical birds also at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. One Easter, Andrew and I saw them in Tunis and so we waved and called out – see you soon at St Faith's!

So, what is it that tugs so at our hearts when we watch these extraordinary creatures? Is that we have not cherished them by protecting their environment? The swift population started to show signs of distress in the 1990s. Recent figures suggest in the last 25 years we have lost over 50 per cent of the swift population. It is due to the loss of habitat and of food through pesticide-use and insect devastation. With Brian and Leta

Woodcock's indulgence on space, I'd like to end with a verbatim copy of our two authors concluding remarks.

Mark Cocker writes - But if you need a specific imaginative symbol, some precise version of the entire miracle, I suggest that you look up. It doesn't matter whether you see a star or a bird. But if you choose the one shaped to my mind, midway between a beautifully curving hemisphere and a cross, then you should wish on it...A swift is all the hope you ever need.

Charles Foster – (I) said that although they're called common swifts, they're the least common thing. That was wrong. Their power, freedom and joy are the way that everything really is – though we don't usually see it. It is just that when the swifts scream through the sky, you can't miss it. That's how everything, all the time, is meant to be.

Sometimes I hear people say – poetry is not for me. There are topics where the economy of style is apposite – If (ha!) you want to think about Love or Patriotism or maybe the humble Donkey then surely Swifts too are wonderful candidates. Let a final word go to Wilfrid Owen with some lines from a poem worked on between 1912 to 1917 and with an exquisite freshness still –

Fine thou art and agile, O thou perfect bird ...
Strung in tautest tension, By the lust of speed,
And the mad contention, Of insatiate greed...
If my soul flew with thy assurance,
What fields, what skies to scour! What seas to brave!

Elisabeth Rambridge, Churchwarden

Remembrance Day

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Recipe of the month – October

Mixed Vegetable Crumble

This recipe is very adaptable and can have most vegetables added.

Ingredients

1 onion)
1 leek)
1 potato) these form the base ...
1 carrot)
2 sticks celery)
... then add, according to taste and availability
1 aubergine
½ each of green, red and yellow peppers
3 oz button mushrooms
Beans, peas, tomatoes
½ to ¾ pint vegetable stock
1 tablespoon oil
Good knob butter
Pinch of mixed herbs
Seasoning
Bread crumbs (enough to cover)
4 oz grated cheese

Method

All vegetables used need normal preparation and dicing into small cubes or slices. In a large frying pan gently fry off the base vegetables in oil, then add any other vegetables (e.g., mushrooms and tomatoes). Add stock, herbs, seasoning and place in a suitable oven-proof dish; cover with foil and cook in a moderate oven for about 40 minutes until the vegetables have absorbed the stock and are tender. Remove foil and cover vegetables with bread crumbs, “dobs” of butter and the grated cheese. Return to the hot oven until golden brown and serve.

This could have chopped up left over cold meats added before the oven bake or add diced bacon at the initial fry off.

A great deal has been said about slavery, and especially about the role of the British. This article intends to say a bit more.

Slavery is today considered barbaric, inhumane and morally reprehensible. It has been practised from time immemorial.

The Sumerians, and the ancient Egyptians and Greeks had slaves, as also the Romans. Indeed, the wealth of the Roman Empire and its rise to pre-eminence can be directly ascribed to the apparently endless supply of free labour created by the slave brought from newly conquered countries. When those territorial acquisitions stopped, so too did the supply of cheap labour, and the edifice of state fell in upon itself.

The Arabs, too, were great slavers. They took Africans and transported them to Arabia, taking steps to ensure that none of the men had children.

The Portuguese, the Spanish, the French, the Dutch, the Danes, the Swedes - and the British - were slavers. Americans were willing purchasers.

African kings made a fortune by selling their own people, or people whom they had taken captive, to European slave traders and these unfortunates were shipped to America where they were sold. It is, however, an unsolved enigma of history how that great republican, Thomas Jefferson, one of the authors of the American Declaration of Independence, could bring himself in 1777 solemnly to declare in that august document that '*all men are created equal, ... they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, ... among these are ... Liberty*' even as he gazed out over his slaves picking cotton. Clearly he made an exception, albeit unspoken, for slaves.

So the British Empire was contaminated with complicity in slavery.

If one side of the coin is tarnished, the other is brightly burnished. Slavery was never legal in Britain. Lord Mansfield in *Somerset v Stewart*¹ in 1772 - five years before Jefferson's lofty but duplicitous assertion of liberty for all - ruled that slavery was 'odious' and did not exist in England, and Stewart left the court a free man.

And from then on, the British were in the forefront of the fight against slavery.

In 1807 Parliament passed a law which abolished the trade in slaves in the British Empire. This law did not free existing slaves, but it gave a clear indication that the days of slavery in the Empire were numbered.

¹ For reasons of space references are not included here but are available on request.

But the aim of Britain was greater: it wished to abolish slavery worldwide.

And in pursuit of this objective in 1808 the Royal Navy formed the West Africa Squadron with the mission of intercepting ships transporting slaves from Africa to the Americas and freeing the slaves, and in the course of its 60 year history some 150,000 men, women and children were liberated. The cost for Britain, however, was heavy, and it was not only financial; it is estimated that 1,600 Royal Navy sailors gave their lives while serving with the Squadron.

The British Parliament passed the Slavery Abolition Act in 1833 and this made slavery illegal throughout the British Empire. The British Government decided to compensate slave owners and it did so at a cost of £20 million, then equivalent to approximately 40% of the Government's total annual expenditureⁱⁱⁱ. To do this it had to borrow money, and the last of these loans was only fully repaid in 2015^{iv}.

The French were to follow later - fifteen years later - but on terms that were very different: it was the slaves who had to pay for their freedom. In the case of Haiti, the price of this freedom was set at 150 million francs, to be paid in instalments. The last instalment was paid by that pauperised state in 1947.

By an important constitutional convention the British Sovereign does not engage in politics but this convention came as near as possible to being broken when Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's husband, made a speech in 1840 to the Society for the Abolition of Slavery, and apologised, calling the practice a 'black stain' and 'repugnant to the spirit of Christianity'.

The Americans were to continue this repugnant practice for another generation, until 1865. They fiercely opposed the Royal Navy's attempts to free the slaves on their ships coming from Africa, willing thereby to sacrifice the freedom of countless individuals in return for a token acknowledgement of their national independence.

The British hope that slavery would one day be abolished throughout the globe was only slowly realised. Until as late as 1912 Arab pirates from North Africa would seize men, but especially women, from coastal towns in Europe and England - the so-called White Slave Trade - and in the Middle East slavery remained legal into the 1950s with Saudi Arabia, the last country to outlaw it, doing so in 1962.

Britain's involvement in the trade was indeed a 'black stain' but its attempts to eradicate the practice were greater, and came earlier, than those of any other country. For that the world must be grateful, and we British can properly be very proud.

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A CONCERT FOR REMEMBRANCE

at

Saint Michael and All Angels Church, Ledbury

Saturday November 11th 2023 at 7.30pm.

Musical Director - Simon Harper Simon Peberdy – Piano/organ

The programme will feature

Rutter's Requiem and the Choral Suite from The Armed Man (A Mass for Peace)
by Karl Jenkins

Tickets £15 available from Ledbury Books and Maps and on the door. Under 18s free.

Eldersfield Cricket Club Results
by Dereck Hartland

Cam 2nd

Eldersfield 123 (George Bunn 80)
Cam 2nd 117 (Luke Mumford 3-14, Jason Brown 3-26)

Eldersfield won by 6 runs

Kings Stanley

Kings Stanley 172-8 (Charlie Icke 3-8)
Eldersfield 157 (Charlie Icke 50)

Kings Stanley won by 15 runs

Stone

Stone 174-7 (Charlie Icke 2-41)
Eldersfield 128 (James Green 54)

Stone won by 46 runs

Lechlade

Eldersfield 200-8 (Charlie Icke 64, Chris Fincher 48)
Lechlade 190 (Jack McCracken 4-21)

Eldersfield won by 10 runs

Eldersfield finished 7th out of 10 in the Gloucestershire County League Division 7

Spragg Cup

Eldersfield 194-7 (Charlie Icke 61 not out, Jack McCracken 57)
Corse Lawn 175-7 (Charlie Icke 3-14)

Eldersfield won by 19 runs

Staunton & Corse Community Hub

Opening hours:

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

We have a new fortnightly **Memory Cafe** starting on Wednesday 20th September, 1-3pm. Refreshments, activities and support available for those in the early stages of dementia and memory loss, along with their carers/family members.

Daytime activities

Rhyme Time - Wednesdays, 11 - 11.30am
Knitting & crochet group - Thursdays, 11am - 12.30
Book Club - 1st Friday of the month, 11am
Gardening Group - Fridays, 11am - 1pm
Bridge Club - Fridays, 1-3pm

Other regular events

Quiz Night - Friday 6th October, starts at 7pm, £7 per person - pre-booking required.

Anything with wheels - Natter & Noggin - held on the first Thursday of each month. The next events are: 5th October, 2nd November and 7th December from 7-9pm. The bar will also be open for everyone, to have drinks and snacks.

Bingo - Friday 20th October from 7.30pm - pre booking required.

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

Daytime menu

Ploughman's- cheese or ham
Pork pie & salad
, Quiche - Cheese & onion or Quiche Lorraine, with side salad,
Filled baguettes - cheese, ham, cheese & onion, tuna mayo
Children's Sandwiches - Ham or Cheese
Homemade cakes, different each week

Friday night food vans

13th October Dirty Boys, 27th October Roly Poly Eats, 3rd November Knights of the Round Grill,
10th November Dirty Boys

Saturday nights

Due to a shortage of volunteers, we are, for the time being, only opening 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

Family Halloween Party - 28th October, from 6pm - food, games & disco

Christmas Carol event - 1st December, further information 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.



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



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Refreshments with a Chat and catch-up

Many thanks to all those who have volunteered to help, attended and supported.

We will start afresh from SEPTEMBER 12th, 9.30-11.00am after a request to keep meeting!

Please can we have offers to help!

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



With you every step of the way

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 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
5 th November 4 th Sunday before Advent	Eldersfield Church	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Micah 3. 5 – End 1 Thessalonians 2. 9-13	Janet Peters	---
	Berrow Village Hall	10.30am	Café Church	TBA	TBA	TBA
12 th November Remembrance Sunday	Eldersfield Church	10.30am	Remembrance Day Service (No Evensong)	TBA	TBA	TBA
19 th November 2 nd Sunday before Advent	Pendock Cross Church	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Zephaniah 1. 7, 12 - End 1 Thessalonians 5. 1--11	Andrew Rambridge	---
	Berrow Church	10.30am	All Age Worship	TBA	TBA	TBA
26 th November Christ the King	Birtsmorton Church	10.30am	Holy Communion	Ezekiel 34. 11-16, 20-24 Ephesians 1. 15 – End	Bob James	Doug Braund
	Eldersfield Church	6.30pm	Evensong	2 Samuel 23. 1 – 7 Matthew 28. 16 -- End	Matthew Collins	Brian Woodcock

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1 st October	Eldersfield Church	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Ezekiel 18. 1-4, 25-End Philippians 2. 1-13	Janet Peters	---
17 th Sunday after Trinity	Berrow Village Hall	10.30am	Harvest Café Church	TBA	TBA	TBA
8 th October	Berrow Church	10.30am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 5. 1-7 Philippians 3. 4b-14	Elisabeth Rambridge	Martin Knott
18 th Sunday after Trinity	Hollybush Church	6.30pm	Evensong	Proverbs 2. 1-11 1John 2.1-17	Liz Lean	Lis Ritchie
15 th October	Pendock Cross Church	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Isiah 25. 1-9 Philippians 4. 1-9	Andrew Rambridge	---
19 th Sunday after Trinity	Eldersfield Church	10.30am	All Age Worship for Harvest	TBA	TBA	TBA
22 nd October	Birtsmorton Church	10.30am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 45.1-7 1 Thessalonians 1. 1-10	Bob James	Doug Braund
20 th Sunday after Trinity	Eldersfield Church	6.30pm	Evensong	Proverbs 4. 1-18 1 John 3.16 – 4.6	Fiona Collins	Brian Woodcock
28 th October	Hollybush Church	2.30 – 3.30pm	Service of candle lighting for All Souls	TBA	TBA	TBA
Saturday						
29 th October	Hollybush Church	10.30am	Holy Communion for All Saints	Revelation 7. 9 – End 1 John 3. 1 – 3	David Allen	Celia Greatwood
Sunday						
All Saints						

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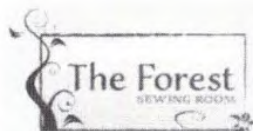
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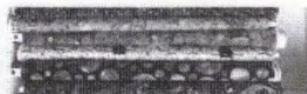
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