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THE CHURCH OF ST PETER AT CODFORD

This site has been a place of Christian worship since the 9th century, soon after the evangelising journeys of St Aldhelm. The Saxon chapel was rebuilt and extended in the 12th century, when the nave was separated from the chancel by a wall with a 6ft arch which, like similar walls in many churches, protected the blessed sacrament from irreverent access or abuse; the area of the church used by the lay congregation was screened off from that used by the clergy. Older stonework was incorporated in the new wall, including the Saxon cross-shaft, now in the Sanctuary, which has been dated to around 800; the shaft was buried in the



The Sanctuary at Easter



The Saxon cross shaft

Norman wall because it was considered to be pagan, and was not re-discovered until substantial changes to the interior in the 1860s. The porch, the tower and the parapet with its crenellation were added in the 15th century. The earliest of the present six bells in the tower dates from 1608.

When Sir Stephen Glynne visited St Peter's shortly before the restoration of the 1860s, he found the north side mantled in ivy, the interior 'untidy, disfigured by unsightly pews and galleries which are particularly cumbersome in so narrow a church'. The architect, T. A. Wyatt, was engaged to improve the church between 1863-5. Wyatt removed the gallery and the steps to it, and built the north aisle. The Norman wall between the chancel and the nave was replaced by the present wide chancel arch. The gallery against the tower arch was removed, flat ceilings were replaced by the present vaulting, and the fine row of pillars was constructed to support the roof of the new north aisle. The outer porch doorway incorporates gargoyles and shields, three sickles and a sheaf of wheat, symbols of the Hungerford family.

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The Norman font

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THE DIARY

Please let Robin know of any Social Dates you have so they can be included in the diary. We deliver this magazine door to door to all our ten villages, and the editorial team would love to have a greater overview of what is going on in the villages.

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFASTS

Advance Notice:

Our first meeting on Monday 1st October will buff up our eco-friendly credentials through the insights we hope to gain from our speaker, Thomas Minter, Director of Malaby Biogas, the company that has been operating the Bore Hill Farm bio-digester on the outskirts of Warminster since 2012 (see article RH column)

COFFEE MORNING AT ST JOHN'S Wednesday 12th September at 11am.

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION HEYTESBURY BRANCH

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CODFORD AND DISTRICT BRANCH, ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Remembrance Sunday Service and Lunch 11th November 2018 (see article under Codford)

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Anne 840339

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFASTS AUTUMN PROGRAMME & VENUE

The Men's Fellowship Breakfasts are back, but we're on the move. Over the years, the venue for the breakfasts has made its way up the Wylde Valley from the Carriers in Stockton, via the Prince Leopold in Upton Lovell, to the Bishopstrow House Hotel. The hotel has looked after us very well for a number of years and has been generous in their support of our support for charities - even funding an entire breakfast last year so that all breakfast payments went to the Christian care and support charity, Alabaré. Now under new ownership, the hotel has had to review their charge for our breakfast and, in the light of the new figure, we have had to test the market. As a result, next season's gatherings will take place at The George Inn, Longbridge Deverill, where we hope that the bigger room and ease of parking will offset the extra distance some breakfasters will have to travel. The combined cost of the full English breakfast and a £2 donation to the charity of the speaker's choice will be £12 this season. A modest £2 increase over the previous rate, which had been held for several years. This represents great value for money, considering that with your breakfast comes a range of stimulating speakers ... and also, some great company!

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On November 5th there may be fireworks - if not from our speaker, local Conservative Member of Parliament, Dr Andrew Murrison, then perhaps from our members during the Q&A session. Though a packed session of Parliament probably generates enough hot air to keep a balloon aloft, our speaker on December 3rd, William Pennefather, will tell us the part Helium has had to play in the innovative Hybrid Air Vehicle programme that hopes to see modern-day 'blimps' in common use for both military and commercial applications.

The breakfasts are not a club. We meet, generally on the first Monday of the month between October and April. If you'd like to join the mailing list or to bid to attend an upcoming breakfast on a one-off basis, just send an email to uwvmb@gmail.com.

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MINISTRY LETTER

I have just been reminded that it is my turn to write the Ministry Letter. PANIC! PANIC! What on earth am I going to say? I thought back over the past months on what has happened in the Benefice and realised how richly blest we are in this Valley: the people who live here and work for our Churches; the variety of services available to us. The latest of which is Cafe Church that I experienced last Sunday for the first time and which I very much enjoyed and would recommend to all.

This is the third Vacancy I have experienced in the Wylde Valley and it seems to me with each one, we have grown and learned from each other and with each other. I came to help out in the first one and now I am experiencing what is, I hope, the last one! For me anyway! It makes me realise that in my 14 years here, I have experienced and learnt from a lot a caring, faithful people.

We have three schools in our Team, all of which are either experiencing the joys of, or are hopefully about to experience, Open the Book. I have been privileged to be part of this at Heytesbury School and watched the children discovering the Bible Stories enacted for them each week by different Teams in the different schools and hearing the reaction from not just the children, but their parents too. All very positive stuff, about learning from the Bible. There are other things such as Bible Study Groups, Musical Toddlers and Prayer Groups which have started up and continue during the Vacancy. There is so much Love and Faith and Hope among us; so much for us to learn on our journey together; so much to value in each other and the love of God and the gifts he gives us. We are indeed RICHLY BLEST and long may it continue to be so. Let us all pray that a new incumbent may soon be welcomed among us to share in all those Blessings.

DMH

FAITH IN TROUBLED TIMES

For those who wonder how people survive in time of civil war, Jane Shaw gave a vivid account of current life in South Sudan at a supper evening in Sutton Veny on 21st May. She talked about teaching a conference of Youth Leaders, and hearing about their experiences and their concerns; and also about our ongoing link with the diocese of Maridi, and how much the link is valued by the Bishop and his senior staff.

Highlights included balloon games with the conference members, tea with the State Governor (and discussion of politics and security), and preaching at a special service of the Mothers' Union followed by lunch and dancing. Forty people enjoyed the talk, and the excellent supper which

accompanied it and are now much better informed about this troubled, but beautiful country.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

In the past, God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Letter to the Hebrews Chapter 1 v1-3

Contributed by Robin Hungerford

THE CHURCH OF ST PETER AT CODFORD

Continued Anthony Bainbridge

The font in the Baptistry, under the tower, is carved from a single block of stone and is Norman work of the 12th century. The base is like a small inverted multi-scallop capital; on the east side are seven flowers with six petals, on the north five trees, on the west six flowers with six petals in circles, and on the south side six rounded arches which may have had pictures painted in them. The font cover is Jacobean. The rood screen was designed by F. C. Eden in his characteristic free, neo-Jacobean style; it was donated by a parishioner in 1912 in thanksgiving for his recovery from appendicitis. The keys of St Peter are depicted on each side of the screen and in one of the windows. Two windows in the north aisle are also by Eden; one is the WW1 Memorial window.



The Good Shepherd window in the porch



WW1 window in the North Aisle

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THE VACANCY AND HELP REQUIRED

NO POSITIVE NEWS YET ON THE VACANCY

Ven Alan Jeans, Archdeacon of Sarum, writes:

"The closing date for enquiries for the post of Priest-in-Charge (5th July) did not produce any applicants. This is not an unusual situation for me, which I experience in other Vacancies across the Archdeaconry, but we know there is someone 'out there' for you. Having met with the Rural Dean and your Selection Panel, I am greatly encouraged to hear that your Ministry team is coping well, bolstered by the committed group of PCC officers in your church communities. Please continue

to help in any way you can.

The Upper Wylve Valley Team Profile will remain on your own website for anyone to view, and in due course we will advertise again. Also, do continue to network this position, and pass any interested parties you may come across to my office via your Churchwardens. Do also continue your prayers for the right person to come and join us. The system will move in support as quickly as it can, but also as slowly as is prudent.

My prayers and best wishes for a positive and speedy appointment for you." The Team Profile is published at <https://upperwylvevalleyteam.com> and

also on the Diocesan website at www.salisbury.anglican.org/whos-who/job-vacancies.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Ministry Team needs your help. It is so lovely to share things in our church services rather than most things being done by Clergy (five of whom are retired) or Lay Worship Leaders. We would really like to involve more people in our services, so if you are interested in reading a lesson, leading intercessions or being a chalice assistant we would love to hear from you. Training will be given, as we would not throw anyone into the deep end without making sure they were comfortable participating in the service. We will be printing an intercessions handbook, to make it easier for new people so that they don't need to compose their own prayers. Any help that you can give would be really appreciated. For more information please contact any member of the Ministry Team.

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DOWN ON THE FARM

Sat here listening to the header of the combine whirring in the field in front of me and watching the great plumes of dust appearing from behind, it is a reminder of how hot and dry this summer has been and, rumour has it, this dry spell is due to continue through to October!

Many have asked us how the livestock are coping; it is quite apparent the grazing is below par and fortunately for our cows, we already have a good stock of winter feed which we are delving into. We had the option of making whole crop silage from our wheat, but decided to feed more of it as grain added to the diet, rather than the normal process of being sold.

The cows all have periods in large, well-ventilated barns with excellent fly control and substantial fans for good air movement and to keep them cool (I might move out there). Our young calves spend

a short period of time in the comfort of individual hutches which are cool by day, dry and warm by night. It is always reassuring to see them hop and skip around the outside pen area and take advantage of the sunshine to bask in. With individual needs each calf is fed its mothers colostrum, crucial for developing the calf's immunity. Pens always have feed and water available, calves are fed milk by hand allowing us to monitor the needs of each animal. Like babies, some will feed better than others, may have special dietary requirements or need a little extra support from us. In the winter months, you will often see some with coats, again the hutches allow us to watch those that need a little more TLC. The biggest advantage with the hutches is the massive decrease in pneumonia; in large pens with calves all in together, ventilation may not be so good and young calves become

susceptible to pneumonia, equally unpleasant for them and us, as no owner of animals likes to see them suffer. Regular movement, clean bedding and thorough cleaning of the hutches helps prevent disease and, with all the above, this adds up to happy and healthy calves, who are then ready to move into large barns and then out to graze, eventually producing their first calf before becoming a part of the dairy herd.

As we head into Autumn and, with any luck, one of the earliest harvests to date, we await the maize, which, by the way, is a tropical plant so would benefit from tropical rain conditions and because of the lack of rain, we are expecting a dip in production. Maize uses more carbon from the atmosphere to produce energy than most other plants.

It won't be long before the fields will be having a furrow turned, cultivated, seeds drilled (planted) and the ground returning to the chalky soil we are used to seeing 'down on the farm'.

Kit Pottow

AROUND THE APIARY

Well, what a summer we have had; it's amazing how the good old honeybee has recovered after the winter losses I had. Some beekeepers had it worse than me, but now my bees are back to last year's numbers, which is thirty hives. I have done this by buying six new Queens in the spring. They arrived, by post, all in little introduction cages with six or so attendant bees in each one. Then I made six, what we call, splits - I took two frames out of a hive and put them in a nucleus box with frames of stores and young bees. I try to put frames without eggs. Then I would feed them with sugar water. After twenty-four hours, I took the attendant bees out of the cages and suspended one cage between the two frames.

Now, at one end of the cage is a fondant plug, which is big enough to take the bees two to three days to eat through, by which time they hopefully have

accepted the new queen and won't kill her, all being well. She will start to lay eggs after a day or so and I then have the start of a new colony, which after a few weeks will be transferred into a full hive, so basically, that's how I increase the number of colonies to replace ones that died out over the winter.

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This is a delightful day out, about an hour and a half drive from our area. Take a picnic or use the Engineer's Rest, which is on site. The attraction is suitable for all ages, but there are many stairs to the upper storey. This is a fascinating place for lovers of engines, and history associated with the industrial revolution, as this is where the railway, canal with locks and pumping station live side by side. There are many photo opportunities. Do visit!

Barbara Saunt

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NATURE, FOOTBALL AND ANGLING

NATURE IN THE UPPER WYLYE VALLEY

Some weeks ago, in late June, I noticed a small bird in my garden in Codford that I had never seen before and did not recognise. It was perching on a tall metal obelisk. After the first sighting, it was regularly perched there, before flying around, in a whirling motion, like a tiny helicopter and alighting back on its perch with an insect in its sharp beak. The bird would sit for long periods, even while I sat outside, quite close, with my morning coffee, moving his head at an almost ninety-degree angle, keeping his beady eyes out for flying prey.

With this feeding habit as a clue and with the help of binoculars and my trusty bird book, I identified him (or her) as a Spotted Fly Catcher (*Muscicapa striata*). With the aid of the binoculars, I could see the pale brown spots on the cream breast. Quite beautiful, despite not being highly coloured.

I could rely on seeing it every day for most of the day and realised it was flying up into the wisteria under my bedroom window. The wisteria was unusually sparse of leaves, having been damaged by last winter's frosts. Leaning out of the window to see if it was foraging, I heard a little "cheep" and realized there was a nest with a single chick in it. My bird was a female, I was sure.

Seen from the garden, the nest looked like a hastily assembled pile of twigs, with one very spotted chick almost hanging out at a precarious angle. Watching quietly, I saw the parent bird arrive with a huge moth in its mouth, which the chick made short work of. Then, almost as suddenly as it had arrived, I saw the bird no more, and on closer inspection realised the chick had fledged. I felt quite sad, but very privileged that such a beautiful bird had chosen my garden to nest in. It has been seen in another garden, just a few doors away.

Incredible to think, that around September, this tiny creature will fly off to winter in Africa. I sincerely hope that it will return next year, and I will be keeping a watchful eye.

Christine Powell

FOOTBALL

After promotion to Division One of the Trowbridge and District League, Heytesbury have some tough pre season friendlies lined up. First was an away trip to Warminster Town, a team two leagues higher than Heytesbury. After a good start, going a goal ahead after 2 minutes and dominating the early stages of the game Heytesbury eventually lost 5-1. Next up, a home game v Frome Town Sports; again a team from a higher league. A 3-6 loss was a very credible result for The Bury. It was a surprise the following week, when Heytesbury beat one of the best teams in the Wiltshire Premier League. Winning 4-3 against Shrewton United. The good form continued with a 4-1 victory over Westhill Sports from the Mid Somerset League, and then a 6-4 win v Westbury United Development.

With some new players added to last years squad, Heytesbury are looking forward to the new season.

Martyn Spratt

ANGLING NOTES

My angling in July consisted of 12 days of trout fishing in South Uist. It was a relief to get away from the heat and enjoy some typical hebridean weather. Plenty of wind, some mist (the Hebrides are often called the misty isles), a little rain, but always warm. The fishing was good and I, and my boat partner, caught good numbers of very beautiful wild brown trout. On most days the trout were averaging a pound or better in weight. This is outstanding for

wild trout and the Uists have a world class trout fishery. We learnt a little as always and had some success with dry flies as opposed to the traditional wet flies fished in front of the boat. Sedge patterns attracted most attention from the trout and a Moser Balloon Caddis surprised us by rising good numbers of trout which did not however always take the fly. The number of trout rising to natural flies was, as has been the case in recent years, very few and we assumed that land born flies blown onto the loch were the main item on the agenda; in particular we saw numbers of soldier beetles on the margins. There were a number of sedges hatching on some lochs but we did not see any great activity on the part of the trout in response to such hatches.

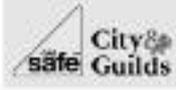
The birds, as always, were spectacular. On one occasion, the boat station was clearly in the territory of a pair of breeding merlins and I saw the male (a jack) and the female with what I took to be a fledgling at close quarters. On another loch, arctic terns, mistaking our moving flies for small fish, were diving to take them and needed to be discouraged by lots of shouting. On yet another loch, two peregrines were hunting the waders and we thought that one was a juvenile learning from a parent. On one day, we were not able to fish because of the high winds so we went to search for the Snowy Owl which was on North Uist. We found where it had been yesterday, but due to the high winds, it seemed to have moved quarters so I have yet to see a Snowy Owl.

The drought is serious but so far Wessex Water have not needed to call for restraint. Hopefully this year, they will recover some of the enormous capital sum spent on their complete network by not having to buy water from other companies.

Robin Mulholland

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TURBO'S TALES - THE DOG BLOG FOR THE HOT SUMMER OF 2018

I suppose reality has to kick back in after a holiday and re-adjustment is necessary. I have been lying in because when I was away at Toby's house for my 'week away', it was hot and Susan, worrying about my thick coat causing distress, would get me up at 6 am, give me my breakfast and then off we would go at a brisk trot for three or four miles around the local countryside. This was a shock at first; apart from raising a sweat, at home it is a brisk sit after breakfast followed by a prolonged lie down on the study sofa to allow my tummy to settle but I found I wasn't averse to this temporary regime. Once I had shaken out the stiffness in my joints, I was alert and ready to go and I am now missing the adrenaline rush that cardio-vascular exercise releases. I think Susan is addicted to adrenaline, whereas

I simply enjoyed it as a recreational drug (NB: I did not inhale).

Noting Noel Coward's advice re Mad Dogs and Englishmen, I try to keep out of the sun and was lying half under the butcher's block, where I get a bit of a breeze, when a visitor trod on my back leg which was poking out. "Sorry Turbo", he said, "but I didn't see you camouflaged against the brown and white tiles on the floor". I scowled at him, but his carelessness set me thinking. I have never seen a chameleon but, apart from the fact that they are not native to England, you wouldn't expect to see one, would you, as they blend into their surroundings as a defence mechanism. I wonder if it works against the backdrop of a rainbow quilt?

That reminded the Guvnor of the

Commanding Officer who said to one of his soldiers, "I didn't see you at Camouflage Training this morning, Jenkins"; to which the man replied, "Thank you very much, sir".

The RAF's Centenary flypast was amazing; all those magnificent men and women in their flying machines passing over Buckingham Palace - and then they were gone but one man complained he had not seen Britain's newest Stealth Bomber. I thought that was the point; if you can see it, you can shoot it down.

The other morning, I snuck under the duvet on the bottom bunk and had a crafty kip. The spell of luxury was worth the rocket on discovery, but I must aim for a longer period undisturbed. More practice in stealth and camouflage, I think.

CHERRY ORCHARD SURGERY - INFLUENZA SEASON 2018

This year we will once again be holding a Flu Clinic in Codford Village Hall. The date will be FRIDAY 19TH OCTOBER. You will note this is later than last year and is due to vaccine delivery dates and a change to the type of vaccine being offered to patients over 65 years of age. It is a newly licensed vaccine called Fludax which experts say should give better immunity to this age group. It covers 3 strains of flu and has an added ingredient designed to create a stronger immune response. This is important for older people because their immune systems are often weaker and respond less well to some vaccines. There are other types of flu vaccine designed for different groups

of patients.

Children will continue to receive a nasal spray vaccine. Adults under 65 in 'at risk' groups including pregnant woman will get a quadrivalent vaccine covering 4 strains of flu.

The Flu Clinic on Friday 19th October will run from 8.30-12.00 and 2.00-6.00pm. NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED. This clinic is for all those aged 65 and over and adults aged 18 and over in 'at risk' groups including asthma, diabetes, asplenia, those who are immuno-compromised and other conditions.

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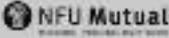
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CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION - What can I do to care for creation?



If ever we needed a reminder of the damage that we have done to God's world, then we have had evidence a plenty in recent weeks. Extreme temperatures, uncontrollable wildfires, drought, crop failure, destruction of marine life and ecosystems, the list seems to be never ending.

Yet, there is so much we can do as individuals to help stem this tide of destruction. In the July/August edition of the magazine, we looked at the food we eat and the things we throw away. Here are some energy saving ideas:

The energy we use:

- Switch your electricity to a green supplier. Renewables tariffs are now often cheaper than the fossil fuel-dominated tariffs
- Wear an extra layer of clothing when it is cold outside and turn the thermostat down 1 or 2 degrees
- Use a hot water bottle, or an extra blanket at night
- If buying new appliances, go for AAA energy-rated ones
- Switch off appliances, instead of stand-by, when not in use
- Place your desk by a window
- Switch to low-energy light bulbs
- Only boil the water you actually need in the kettle
- Increase the level of insulation in the home wherever possible
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At July's Messy Church, we gathered under the trees on a hot afternoon, while many watched the World Cup or Wimbledon Finals.

We had a great time finding out what science is and exploring some human biology. We found out about our hearts, how we can count the speed they are pumping, and what makes them go faster and slower. We learnt to check our pulses and then test what made them go faster, and slower. We talked about how wonderfully we are made, and sang "Our God is a great big God" with all the actions, before an absolutely delicious picnic tea.

On Sunday the 16th September, we'll be back to find out more about "how

we do science". We'll try some experiments from different branches of science ... some chemistry and physics next time. We hope that the weather will still be lovely then and we will make a mess out of doors. Why not join us? If you have never been before, it will be a fun time to find out more about us.

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The centennial Remembrance Sunday Service will be held at St Peter's Church, Codford on Sunday 11th November 2018 at 10.45 am. The Marching Party are to form up behind the Standard at 10.30 am.

A wreath will be laid by the President, Robin Grist, on behalf of the Branch and a list of the war dead on the St Peter's War Memorial will be read out during the Service.

A curry lunch, with dessert, will be served in Codford Village Hall at 12.00 pm. Tickets will be available from the Post Office Counter, Budgens Store, Codford at a cost of £8.00 from 2nd October 2018. The team will cater for 100 covers; please book early and indicate, when purchasing your ticket, if vegetarian meal or alternative to curry is required.

DID YOU KNOW?

A thought for the hot weather, after WW1, the blacksmith for the parish was Fred Carpenter, who lived in a converted WW1 hutment in what is now Archers Way, but then called Little Bittum. His house and smithy was to the top left of this small housing complex. Now he had a perpetual running spring on his land and it never failed. When other villagers' wells had run dry, he would let anyone use his water, free of charge. The villagers filled milk churns with water using a rubber hose pipe. During hay making, when the grass on his field was scythed, he would stand guard over his pipe and warn the men to "moind moi water, boys".

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CODFORD CAFÉ AGM - 2 JULY

We held our first AGM following the successful running of the café for its first year. All are to be congratulated on making it a success - the volunteers - cake makers - and customers! We do hope those who attend enjoy themselves and will bring their friends or neighbours too!

We have been able to donate £1,300 to local good causes with a further £200 in the pipeline.

Derek Buckles (chair)

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HEYTESBURY OPEN PLACE (CHURCH COMMUNITY PROJECT)

Many people will have now had a chance to admire the conservation work and the redecoration of the chancel interior. The scaffolding has all gone and the original design by William Butterfield, completed in 1867, has now been restored. Volunteers have been on their hands and knees treating, and cleaning, the stained floor tiles in the chancel side aisles and there has been a major "tidy up". Do come and see Heytesbury Church, now that phase two of the HOP project is finished.

There is to be a Special Service to mark the re-opening of the chancel after its beautiful restoration at 6.00pm on Sunday 26th August. Everyone is very welcome. We shall be able to admire the restored decoration and superb new lighting.

The next phase of the HOP Project is to repair the roof of the chancel. This is another huge undertaking, with scaffolding being particularly expensive. If anyone would feel able to make a donation to help pay for the cost of this part of the roof repair, we should be extremely grateful. Please contact the Churchwarden, Tina Sitwell, or put a Gift Aid envelope, marked Chancel Roof Repair, into the black tin box inside the church. Cheques should be made payable to "Heytesbury PCC" and have Chancel Roof Repair written on the back. Thank you.

SB

Join in the family Fun and Games at "A PICNIC IN THE PARK"

Sunday 2nd September
from 12 noon to 4pm
at the

Heytesbury Sports Ground

Tickets are available from the Angel and Red Lion pubs, Alison at the Village Post Office and at the gates on the day.

Any profits will go to parish good causes. Price of entry is as follows:

- Single Adult- £2
- Senior Citizen- £1
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VILLAGE NEWS

SHERRINGTON

As this is written, it is still mid-August, but the other afternoon there was just something in the slant of the sunlight that gave the slightest hint of Autumn. There are other hints too, the rich gleam of ripe blackberries and in sheltered places hang purple clusters of elderberries. Looking to the sky over the village that has been so empty this Summer, there are now martins and swallows weaving and threading, flashing silver as they wheel in the afternoon sun. They will be the young of this year's broods, already strengthening wings for the fantastic journey they must under-

take a few weeks from now.

One has mixed thoughts of the Summer. Wonderful for people like me, no anxieties about stifling journeys to work and big decisions confined to walking in morning or evening. Our cottage really comes into its own when cool temperatures are required! However, for those involved with livestock, it has become a nightmare with pasture land baked and bare and inroads made into precious winter feed. When I was young, there were water meadows in this area. Every so often sluices would be raised and river water flowed into runnels "drowning" the meadow. As a result, there was always

good grazing and lush grass. Of course, this was no help to those with upland pastures. I look with anxiety at herds out on the Plain without the blessing of tree shade.

In the village, purple loosestrife brings colour to the cress bed area, though now, the islands are choked with foliage. I understand this will be taken in hand shortly. The outcome of our swan saga is unknown. The family were seen now and again, but had not settled. No sightings lately, though a female appeared briefly on the cress bed but has now moved on. Bird life in our garden has given us much interest. Blue tit, great tit and nuthatch have all been successful, sadly no spotted flycatcher again; but now there is a nest of tiny gold crests in the fir tree. Let us hope we keep the magpie away.

The windy day we had spoilt the hollyhocks and they are now fading. Anyone, who would like to collect some seed, is more than welcome. A word about footpaths. We are fortunate to have some good paths in this area and fortunate too that they are so well maintained. It is a pity that a small number of walkers are less than diligent in clearing up after their dogs, surely not an impossible task! *BL*



SUTTON VENY PILGRIMAGE SUNDAY

Pilgrimage isn't supposed to be easy. It should be a bit testing. And so it proved on Sunday 29th July, when we celebrated Pilgrimage Sunday with a pilgrimage from Sutton Veny's old church, St Leonard's, across the fields to a team service of communion at St James's Tytherington. The rain was blowing horizontally that morning, and it was enough to put most people off driving to church, let alone striding across the fields, pushing their way through wet grass and a waist-high bean crop. But for the Venning contingent of family and friends numbering fourteen, we would have been a very select bunch who met at St Leonard's for the first part of the proceedings. However, after prayers, readings and the unaccompanied singing of a hymn or two, about ten adults, eight children and two dogs set off, armed with a banner in a dry cleaning bag, and headed to the east.

There were natural pauses at each of the kissing gates, a bit of dallying to find the Geocaches along the route and also a gathering by Sutton Parva's winter-bourne for more readings and prayer by water.

The horses in the field at Tytherington weren't sure what to make of us and spooked some of our younger pilgrims, but despite this, we arrived safely at St James's in Tytherington in good time to join the car-driving softies, who helped us to fill the little church for the team service there. Clifford Stride preached an ad hoc informative and interactive sermon on the topic of pilgrimage and St James, the patron saint of pilgrims, while the children completed the decoration of our banner. Coffee and a delicious assortment of cakes provided by the Tytherington team, after the service rounded off an enjoyable (but not easy!) and thought provoking morning.

Anyone inspired to take on a full pilgrimage in the form of some, or all, of the route to Santiago de Compostela, in northern Spain, should make themselves known to Clifford Stride - he could become your walking companion. Meanwhile, I'm struggling to finish my own pilgrimage from Sutton Veny to Canterbury. It's taken me 4 years so far to get as far as Rochester. But the end is in sight! A Parish News article will be generated, when it's reached.

Richard Jackman

FROM THE REGISTERS

Weddings

Congratulations to

- Joanne Wyatt & Matthew Holbrook**
on 30th June at Sutton Veny
Abigail Ridley & Andrew Short
on 7th July at Sutton Veny
Paige Musgrove & Dean Bolton
on 21st July at Codford St Mary
Katie Palmer & Thomas Elliott
on 21st July at Sutton Veny
Sarah Oxlade & Michael Kay
on 11 August at Sutton Veny
Samantha Robson & Richard Letailleur
on 18 August at Sutton Veny
Charlotte Jackman & Jonny Brimacombe
on 18 August at Sutton Veny
Alice Venning & Matt Del
on 31 August at Heytesbury

*May they have many
happy years of married life together*

Funerals

*Our sympathy and love to those
who mourn the passing of*

- Richard Leman**
on 6th July at West Wilts Crematorium
Colin Gordon
on 2nd August at Upton Lovell

*May they rest in the peace
and light of Christ*

*Please contact the Ministry Team to make
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Confirmation preparation or Service of Prayer
and Dedication after a Civil Marriage.*

*The clergy will officiate at any
crematorium service.*

UPPER WYLYE VALLEY TEAM

CHURCH SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

2nd	Codford St Mary	9.30am	BCP communion with hymns	
14th Sunday	Corton, Fane Hall	10.00am	Café church, breakfast from 9.30	
after Trinity	Upton Lovell	11.00am	Parish Communion	<i>choir</i>
	Heytesbury	11.00am	Parish Communion	
	Tytherington	6.00pm	Taizé service	
9th	Codford St Peter	10.00am	Sunday Celebration	
15th Sunday	Sutton Veny	10.00am	Parish Communion	
after Trinity	Boyton	11.00am	Patronal Festival	<i>choir</i>
	Codford St Mary	11.00am	Patronal Festival	
	Knook	11.00am	Matins	
	Upton Lovell	6.00pm	Evensong	
16th	Norton Bavant Village Hall	9.30am	Café church Harvest Festival	
16th Sunday	Codford St Peter	9.30am	Parish Communion	<i>choir</i>
after Trinity	Sutton Veny	11.00am	Harvest Festival	
	Upton Lovell	11.00am	Parish Communion	
23rd	Codford St Peter	10.00am	Parish Communion	
17th Sunday	Tytherington	10.00am	Sunday Worship Harvest Festival	
after Trinity	Boyton	11.00am	Harvest Festival with communion	
	Heytesbury	6.00pm	Evensong	
	Sherrington	6.00pm	Harvest and Patronal Evensong	<i>choir</i>
30th				
18th Sunday	Heytesbury	10.00am	TEAM SERVICE	
after Trinity			Family Service with communion	<i>choir</i>
	Codford St Mary	6.00pm	Evensong	

WEEKDAY SERVICES every week

We welcome you to share in prayers for the Church, the Nation, the World, the Sick, and for others as well as ourselves.

Tuesdays	Heytesbury	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesdays	Codford St Peter	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Wednesdays	Codford St Peter	9.00am	Holy Communion
Thursdays	Sherrington	8.30am	Morning Prayer
Fridays	Sutton Veny	8.30am	Morning Prayer

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One hundred years after the devastating events of the First World War, actor Christopher Kent and pianist Gamal Khamis look back at the writing and music that emerged from the First World War, juxtaposing the words of writers such as Wilfred Owen, Edward Thomas, Siegfried Sassoon and Vera Brittain with piano music by composers including Elgar, Ravel, Debussy and Ivor Gurney, while also tracing the individual story of nineteen-year-old conscript Private Percy O'Key through his real-life letters and diaries. *Never Such Innocence* has been described by audiences as "deeply moving", "spell-binding" and "immensely absorbing".

This special performance will take place in the Wiltshire village of Sutton Veny on 21st September 2018 to commemorate both the centenary of the 1918 Armistice and the 150th anniversary of the consecration of the church of St John the Evangelist, whose churchyard is the poignant resting place of over 150 Australian soldiers who survived the war but fell victim to the devastating influenza epidemic of 1919. Their graves are maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and they are commemorated on Anzac Day in April each year. The area is also notable for its connections to writers of the period such as Edward Thomas and Siegfried Sassoon, who lived at nearby Heytesbury House. Please join us for a memorable and moving evening.

Tickets are strictly limited and early booking is recommended.

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Gamal Khamis studied at the Royal College of Music. He first performed at the Wigmore Hall at the age of ten, and has since appeared at most of the major UK concert halls across Europe, the USA and Canada, and on BBC Radio 3 and Dutch radio. He has worked with leading composers including Thomas Adès and Mark Anthony Turnage and has been a Concordia Foundation Artist since 2010, a Park Lane Group Artist since 2013, and is a member of the Lipatti Piano Quartet.



Christopher Kent has appeared on stage, screen and radio in a wide range of roles. London theatre appearances have included *Cyrano de Bergerac* with Robert Lindsay at the Theatre Royal Haymarket and *The Government Inspector* with Timothy Spall at Greenwich Theatre. His concert work includes poetry readings with London's Orlando Choir; the *Voices of God* in Britten's *Noye's Fludde*, and *Myth, Hope and Tragedy*, a programme of readings and music to commemorate the centenary of the Russian Revolution.



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