

St. James's, Dursley & St. Mark's, Woodmancote



The Messenger **OCTOBER** 2020

Price 60p each
£6 Annually

The Ewelme Benefice

The parish of Dursley and the parish of Uley with Owlpen and Nympsfield
Web Site – www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk

RECTOR

Revd Canon Michael Cozens

Tel: 546459

E-mail: mgcozens86@btinternet.com

**Please note Michael cannot be contacted on Fridays
this is his day off – please contact Parish Office**

ASSOCIATE PRIESTS

Revd Ian Gardner,

E-mail: chestal@hotmail.com

Tel: 546895

Revd Jane Wood

E-mail: revjanewood@yahoo.com

READER

Mr Tony King,

E-mail: tonyking@gmx.co.uk

Tel: 298897

CHURCHWARDENS.

Mr Austin Meares,

Tel: 544677

Mrs Caroline Marrow,

Tel: 544221

BENEFICE ADMINISTRATOR – Clive Orchard

The Parish Office is closed at the moment.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE A WEEKLY PEW LEAFLET PLEASE CONTACT
THE PARISH OFFICE VIA THE EMAIL ADDRESS BELOW.**

Address letters to: The Rectory, Broadwell, Dursley, Glos, GL11 4JE

E-mail: ewelmeeparishoffice@gmail.com

Tel: 549280

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC.

Mr Nigel Davies, M.A., B Mus., F.R.C.O,

Tel: 01454 416867

PCC: VICE CHAIRMAN – Mr Austin Meares,

Tel: 544677

PCC SECRETARY –

Mrs Edwina Walton

Tel: 890588

E-mail: edwinawalton@hotmail.co.uk

PCC TREASURER -

Dr Sally Pearson

Tel: 542106

E-mail: v6sep@aol.com



OCTOBER

CONTENTS

Letter from Canon Michael.....	2,3
Caroline's parachute jump.....	5,6,7
Music Notes.....	9,10
Culture and Me.....	13,14
October Diary, Diocesan letter from Bishop Rachel.....	16,17
St Mark's.....	19
Mouse diary	20
In memory of Ken Parfit.....	22,23,24
Grow your own saplings.....	24
From the Revd Richard.....	25
Bells.....	26
Acrostic and Autumn poem.....	29
From the Parish Registers, Flower Rota and 100 Club.....	32

Editors:

Marlene Powell Tel: 01453 545706

Valerie Meares Tel: 01453 544677

Jenni Norris Tel: 01453 543996

Advertising please contact

Philip Staddon Tel: 01453 544312

e.mail address judith.staddon@gmail.com

PLEASE SEND CONTRIBUTIONS TO:

Marlene Powell

Tel: 01453 545706

or Valerie Meares

Tel: 01453 544677

or Judith Staddon Tel: 01453 544312 e.mail judith.staddon@gmail.com

and Jenni Norris

e.mail jenorris@talk21.com

Message from the editors:

Any opinions expressed in the magazine are personal views only...

Marlene, Judith Valerie and Jenni

**DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER 2020 ISSUE IS
SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER**



Dear friends

All of us, during these challenging times, are constantly having to think carefully about what we are doing, where we can go, who we can spend time with and where. Plans are made and then, as guidance changes, those plans have to be altered and even sometimes abandoned. It's quite hard to plan ahead when we are not sure whether it will be possible to carry those plans out.

This is the same for the Church at the current time. Normally by now we would be putting together our plans for our Christmas services, but we are not doing that yet (although see below) and I think that is because we just don't know what we will be allowed to do by December and also because we do not really want to think about Christmas without packed churches and the traditional carol and crib services. It is quite a stretch of the imagination to see how these would work via Zoom!

The first celebration of the autumn is normally Harvest. In Britain, thanks have been given for successful harvests since pagan times, usually around the time of the Harvest Moon that occurs closest to the autumn equinox. The modern British tradition of celebrating Harvest Festival in churches began in 1843, when the Reverend Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service at his church at Morwenstow in Cornwall. Victorian hymns such as 'We plough the fields and scatter', 'Come, ye thankful people come' and 'All things bright and beautiful' popularised his idea of harvest festival, and spread the annual custom of decorating churches with home-grown produce for the Harvest Festival service. In more recent times there has been a shift in emphasis in many Harvest Festival celebrations, especially in towns and cities. Increasingly, churches have linked Harvest Thanksgiving with an awareness of, and concern for, people in the world for whom growing crops of sufficient quality and quantity remains a struggle. More locally, Foodbanks have been supported as a way of showing how thankful we are for what we have, by sharing some of it with others.

Although it cannot be done in the usual way, with a harvest Festival service followed by a Harvest Lunch, we still need to find a way to acknowledge our thanks to God for 'all good gifts around us'. The harvest has not stopped

because of the Coronavirus, thank goodness. We give thanks for all our local farmers; all who work on the land; all who produce and deliver our food, and we give special thanks this year because we acknowledge that they are doing all this under very challenging circumstances. In Dursley we will mark harvest on Sunday 4th October during the 10am service of Holy Communion in St James. We will collect for the Foodbank so do please bring tins (not baked beans!) or packets and we will tell God how thankful we are for all that we have been given, even during these difficult times.

Although I said that we had not really begun planning for Christmas, we have (or rather Caroline has) had a thought about an alternative to the Christmas Market. We are wondering whether those who normally make things to sell at the market might be willing to take orders which would then be delivered, 'Deliveroo-style', by volunteers. We could produce an on-line Christmas catalogue for people to use to place their orders and we might then be able to generate some of the income we will miss by not having the 'live' market this year. Any thoughts on this would be gratefully received. We'll publish further details as the plans take shape. The Coronavirus has forced us to find ways of doing things differently and perhaps that can sometimes be a positive thing.

With my prayers

Canon Michael



**Caroline, Rob, and
Rebekah Marrow
with
jump buddy Dean
before Caroline's
parachute jump for
Longfield
(see pages 5,6,7)**

Church News from Canon Michael

Services in October

We are continuing to follow a 'Coronavirus Service Pattern' across the churches of the Ewelme Benefice which means that we continue to have a reduced number of Sunday services. For those who are not able, for various reasons, to attend services in church, whenever possible we will live-stream a service on Sunday and also record it so that it can be watched later on the Youtube channel. Details will be on the Benefice pew sheet that is sent out by email on Fridays and also on the Ewelme Benefice website.

Please can you continue to let us know if you plan to attend a Sunday service, either by emailing ewelmebenefice@gmail.com or leaving a message on 549280. We are required to keep the contact details of those attending a service for 21 days.

Diary is in the centre pages

Annual Meeting

The Annual Parish Church Meeting (APCM) which was postponed in April, will now be held on Sunday 11th October in St James. It will begin at 11.15am with the Meeting of Parishioners to elect the Churchwardens and continue with the Church Meeting which includes receiving the annual accounts and reports for 2019 and electing Deanery Synod and PCC representatives. Nomination forms are available in St James. The accounts, reports and minutes from last year's meeting are available to read on the Ewelme Benefice website www.ewelmebenefice.co.uk

The 5 Churches Walk will take place on Saturday 10 October 2020.



We meet at St James church at 10.00. The first stop is St. Mark's Church. We then use a section of the Cotswold Way, then other paths to St Giles Church, Uley for a stop for hot drinks. We continue over the fields to Owlpen Church then up the valley to St

Bartholomew's Church, Nympsfield. The walk finishes at Nympsfield Village Hall where we will be served with cakes and hot drinks. Thanks in advance to our friends in Uley and Nympsfield. We would welcome offers of transport to return the walkers to Dursley. The walk arrangements are subject to any Covid restrictions at the time. If you wish to take part in the walk please let me know. E mail davidsmith407@hotmail.com or in person. Details of all the Dursley Welcomes Walkers Festival walks are in their programme booklet.'

From David Smith

Fundraising for Longfield



Next year is a special '0' birthday and so in January when we were talking about plans for the year I said that perhaps I should pack my pre '0' birthday year with adventures and celebrate the fact that I had arrived safely at my significant birthday.

A few days later I was buying forget me nots for the Cathedral art display for Longfield and looking at their website saw the 'other fundraising activities' button. The first thing that came up was the free fall parachute jump the very day after this year's birthday 'well that's a great way to start my adventurous year' I thought and without giving it much more thought signed up!

You had to guarantee to raise £450 so we planned a couple of BBQ's, and ladies gin evenings, cake sales and thought that would be no problem and then COVID came along!

With all our fundraising plans to pot and the initial jump postponed it seemed that it might never be, but the fundraising team at Longfield remained positive and encouraging so I set to on face mask making. I think that I have made in the region of 300 in aid of Longfield.

With the jump confirmed with three weeks notice my prayers were obviously focused on staying well so that I could do it and for a safe event. We then discovered that the jump was with the army parachute team and I have to confess that one or two (or more!) prayers for a handsome army hunk to keep me safe might have slipped in. I did tell Michael that my prayers were including this and I hoped God didn't mind!

We had planned on taking the caravan down to stay in the area but with another little marrow mishap (you know there is always one of those linked to any holiday!) we ended up not being able to tow the van so stayed at a great pub in sight of the Cathedral on the Saturday night. This was just as well because an email on Saturday evening brought the arrival time forward from 9 am to 7.30am - well no hanging around at least.

We arrived and with temperatures taken and security checks completed we drove across the base to the airfield. It seemed that in no time at all I was in the training room on a mat practising the free fall position and then the landing position. I then met Dean my jump buddy (thank you Lord for listening) who seemed very chilled and told me that today was his first day "oh well me too" I replied feeling unusually calm about the whole thing. Once in my half of the harness he hooked me into a static harness and asked me to show him what we had been shown in training. This met with a 'very good' and then he told me to go and relax (eek!)

until he called me. Meanwhile he took off his chute and lay on the bench with his hands behind his head as if he was sunbathing.

Before I know it he is calling me, Rebekah asks him what colour parachute they should be looking for, 'bright fluorescent pink' he says and off we go to board the plane. We are first on which means last out. There are 4 pairs and 4 photographers - we all squeeze in sitting on the floor in two rows just as if we are about to do that oops upside your head from 1979! I resisted the urge to sing and the plane takes off climbing steeply for about 10 minutes. At 6000ft I have to push myself up on Dean's legs so that he can clip our two harnesses together very firmly I have to say. Then it's on with the goggles and off with the face masks, soon we are at 13500ft, the earth looks ridiculously far away to be real and they open the door. Gradually everyone else disappears out of the hole and we are performing a tandem crab towards the opening and it is time to go. The camera man is hanging onto the door on the outside of the plane so I think I smile and we tumble out.

There is no sense of losing your tummy or falling which was strange. The wind rushes past you and very soon there is a tap on my shoulder which tells me to go into the free fall arm position. The trainer referred to this as the super Jesus position which I found reassuring. (Half way between superman flying and the Jesus on the cross position). I then realised that I was holding my breath and that I really should try breathing which with the air rushing past so fast was quite tricky at first. We spun around a few times and the camera man somehow manages to catch it all from so many different angles. You have to keep your head back during this part which means that you can't actually see quite how high you are or even where you are heading which is probably a good thing. At some point my goggles came off in the wind and then the canopy opened and we were able to look around. It's completely surreal looking down and seeing the earth from a completely different view point and all too soon Dean is reminding me of the landing position and with 100ft to go I lift my legs out straight in front and we come in to a soft, albeit wet, grass landing and it's all done.

Walking back to the hanger with the kit I ask him if he does this just at weekends - actually he says I do this pretty much full time as I am one of the Red Devils parachute team. (Dean had kept his helmet with their logo completely out of sight from me.) He said 'well done, you did everything that you were asked to do', which I'll take as high praise.

Rob wanting to know more about the chap who has casually told me it's his first day has been doing some 'research' in the mess room followed by some googling and discovered Dean Walton 'Waldo' was a Team Sergeant Major and in charge of the stunts and stacking co-ordination for the Red Devils. No wonder he looked so relaxed and he helped to

instil that calm in me. He has seen service in Afghanistan, Serbia and many of their war zones so a very brave man indeed was looking after me. So my prayers were answered at all levels not least of all for the fundraising for Longfield which is where I started this journey.



A huge thank you to everyone who has sponsored me, at the last count I had raised £3430 and perhaps if I make a few more face masks I can reach £3500.



Remembrance Poppies

CAROLINE STILL NEEDS YOUR HELP!



This year the current poppies that we have need to be rearranged so that they hang better and consequently store more easily. The ones that, for the past two years, have hung on ribbons over the balcony need removing from the ribbon and sewing onto netting. The windowsill ones would also look better sewn onto strips of netting.

The additional display for this year will be around the statue of Mary in the Lady chapel and for this we will need an additional 500+ poppies. We will probably need some new poppies knitted to ensure an even cover across the whole balcony as well.

Due to the COVID restrictions the renewing of the poppies will need be done in your own home. I will cut the netting into pieces that will fit between the posts of the balcony or windowsills and so these will be manageable sizes. If you are able to help with this please catch me one Sunday, pop into the shop or phone me at home and I will arrange to drop a pack to you.

If you are able to knit poppies then please do so as these can be added to the netting strips that way there is no last minute fixing.

The poppies can be knitted or crocheted using any pattern, and in any shade of red. Please **do not** fasten a button for the centre as this adds to the weight for hanging and makes attachment more tricky. Instead of a button simply knit the last two rows and cast off in black and if crocheting start with 1 or 2 black rows.

At the time of writing this only 4 kits have gone out, so please, your help is needed.

Caroline Marrow

SIMPLE POPPY PATTERN

Using Red Cast on 60 stitches

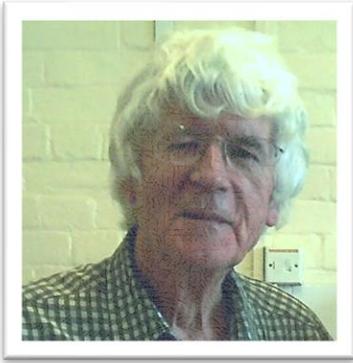
Row 1 -10: K2, P2 across whole row (for a slightly smaller poppy do 8 rows of rib).

Row 11: Change to black. Knit 2 stitches together across the row (30 stitches).

Row 12 : Slip 1 stitch. Knit 2 stitches together then pass the slip stitch over... repeat across the whole row (10 stitches).

Break off yarn with long tail and thread back through remaining stitches and pull tight.

Join edges with mattress stitch



MUSIC NOTES

October 2020

October is the month of the annual Choir Dinner, but like so many things at the present time, this will not take place in 2020. A pity, as this year we would be celebrating three long-service awards; John Taylor 50 years; Anne Shipton 40 years and Rachel Brown 40 years (with a break for university). They are, of course, "juniors" in comparison with Lionel Jones 86 years, David Wood 75 years and David Collins 71 years, but we are indebted to these, and all the choristers for their amazing service to continue the tradition of good church music at St James'. The figures are quite staggering; if someone with 40 years' service sang for 40 Sundays a year with an average of six hymns per Sunday that would result in nearly 10,000 hymns.....

With only 28 years' service, I am very much in the infants' class when compared to the achievements of those listed above, but I always look forward to the annual dinner (or lunch as it has more recently become). In the past there have been distinguished Guests of Honour (cathedral organists, Harold Darke etc) and the usual venue was "The Old Bell" opposite the church when it was a rather different hostelry than today! But these days it is a more "in-house" occasion with the presentation of the Tambourine Award being the highlight of the occasion. We will miss David Wood's unique and hilarious presentation of the findings of the Tambourine Committee which is as entertaining to the choristers' guests as it is to those "in the know", and I hope that we will be able to revive what has become a choir tradition next year.

Congratulations to David and Maureen Wood who, on September 10th 2020, celebrated their Diamond Wedding. It seems only a couple of years ago that they kindly provided us with an excellent celebratory spread after the Friday rehearsal for their Golden Wedding. Time certainly does fly! I am sure all the choristers join me in wishing them well for the future.

It's not often that an organ recital makes the 6.00pm news on Radio 4, but that's exactly what happened on Saturday 5th September. However, it was not the normal kind of recital as the news item reported a performance of ASLSP by John Cage (1912-1992). The title letters stand for "As Slow As Possible" (yes, it doesn't quite fit the title...) and it was originally written for the piano in 1985 and adapted for organ in 1987.

The score (which consists of chords which change very slightly and very slowly) is eight pages long and in 2015 a performance at Christ Church Cathedral Montreal lasted for 12 hours! No doubt, knowing America's love of bigger and better that record was soon broken!

John Cage was at the fore-front of the *avant-garde* movement in America and is probably best known today for his silent piano piece of 1952 entitled 4'33" where the music consists of the sound of the environment in the company of a performer seated at a grand piano. Like many music students I was tempted to submit a composition called 4'34" or perhaps 5'39" but somehow didn't have the courage!

Unusually Germany has beaten America in the race to the bizarre with the current performance of ASLSP. The BBC news item informed us that there was to be a change of chord in a performance which started on 5th September 2001 – and we heard it! The organ at Halberstat Cathedral was first installed in 1361 and to commemorate this, the recital of ASLSP is scheduled to end in 2640 – just 639 years after it began.

Intrigued as to how the cathedral's historic pipe organ was to be played continuously for so long, I discovered that a specially designed pipe organ with only six pipes has been built for the sole purpose of playing ASLSP and the whole mechanism is contained in an acrylic glass cube so that it is barely audible. Like so many "off the wall" avant-garde music, the concept is far more interesting than the outcome. I doubt that ASLSP will feature in our organ recitals when they begin again!

Nigel Davies

Maureen and David Wood.....

would like to extend sincere thanks to all who sent cards,



congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on September 10th.

Due to Covid19, celebrations were restricted, but the day was greatly enjoyed with close family and a Wedding Blessing from Canon Michael completed the day.

EXTEND FOR YOU

est. 2009

**Movement to Music for the over 60's
and less able of any age aims to improve
strength, mobility, co-ordination and balance.**



Barbara Weldon

St. James Parish Centre, Bursley

**CANCELLED DUE
TO THE
CORNAVIRUS
OUTBREAK.**

For more information call

Barbara Weldon

01453 766421



email: bandbweldon1@gmail.com

HARVEST TIME.....by Jennifer Kendrick.

Once upon a summer time, a long time ago, a small boy and his family moved in a few doors from where I live.



The lane that runs past the back of the houses is straight, single track and was quiet so relatively safe for children to play. Just a few days later the little lad came by as I was busy in the garden. He eyed up the quince tree that arched proudly over my wooden gate, still pretty with flowers and already heavy with diminutive, perfectly formed fruit far from ready for picking! "I want one of them" he announced emphatically and seemed surprised at my firm "No".

"Why" he returned with an engaging smile. I explained that the polite thing to do when you meet somebody for the first time, is to introduce yourself! "OK so I'm Logan, now I want one of them!" Another refusal puzzled him so I explained that the quinces would give him tummy ache, that we needed to wait for harvest time when they would be ripe and ready. He was not convinced, assured me that he would be fine and stood his ground. Fortunately only about 5 years old, he was not tall enough to reach even the lowest branches for scrumping!

I was at a loss to know what to say next without appearing to be a crabby old lady so sent up an earnest arrow prayer for some ideas. Gently I asked what he liked doing and he said cooking was fun! In that second I had an idea and told him that when the fruits were ripe and ready I would make quince jelly and share it with him. He was more than satisfied and went off happily to do whatever little boys do to discover new things.

In October I made quince jelly, and when he came whizzing by in perpetual motion, he eagerly stopped for a chat when he saw me at my gate! I have no idea whether he had forgotten our conversation weeks before but when he saw the little dish of golden yumminess, he beamed from ear to ear and clutching it carefully dashed off to share it with his mum! No more than fifteen minutes later they both came along with the empty dish, happy faces and effusive thanks!

Now that little lad is a grown-up, 6' tall, a good cook, happy and about to go to college to study all things to do with nature, but specially snakes and lizards, not my first choice for close encounters, but he is special and will do well. The quince tree, sadly is no more, but his mum and I still remember that Harvest time and rejoice in a chance encounter that has resulted in such rich rewards!

'Culture and me'.....by David Vonberg

With thanks to **David Smith** who shares his thoughts.

Do you have a favourite author or book?

My favourite book is 'Great Expectations' by Dickens. The books I refer to most are the seven volumes of Wainwright's Pictorial Guides to the Lakeland Fells.

What are you reading at present?

I am reading My Cousin Rachel by Daphne Du Maurier.

Is there a book which you feel you should have read?

I wish I had read a Harry Potter book. If JK Rowling has written a Harry Potter book shorter than 200 pages I will read it.

Is there a song or piece of music you turn to, to cheer you up?

I love Vivaldi's Gloria.

Do you have a favourite piece of music?

My favourite piece of music is The Sound of Silence by Simon and Garfunkel.

Do you play a musical instrument? If not what you like to have learnt?

I had piano lessons when I was 11 but did not enjoy them. I don't wish to be able to play a musical instrument.

What is your favourite film?

In 1962 I saw Lawrence of Arabia, and Doctor Zivago at my local cinema in Suffolk, and loved them. They are still my favourites.

Do you have a favourite play?

The Birthday Party by Harold Pinter. Rather sinister.

What about a favourite television series?

I like Vera on ITV. An unorthodox woman detective solving crimes in the North East. I find it atmospheric.

If there was one painting you could own, what would it be and what is special for you about it

There is so much to see in Las Maninas by Diego Velazquez. What are you looking at? Is it a series of optical illusions?

Do you have special building which means a lot to you and if so why?

My special building is Berney Arms railway station. It consists of a short single platform, and a shelter just big enough for two people. Nothing else. It is the only station in England accessible only by train or on foot. The station is in the centre of marshes, 5 miles from Great Yarmouth in Norfolk. Usually I am the only person getting off the train at this request stop. As the train

disappears into the distance silence descends. Only the wind can be heard. A great place to think.

Is there a place (town, village, a county?) where you have felt happiest?

I was happiest when I lived in Carlisle and managed a youth centre. Carlisle is very self-contained. It is 60 miles from Newcastle, and 90 miles from Preston, Edinburgh and Glasgow. There is so much choice for walking e.g The Lakes, North Pennines, and the Border Country.

You are having a fantasy dinner party for five – who would you invite?

My dinner companions would be: Andrew Neil political interviewer, for his deep knowledge of politics; Chris Tarrant TV presenter of Extreme Rail Journeys for his sense of humour and questioning mind; the 13th century mystic Mother Julian of Norwich; Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock astronomer for her knowledge of the universe; The Queen for her knowledge of people.



**Flowers in the display, Chantry centre, August 2020
Flowers and Produce Show, *Elizabeth Oakley***

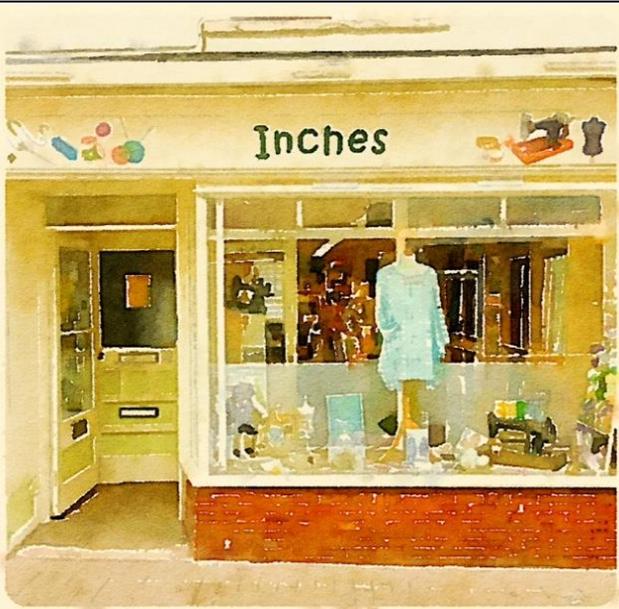
J BROOMHALL (Butchers) Ltd

32 PARSONAGE STREET DURSLEY

**HAVE BEEN SUPPLYING CUSTOMERS FROM DURSLEY
AND SURROUNDING AREAS
FOR THE PAST 50 YEARS AND HOPE TO DO SO
FOR MANY YEARS TO COME.....**

Tel: 01453 542097

e.mail: dursley@jbbroomhalltd.com



*Fabrics, Wools and
haberdashery*

*Buttons, ribbons and
patterns*

Knitting and sewing lessons

**39 Parsonage Street,
Dursley, Glos, GL11 4BP**

www.inchesfabrics.co.uk

NEWSCENTRE: OFF LICENCE

NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES DELIVERED 7 DAYS A WEEK

BEER AND WINE AT COMPETITIVE PRICES

GROCERIES, CONFECTIONERY, CARDS, STATIONERY, & TOYS

28 SILVER STREET DURSLEY (Opposite St James' Church)

TEL: (01453) 542036

NATIONAL LOTTERY

PAYPOINT – (FOR MOBILE TOP UP & BILL PAYMENTS)

COLLECT + - (SEND AND COLLECT PARCELS FROM HERE)

The pattern of services across the Ewelme Benefice for October are as follows.

Sunday 4th October Trinity 17/Harvest in Uley

10am St James Holy Communion *recorded or live streamed*
3.30pm St Giles Harvest Informal Service

Sunday 11th October Trinity 18/Harvest in Dursley

10am St James Holy Communion *recorded or live streamed*
Harvest Festival followed by APCM 11.15am
10am St Bartholomew's Holy Communion CW

Sunday 18th October St Luke

8am St James Holy Communion
10am Holy Cross Holy Communion CW
10.30am St Mark's Service of the Word

Sunday 25th October Last after Trinity

10am St James Holy Communion *recorded or live streamed*
10am St Giles Holy Communion CW

There is also a short (20 minute) service of Morning Prayer at 9am and Evening Prayer at 5pm on Mondays and Thursdays in St James. Every Thursday at 10am in St James there is a said service of Holy Communion (30 minutes)

October 2020

Communications Office at Church House, College Green, Gloucester, GL1 2LY. It is available on www.gloucester.anglican.org



Message from Bishop Rachel writing week commencing 14th September



It was a delight on Monday evening to commission the four young people who are the first participants on our ministry experience scheme. And now I am looking forward with Bishop Robert to the ordination services this weekend in the cathedral when fourteen people will be ordained deacon and nine people will be ordained priest. The services will look very different from past years but they are still about the whole Church, and indeed the whole world, as we are reminded

that "In baptism the whole Church is summoned to witness to God's love and to work for the coming of God's kingdom". This is the big picture within which the ministry of deacons and priests is set.

As it happens, Saturday will also be the fifth anniversary of my inauguration in Gloucester Cathedral. My first sermon was about my passion for us to be that Church which joins in with God's kingdom work

of transformation in our world, locally, nationally and globally. As I repeatedly say, it is about us understanding what it means to be the Church gathered and sent, sent and gathered. So, in that first sermon I used the image of us as followers of Christ trailing the wet footprints of our baptism, Sunday through to Saturday, among the people and places of our daily lives.

This image was first used by a theologian called Michael Jinkins and over the years it has inspired me and captured the essence of what I long for Christ's Church. More recently I have been struck by a description from another theologian, Tom Wright, of followers of Christ being 'sign-producers' for God's kingdom.

This time of Covid-19 is challenging us to continue to think what it means for us to be the Church, Sunday through to Saturday, as we live in a time when the words trauma, loss, uncertainty and crisis are writ large. It is my prayer that as we continue to grapple with questions, fears and hopes amid both joy and struggle, we might enable one another to ask what trailing our wet footprints and pointing to the kingdom of God might increasingly look like, both in our individual lives and in our local communities, as we live with authenticity, holding fast to the hope of Christ.

I have not named the MES participants or the new deacons and priests, but as they begin this new chapter of ministry I pray that with them, we too will hear God call us by name to be changemakers, storytellers and sign-producers among the people and places of our lives. How might we enable each other to grow in our faith as we live these strange days; to go deeper in prayer; and to enable those around us to connect with God in their own story and encounter Jesus Christ?

Sadly we will not all be able to gather together for the ordinations to celebrate being the whole baptised people of God, but **you are invited to come and be part of the Festival of Everyday Faith on 3 October**. Whilst it is an event, it is not an initiative, because it is about what it means for us to be the Church. It would be wonderful if as many of us as possible could be present for part of it and particularly for the final commissioning, which will be rooted in our baptism vows, and connected to our daily lives where the Holy Spirit is at work within us, through us and around us.

Thank you for being part of the adventure and trailing your unique wet footprints as you live your own unique story.

With my prayers as ever

+Rachel



wsp
solicitors

Here to help
make things easier.
At WSP Solicitors, we listen,
we understand and we advise.
So if you need business or
personal legal support we're
here to make life less complicated.

Stroud | Dursley | Gloucester | Nailsworth

Tel: 01453 847200

Web: wspolicitors.com



Life. Less complicated



**Bennett
Jones**
PARTNERSHIP

- **ESTATE AGENTS**
- **LETTING AGENTS**
- **VALUERS**

*“Moving home need not
be a stressful experience!
A good estate agent should
help smooth the process”*

T: 01453 544500

M: 01453 544800

www.bennettjones.co.uk

St Mark's News



Dear Friends

The advantage of being the compiler of the magazine is that I can say how good it was to be back in St Mark's on 20th September for the first time, for me, since 16th February. We safely accommodated forty two people and all went well. The worst part is wearing a face mask but rules are rules and we have to get used to it.

Thank you to Kath, Marcia and Philip for cleaning away six months worth of cobwebs and to Marcia for washing the linens and taking contact names. My small part was to put out arrangements of silk flowers. It is lovely to see our churches spring back to life.

We have news of one of our old (as in we've known her a long time) friends Nora Powell who is living in The Hollies Care Home. She is safe and well. Philip has been regularly in touch with her via phone but was able to visit her recently just before her significant 00 birthday. She told him that she didn't really want reminding about it but we do send our best wishes to her. Here she is pictured below. When Canon Michael said I wonder if she would agree to have her photo taken I was sceptical but I thought well Philip can charm birds off trees, but the only bit that might be tricky (for him) is the technology to take the photo but anyway birds were charmed and technology overcome and the result is excellent.



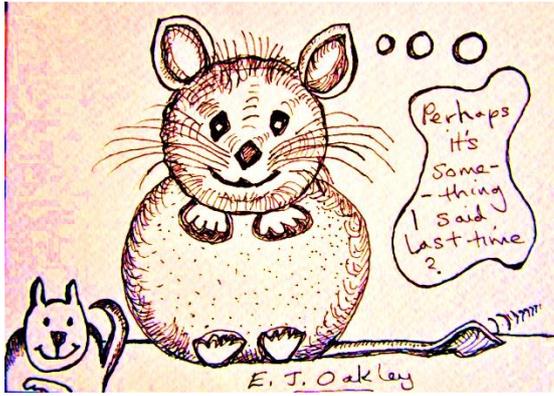
Reading Michael's letter, this month, I was interested in his thoughts about what to do instead of a Christmas Market, and Caroline's idea of ordering online and volunteers delivering the goods very interesting. Clare and I had thought it unlikely that we will be able to do wreath making workshops this Christmas., Well we have all the ingredients ready so we would be able to make up kits and instructions for people to do them at home. This all sounds positive and all we need is for people to volunteer (to Caroline) or send her your ideas, or offers of items to sell and see where we go from there. Who knows where it will lead.....life gets interesting.

With all Best wishes

Judith

Mouse Diary....

Ring, RING, ring....But I was nowhere to behold when MBFTLP



telephoned. Well I was there of course, but contemplating life, the universe, and everything (no CAPS) on my own in my quiet corner. Are you there? said MBFTLP. And how is Aimiee?(corrected spelling). Well, as regards the first point, I said, things became problematic when Broadwell Mouse emailed he could not be in my bubble because he was busy

being a Buddhist. I think you said that before, said MBFTLP. Your column is becoming like a shaggy dog (sorry mouse) story again. How about Aimiee? No change there I said, she is up in the rafters and I've not heard another word. MBFTLP tried to be helpful as is her wont. Have you tried turning on the coffee machine? Perhaps the smell of fresh roast will encourage her down. The alternative is humming a little tune (not too loud as we are not allowed proper singing). Then again, you could have a look in the box and see if there are any instructions on "how to get her going". I was busy prioritizing all of these into step 1, 2, and 3, when Something Happened All Of A Sudden. Wee...zee..whee..whoosh.. and would you believe it Aimiee appeared in front of

me...*Pardon...pardon..je suis entrappé dans le timbres a la kirk. Je suis arrive maintenant pour vous.* I think, said MBFTLP that is one of those regional French accents you will have to get used to. Meanwhile, I inspected the small person in front of me. She did look a bit like me, but her whiskers were a bit stiff and starchy, and her tail looked as if it was sprung like a spring. She was not as round around the middle quarters as I was when I last looked at myself in the reflection on the side of the kettle. That is the advantage of these types of persons these days, said MBFTLP rather airily. She maybe late in arriving, (due to the traffic) but she does not mind what she looks like. (I think this was a gentle dig at my well known vanity). Also because she is electric she does not eat much. It is just a question of the additional electricity bill. You will have to ask Clive in the office if he has enough money in the kitty for the extra this month. Also, you can ask her lots of questions which will help you with The Times crossword. But I don't do The Times crossword, I objected. Well, you can now, said MBFTLP, life has opened up into new horizons. The main thing is though, you must not ask her about Life, The Universe, and Everything. The reason being that Someone Else has already written a book on that subject. I scratched my head and tried to think Who That Was. If I am still scratching my head by next month, you know that I am A Mouse of Very Little Brain.

Mouse was helped in the writing by Elizabeth Oakley



Dursley Garden Machinery

21 Uley Road, Dursley, GL11 4NH
Tel: 01453 543847

Website: www.dursleyfgm.co.uk

Personalised, friendly & professional.

Sales, Service and Repair

Main Honda, Stihl, EGO and Mitox dealers.

Wide range of machinery stocked in our newly refurbished showroom.

Range of Ride On Mowers now in stock.

Please call in. We are always happy to discuss your needs.



IN STORE OFFERS ALWAYS AVAILABLE

Looking forward to your continued and new custom.

L. W. Clutterbuck

Ltd

**Independent Family
Funeral Director**

- 24 Hour Service
- Tailored Funerals
- Prepaid Funeral Plans
- Home Visits
- Woodland Burials

**Independent
Hardware Retailer**

- Home & Gardening
- DIY & Tools
- Key cutting
- Dry Cleaning



www.LWClutterbuck.co.uk

Dursley: (01453) 54 27 54 Thornbury: (01454) 66 00 88

24-26 High Street, Cam, Dursley

Eulogy to KEN PARFIT.....



He didn't quite manage a century, but he almost got there. He started out as an only child and he ended up with a large family; there are 14 direct descendants over 4 generations. He started out as just a son but became a brother, a cousin, a husband, a father, a brother-and-a-father-in-law, an uncle, a grandfather, a finally a great grandfather....and far more besides. He was a hero of the Second World War and the holder of the Legion d'honneur.. that was Ken Parfit.

Kenneth John Parfit was born on 20th March 1924 in Barnet, Hertfordshire. He was the first of three sons. He had a normal childhood but everything changed in 1939 when he was 15; it was the start of the war. Ken's first task was to help install an air raid shelter in the garden. The family used it nightly during the Blitz. After that, Ken, eager to do what he could, went off with a couple of friends to help out on a farm for a few weeks - all part of the war effort. It was exhausting work. Later, Ken went on to Glasgow University to complete his education and there he joined the University Air Squadron. By 1943 Ken was off across the Atlantic by boat to Canada for Navigator training with the R.A.F. A few months later, it was back to Scotland for more training. By early summer of 1944 he finally got what he had been itching for so long: he was a member of Bomber Command and it was his first operational flight! It was a night time operation against German troop concentrations facing Canadian invasion forces in the Caen area. He was the navigator in one of 250 Lancaster bombers from No 5 Group. A massive operation. Two nights later, Ken was on another night time operation bombing a fuel depot in central France, this time with a much smaller number of aircraft. More operations continued and missions were largely successful but nevertheless aircraft were shot down and colleagues were lost. Then Ken was selected to join the famous Pathfinder force. The roles of the Pathfinder Force were: To fly to the target ahead of the main bomber force and To mark the route and the target with flares. Ken's first Pathfinder Force mission was the night of 19/20th September 1944 over Munchen-Gladbach. There were a further 28 missions. So many Pathfinder crews came to grief yet somehow Ken came through, flying his last operation in April 1945 when he was only 21. In his memoirs he wrote: "I remember an intense feeling of disappointment at not having completed a full Pathfinder tour of 45 operations; it seems rather bloodthirsty now but we were all young men and the Adrenalin and ambition were driving us." I think that kind of sums up Ken's attitude

towards much of his career; he was very focused upon it, it was in his blood, his *raison d'être*, and he gave it his all. One year on and Ken was on a train when he asked the young lady sat opposite him if he could borrow her newspaper. That young lady's name? Margaret Elcock, a trainee nurse from Wimborne, Dorset. They married the following year on 5th April 1947, some 73 years ago. Ken was out of the R.A.F. by then and they had tried to settle down but things were not too good in "civvie street" and Ken was delighted when he received an offer to re-join the Service. Initially it meant a lot of disruption for Ken and Margaret and it was not until 1954 that they managed to secure a married quarter. By then Sally was a toddler, with Wendy on the way. After that they were off to Aden at the southern tip of Yemen. Jill was born there in 1956. Then a return to the UK and Ken on Beverleys at RAF Abingdon, promoted a little later, and then Tim came along in 1960. Two years later the family was back in Aden and Ken was Officer Commanding No 84 Squadron. It is very clear from their farewell party that Ken and Margaret were extremely well-liked and respected. We see this time and again. In particular, Ken somehow managed to get the balance right between being the boss and, when it was time to relax, being one of the boys whilst always maintaining just the right amount of edge. After Aden, other tours and promotions followed. By 1968 Ken, now a wing commander, was stationed at R.A.F. Fairford, setting up No. 30 Squadron equipped with the new C one-thirty Hercules transport aircraft. Again, it was hard work on the Squadron, but Ken made sure his team was gathered about him for a wind down beer on Friday afternoons. A happy team, lead by a popular and admired boss. Meanwhile the family was growing up and at the end of the tour Sally got married, Tim went off to boarding school, and Ken was promoted to group captain. He went off to the Ministry and then in 1974 was posted as Station Commander R.A.F. Episkopi in Cyprus. An overseas posting is normally a real plus but on this occasion it coincided with the Turkish invasion of Cyprus, an event that is still marked in the country to this day. It was an extremely taxing time for Ken - and for Margaret - but he still made time for the weekly run with the Hash House Harriers. After Cyprus came Ankara. This was a great tour for them both but at the end of it, it was time to retire; it was 1977 and Ken was 53 - and had had 34 years "in the Mob". But after that things were a bit dull; Ken needed something to get his teeth into and before long he was off to Saudi Arabia to work for British Aerospace. Margaret joined him some months later after their first grandchildren Jenny and Chris were born. The Saudi era drew to a close in May '82 and Ken and Margaret retired to their home near Malmesbury. By then Jill was married and, in 1984, produced Tom, and Edward 3 years later. Ken and Margaret moved house a few times and kept themselves busy with family, friends and with travel, especially to their villa in Spain. Ken got

involved with Probus and became a Mason and was a warden on the Cotswold Way...and the odd pint in the local was always welcome. Tim got married in '89, Wendy 3 years later and they produced the final 5 grandchildren: Jonathan, Joseph, Lydia, Lauren and Holly. In 2011 Ken and Margaret moved to Dursley where they met a new crowd of people whilst keeping in touch with old friends, and with Probus and the Masons continuing to provide an important focus. Life slowed apace, of course, but was still very agreeable. No more grandchildren, but the arrival of the first great grandchild, Theia, now two, has brought much delight. With his more sedentary, retired life, Ken got very interested in crosswords and codewords. He loved to watch rugby and golf. He also enjoyed the occasional requirement to give a talk on Bomber Command. He had loved his career in the RAF, that is what had made him the man he was, but the icing on the cake was surely the terrifying excitement of those night time raids over enemy territory during the war, never knowing whether or not you were going to make it back in one piece. Just imagine the sheer blind terror you would feel, but also the thrill, of taking off on one of those missions. Think of those surges of adrenaline, the elation, when, as a Pathfinder, you had correctly marked the route and target allowing the bombers to come in and complete their work, to be part of the force that had liberated Europe from the tyranny of the Nazis. Well, that was Ken Parfit, he was one of those great men.

Here in Dursley we really got to know Ken, when on Sunday 21st April 2013, in the Parish Centre he gave us a talk, on his career in the RAF, . This came after a conversation one Sunday, after church, when he was talking to Harry Atkinson and Harry soon discovered that Ken had in fact had a distinguished career in the RAF.

Below is a picture of a Lancaster bomber.



Revd Richard says.....The summary of the Law - Love God ... and love your neighbour is given by Jesus [and in Luke by a scribe]. It is the heart of God's call on us and the response to God's central grace to us - as our verse 3 says. James, Paul, [and Rabbi Hillel in the generation before Jesus] all use 'Love your neighbour' as the summary. John's gospel and letters make love central. So here's a version to sing:

**This is the first command of all:
To love our God with all our soul,
With all our heart and mind and might:
This is to share God's life and light.
God's love is not a selfish will:
God's love goes out to care for all;
And, when our love for God is true,
Then we must love our neighbours too.
We love because God loved us first:
Christ loved when people did their worst.
To love and lend a helping hand
As Jesus did, is his command.**

When I was doing my Confirmation preparation in Dursley in 1963, the little book we were given stressed the parts of prayer as ACTS – adoration, confession, thanksgiving and supplication [asking]. Maybe listening would be best set first. With that, the introductions to Mattins and Evensong in the BCP give the same parts of prayer. So here are some verses to sing our prayer briefly. The tune is Buinessan ['Morning has broken'].

1. God, for your being,
Great and eternal,
Tender and loving,
Ready to share,
Worship we offer,
Praise, adoration:
Your wondrous goodness
Here we declare.
2. All our shortcomings,
Selfishness, weakness,
Pride and despairing,
Father, forgive.
Grant us your mercy,
Grant us renewal,
Give us your love, Lord,
Teach us to live
3. Thanks for your goodness,
Thanks for creation,
All that you made, Lord,
All that you do.
Make us all grateful,
Trusting and loving:
So, through your creatures,
May we find you.
4. Now we, your people,
Pray for your world, Lord.
Pour out your mercy
On ev'ryone.
Bless your creation;
Bless all your people,
Send your salvation,
Your will be done.

Bellringing



Six months now since all of our bells have been heard across the town and beyond. We're not alone in this and neither is bellringing the only activity to be so affected. The advancing average age profile of ringers has long been of concern and much thought and suggestions have been advanced about solving this problem. Of concern now is how many ringers will decide that now is the time to retire for various reasons? We will have to wait and see what happens once restrictions have been lifted. We do try and keep in touch with each other by weekly Zoom meetings which, hopefully, helps.

Some towers (perhaps only one) have been enterprising in that half their bells are rung from the ringing room as normal and half rung from the floor below. This entails having holes drilled in the upper floor to let ropes through for the ringers downstairs. It also entails longer ropes for the downstairs ringers and ringers who are able to maintain their place by listening only. Not everybody is so gifted. Many ringers use a combination of visual as well as auditory inputs to know where they are and what they are doing. Ringing from the two floors allows the social distancing rules to be observed. At present we have no plans to try this out at St James'.

We have rung for 6 Sunday Services at St James since the last month's Messenger. Sometimes with 4 bells and sometimes with 6. Couples don't have to observe social distancing and so, with the right combination, we can ring 6 bells. Masks are worn which is neither ideal nor comfortable. Loudly given instruction is not allowed either which must be a blessing for the TV crew on the balcony just outside the ringing room, as we have to keep our double doors open for ventilation.

Along with the ringers outing, the ringers annual dinner has had to be cancelled. Let's hope our AGM in January doesn't suffer the same fate. More positive news to report soon, we hope.

Frank Byrne

Sad news - the Rt Revd Dr Vadapalli Prasada Rao,



Bishop in our partner Diocese of Dornakal in the Church of South India died on 7 September 2020. He served the Diocese as deacon and priest for over 30 years and as Bishop for eight years. His last visit to the Diocese of Gloucester was in 2019. Please pray for his wife Sunanda, the family and the Diocese

May he rest in peace and rise in glory



Hummingbird

Café Bar & Restaurant



Planning a Party?
Take the stress out of it and hire the Hummingbird Café to do the Catering
We are available for

- **Birthday Parties**
 - **Wedding Anniversaries**
 - **Christenings**
 - **Engagement Parties**
 - **Hen Nights/Stag Nights**
- And Much more**

For More information or to make a booking please speak to Suzi or Michelle
01453 299276

43 Parsonage Street, Dursley, Gloucestershire, GL11 4BP
Tel: 01453 299276 Email: hummingbird31@gmail.com



The Dursley Pet Shop

17 Parsonage Street,
 Dursley,
 Gloucestershire

Telephone (01453) 542798

*Pet foods & Accessories,
 Animal Feeding stuffs,
 Seeds, Bulbs & Plants,
 Garden sundries*

Large Range of Wild Bird Products



The Laurels Studio

Bespoke picture framing

A complete personalised, friendly framing service. Using the best materials available, at sensible prices.

Highly experienced in all types of framing. From photographs and prints to paintings of all mediums, needle work and objet d'art. Specializing in frame restoration and gold leaf frames.

Studio open: Mon-Fri 10am-4pm
(Any other time or day by arrangement)

Free Parking, Free in-house quotes

Claire Russell, The Laurels Studio,
 Stone, Berkeley, Gloucestershire
 GL13 9LD. Tel: 01454 269268

E: info@russellfineartservices.co.uk
www.russellfineartservices.co.uk



Prayer Group...

Jacquelin Hill says that if anyone would like to join in, especially during these lockdown days, you can join on the phone Tel No: 03330110616 and Access code 9086615 at 2.30pm on the first Wednesday of the month. The next one will be 7th October.

Church in the age of Covid.

It all changes so fast – when I wrote last month we were still in the early stages of live streaming – now we have several Sundays where we have streamed the service from St James. Not all were total successes – but our new Tech Team (Adrian Mather and Christine Morgan) handled two Sundays and a funeral admirably while Ann and I were enjoying a much-needed holiday.

Now we are going to look wider and see if we could at least make recordings in our other churches. Technically and practically it will be more demanding – no convenient gallery and no/limited sound systems, but I think we should try. Watch this space! We're also standing by to re-activate Zoom services if the threatened lock-down starts!

I think we need to augment our equipment. At the moment it all depends on one camera and a laptop provided by one of the Tech Team. If anyone has a spare camcorder (with suitable output – RCA or HDMI or similar) or an older, now unused, laptop (Core I5 or higher and Generation 5 or later) please let me know. Otherwise I think we'll have to consider checking out the second hand/refurbished market.

And the Tech Team could use some additional members. It needn't be to run the computer – the second person looks after the camera and plays recordings on the sound system. Contact me for more details.

Tony King

YOUR LOCAL FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Taking the greatest care

DURSLEY FUNERAL DIRECTORS

35e Parsonage Street, Dursley GL11 4BP
01453 547 727

- Local experts creating traditional, colourful and natural funerals to meet all personal requirements
- Available 24 hours a day providing the highest levels of service with compassion and respect
- Our caring, respectful and professional services start from just £1,995

For further information please visit:
dignityfunerals.co.uk/local

Part of Dignity Plc. A British Company.



Acrostic



Sally writes - Here is another one of my acrostics for the month of October for the Messenger. I hope you like it? I've had my notebook out throughout and I have been writing everyday. Writing poems and stories each day helps me, and my imagination takes different directions. As you can gather I enjoy writing.
Kindest regards

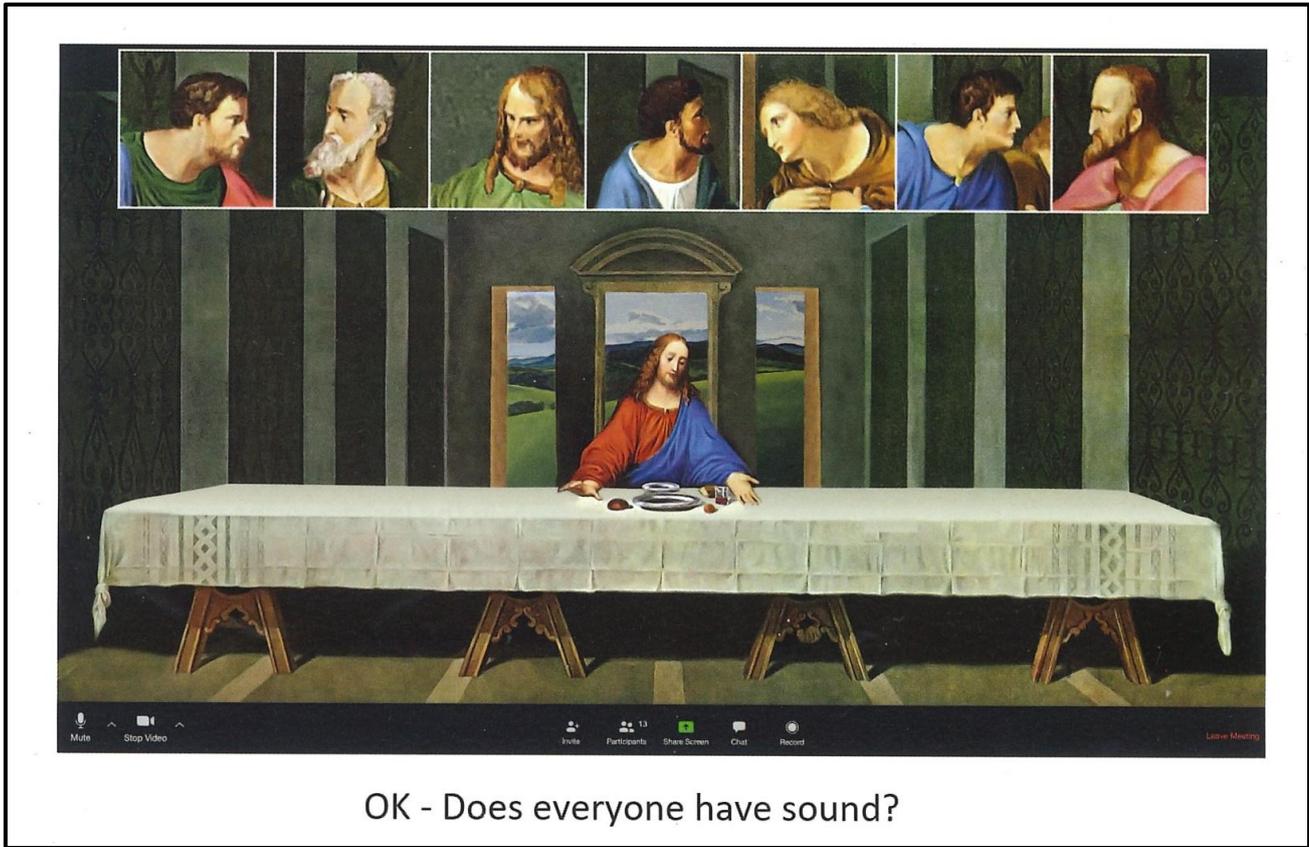
October
Clocks go back an hour
The autumn has begun and winter is
On it's way
Bringing
Everybody
Remembering our summer with a difference

By Sally Hayward

AUTUMN

The nights lengthen and days grow short
Farmers gather grain ere winter storms begin.
The harvest moon shines down on Summer's wilting rose
The leaves begin to fall as trees prepare to sleep
Some birds take off for Africa in search of sun and warmth,
Some, like Robin Redbreast prepare to face the worst.
In wood and hedgerow, copse and heath all Nature's beings know
Soon the cold will whistle in and cause the earth to freeze.
Autumn is a time for thought, for hope and
thanks and prayers:
Remember, yesterday is gone, today is
yours to use!





Grow your own saplings!

If you feel inspired by the story of the remarkable Wangari Maathai, which appeared in the September Messenger, maybe you would like to take part in a new local project, Ourboretum, launched on 7 July this year by BBC Radio Gloucestershire and Cotswolds Conservation Board. In response to the predicted loss of hundreds of thousands of ash trees across the county due to ash die-back, they are encouraging people in Gloucestershire to collect oak, beech and hazel seeds this autumn, and to grow seedlings in pots at home over the following year. These saplings will then be taken to collection points and planted across Gloucestershire next winter (2021/2022). BBC Radio Gloucestershire and Cotswolds Conservation Board will identify locations where the young trees can be planted to replace lost ash trees. Visit <http://bbc.co.uk/ourboretum> for more information and tips for identifying and growing seeds. This would be a fun activity for all ages, and would require very little outdoor space - perhaps our church family could aim to raise 100 saplings between us for the project? Do let me know if you decide to take part!



Jan Vonberg
janmcurt@yahoo.co.uk

Francis Jones

Domestic and Commercial Electrician

01453 546 950 or 07777 688 582

francis@fjelectrician.co.uk www.fjelectrician.co.uk



National
Association
Professional
Inspectors and
Testers

All types of Domestic and Commercial work
including:

RCD Testing - Landlord & PAT Testing

Small jobs to Rewires

Electrical Installation fault finding

D A HILL

Plumbing, Building, Roofing,
Decorating, Plastering.

Tel: 01453 543249

e.mail: dahillbuilding@sky.com



Want to know more about your ancestors in the First World War?
Have you found their burial record but don't know how to interpret it?
Have you heard family stories you would like to know more about?



My Soldier Research Service can help!

By Kathryn's History Blog

Receive a personal report detailing your relative's war service and pre-war life, based on personal records, war diaries and local newspapers. Prices start from just £7.

(please note the new address below)

<http://www.kathrynhistoryblog.com>

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS



BAPTISM:

We welcome into our church family through baptism

13th September

Arthur George Richard Woods in St James

FUNERALS:

We share our thoughts and prayers with the families of those who mourn the loss of those they love. We remember those who have died:

9th September

Ken Parfit

in St James

8th September

Susan Martin

in St James

29th July

Pearl Thompson

in St James

23rd July

Timothy Frankau

in St James

FLOWER ROTA

4h and 11th October

High Altar – Valerie Meares

Tanner Chapel – Ann Bussey

Lady Chapel Margaret Lloyd

18th and 24th October

High Altar – Kate Sant

Tanner Chapel – Anne Shipton

Lady Chapel - Glena Neale



100 CLUB

100 club draw for September as follows:-

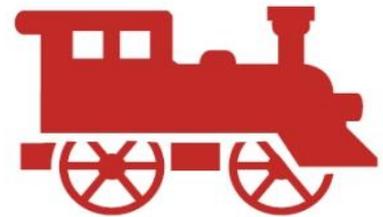
1st - 103 - Jacquelin Hill

2nd - 199 - Kevin Pagett

3rd - 141 - Rob Marrow

Sarah

DURSLEY C_{of}E
PRIMARY ACADEMY



Paul Daniels – Principal

Dursley CofE Academy,
School Road,
Dursley,
GL11 4NZ

t: 01453 542304 e: admin@dursley.gloucs.sch.uk

e: www.dursleycofeprimaryschool.org.uk

Diocese of Gloucester Academies Trust.

Registered in England Company Number
08149299

**THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JAMES THE GREAT
WITH ST MARK'S WOODMANCOTE**

St James Church open

Mondays and Thursdays 10.00am – 3.00pm

For private prayer.

FOR SERVICES

Please see the Diary on page 16.

Useful Telephone Numbers

TO BOOK THE PARISH CENTRE.

Clive Orchard Tel: 549280

E-mail: ewelmeparishoffice@gmail.com

BELLRINGERS

Elizabeth Byrne Tel: 543536.

100 CLUB

Sarah Hodge Tel: 545155

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Diane Ansell Tel: 546169



Follow us on Twitter: @ParishofDursley



Visit us on Facebook: Ewelme Benefice Family