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The Benefice Magazine
for the Parishes of
St Peter & St Paul,
St Peter and St Luke



*St Peter and St Paul's,
Wem*



*St Peter's,
Lee Brockhurst*



*St Luke's,
Weston-under-Redcastle*

**THE BENEFICE OF
ST PETER & ST PAUL, WEM
ST PETER, LEE BROCKHURST
ST LUKE, WESTON-UNDER-REDCASTLE**

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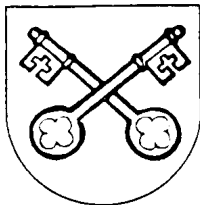
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SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE IN APRIL

DAY	DATE	SEASON	WEM	WESTON	LEE
Thursday	4 th		09:30 HE		
Sunday	7 th	Easter 2	08:00 HE 09:45 HE	11:00 HE & Baptism	11:15 HE
Thursday	11 th		09:30 HE		
Sunday	14 th	Easter 3	08:00 HE 09:45 HE	09:30 HE	11:15 HE
Thursday	18 th		09:30 HE		
Sunday	21 st	Easter 4	08:00 HE 09:45 HE	09:30 MP	11:15 HE
Thursday	25 th		09:30 HE		
Sunday	28 th	Easter 5	08:00 HE 09:45 HE	11:00 HE	11:15 HE
HE—Holy Eucharist MP—Morning Prayer					





Notes from the Editor

Once again, our apologies for the fact that this issue of the Benefice

Magazine is only available as an electronic copy. We will keep you posted about the progress with how work on the printed copy is progressing next month.

Well, Easter is nearly upon us, we have such good fellowship at the Lent Lunches arranged by the volunteers of St Peter's and St Paul's Wem and partaken of delicious soup and rolls produced by the Fruitful Deli. Some of us have also attended a series of 3 talks by our Rector John Jukes on The Rationale of some of the practices in the Church of England, very enlightening for a person who was brought up Baptist! Following the Lent Lunches we have also been able to join a group studying some of the women in the bible and very interesting and wide ranging discussion has been lead by our Rector.

The weather is still not very spring-like but nature battles on against the odds and maybe with the advancing of the clocks on Easter Day we will see some improvement.

This is the season of Annual Parish Council Meetings and election of Officer for the coming year. Included in this issue is an article from Julie Jones, Diocesan Secretary promoting volunteering to become a Diocesan Synod Representative for your church. Are you up for this task?

This month we welcome our first letter for the Letters Page, please do write if you have a burning issue you want to air or just to express your interest in our magazine. The editor has the final word as to what will be printed!

Wishing you all a very Happy Eastertide from The Editorial Team
Phoebe.

Queries? Contact Phoebe: phoebe42.lee@gmail.com or 07858123669.

Rectors Ramblings—Easter 2024

Easter Day this year is on 31st March, and for fifty days in April and May we are in the liturgical season of Easter. The emphasis in our worship in this period is a reflection on the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. We are reminded throughout this period, by our gospel readings, of Jesus' appearances to his disciples and others. Throughout the year as Christians we should always be focused on the significance of the resurrection: indeed, our special day as Christians is Sunday because that was the day of resurrection, and, so every Sunday is a sort of mini Easter. Even during in Lent Sunday was a feast day!

The immediate post-Easter period until the day of Pentecost is different because it seeks to call us to reflect on the effect of the Resurrection both on ourselves and on the life of the early church, which is why there are so many readings from the Acts of the Apostles which record how they formed the church and proclaimed to others what they believed about Jesus: that he is Son of God and that he rose from the dead. The question which Easter raises for many Christians is this. Are we as individual Christians, and as churches, still on message or have we wandered off and no longer proclaim in our words and deeds the mission that Jesus Christ entrusted to the Church, to give this good news to all?

Since the pandemic, nationally and locally, congregations have halved. People have got out of the *habit* of going to Church and so it would seem that proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ in words and deeds is something the Christian community in our town needs to work at.

Jesus gave a simple command. Go, tell what has happened! (Mt 28:7-10, John 20:17). Perhaps we need to focus a little more on this and do those things which Jesus asks his followers to do.

Throughout Lent we had opportunity to examine ourselves and review our faith. Now we have the opportunity to consider how we might share our faith as Jesus asks us to. Being Easter people who

live and meet in the light of the resurrection we have a story of joy to tell. It is Good News and that after all is what *Gospel* means. One thing people love is hearing stories. So how about telling yours about your journey of faith, and thereby spread the good news.



A reminder to us of the special significance of the Easter season is apparent at every service as the great Easter candle, the Paschal candle, is lit and burns throughout each service. In this way we acknowledge the light of Christ, celebrated particularly at Christmas and Easter, as being a guide to us through the trials and tribulations of life. If the Paschal candle is a visual symbol of Easter, then the vocal one is the word 'Alleluia' which derives from the Hebrew and means 'Praise God'. Although as is often the case when we translate the Hebrew and Greek words in our Bibles, the fuller meaning of the word cannot be accurately conveyed by the English words we use. *Alleluia* is an expression of religious feeling. It evokes a whole Easter Joy. An atmosphere of praise and rejoicing. Throughout Lent the *Gloria* and the word *Alleluia* have been absent from our liturgy. Hearing and saying them again during the Easter season gives a special significance as we celebrate the fact that CHRIST IS RISEN!

HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

May All Easter Joy Be Yours.

Yours in Christ,
John.

Reverend John Christopher Jukes MA

Canon William Continues With Insights Into Ministry In The 1870's

KILVERT IN APRIL

The Revd Francis Kilvert was a clergyman in the Wye Valley in Radnorshire and Herefordshire in the 1870s. His Diary gives us glimpses into ordinary life in his parishes, and I've selected some extracts from April in different years.

Wednesday 6 April 1870

Villaging. Went to find William Pugh. Found him forking the rhubarb ground in the Vicarage garden and talked to him about coming to the Sacrament. Visited Morgan at the New Inn. He was much troubled in his mind about the sin against the Holy Ghost and could not reconcile that statement with other passages of Scripture, thinking the Bible contradicted itself. I tried to explain but he would not be comforted. As he was rather in a cantankerous carping unwilling mind (perhaps from pain) as he had one leg much swollen rested up on a chair, and as there were two men sitting in the inn kitchen listening it was not a very favourable opportunity for a pastoral visit.

(Kilvert spent much of his time 'villaging', visiting people in the parish of Clyro. He knew everyone but clearly some visits were less fruitful than others!)

Friday 14 April 1871

In the cross lane below Tybella old deaf Tom Gore was mending a ruined dry stone wall. He said he had only one pair of boots in the world, they were cracked and full of holes and he had asked in vain of the relieving officer to beg the Board of Guardians to give him a new pair. He told me his wife was ill and he hoped he should not lose her. He remembered what it was after he lost his first wife, how he often came home wet through to the skin and no fire and no food cooked. Four little children of his lay side by side in Bryngwyn Churchyard. He had seen trouble. He didn't know but he thought it was a fate. I could

scarcely make him understand a word. He went on building up his stone wall at half a crown a perch and I went on to see his wife.

(There was extreme poverty everywhere and poor people were very vulnerable to illness. Boards of Guardians administered the Poor Law from 1835 to 1930. The guardians were elected by those land owners who paid the poor rate and there was at least one guardian in every parish.)

Sunday 16 April 1876: Easter Day

Thank God for a bright beautiful happy Easter Day. I rose early and went out into the fresh brilliant morning between 6 and 7 o'clock. The sun had already risen some time but the grass was still white with the hoar frost. I walked across the Common between the Lady's Gates in the bright sunny quiet empty morning listening to the rising of the lark as he went up in an ecstasy of song into the blue unclouded sky and gave in his Easter morning hymn at Heaven's Gate. Then came the echo and answer of earth as the Easter bells rang out their joy peals from the Church Towers all round. Kington St. Michael leading the Choir, Chippenham old Church following, and later on I heard the sound of the great deep bell booming down from Bremhill in the east over the ridge of Bencroft. It was very sweet and lovely, the bright silent morning, and the lark rising and singing alone in the blue sky, and then suddenly the morning air all alive with the music of sweet bells ringing for the joy of the Resurrection. 'The Lord is risen', smiled the sun. 'The Lord is risen', sang the lark. And the Church bells in their joyous pealing answered from tower to tower, 'He is risen indeed'.

(I love that description of Easter morning, which I have often quoted in an Easter sermon. Creation through the sun and the lark rejoices in the Resurrection of Jesus, and the Church echoes the rejoicing in its bells. Kilvert was living in Wiltshire in 1876.)

William Price.

Notes from The Diocese

Stand up and be counted



So often diocesan synods are perceived as boring, dry and bureaucratic. This should not be the case! Rather they should exist to serve the mission of the wider Church, to make strategic decisions, and to encourage the growth of mission and ministry in our diocese. So, are you passionate about these things and want to play a more active role in embedding our vision and strategy in the life of all our churches and communities? Then please read on...

What is Diocesan Synod?

Diocesan Synod is our primary elected, representative body and brings people together across the Church of England in Staffordshire, North Shropshire and the Black Country. It holds the diocesan vision, drives mission, sets strategy, elects and appoints a range of positions on boards and committees and shapes priorities.

It may respond to questions put to it by the General Synod and is an advisory and deliberative body. It considers the important topics facing our diverse and unique diocese and the wider Church. It is a statutory institution which serves not only our diocese but influences and helps to direct the national church on matters of church, public and government policy. It also includes some mandatory governance items such as approval of the budget and the annual accounts. The membership consists of three houses: the House of Bishops; the House of Clergy; and the House of Laity.

The current three-year term is due to end on 31 July. The next synod members will be elected in the summer of 2024 and serve a term of three years. Meetings are held in March, June and November.

The Agenda for 2024-2027

Themes for the next three years will include embedding our diocesan vision and strategy, taking forward the Growing Faith initiative in relation to schools and families; a continuing focus on growth in numbers and depth of discipleship, including new Christians, and new worshipping

communities; actively engaging with our local communities, determination to continue to focus on safeguarding, diversity, racial justice and the environment.

What skills and qualities do representatives need?

- **Vision:**

Do you have a vision for a flourishing Church and a passion to work with others to share your Christian faith and deepen the discipleship of those around you?

- **Commitment:**

Are you ready to seek God's will through prayer and reflection, with a heart for growth, mission and engagement across boundaries?

- **Openness:**

Are you open to trying new approaches while learning from others, embracing change and the bigger picture and to sharing inspiring feedback with your deanery, PCC and wider church family?

- **Enthusiasm:**

Members of Synod are encouraged to speak and challenge confidently, enabling change whilst leading and encouraging others.

- **Good communication skills:**

Do you have a listening ear? Are you receptive and open-minded and have the ability to share your passion?

Do you have — or could you develop — some of these qualities to serve the Diocese of Lichfield? If so, can I encourage everyone reading this who is on the electoral roll of your church, is over 16 years of age and an actual communicant to prayerfully consider whether this is something God is calling you to do?

I would be happy to talk to anyone considering this and answer any questions or concerns you may have.

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More can be read at lichfield.anglican.org/diocesan-synods/



COUNTRYSIDE MATTERS — April

from ROGER ASHTON



The countryside from a visual point of view is one of green fields, arable cropping, trees, hedgerows, woods and of course the water features, rivers, lakes, and ponds. Stonewalls, heath and heather in the upland areas are so distinctive too. Within

that vista is nature's wildlife, a vast array of living beings that are so pleasing to the eye and to the soul too. The main custodian to all that are the farmers and it is their influence that has made our beautiful countryside look the way it is. OK! So modern farming methods have changed the wildlife balance.

Livestock, i.e. horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, goats and chickens in the main are all part of the countryside, too. It is great to see grazing animals out in the fields and in the open uplands, and you can see the joy they express when first let out in the spring of the year. We all have a vision of the gambolling and bouncing young lambs but large animals like horses and adult cows on their first release to pasture can prance and jump in their excitement of leaving the winter housing and enjoying the smells and taste of fresh grass. Our UK wet winter weather is not friendly for cattle or for the land and becomes a welfare issue so housing is essential. Soil structure can be seriously damaged by many heavy feet.

Livestock play a big part in building up the physical properties and nutrient values of the soil and with the new environmental land management scheme providing incentive for sustainable and regenerative farming, getting soil back to a healthier state after decades of intensive pressure is surely the right thing to be doing. Carbon retention, or to use the technical term sequestration, is a vital part of maintaining the Planet's health. As well as peat-land and woodland, grass, particularly permanent and semi permanent grassland, is excellent at holding carbon. Grazing livestock have a big part to play in this too. OK! So intensive indoor livestock, particularly chickens and pigs, are controversial but if the consumer, the government and the big retailers want the lowest

possible priced animal protein and dairy products, for which there is still a massive demand, then it is understandable why this is happening. The large quantities of manure from these systems provides quality nutrient for soils but of course great care has to be taken to avoid pollution to water courses and for that reason there are strict regulations and fines in place. This past year, as you may have seen in the national news, the river Wye has had serious problems due to the vast number of intensive broiler units in the catchment area. Consumer demand is behind this, there are now billions of birds produced each year! The food they eat contains imported soya a crop that exploits the planets carbon reserves.

The UK food chain from producer to consumer needs a major rethink, something that has hit farming news headlines in recent weeks. Do the public care? What I do know is that nearly everyone loves and enjoys the countryside and the sight of happy grazing livestock. It is a great stress reliever. We need some priority education to understand these facts for the good of our future generations.



Wild Daffodils

At this time of year, the yellow trumpets of daffodils brighten up even the dullest spring day. Most of what we see are planted garden varieties, but a real treat is to find wild daffodils (*Narcissus pseudonarcissus*).

Once widespread, the wild daffodil is now much rarer, having mysteriously declined during the 19th century. It now has a disjointed distribution – for instance it is found mainly in south Devon, pockets of the Black Mountains in Wales, stretches of the Gloucestershire-Herefordshire border country, the Sussex Weald, Farndale in Yorkshire, and the Lake District. Elsewhere, even in suitable habitat, it only occurs in small patches, many miles apart. For example, in churchyards. —————>

The wild daffodil's status as a popular flower was particularly celebrated in the area around Newent, Dymock and Ledbury on the Gloucestershire-Herefordshire border which acquired the nickname of 'The Golden Triangle.' In the 1930s the Great Western Railway ran 'Daffodil Specials', from London for weekend tourists to walk amongst the 'golden tides' and to buy fresh bunches at garden gates. Many farmers and orchard-owners used to have them as a cash-crop, harvested on a 'Pick Your Own' basis. At the end of April, the meadows went back to their function of growing hay or fruit.

A 1930's guide to a village in the Golden Triangle wrote: They are picked by the local women and children and were sold to an agent, who sends them to South Wales, where they find a ready sale for Mothering Sunday and also for Palm Sunday, for many places the old (Welsh) custom of 'flowering the graves' on that day still persists. The daffodils are also sent to northern industrial towns.

Information from Flora Britannica by Richard Mabey

How to spot a wild daffodil - The wild daffodil is smaller than horticultural varieties, with paler petals and a deeper yellow trumpet-like tube. The leaves are grey/green, flattened and around 15mm wide. It is relatively short (30-35cm) and forms clumps which carpet the ground. A top tip is that unless there are several hundreds of them looking particularly small and washed out, they probably aren't wild!



Please help us to map the churchyards containing wild daffodils by taking a photo on the iNaturalist app and posting it on our Beautiful Burial Grounds project within iNaturalist.

All the best, Harriet

Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor,
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**From the Friends of Whitchurch Road Cemetery
—A PLEA**

**Grasscutter Urgently
Needed**



**The main task of the
Whitchurch Road Cemetery
Friends Group**

is to ensure that the whole site kept tidy.

**We are actively looking for someone to
spend a day or two strimming and cutting
around the front and rear of the cemetery,
either on a one-off basis or several times
during the Summer.**

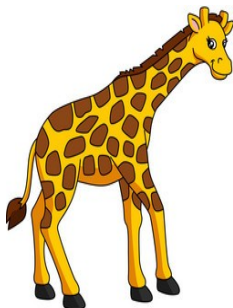
**Own equipment required but competitive
rate paid! Our first cut is due in April!**



**If you are interested, or perhaps know of someone who
might be, please contact Judy Crichton 01939 234489.**

LETTERS TO GOD

Dear God, on Halloween I am going to wear a Devil's
costume. Is that alright with you?
Marnie



Dear God
Did you mean for the giraffe to look
like that or was it an accident?

Dear God,
Instead of letting people die and having to make new
ones. Why don't you just keep the ones you got now?
Jane

A friend of mine shared some of Adrian Dorber's (retired Dean of Lichfield Cathedral) letters with me, possibly from the Diocesan Magazine. I wish I had kept them all!

I'm pleased to say I did keep the following one:-

Our Father in heaven...

*You are also at home in the air, the soil,
the forests & the oceans.*

Hallowed be your name...

By the care we take of your creation.

Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven...

Your will to till and care.

Give us this day our daily bread...

That all may have sufficient to live life in fullness.

Forgive us our trespasses ...

*Our greed, our exploitation,
our lack of concern for other species
and for future generations.*

As we forgive those who trespass against us...

By reconciliation with justice and peace

Lead us not into temptation ...

The temptation to equate dominion with exploitation.

And deliver us from evil ...

The evil of destroying your gift of creation.

For yours is the Kingdom ...

Yours Lord, not ours,

The power and the glory ...

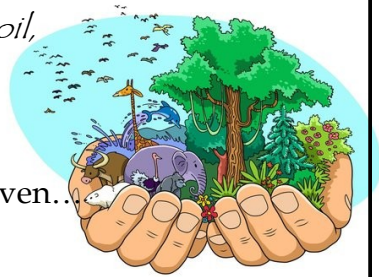
In the cross and the resurrection

For ever and ever ...

You were the beginning, and you are the end,

Amen

And so be it



from TRICIA BAMFORD
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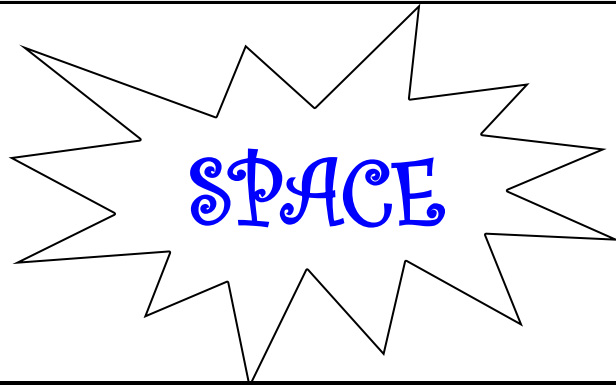
Congratulations to all involved in the new Benefice magazine. It is informative, interesting and enjoyable. My particular favourite is Canon William's 1870's ministry notes. Long may they continue.

Again, well done to the contributors and magazine producers.
Looking forward to future editions.

Wendy Cook

Parish Magazine - March

Many thanks for a wonderful magazine! It is a credit to everyone involved in production and to all the contributors!!



**LET'S
FILL
IT!**

This Month the Letters' Page has begun (see above)



Thank you very much for your kind comments about the magazine in your letters.

There are one or two articles that may bear scrutiny in this month's edition and may encourage discussion! So please don't put your pens—mobiles—computers away just yet.

We take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed in other ways, too—keep those contributions coming, please.

The Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Wem

FROM THE PCC

Our Annual Meeting is nearly upon us – on 11 April. Did you know that in fact it is two meetings? The first is to elect Churchwardens, who because they have a legal status, can be voted for by anyone living in the parish. The second is for the congregation itself, and especially for those who have signed up to be on the electoral roll and thus are entitled to vote for their representatives on the Parish Council (PCC) and the Deanery Synod.

The PCC is quite depleted at present. Apart from the Rector (obviously), Wardens (Sybil Farmer and David Murray), Treasurer (Caroline Sinclair), there are only two “ordinary” members, Kim Archer and Neil Price. Katharine Murray as Reader attends ex-officio and also acts as Secretary. We really need new members! No special qualifications needed, just willingness and an ability to work alongside the rest.

Apart from elections, at the Annual Meeting the year’s accounts will be presented by the Treasurer, reports on the year’s activities and plans will be heard, and there will be an opportunity for anyone to ask questions and raise matters of interest or concern. So put the date in your diary!

The PCC has had one meeting since last month, and continued to progress various projects including the refurbishment of the hall kitchen and the updating of the sound system. There has also been a concern brought to us about untidiness in the area of the churchyard where ashes are interred. There are rules set by the Diocese about what can be placed on and around graves. So look out for a notice to be posted soon explaining how we should be looking after this area for the benefit of everyone.



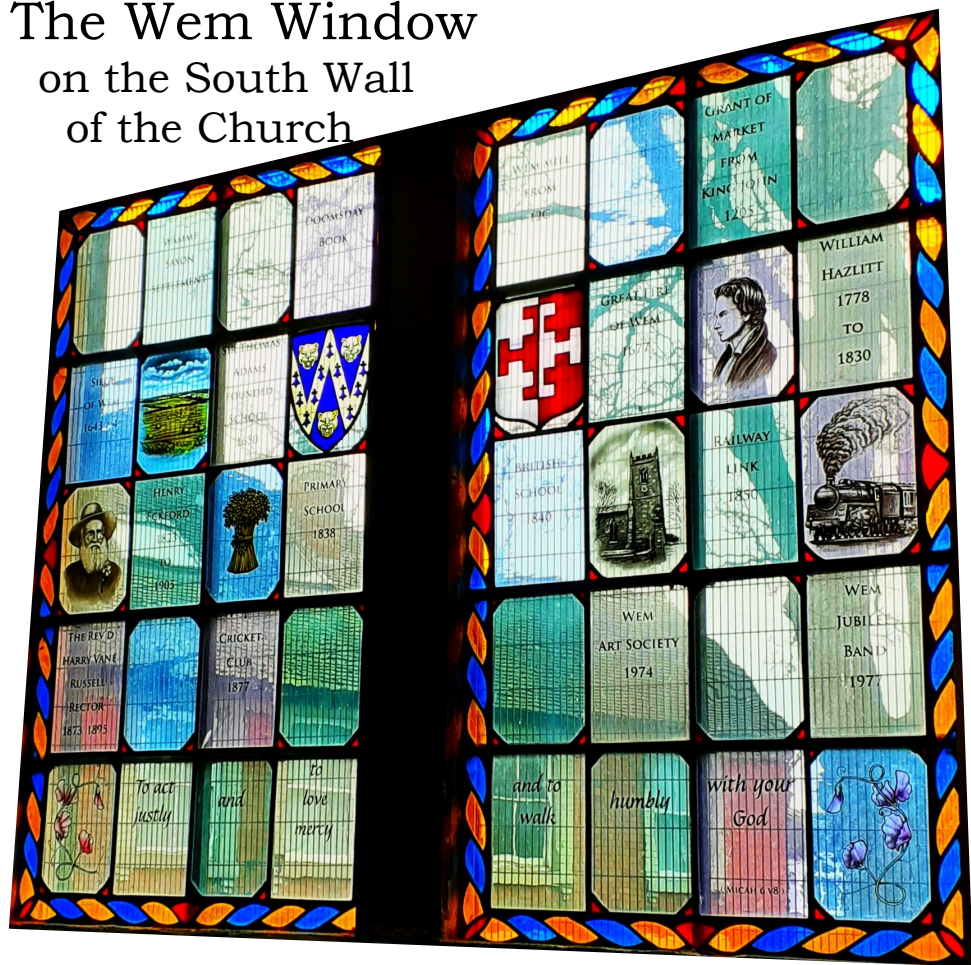
AN EVENING SERVICE – BUT NOT AS WE KNOW IT

Many people find that life allows them too little time and space for quiet reflection – a time when we can listen for the “still, small voice” which expands and enriches our relationship with God.

On 28th April at 6pm we aim to provide something of this.

There will be a simple service of prayer, music, food for thought, and opportunity to participate as much or as little as you will. Hopefully it will be the first of many.

The Wem Window on the South Wall of the Church



World Day of Prayer

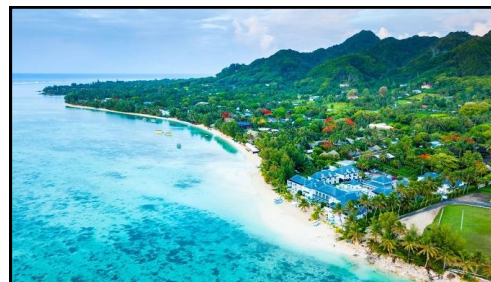
1st March 2024

Helen Hornsby has reported that the collection taken at the World Day of Prayer on Friday 1st March amounted an amazing £184.50 (including Gift Aid).

Many thanks to all who attended and helped to raise such a wonderful amount!

The service for 2025 will be prepared by the Christian Women of the Cook Islands.

The Cook Islands is a nation in the South Pacific, with political links to New Zealand. Its 15 islands are scattered over a vast area. The largest island, Rarotonga, is home to rugged mountains and Avarua, the national capital. To the north, Aitutaki Island has a vast lagoon encircled by coral reefs and small, sandy islets



**THE FRIENDS OF WHITCHURCH ROAD
CEMETERY, WEM**

COFFEE MORNING



SATURDAY 20 APRIL 2024
9.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon

IN THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL

Raffle, Tombola, Cakes, Produce, Bric-a-Brac etc.

**All welcome! Please support us and help to
raise funds for ongoing improvements and
maintenance of the cemetery.**



The Parish Church of St Peter, Lee Brockhurst

The Bells are Back!



After 4 weeks work at the Nicholson Engineering Company in Bridport, Dorset, our two bells have returned, spruced up and with brand new mountings. Chris from the firm, aided by Roger, hauled the bells up to the bell cote and fixed them in place. It was exciting to hear them ring again albeit only after the fitting of the clappers and bell ropes! We look forward to them summoning us to church on Sundays. Hopefully, the scaffolding will be taken down shortly—and definitely before Easter.



Our fundraising and donations have been going very well and, if we are able to claim all the VAT back, Roger expects that we will be only about £100 or so short of the total cost. Many thanks to all our donors, and to those who helped with the fundraising during the past year. The grant cheque from The Shropshire Historic Churches Trust is to be presented to us after the church service on Sunday 7th April.

Phoebe Ashton

AN UPDATE ON LEE BROCKHURST VILLAGE HALL DEFIBRILLATOR

Roger THIRLBY—LBVH Management Committee

Those who pass the Village Hall on a regular basis will no doubt have noticed the installation of our Defibrillator on the outer wall near the upper entrance door. The equipment is now fully operational with location registered on 'The Circuit' national database.

In the unfortunate need to use this facility, the 'helper', having called 999, will be given directions to the location of the defibrillator cabinet along with the lock code number to gain access. Emergency services will remain in contact with, and offer support to, the caller at all times whilst an ambulance is despatched.



Our Defib, model BeneHeart C2, has been supplied by our funding partner London Hearts, the largest Defib match funding organisation in the UK. Selection of London Hearts as our partner was made after considerable investigation and without doubt is the best option studied. The Defib offers all necessary capability with extended battery and pad life. The unit is fully automatic and can be used on adults and children with just a simple switch change. Instructions of how to use the Defib are given audibly from the unit during the period of assistance giving help and reassurance.



The generosity shown by our local residents with their donations to our fund appeal and the physical installation of the Defib has allowed us to provide a very valuable asset for the village. The Committee of the LB Village Hall wish to express their sincere gratitude for your help and support to this project.



Coffee and Chat

**Come and join us for Coffee
and Chat
at St Peter's Church,
Lee Brockhurst
On The Third Wednesday
of every month
between 10.30 and 12.00
No charge but donations towards church
funds welcome!
Further information from Phoebe on
07858123669
or phoebe42.lee@gmail.com**



The Parish Church of St Luke,
Weston-under-Redcastle

WESTON NEWS



The Parish of St Luke's, Weston
Annual Parish Council Meeting.
The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on
Tuesday 9th April 2024
at 10.a.m. In the Village Hall.
All villagers are welcome
but only those whose names appear on the Church
Electoral Roll are eligible to vote at the AGM.

WESTON UNDER REDCASTLE VILLAGE SHOW 2024

**DO HOPE YOU ARE ALL KEEPING THE DATE FREE TO HELP
OR BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO THIS YEAR'S
VILLAGE SHOW ON SUNDAY 4TH AUGUST**

**AT THE LAST SHOW MEETING IT WAS DECIDED THAT
THIS YEAR WE WOULD SUPPORT 2 OUTSIDE CHARITIES
TOGETHER WITH THE VILLAGE HALL AND ST LUKE'S
CHURCH.**

**THE MOVEMENT CENTRE AT THE ORTHOPAEDIC
HOSPITAL WHO PROVIDE SPECIALIST THERAPY TO HELP
CHILDREN WITH MOVEMENT DISABILITIES.**

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WHICH EXISTS TO ENHANCE AND IMPROVE THE LIVES
OF LOCAL CANCER PATIENTS AND THOSE WHO ARE
WATCHING LOVED ONES GO THROUGH TREATMENT...**

A CHARITY WE ALL HOPE WE WILL NEVER NEED.

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**MANY OF THE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS
HAVE BEEN BOOKED, STILL LOTS MORE
TO DO, BUT OUR MAIN TARGET NOW IS
GETTING THE SPONSORSHIP TO PAY THE
EXPENSES OF PUTTING ON THE SHOW.
LICENCES, INSURANCE, PARAMEDICS,
ADVERTISING, PRINTING, MARQUEES,
TOILETS, BOUNCY CASTLES,**

ENTERTAINMENT, SHIRE HORSES, ETC, ETC.

**LAST YEAR WE RAISED OVER £6,000 OF SPONSORSHIP
WHICH ALMOST COVERED THE EXPENSES.**

**IF ANY OF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PUT AN ADVERT IN THE
PROGRAMME, OR ANYONE YOU KNOW OR DEAL WITH WHO
MIGHT BE INTERESTED, PLEASE LET US KNOW.**

**THE PROGRAMME CONTAINING THE ADVERTS IS A LOVELY
GLOSSY BOOKLET WHICH SERVES AS A DIRECTORY FOR
THE YEAR AND EACH VISITOR IS GIVEN A PROGRAMME
TO TAKE HOME.**

**MORE NEWS AS WE PROGRESS, NEW IDEAS AND HELP ARE
ALWAYS WELCOME.**

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A Blessed and Very
Happy Eastertide
to You All

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