

# The Parish of St Michaels & All Angels Tenbury Wells

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## SERVICE SCHEDULE

Date	Service/Officiant	Readings	Readers	Sidesmen
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April PALM SUNDAY	Team Service 9.15 palm procession leaves Hope Bagot to 10am service at Whitton			
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April 8.00pm <i>Mon.in Holy Week</i>	Compline & Meditation <i>Mrs K Bills &amp; Mr P Mason</i>			
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 10.00am <i>EASTER DAY</i>	Parish Communion: CW <i>Revd T Surtees</i>	Acts 10. 34 - 43 1 Corinthians 15. 1 - 11 John 20. 1 - 18	Mrs S Summers Mrs A Fox Mrs J Penn	Mr R Phillips Mr J Edwards
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 10.00am <i>2<sup>nd</sup> of Easter</i>	Parish Communion: BCP <i>Revd T Surtees</i>	1 John 5. 4 - 12 John 20. 19 - 23	Mrs L Surtees Revd T Surtees	Mr & Mrs A Gough
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 10.00am <i>3<sup>rd</sup> of Easter</i>	Parish Communion: CW <i>Revd J Dunkling</i>	Acts 3. 12 - 19 1 John 3. 1 - 7 Luke 24. 36b - 48	Mrs S Childs Mrs R Plested Mr E Hudson	Mrs R Plested Mrs J Cook
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 10.00am <i>4<sup>th</sup> of Easter</i>	Family Service		Mr G Pitt Mrs J Cook	Mr & Mrs G Pitt

## Dear Friends,

Thank goodness that all around me now I can see signs of spring. I feel that the winter has been so cold and long and not helped by the fact that last summer we had such poor weather. But now, at last, I can see primroses, catkins, lambs, daffodils and each morning I delight to hear the birds singing with all their might and the woodpeckers tapping away furiously on nearby trees. This all lifts my mood and fills me with a feeling of hope. How fitting that this all coincides with our celebration of Easter which is a time for Christians of great hope: the greatest hope of all. The sadness and brutality of Good Friday when Jesus died on a cross is followed by the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Day. What can be a greater hope or cause for celebration than death being overcome by the new life of resurrection?

This year our Archbishops of Canterbury and York have asked us, as Christians full of the hope of new life in Christ, to give hope to the poor, downtrodden people of Zimbabwe. They have asked us to continue to pray in earnest for these people as many of us have been doing for many, many months. With this in mind the Team will be having a day of fasting, vigil and prayer in St Mary's Church in Tenbury on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 10-4pm. There will be a rota available for anyone who would like to commit an hour to the vigil. If you prefer not to do this but would like to call into Church and stay even just for a few minutes to be part of those prayers that would be a very valuable thing to do and we know it will make a difference.

The Archbishops have also asked us during Lent to collect money for the people of Zimbabwe to help relieve some of their suffering in whatever ways are practical and possible. Many people need food, shelter, clean water, and medicine all of which our money can buy. Through their Church connections, the Archbishops will then ensure that these supplies reach the people who need it most. The money will not be lost to administration or be diverted by a corrupt government; it will go to help those in need. During Lent, there will be the opportunity to donate money in each church through our Team on a Sunday when the church has a service; at other times donations can be left with any of the clergy. Perhaps you may like to donate the money you will save by not eating a meal on the day of prayer and fasting!

Whilst I do understand that some people are in a dire financial situation at the moment, even in a time of economic hardship most of us in this country have so much compared to most people in Zimbabwe. As Christians at Easter we have so much to be thankful for and the greatest gift of all to celebrate: that Jesus died for us on a cross so that our sins can be forgiven and rose again from the dead so that we can share eternal life with him in heaven.

We can thank God for this Easter gift of hope by giving hope to people in Zimbabwe.

God bless you all this joyful Eastertide and if you would like to join us for our services in Holy Week and/or Easter Day celebrations you will be most welcome; we look forward to seeing you.

*Sue*

**The Tenbury Team Ministry now has its own website!!**

**[www.tenburyteam.org.uk](http://www.tenburyteam.org.uk)**

with many thanks to Chris Moore, our ordinand

*Please do have a look - the site is ongoing - and your input is valued*

*so if you have anything to say please contact Chris, email [webmaster@tenburyteam.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@tenburyteam.org.uk)*

## Letter from the Bishop of Ludlow

As we come to the climax of Lent we remember again the last events of Jesus' life in Holy Week. With Jesus we ride again into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and receive the adulation of the crowd. On Maundy Thursday we remember how Jesus had his last meal on earth with his closest followers and gave them the Eucharist, "Eat this bread, drink this wine, in remembrance of me." From the upper room we move to the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed and went through an agony as he could clearly see what was coming. After his arrest there was the interrogation before the high priest and Pontius Pilate and eventually on Good Friday, crucifixion. There follows a period of waiting, when it seems as if the world stands still, until we experience the joy of Easter, when we celebrate Christ's resurrection from the dead.

These events are historical, they actually happened in a certain place at a certain time. However we miss the point if we come to services in Holy Week and simply remember these events as something that took place about 2,000 years ago.

Holy Week gives us the opportunity to live through these last moments of Jesus' life again and to experience them as contemporary. We cannot doubt the fickleness of crowds. We have experience of this in our own lifetime, adulation one moment and crucified the next. Deep sharing with close friends, as in the Last Supper and then being let down, even betrayed by people we trusted. The agony of prayer, when we wonder if anyone is listening at all. There is sometimes an inevitability about what is happening and we cannot seem to stop it and we ask ourselves, is there really a God at all? All we want is someone to watch with us and be with us and we seem very alone and not understood. Justice sometimes seems elusive and certainly there was the most terrible miscarriage of justice before Pontius Pilate, who represented the famed justice of the Roman Empire. Even in our own times, it sometimes seems that we do not always get a fair hearing or justice, which if we are not careful can cause bitter resentment. There can be no doubt that many people in the world suffer from injustice.

On Good Friday our hearts go out to the lone man hanging on the cross with his life ebbing away in terrible agony. We can identify with this when we plumb the depths of despair and experience a "bewildering night" when nothing makes sense and we cannot see any way forward. We also look around our world in utter hopelessness and a feeling of helplessness in the face of violence and war and innocent suffering.

All those forces which brought about the death of Jesus are still present in the world of today. Fear, seeking after power, avarice, greed, selfishness, insecurity, are all present in today's world.

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead which offers us real hope is not a fairy tale ending to a terrible tragedy. It is a cosmic event which makes transformation possible. We know what it means to plumb the depths of disaster and despair and find a new way of hope and resurrection.

The guarantee of all of this is the love God, which surrounds us all even when we are unaware of it and it doesn't seem possible. It was this deep relationship with his father that enabled Jesus to live through these terrible events and pray in the last moments of his life, "Father forgive them, they know not what they do."

Holy Week once again offers us the opportunity to live through these events and grow in our understanding of reality and how relevant they are in today's world. It is not simply a remembering of the past but a journey, an entering into the experience of all the ups and downs of Holy Week, in order to share fully the reality of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead on Easter Day.

*+Michael*

*Diocesan website: [www.hereford.anglican.org](http://www.hereford.anglican.org)*

# Competition Page

There was an entry for the February competition after we had gone to press last month - the prizewinners were Melissa Powis & Kathryn Fish. Well done to both.

Please give this month's colouring to Clair Wright, Julie Cook or Gwen Arnold by 24<sup>th</sup> April.

Colour this picture of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey on Palm Sunday - nice bright colours please!



## A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following youngsters in the parish:

Oliver Palethorpe who will be 14 years old on 12<sup>th</sup> April;

Adam Grosvenor who will be 13 years old on 15<sup>th</sup> April;

ROD OWENS who will be 65 years old on 28<sup>th</sup> April.

# NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

## TENBURY TEAM NEWS -

### Tenbury Team Events and Services during Holy Week & Easter

**Palm Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> April** - Procession begins at 9.15am from Hope Bagot church with the distribution of palms. The processions ends with a Team Eucharist at 10am at Whitton

**Monday in Holy Week, 6<sup>th</sup> April** - 8pm - Compline & Meditation at St Michaels

**Tuesday in Holy Week, 7<sup>th</sup> April** - 8pm - Compline & Meditation at Little Hereford

**Wednesday in Holy Week, 8<sup>th</sup> April** - 6pm - Passover Supper at Clee Hill Village Hall. Tickets £3.50 from churchwardens or numbers to team office 07804 928484.

**Maundy Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> April** - 10.30am - Chrism Eucharist at Hereford Cathedral.

- 8pm - Eucharist of the Last Supper with the Office of Tenebrae, followed by The Watch until midnight, at St Marys Tenbury

**Good Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> April** - 10am-12noon - Good Friday Workshop for 4-11 year olds at the Methodist Church Hall, Tenbury. £1/child; just turn up for crafts, cooking, games & loads of fun.

- 10am - Craft & Meditation at Clee Hill Village Hall
- 11am-12noon - The Great Hot Cross Bun Giveaway on the Regal steps in Tenbury. Come along and receive a hot cross bun.
- 2pm - The Last Hour at Coreley
- 7pm - Mozart's Requiem at St Michaels

**Easter Eve, 11<sup>th</sup> April** - 8pm - Short Easter Vigil with Compline at Nash

**Easter Day, 12<sup>th</sup> April** - 6am - Dawn Service of Light and first Eucharist of Easter at Burford followed by breakfast at The Rectory (bring an egg cup!)

- 8am - Holy Communion at Tenbury
- 10am - Holy Communion at Clee Hill, Little Hereford, St Michaels, Tenbury & Whitton
- 11.30am - Holy Communion at Greete, Hope Bagot & Boraston
- 3pm - Holy Communion at Coreley

## SERVICE of HEALING & WHOLENESS

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April

7.30pm

St Mary's Church, Tenbury

*Everyone welcome at this peaceful service with laying on of hands if wanted whether for yourself or another person*

## ECUMENICAL SONGS OF PRAISE

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm

at Tenbury Catholic Church in Berrington Road

*celebrating their 70<sup>th</sup> year*

All welcome to come along; refreshments after.

## ST MICHAELS CHURCH -

From the Parish Registers:

Funeral

3<sup>rd</sup> March

Bill Jones, of New House Farm.

We send our condolences to all the family.

# Family Service

at 10am on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

followed by refreshments

**ALL WELCOME**

*April Family Service was on 29<sup>th</sup> March  
as Team Service on 5<sup>th</sup> April for Palm Sunday.*

### **Easter Lilies**

Each year the church is decorated with white lilies for Easter. If you would like to make a donation towards their cost, perhaps in memory of someone, then please give to Chris Fisher or Janet Penn.

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### **Music @ St Michaels**

Programmes for 2009 are now available at the back of the church.

**Good Friday Concert** - 7.00pm - Mozart's Requiem performed by The Holgate Consort.

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### **Dates for your diary**

#### **Cake Sale on Regal steps**

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 9.30pm - donations of cakes will be very gratefully received either on the day or please give to Jane Yardley. Raising funds for the church.

#### **Social Coffee Evening**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 5.30pm to 7.30pm, including raffle and bring & buy.

Fund Raising Event for the visit of the Birmingham University Choir at Christmas hosted by Muriel Lanman and Prue Winton at Edwards House, St Michaels.

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### **Bonus Ball Lottery**

Bonus Ball winners from 28<sup>th</sup> February to 14<sup>th</sup> March were Geoff Mutton, Pat Gough and Pat & Vernon Hamer.

Many thanks and good luck to all players.

## ST MICHAEL'S VILLAGE HALL -

### St Michael's Village Hall Entertainments

**Family Night Friday 3rd April 7.30pm Pudding night.** Come and share your favourite pudding with us, More calories again, but Hey! who cares!!! £1. Bar available.

**Shindig Performance Sunday April 26th 7pm. *April in Paris*** Once again The Ratatat Theatre Company with Dominic Goodwin and Stephanie Preacher are coming to entertain us with another hilarious John Godber play. *Bet and Al* lead a quiet life in their small Yorkshire town until *Bet* wins a "Romantic Breaks" competition in a magazine. The prize is a holiday for two in Paris. Their first experience abroad has profound effects on the way they look at the world around them once they come home. Fans of Dominic and Stephanie know that this will be a great night, not least, the way Dominic takes over the raffle!! So make a note on your calendars now. Tickets will be available in April from BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS, and from Anne Fox 819845.(£7 in advance, £8 on the door, Family ticket £20).

**Family Night Friday 1st May 7.30pm Skittles night.** A great night out for any age, any size, come and test your skill. £1 ea. Please bring some nibbles. Bar available.

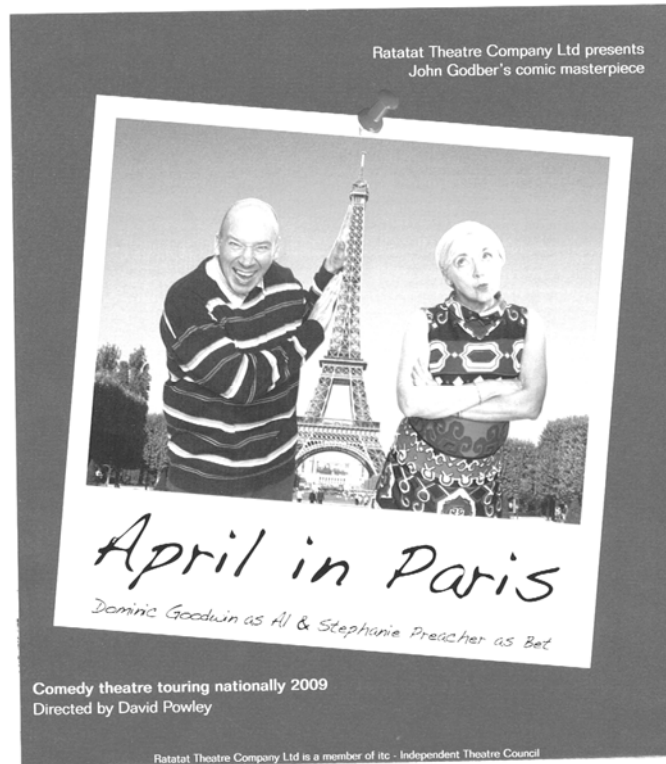
### **Pancake night**

This year's pancake night was a great success. Forty-five men, women, children and a three month old baby descended on the village hall to devour pancakes. Last year, we were taken by surprise at the popularity of the night, but this year we were ready for them!! About 100 pancakes were made in advance and Mary, Mike and Iris were in the kitchen slaving over a hot stove to keep up with demand. I was front of house to dish up and try to distribute the pancakes fairly, as some kids were on their 6th before others had even had one. I never cease to be amazed at the slick operation of some kids who can form up for a pancake, roll it up, swallow it and be back for another in one fluid movement, ( it was like feeding time in the seal enclosure). It took us a good hour to fill them up and for the cooks to sit down for a well earned drink. It was a very enjoyable evening, the children played while the grownups chatted and the bar did a roaring trade, the washing up was done and we were thinking of winding it up for the night when someone spotted another plateful of pancakes in the oven, would you believe it, the kids queued up and we started again!!!

It is family nights like this that make St Michael's a special village, and it works because there are people who are prepared to put the work in, so my thanks go to Mike and Mary Jordan, Iris Cooper in the kitchen, Jill and Eric Hudson on the door, Ria and Phil Baxter on the bar, the Pitt family who helped distribute the fliers and all those who helped with the washing up.

### **Black Country Night with Tommy Munden and Faggots 'n' pays Supper**

Another super night at the Village hall! Seventy-three sat down to a splendid supper provided by Phil Gibbs, followed by a side splitting hour of black country humour. The amazing Tommy Munden kept the jokes flowing and translators were available for those who don't have the regional 'ear'. Everyone voted it a great success and hope he'll come back another year.



### Godfrey's Wizard Quiz

I don't know how he does it, but every year the quiz is bigger and better. This year he had sections for every age group, we had to name famous faces and logos, we listened to famous voices and pop singers, and those were extra to the main quiz questions. A Ploughman's supper mid way and the bar open throughout kept us sustained. A big thank you goes to Godfrey for devising the quiz (I've already booked him for next year), to Ria for manning the bar and doing the washing up, the Jordans for printing and organising the flyers and to Eric and Iris for helping to put up tables and prepare the food.

*Anne Fox.*

# The Floor

St Michaels Village Hall

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April

8 pm



Featuring: **EDWINA HAYES**

*Edwina has an amazing voice and combines it with acoustic guitar. She has been a regular performer in the UK since 1999. Now based in Yorkshire with a second home in Nashville where she is much loved as a songwriter and artist. She has toured with many well known names ranging from KT Tunstall to Lulu. Michael Parkinson calls her " a very talented young lady", Nanci Griffith " a wonderful young woman, so gifted and full of song, with a voice as sweet as the angels". Check her out on [www.edwinahayes.com](http://www.edwinahayes.com).*

**THE GENTS**

*For your convenience they say.... Something a little different from Paul Brett and the boys*

**JACK BRETT**

*an outstanding young musician on his way up and not a newcomer to The Floor!*



Entry: £5 on the door (£1 child)

*Excellent bar & The Floor Broad thrown in.*



**Coming up in May:** Eddie Martin (blues), Richard Tatlow & Robin Broadbank (flamenco guitar) & Malcolm Palmer (George Formby style)

**[www.thefloor.org.uk](http://www.thefloor.org.uk)**

## W. I. NEWS

Many members attended the 5<sup>th</sup> March meeting, held at the Village Hall. Much was discussed, including forthcoming events and future outings. Final arrangements were made for the Spring Group Meeting, hosted by Tenbury WI, The Annual Council Meeting at Malvern and our annual spring clean of the Common on the 15<sup>th</sup> April.

Anne told members of the success of the "Common Lot". Tenbury WI hosted a Quiz-night on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February and our team of Anne Fox, Anne Dicken, Gill Portsmouth and Annabel Swann came first. Well done to you all.

Treasurer Janet, was busy with the help of Jean, collecting subs and members collected the new and exciting programme of speakers for the year.

Over the winter months, members have been busy knitting jumpers for the "Pitt" family to take with them on their visit to Africa this summer. To date over sixty jumpers have been finished.

Anne welcomed the speaker, The Rev. Stephen Thomas, with his talk "Steam Dreams". Since a young boy in a small village, his fascination of the steam train "A Giant Kettle" began. Memories of his youth collecting tickets, the influence of the station master there. The railway community with their strong values and reminiscing with members, on the railway that operated through Tenbury Wells. Finishing today, with his enjoyment in retirement, as a signalman on the Severn Valley Railway. He was warmly thanked by Gill Portsmouth for his nostalgic and "romantic" look on steam trains.

The raffle was won by Alison Booth. Teas served by Beryl and Alison. The flower of the month was won by Annabel, hellebore, second Janet, Daffodil, third Anne, Violet.

Our next meeting will be on April 2nd at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Demonstration and talk "Royal Worcester Porcelain by John Cook.

*Jill Burton*

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## **21 YEARS AGO ....**

*I thought it was time to resurrect this section of the magazine which had lapsed.*

The April 1988 edition of The Sword contained the following snippets ....

Bishop Ian of Ludlow has resigned as Priest-in-Charge of St Michaels from April 30<sup>th</sup>. "We now know that there will inevitably be an interregnum of St Michaels before a new scheme integrates St Mary's Tenbury and eight outlying villages, into one United Benefice and one new Team Ministry of which St Michaels will be a part. .... after April 28<sup>th</sup> the Reverend Duncan Dormor, the new Team Rector, will greatly strengthen the priestly man-power (*Preb Gordon Thompson, Team Vicar, Revd Guy Chave-Cox, temporary, and Canon Dennis Boyling, retired*)

New Parish Hall committee elected at AGM - Paul Bayliss, chairman, Liz Allen, vice chairman, Peter Crownshaw, secretary, Barbara Griffiths, treasurer, Stephen Gough, Ann Dicken, Josie Jordan, Muriel Lanman, Ann Young.

Pentabus to perform 'Ballad of Johnny Reece' at the hall on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

# WHAT'S ON IN ST MICHAELS

## APRIL

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	W. I.
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30pm	Pudding Night
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am/10am	Palm Sunday procession at Hope Bagot/Whitton
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Compline at St Michaels
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Good Friday Music at St Michaels
" "	8pm	The Floor
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Easter Parish Communion
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Parish Communion
" "	6.30pm	Ecumenical Songs of Praise at Catholic Church
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Healing Service at Tenbury
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Parish Communion
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Shindig: April in Paris

## MAY

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Skittles Night
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10am	Family Service
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	W. I.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	The Floor
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Cake Sale on Regal steps
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Parish Communion
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Parish Communion
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	5.30-7.30pm	Coffee Evening at the Wintons
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Parish Communion
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	10am	Team Service for 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday

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