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## SERVICE SCHEDULE

Date	Service/Officiant	Readings	Readers	Sidesmen
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov. 10.00am <i>All Saints Sunday</i>	Family Service	Matthew 5. 1 - 12 1 John 3. 1 - 3	Mr C Preece Mrs J Jenner	Mr & Mrs A Wright
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 10.00am <i>Remembrance Sun</i>	Sung Eucharist: CW <i>Revd J Dunkling</i>	Amos 5.18-24 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end Matthew 25.1-13	Mrs S Childs Mr E Hudson Mrs S Summers	Mr R Phillips Mr J Edwards
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 10.00am <i>2<sup>nd</sup> before Advent</i>	Parish Communion: BCP <i>Revd T Surtees</i>	Colossians 3.12 - 17 Matthew 13. 24 - 30	Mr B Fisher Revd T Surtees	Mr & Mrs B Fisher
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov. 10.00am <i>Christ the King</i>	Parish Communion: CW <i>Revd C Lording</i>	Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24 Ephesians 1.15-end Matthew 25.31 - end	Mrs H Mound Mrs A Fox Mrs J Penn	Mr & Mrs P Mound
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 10.00am <i>1<sup>st</sup> of Advent</i>	Team Confirmation Service at St Mary's Tenbury with Bishop Anthony			
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 10.00am <i>2<sup>nd</sup> of Advent</i>	Family Service		Mrs C Lywood Harry Lywood	Mr & Mrs G Pitt

**Dear Friends,**

When it comes to giving people strange presents, I think my personal favourite has to be the presents that were given to a group of adults at their confirmation service that I attended a few years ago. Each of the 'lucky' candidates received a cactus from the Bishop! I can't remember the precise wording of the speech which went with the presentation of the cacti, but it was something along the lines of: 'just as a cactus can manage without water, so we Christians can manage without the material nourishment of our secular society, we are able to be self-sufficient and self-protecting in a hostile environment and all we need to feed us is the light of Christ! I am not entirely sure if that would be the kind of welcome I would have liked to receive after affirming my membership of the family of the Church - but each to their own I suppose!

The reason I don't like the image that came with the presentation of the cacti is because - what is it saying about Christians? The idea of being a Christian is not to shut ourselves off from the 'real' world and to defend ourselves by showing our prickly and hostile side. If we are going to stick with the plant analogy, maybe the candidates should have been presented with a sunflower. That is a much better image of being a Christian, something that shines with the light of Christ, is cheerful and opens itself up to share its joy with others!

One of the great joys of being a Christian is sharing with others as they explore their faith. Over the next few weeks eight candidates from the Tenbury Team will be exploring more about their faith as they prepare to come to confirmation at the end of this month. In coming to confirmation they will be re-affirming the promises that were made for them at baptism, making their own commitment and coming to share in Holy Communion. Please do give your support and encouragement to our candidates - Sophie Cooper, Hayley Draper, Jonathan Moore, Joshua Moore, Jenny Newton, Jayné Perks, Phil Reece and Jacob Thomas over the coming weeks and remember them in your prayers.

The Team Confirmation Service will be held at St. Mary's, Tenbury on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 10am, led by Bishop Anthony. Please do come along and give your support to our candidates as they take this important step in their journey in faith.

All the best  
Judith

**ALL SOULS  
SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION**

Monday 3rd November

6.30pm

St Mary's Tenbury

*We remember those who have died,  
especially those during the past year*

**ROADPEACE**

**World Day of Remembrance and Hope**

A Hereford Cathedral Service for Road Victims and for all those involved - families, friends and the emergency services, on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 3.30pm. The preacher will be the Revd Philip Roberts, Chaplaincy Team Leader, Hereford Hospitals Trust.

**TEAM CONFIRMATION SERVICE**

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 10 am, St Mary's Church, Tenbury  
with the Bishop of Hereford

*Please come along and support the candidates*

## Letter from the Bishop of Ludlow

It may seem strange to be making an appeal in Advent especially since recently there has been such turbulence in the world's financial markets. The 'credit crunch' means that we shall all suffer. However the poorest in the world will suffer most and this is a time when we can reach out to them with generosity. Those of us who have visited our link Dioceses know the wonderful hospitality which is given to us and how people out of very little give their all.

There is a tremendous spirit of generosity in our Diocese through the links which have been established and after consultation with the Tanzanian Bishops we want to put forward 3 projects, one in each link Diocese for our Advent appeal. There may be people who are not involved in overseas links who would like to respond to this appeal and there may be others who have already given who would like to think about it.

A Food Security Programme in the Masasi Diocese which is in a very poor area in the south of Tanzania. Most of the people in the Diocese are subsistence farmers heavily dependent on climatic conditions. In some years the rains fail and crops are seen to wither and die in the ground; in other years the rains are too heavy and wash seeds and plants out of the ground. In some years there is famine in parts of the Diocese.

One of the projects in the Tanga Diocese is a Vocational Training Centre for HIV/Aids orphans and unemployed young people. Many leave the area and end up as street children in places like Dar es Salaam. Bishop Philip Baji wants to expand and develop the Centre to accommodate many more young people so that they can learn practical skills and be given hope for the future.

"Education for Liberation" is the motto of the new Church Secondary School in Dar es Salaam which opened in 2004 but which needs a lot of money for new buildings, facilities, books and educational materials. Archbishop Valentino Mokiwa wants to see the school offer the best possible education to young people so that they may in turn provide Christian leadership in their country and play an important part in reducing poverty in this, the 7<sup>th</sup> poorest country in the world.

As we look forward to celebrating the birth of Christ we shall remember the outpouring of God's generosity by coming in Jesus and the giving of himself. We shall want to identify with God's generosity by reaching out to others especially our friends in Tanzania.

*The Appeal will be launched during the first week of November when the Archbishop of Tanzania will be visiting the Diocese. Cheques should be made payable to the **Hereford Diocesan Board of Finance** and sent to Gordon Powell at the Diocesan Office, The Palace, Hereford HR4 9BL with a note saying it is for **Tanzanian Advent Appeal***

*+Michael*

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

## World AIDS Day December 1<sup>st</sup>

Do you have an hour to spare on December 1<sup>st</sup>? Up and down the country people will stop on December 1<sup>st</sup> to remember more than 30 million people who are living with HIV/AIDS throughout the world. In the face of such a global epidemic remembering people in our prayers is an important ministry that we can all share in. You might simply say a prayer at home but if you really do have an hour to spare you would be very welcome to join a **Vigil Service at St Laurence's, Ludlow from 12noon until 1pm**. Through words and silence we hold before God all those whose lives are affected by HIV/AIDS. If you would like a lift to Ludlow or would like anymore information on the service please contact me.

*Claire*

## Hereford Cathedral News

There has been a project to commemorate Hereford's three 'saints' - Ethelbert is now celebrated with a new shrine east of the High Altar, Thomas Traherne with stained glass windows in the Audley Chapel, and now the refurbishment of the shrine of St Thomas Cantilupe in the north transept. The cathedral is so fortunate in possessing one of the few remaining medieval shrine bases on the site where there were many healings during the medieval period, and where, today, so many pilgrims leave their prayers. The refurbishment consists of several parts:

The telling of the story of Thomas Cantilupe in two very large panels. Croft Design of Much Wenlock are producing the appliqué work and we hope that this part of the cathedral will be transformed by brilliant colour.

A canopy placed on the stone base, showing how the shrine would have appeared.

A new altar near the shrine

We hope that the shrine area will focus even more on the cathedral's ministry of prayer and intercession and we hope, too, that a ministry of healing will develop - here on the site where, in medieval times, more healing miracles were recorded than at any other English shrine, save that of Becket at Canterbury.

A service of celebration and dedication is to be held on Saturday 8 November at 3pm and it would be marvellous if we were able to welcome diocesan clergy, readers, and their congregations. At the service the refurbished shrine will be dedicated and the story of Thomas will be told in drama by pupils from St Thomas Cantilupe School, Hereford, and we hope to welcome ecumenical representatives.

## Sewing Machines to Maramba

An old manually operated Singer sewing machine weighs 35lbs and occupies 1.5 cubic feet of space. Important information when planning to transport 15 machines to Tanzania. Cost is determined by space taken up in the container irrespective of weight. Weight is a major consideration when loading the machines into our estate car to take them to Much Dewchurch where they are to be loaded into a container. After increasing tyre pressures we managed to load all 15 machines and take them on their first stage of the 5000 mile journey without mishap.

William Mbuji made a surprise request for machines that created a zigzag stitch so several electrical ones have been included in the consignment. The heaviest weighed in at 42lbs, was a very sturdy model manufactured in the USSR, not as good looking as the 'Singers'!

All the machines were vetted by our very own home economics specialist, Suzanne Moss, who carefully removed generations of dust, oiled and left the machines in good working order with cotton threads adjusted to correct tensions. Her help was much appreciated and we now know who to turn to if there are any complaints from Maramba.

It will be interesting to see our machines when we start our visit to Tanzania next week and hopefully take some photographs so that the people who gave them can see that they are put to good use once more.

*P. & J. Metcalfe*

**LUDLOW  
CHORAL  
SOCIETY**

**150<sup>th</sup>  
YEAR**

### **Bach's B-Minor Mass**

*St Laurence's Church, Ludlow*

*7.30 Saturday 15th November 2008*

*Tickets from Ross's Books & Music or  
tickets@ludlowchoral.org.uk*

# Χηιλδρεν□σ Παγε

During November we count down to Advent; the first Sunday of Advent this year is on 30<sup>th</sup> November when we have a special service in the Tenbury Team - a confirmation service when several young people from around the Tenbury parishes will be confirmed by the Bishop of Hereford in Tenbury church. This is a very special time for those being confirmed. Please colour in this picture of youngsters filling a church. This month's competition entries need to be with Clair Wright at The Cote, Upper Berrington, tel. 811017, by 30<sup>th</sup> November.



**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following youngster in the parish:**

**Morgan Williams** who will be 11 years old on 15<sup>th</sup> November

# NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

## ST MICHAELS CHURCH -

### **Funeral**

The funeral of Jean Brigden was held at Burford Church on 13<sup>th</sup> October. Jean was born and grew up in Burford and had a great affection for St Mary's Church where her father had been a church warden for many years. Jean will be greatly missed in St Michaels where she had been organist for some years, continuing to play when needed and for the Family Service. She was also a stalwart of the Family Worship Group and will be truly missed at the planning meetings. Jean was also a very valued member of the St Michaels Singers and her strong alto voice will be missed. We send our condolences to Jean's family and to her many, many friends.

## Family Service

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 10.00am

The speaker will be Kevin Bryant,  
head teacher St Lawrence's CE Primary School, Ludlow

*Refreshments after the service.*

*Everyone welcome.*

### **New Hymn Books**

#### Hymn Book Dedication Form

Members of the church family are invited to dedicate a new hymn book in memory of a loved one or simply a donation. In return, an inscription will be entered into the inside cover of a hymn book (or books). Please fill in the appropriate text box below. Please note that this does not mean you can take "your book" home with you. If you wish to purchase your own book for home study, you can order your own copy online at [www.scm-canterburypress.co.uk](http://www.scm-canterburypress.co.uk) Telephone: 01603 612914

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I would like to dedicate:

_____ (Quantity) words only edition	£10 each
_____ (Quantity) melody and words	£13.50 each
_____ (Quantity) Full Music	£25 each

#### Option 1 Dedicate a hymn book

This hymn book is given in memory of \_\_\_\_\_ (Add name)

Presented by \_\_\_\_\_ (Your name - optional)

#### Option 2 Denotation of Hymn Book

This hymn book was donated by \_\_\_\_\_ (Your name)

Please return to John Swindells (01905 426998).

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## **Music @ St Michaels**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 10am - Sung Eucharist for Remembrance Sunday with The Hereford Church Singers.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30pm - Christmas Carol Service with The Birmingham University Singers, director John Whenham, organist Henry Fairs.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 10am & 3pm - Sung Eucharist & Choral Evensong with The Birmingham University Singers.

## **Operation Christmas Shoeboxes**

Boxes filled with Christmas treats for children in eastern Europe will once again be sent from the Tenbury area including St Michaels. For more details including ideas of suitable items to include, speak to Gwen Arnold on 811956. The leaflets will also be available at the back of the church. The filled boxes will need to be with Gwen by Remembrance Sunday, 9th November.

## **Harvest Festival**

Claire Lording led a packed church which was great to see. All ages were present and the younger members of the congregation lit the candles - what concentration too!!

During the service baskets and boxes of produce were brought forward and what an array was presented. The church had been decorated with great flair and imagination; apples and pears, packs of pasta and tea alongside marrows, trailing ivy and rosehips, rice and baked beans.

After the service we headed down to the Village Hall where a delicious lunch was laid out for us all to tuck into. Well done ladies! As always, far too much temptation on offer, and all quite yummy. My plate was far too full!

Pudding time came and what a selection; apple pies, lemon sponge, treacle tarts and fresh raspberries and many more - we all enjoyed them.

Muriel had been selling raffle tickets during the lunch so we all waited to see if our tickets had been successful - no luck for me this year! Tony then encouraged us to buy delicious cheeses and apple pies - very persuasive.

I don't know about anyone else, but I had to go for a long walk afterwards!

Peter and I collected all the produce from the church and I delivered it to St Paul's Hostel for the Homeless in Worcester on the Monday morning. They are so appreciative of our donation - many of the goods are used in starter packs when residents move into their own accommodation.

*Sally Mason*

## **Apple Pie Plate**

If the lady who made a delicious apple pie for the Harvest Lunch, on a Denby 'Mayflower' plate, is wondering where her plate is would she like to phone Gwen Arnold on 811956 to find out the answer.

## **Wheelchair Available**

A wheelchair has been made available for anyone to use for a day out, for holidays, etc. Please contact the churchwardens, Ray Phillips or Arthur Gough, if you would like to borrow it.

## Around the Tenbury Team ...

www.VALLEY  
WORSHIP  
co.uk  
Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> Nov,  
7pm, at Burford  
Village Hall  
Speaker:

**OPEN DOOR**  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>  
November  
2.30pm  
Cornwall Gardens  
Centre,  
**ALLWELCOME**

**CAB EMERGENCY FOOD RELIEF**  
Tenbury's CAB are collecting items of non-perishable goods for emergency food relief to help locally, those in genuine need, in times of crisis.  
PLEASE HELP by leaving contributions in box at St Mary's Church, Tenbury, or at the CAB office in Teme St.

**LISTENING EAR**  
In times of loneliness, bereavement, suffering and uncertainty, everyone benefits from someone to listen. There are caring individuals locally who can meet with you. Tel: 07804 928484 or contact one of clergy.

### **St Mary's Tenbury WINTER FAYRE**

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 11am - 2pm. Lots of stalls, lunches, entertainment.

### **St Mary's Burford "Spirit of Christmas"**

Floral demonstration of Christmas ideas, stalls, refreshments, in Burford church, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2.30pm. Tickets from Gwythers Shoe shop.

### **Christmas Fairs on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Little Hereford - at village hall

Greete - 10am - 4pm at Greete Court

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## **ST MICHAEL'S VILLAGE HALL -**

### **Village Hall A.G.M.**

The A.G. M. of the Village Hall will be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at 8.00 p.m in The Village Hall. All welcome - it's YOUR village hall - come along and see what's been happening and help to make future plans.

**2008 Pantomime**  
**JACK & THE BEANSTICK**  
**@ The Courtyard, Hereford**  
20<sup>th</sup> December, leaving village hall 5.30pm  
Cost ~£15 inc coach

If you want to go please contact  
Deb Williams (01568 750510) ASAP & before 14<sup>th</sup> November

### **St Michaels Village Hall Entertainments**

Family Night - Friday 7th November 7.30pm.

## **PIZZA 'N' PASTA**

Bring along your favourite dish to share.  
We will provide some salad and garlic bread.  
£1 a head. Bar open 7.30

## Forthcoming Dates for your calendar

### Family Night - Friday 5th December 7.30pm.

Come and help us decorate the Village Hall for Christmas.  
Bar open (bring some nibbles) it's more fun than it sounds!!!

### Village Christmas Dinner - Saturday 13th December 7.30 for 8pm following the carol service.

In the village Hall, catered by Phil Gibbs.

Choice of two starters, choice of three meats in main course and two puddings. Adults £12.50, children under 10 years £6.

Tickets available in advance from committee members.

### Children's Christmas Party 21st December. See December Sword for details.

### Straw Headed Peter - a children's play. Tuesday 13th January 2009 at 6.30pm (by the same company that brought us Firebird last year)

A very funny, new telling of a classic cautionary tale for naughty children which will delight all the family - hilarious stories for a dark time of year.

Tickets £7 advance/£8 door/ £20 family. obtainable from Anne Fox 01584-819845

### Farce by Andy Cook - can things get any worse on the top floor? Debut performances 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 24<sup>th</sup> January 2009. Make it a date now.

### Black Country Night with Tommy Munden Saturday 28th February 2009 at 7.30pm

Faggots and Peas supper by Phil Gibbs. Bar. Tickets £10. Great value. Great night !

# The floor

St Michaels Village Hall

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November

8 pm

FEATURING:

**The IzzyJack Band** - *Cooks & Bretts galore*

*with their own music & old favourites*

**Bel Canto** - *flirtaceous a capella from Bridgnorth girls*

**Anna Gray & Roger Champkin**

**Arthur Hyde**

Entry: £5 on the door (£1 child)

*Excellent bar & The Floor Broad thrown in.*

**CHRISTMAS FLOOR** on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December with the famous John Kirkpatrick

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

**ST MICHAELS SINGERS -**

"For your delight and delectation"

**Olde Tyme Music Hall**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December &  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2008

7 for 7.30pm

at St Michaels Village Hall

*Bar & mince pies*

Admission by ticket £7

*Edwardian dress optional! Prizes for best headwear!*

For tickets and information contact:

01584 819875 / 01584 810978

We would also like to borrow period decorations such as aspidistras for the performances. Please contact Caroline Belfield on 810032 if you can help us out.

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**Not About Heroes**

To commemorate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Great War, Not About Heroes is moving and intimate drama about the real life relationship between the poets Wilfred Owen and Siegfried Sassoon. The play, taken from their actual writings, shows the "strangely fruitful encounter between Siegfried Sassoon, soldier, poet and war hero, now obsessed with exposing every sham ideal used to justify war, and Wilfred Owen, recovering from shell shock, looking desperately for a hero who was not immune to the pity of war" (Times Literary Supplement).

Sassoon looks back on the first meeting with Owen, in Craiglockhart War Hospital, in the summer of 1917. Their friendship deepened only to be cruelly cut short when a sniper killed Owen, just one week before the armistice.

Not About Heroes is a Shindig production. Shindig is Worcestershire's Rural and Community Touring Scheme that brings live arts to our doorstep. Events, including plays, musicians and pantomimes, are held all over Worcestershire in local community venues. It is sponsored by Arts Council England West Midlands, Worcestershire County Council and Malvern Hills District Council.

Not About Heroes is at the Regal Theatre Tenbury Wells on 1 November at 7.30pm. Please contact Jane Jenner on 01584 819653 for tickets.

## Light up a Life

Each Christmas, KEMP Hospice's Light up a Life Appeal gives people the opportunity to both celebrate those special things that have happened during the year and to remember those people whom we love but see no longer.

This year, we will once again be inviting you to remember and celebrate with our Light up a Life Appeal. When you fill in the Light up a Life form on the back of this newsletter, and make a contribution to the work of the Hospice, a tag will be placed on one of the KEMP Christmas trees bearing your message and the name of the person or event you wish to remember. These lights of memory and love will continue to shine throughout the Christmas period.

We will place our KEMP Christmas trees, on which messages and memories will be displayed, at St Mary's Church in Tenbury Wells. By dedicating a 'light' this Christmas you will also be helping KEMP Hospice to continue to offer care and support to people throughout the Wyre Forest and Tenbury area who are living with life-threatening illness, and support to their families and carers.

One family describes below how much Light up Life means to them:

"Just over a year ago I lost my mum to a malignant melanoma after being cared for by the Hospice throughout her illness. Mum was a very special part of our lives. She thought the world of my girls who were the apples of her eye. We all miss her very much. At Christmas time, such a loss can feel unbearable but we've found that recalling all our favourite memories of mum can help.

KEMP has touched our family in many ways and has helped other family members over the years. Just knowing they are there for the good times as well as the bad makes a huge difference to our family.

KEMP Hospice's Light up a Life services provide us with a special kind of support. This Christmas we will be looking at the messages hanging on the Christmas tree, and remembering how lucky we were to have mum in our lives, and really celebrating all that she meant to us."

Although mum was looked after by the Hospice, Light up a Life is for anyone who has lost loved ones or wants to dedicate a light in celebration of a special occasion or new life. By joining us in sponsoring a light, like us you will know that the money raised will help the Hospice support even more local people in need.

Again, we will be holding a special service in St Mary's Church, Tenbury Wells on Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 3.30 pm to dedicate the lights.

*Alastair Fuller*

### *And from Sue Foster .....*

In the middle of November KEMP Hospice will have a Tree of Lights both outside and inside St Mary's Church, Tenbury. Last year we were privileged to have the young people of Café 27 to design and construct the beautiful Tree that was inside the church. Some people were surprised, even perhaps disappointed, that this was not an actual Christmas tree and I would like to take this opportunity to explain why this was so. The Tree of Lights is placed in Church several weeks before Christmas and is there during the whole of Advent - the church season leading up to Christmas. Advent is a time, rather like Lent, when we Christians prepare ourselves to meet Jesus Christ and we do this amongst other things by thinking about things we do wrong and saying sorry for them (it is a penitential time). Because it is a solemn, serious time in our Christian year, the Church is stripped of flowers and decoration and so, to put a jolly Christmas Tree in the church at this time, would be out of place. The tree designed by Café 27 was very appropriate. The simple, bare branches reflected the season of advent and the frailty of life but the lights and delicate crystal, mirror-like decorations added a tasteful, celebratory dimension whilst reflecting back to us the lights and, symbolically, the love of the people we were remembering or events we were celebrating. Much thought, planning and work went into the tree in order that it matched our needs. We at KEMP want to thank Café 27 and look forward to seeing and using the tree they will design and produce for us this year.

## Thanks from Clair Wright ....

Just to let everyone know that I raised £301 following my 10K run in Shrewsbury which I have now forwarded to Acorns Children's Hospice. Many thanks to all who gave a donation.

.... and well done Clair.

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## Beaujolais Nouveau Evening - Friday 21st November

Venue: Cadmore Lodge

Time 7.30 p.m.

Cost: £15 includes a glass of Beaujolais Nouveau and a light meal with a French flavour.

Tickets and more details from Dick Fox (Tel 01584 819845) or from Cadmore Lodge.

## Cabaret with Wayne Sleep

If anyone would like to go to see 'Cabaret' with Wayne Sleep at Malvern on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December please contact Eva Thomas on 711513 by 6<sup>th</sup> November to book a place.

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You can still acquire your Rugby Club calendars from Pam Owens and other outlets around town.

Tenbury's Rugby Players as you've never seen them before!

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*If you've ever tasted the delicious delight of Jenny Wellings' chocolate concoction then here is the recipe for you to try yourself.*

## Jenny's Rocky Road

### Ingredients

125g/4½oz soft unsalted butter  
300g/10½oz best-quality dark chocolate, broken into pieces  
3 tbsp golden syrup  
200g/7¼oz rich tea biscuits  
100g/3½oz mini marshmallows  
2 tsp icing sugar, to dust

### Method

1. Heat the butter, chocolate and golden syrup in a heavy-based saucepan over a gentle heat. Remove from the heat, scoop out about 125ml/4½fl oz of the melted mixture and set aside in a bowl.
2. Place the biscuits into a plastic freezer bag and crush them with a rolling pin until some have turned to crumbs but there are still pieces of biscuit remaining.
3. Fold the biscuit pieces and crumbs into the melted chocolate mixture in the saucepan, then add the marshmallows.
4. Tip the mixture into a 24cm/9in square baking tin and smooth the top with a wet spatula.
5. Pour over the reserved 125ml/4½fl oz of the melted chocolate mixture and smooth the top with a wet spatula.
5. Refrigerate for about two hours or overnight.
6. To serve, cut into 24 fingers and dust with icing sugar.

# WHAT'S ON IN ST MICHAELS

## NOVEMBER

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Not About Heroes at the Regal
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Family Service
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	6.30pm	All Souls Service at Tenbury
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	W. I.
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Pizza 'N' Pasta Night at the hall
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Sung Eucharist for Remembrance Sunday
" "		Christmas Shoe Boxes due in
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	The Floor
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Parish Communion
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>		PRESS DATE for December/January double Sword
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Beaujolais Evening at Cadmore - French Twinning Assoc.
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	Parish Communion
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Village Hall AGM
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Team Confirmation Service at Tenbury

## DECEMBER

Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Family Night - Decorate the hall for Christmas
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Family Service for Advent
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	The Floor
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm	Kemp Hospice Tree of Light Service at Tenbury
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Carol Service
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Village Christmas Dinner
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Choral Evensong
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	St Michaels Singers Old Tyme Music Hall
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	St Michaels Singers Old Tyme Music Hall
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Tenbury Teme Valley Band Concert at Regal
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Parish Communion
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>		Children's Christmas Party
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm	Crib Service
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Parish Communion
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Team Eucharist

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