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SERVICE SCHEDULE

Date	Service/Officiant	Readings	Readers	Sidesmen
Sunday 4 th October 11.00am	Family Harvest Festival Service <i>Revd S Foster</i>	Joel 2. 21 - 27 Matthew 6. 25 - 33	Mrs P Owens Mr M Jordan	Mr & Mrs R Owens
Sunday 11 th October 10.00am <i>Trinity 18</i>	Parish Communion CW <i>Revd S Foster & Revd H Morgan</i>	Job 23. 1 - 9, 16 - end Hebrews 4. 12 - end Mark 10. 17 - 31	Mrs S Summers Mr I MacDonald Mrs A Young	Mr I MacDonald Mr D Grosvenor
Sunday 18 th October 10.00am <i>Trinity 19</i>	Parish Communion BCP <i>Revd T Surtees</i>	Ephesians 4. 17 - end Matthew 9. 1 - 8	Mrs S Child Revd T Surtees	Mr & Mrs E Hudson
Sunday 25 th October 10.00am <i>Bible Sunday</i>	Parish Communion CW + Baptism <i>Revd J Dunkling</i>	2 Timothy 3. 14 - 4. 5 John 5. 36b - end	Mrs R Pleded Miss E Davies	Mrs R Pleded Mrs J Cook
Sunday 1 st November 10.00am <i>All Saints Day</i>	Family Service <i>Speaker: Kath Bills</i>		Mrs C Wright Mrs J Wellings	Mr & Mrs A Wright

TENBURY TEAM NEWS -

Dear Friends,

Dag Hammarskjöld was an amazing man for all sorts of reasons. He is perhaps best remembered for being the second Secretary General of the United Nations. He served in that office from April 1953 until his death in a plane crash in September 1961. He worked during a time of huge political instability across the world and tried on many occasions to bring peaceful resolutions to troubled communities and countries. He worked tirelessly with Israel and its neighbours; he intervened during the Suez Crisis; he worked in Congo during the aftermath of it becoming independent. His work was properly recognised when he was posthumously awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

As well as being a first class diplomat and Secretary General Hammarskjöld was also a man of incredible spirituality and prayer. One of the prayers that he wrote, and which he said daily, was "Father, for all that has been – Thanks. To all that shall be – Yes!" A powerful prayer at the best of the times, but even more powerful when we remember that Hammarskjöld wrote it when the world was facing so many conflicts. In amongst the pain, uncertainty and darkness of that time Hammarskjöld could still say thank you to God for all that was and all that had happened, the good bits and the terrible bits. He could react positively and without wavering to what was to come. A prayer like this is a faithful response to God as creator of everything and recognises that even in the darkest of places and situations there is goodness and that it is possible to see God in it all.

Hammarskjöld's prayer has always been one of my favourite prayers. I mentioned this to a colleague in the diocese who jumped up and down and said it was an awful prayer because so many terrible things happen in the world. I was really shocked because this prayer is at the heart of my understanding of God. We say thank you and yes to God because creation is his and whether it is perfect or not it is still his gift to us. This thankfulness should be at the heart of all we do. That's why we say "It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise" when we share the Eucharist.

We also, at this time of year, gather for our harvest festival services to say thank you to God for all that the land has produced and to give thanks for our farmers and all involved in agriculture. The harvest is not always good and the future of farming is often precarious, but I hope that this year we may still be able to say thank you to God for everything. I also hope that we can say "Yes" to whatever the future holds, knowing that God is with us in it all.

Claire

SERVICE OF HEALING & WHOLENESS

Tuesday 20th October

7.30pm

St Mary's, Tenbury

All welcome

ALL SOULS' SERVICE

Monday 2nd November

6.30pm

St Mary's, Tenbury

All welcome

*During October there will be a list in
St Michaels church to add names of
those you wish to be remembered.*

VALLEY WORSHIP Saturday 3rd October

7:00pm Burford Village Hall

A visit by the world renowned children's worker/teacher, JIM BAILEY.

Jim trained and served as a minister with the Elim Pentecostal Church from 1987-2003. He specialises in worship, children's and youth ministry. He still is an ordained minister. To learn more about Jim Bailey visit his website:

www.jimbailey.org.

DON'T MISS THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

HOST A REAL PERSON THIS CHRISTMAS

Are you thinking about who might come for Christmas this year? Some of the adults from overseas who are currently studying at UK universities would love to spend a couple of days at Christmas in a real home, rather than on a deserted campus. It is interesting to share family customs with people for whom it is all quite new; or, if you are going to be alone, one or two guests from China or India (for example) might even supply a reason for 'doing Christmas properly'. HOST has been linking students with hospitable volunteers for 22 years, at Christmas and also weekends throughout the year.

See www.hostuk.org or call HOST's volunteer regional organiser Roger Lowery on 01885 489024. HOST is a registered charity backed by the Foreign Office and many universities.

Letter from the new Bishop of Ludlow

As I write we are in the midst of unpacking boxes. In this my first letter as Bishop of Ludlow I want on behalf of all my family to thank everyone for the warm welcome and the many good wishes and cards. Moving house is a challenging business. The process of packing up and then unpacking brings with it a set of circumstances which disorientate before the whole process of reorientation can begin. At this precise moment we are in the middle of it all and it is amazing how difficult it can be to locate things which previously you knew exactly where to find them.

Part of the adventure of moving into our lovely new residence at Halford is that as we unpack many familiar items the house provides a different grain and character and the things we bring, combine with the new items acquired and most importantly with the house itself to create something that is both familiar yet completely new.

In many ways I think that these two observations express what I feel as I begin a new ministry among you as Bishop. There will inevitably be some initial disorientation. Please pray that with a growing appreciation of this diocese, its people and places, and as we work and share life together, there will emerge a fresh reorientation in respect of building the Kingdom of God and in the sharing of the good news of the Gospel of Christ. My hope is that my gifts and ministerial experience and this new setting with its unique character and grain will combine into something that is both familiar yet fresh. Ministry is a wonderful privilege and over the years I have received much from others. It is with joy and an expectation of good things that I look forward to what is ahead.

Alistair Magowan

Citizens Advice Bureau Emergency Food Store

Jane Newton, C.A.B Specialist Debt Advisor first visited St. Mary's, Tenbury PCC in May 2007 where she gave very moving, non specific details of hardship through debt in the Tenbury area which was received with almost disbelief. This feeling of 'almost disbelief' continues to be the reaction whenever debt, poverty, emergency food store is mentioned in Tenbury. It is not surprising that there are debt related problems in Tenbury and the surrounding areas when it is a known fact that ten percent of people living in the UK are in debt.

There are many causes of debt related problems: loss of income through redundancy or illness, divorce, failure of a business which in some cases result in loss of a home; stoppage of State Benefit without any notice by Department Works & Pensions which could be caused by even by a change of address, resulting in a desperate situation without money or food. Back payments are paid after a period of time but what to do meanwhile? Older citizens on State pension living on the poverty line, unaware or unwilling to claim their entitlements; those who are vulnerable with special needs; those who have spent or gambled into debt. Some of the most needy are unwilling to be helped because of pride or independence, or because they feel responsible for their situation.

Some people believe that this debt does not or should not exist - 'there are State Benefits' or 'they have brought it on themselves'. CAB recently reported an increasing debt crisis nationally.

Since May 2007 St. Mary's Church Tenbury has been committed to supporting those in need in this area by collecting non perishable food and toiletries on a weekly basis, leaving donations in a box at the back of the church. In previous years local schools have donated non perishable goods or money from their Harvest Festivals. This year a request has gone out to all churches in the Tenbury Team and the Methodist and Roman Catholic Churches suggesting that the non perishable items from their Harvest Festivals might be donated to C.A.B. Tenbury.

In 2007 and 2008 approximately twenty five families received Christmas Hampers and there are plans for Christmas 2009. There will be a collection of gifts for children again this year, more details in November Magazine. All donations of food and money and children's gifts are used solely for people in the Tenbury area. Those receiving a gift of food are unable to believe that people care enough to do this, and are extremely and often tearfully grateful.

A big 'Thank You' to you all who have supported the Emergency Food Store so far. Please continue your support with donations of food and toiletries; please pray for Jane Newton and her co-workers who have the demanding task of helping to sort out the problems on a daily basis. ***When I needed a neighbour were you there?***

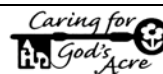
Barbara Foster 01584 890775

J

is for Jay's



A-Z of Churchyard Conservation



Jays, although the most colourful members of the crow family, are quite difficult to see. They are shy woodland birds but also live in parks and mature gardens. The best time to see them is in the Autumn when they fly some distance to search for acorns which they bury and dig up when they need them, later in the winter.

For a soundtrack and video clip of the Jay and other birds visit the rspb website www.rspb.org.uk, 01767 693690

Contact CfGA on 01568 611154 or visit www.caringforgodsacre.co.uk for information on free workshops, bus tours and talks or advice on any aspect of churchyard management.

YOUNGSTERS COMPETITION

Open to any age of youngsters from 1 to 101!!



Lots of entries please! Prizes will be given at the November Family Service.

Please give to Clair Wright or Gwen Arnold by 25th October.

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

Ryan Fish who will be 4 years old on 1st October;
Alexander Mason who will be 17 years old on 16th October;
Samantha Jenner who will be 12 years old on 28th October;
William Powis who will be 10 years old on 29th October;
Bethan Williams who will be 16 years old on 30th October;
Carys Williams who will be 16 years old on 30th October;
Kerry Wright who will be 14 years old on 30th October.

Special Birthday Congratulations to ...

... **ROBERT CONNOLLY** who celebrates his 21st birthday on 4th October
...& to **OLIVER DAVEY** who celebrates his 18th birthday on 13th October

CONGRATULATIONS.....

....to **HANNAH WRIGHT** who has passed her final exams to become a Chartered Accountant. She graduated with a BSc (Hons) in Accounting & Finance from the University of Birmingham in July 2006 and then joined Clement Keys in Birmingham for her accountancy training.

ST MICHAELS CHURCH –

From the Parish Registers:

Baptism

20th September Beatrice Daisy Dyer. We welcome Beatrice into the family of the church.

Wedding

1st August Simon Banfield and Michelle Pakenham.

Funeral

22nd September John Stuart Keith Plested. We extend our sincerest sympathy to Ros & Stuart Plested.

FAMILY HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE



SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER

11.00am

followed by Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall

ALL WELCOME

Donations of produce, perishable and non-perishable foods, will be taken up during the service and afterwards these donations will be taken to St John's Hostel for the Homeless in Worcester where they are used to feed people in need and given out to help these people start afresh. We have sent our produce there for several years now and it is always very gratefully received.

The church will be decorated on Friday 2nd at 9.30am. Any help and any contributions of produce & autumn leaves, berries, etc, will be very welcome!



“Down our Way”

Memories of St Michaels

Sunday 11th October at 3pm

Tickets: Jill Hudson 810137 or Books Books Books

Adults £5, Children £2 to include afternoon tea

COME ALONG AND SHARE IN THE MEMORIES OF THE PARISH

If you have any photos or other items please bring them on the day.
There will be a display area.

There will also be a ‘timeline’ for you to fill in on the day so before you come please think of any dates relevant to yourselves such as when you moved here & other momentous events.

Proceeds to St Michaels Church

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Boxes



Once again an appeal for St Michaels to join with other churches in the area to fill shoe boxes with gifts for children in countries in Eastern Europe and Africa. The boxes need to be ready by the beginning of November so please start collecting items now. Gwen has leaflets which explain what items are suitable and how to go about it.

For more details and leaflets contact Gwen Arnold on 811956.

Treasure Hunt

Many thanks to all who helped with the afternoon tea and to Muriel for running the raffle. £86.50, inc £37 on raffle, was made for the church funds. Report next month.

Bonus Ball Lottery

Bonus Ball winners from 1st August to 26th September are Anne Fox, unclaimed number, Deborah Williams, Jane Yardley, Janet Penn, Jonathan Rickett, Mike Jenner, Camilla Lywood & Helen Mound.

If anyone is interested in joining the Bonus Ball Lottery we now have a couple of spare balls so please contact Julie on 810291. It costs £48 a year or £4 a month standing order - each week someone wins £20.

Many thanks and good luck to all players.

ST MICHAEL'S VILLAGE HALL –

Village Hall Entertainments

Family Night Friday 2nd October Beetle Drive

Yes its back!! Bigger and better. Eric and Jill Hudson have rashly offered to organize it, and we want lots of "Beetle tables" so don't let them down, bring your own earplugs as the noise of dice rattling in cups and shouts of frustration can be deafening. Starts 7.30pm. Bar available. Bring nibbles. Admission £1.

No family night in November as it clashes with bonfire night, but some dates for your diary,

Saturday 14th November 7.30pm Shindig presents

A melodrama - The Mystery of Irma Vep

Mandacrest Estate is the home of eminent Egyptologist Lord Edgar Hillcrest and Lady Enid. Lady Enid is Lord Edgar's second wife, though he has yet to recover entirely from the passing of his first wife, Irma. The house staff, a maid named Jane Twisden and a swineherd named Nicodemus Underwood, have their own opinions of Lady Enid...

Subtitled 'A Penny Dreadful' and taking its lead from tales of gothic romance, *The Mystery of Irma Vep* is a fast-paced and wickedly funny parody of the genre, mixing in references to a whole host of novels and films, from *Rebecca* and *The Hound of the Baskervilles* to *The Mummy*, *Frankenstein* and *Dracula*.

If Daphne du Maurier had written a post-modern episode of *Midsomer Murders* starring the Marx Brothers, this might very well be the blood-curdling result!

Watch in wonder as Dominic Goodwin and Emanuel Brierley play all 8 parts - including an Egyptian Princess - in a quick change dark farce!

PS. Did you know the name Irma Vep is an anagram for vampire? **You have been warned!**

Suitable for adults & children aged 12 + Tickets available from BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS price £7.00 in advance (£8.00 at the door) Family Ticket £20.00. Door and Bar open at 7pm

Saturday 12th December Christmas Dinner in the Village Hall following the Carol Service.

Details in November Sword.

St. Michael's Village Hall.

Our Village Hall is very important in serving the many and varied social events in our community.

As you are probably aware, the building has certain limitations in terms of accommodation, storage, car parking and congestion of the lane when it is used for popular functions. A short time ago, The Village Hall committee formed a sub committee to look at a possible replacement of the existing building. This comprises Tony Penn, Phil Baxter, Rod Owens, Mike Jenner and Eric Hudson.

It would seem that a larger site will be necessary and St. Michael's College have indicated that they may be willing to lease an area of land adjacent to the vehicular turning circle used by buses and vehicles serving the college. A meeting has been held at the college to discuss siting and how much land may be needed. A preliminary sketch layout was discussed. The sub-committee are waiting to hear from the college whether they are able to lease an area of land and if so, what the terms would be.

It is the committee's intention to arrange a public meeting to which all residents, representatives of the church, the college and all existing and possible future hirers of the facility will be invited. It should be stressed that no decisions, other than to meet the college, have been taken, nor will they be until all have had an opportunity to raise questions and express their opinions.

Further information will be given shortly.



The Floor

FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER

8pm

St Michaels Village Hall

Please note special price this month of £8

Tickets have been sold for this event but hopefully still a few on the door

FEATURING:

BOO HEWERDINE

(we have been lucky enough to get a return visit from this top singer/songwriter)

Also Andy Welch & Slow Train

Banjonova

Entry £8 on the door.

Bar open.

www.thefloor.org.uk





DRINKS & NIBBLES EVENING

Saturday 3rd October from 6.30pm

at Ros & Paul Bayliss's home, The Old Vicarage.

Entry £6 with proceeds going to the Marches Family Network.



ST MICHAELS W. I. -

On 24th June, twenty one members attended the afternoon outing to The Elgar Birthplace Museum, near Worcester. We travelled by car and stopped on-route for a pub lunch at The Royal Oak, Broadwas-on-Teme. Directions from the pub to The Elgar Museum caused the President and Secretary minor confusion, but eventually we arrived. It was a fine sunny day and everyone enjoyed the afternoon and hoped to do it again soon.

The 2nd July meeting started at The Village Hall. Karen and Godfrey Pitt joined many members for photographs to be taken. Over the winter months members and friends had knitted children's jumpers for them to take on their trip to Ghana, with the Tenbury2Wells Project. Godfrey will join us at our February 2010 meeting to give us a talk on their adventures. Then we travelled by car to the garden meeting at The Bannut, near Bromyard. Daphne and Maurice Everett made us all very welcome. They gave a tour of their three acre wonderful garden, and tea and cake finished a superb evening.

Anne welcomed many members to the August meeting at the Village Hall. Due to the hall being used for voting and our garden meeting we had not been at the hall since April. Members found new seats, which we found nice and comfortable. The speaker was Jean Brown, a member of the Ludlow Historical Research Group. Jean gave us an interesting talk on her family tree and gave advice on how to go about finding answers to our questions.

Members and friends from Martley, Bockleton, Menith Wood and ourselves attended the Beading Day on Wednesday 26th August. Chris Clarke of Bead Creative and her husband brought so many beads and kits; some wonderful items resulted.

For the September meeting, 28 members visited Abberley Hall and The Clock Tower. Jo Roach, a trustee at Abberley Hall, guided many members up to the top of the clock tower, all of 161 feet. She told us, in 1880, John Joseph Jones, a wealthy man inherited the Abberley Hall estate. Two years later he commissioned a carillon and clock tower. It has three lower rooms, a sewing room, a clock room and had two flushing WCs. The building is prominent and can be seen from six counties. The carillon consisted of 16 bells.

John Walker, the headmaster, kindly allowed Jo to continue the history of Abberley Hall in the School. What wonderful rooms. Abberley became a boy's preparatory school in 1916 and the main ground floor rooms have been preserved with their original decoration since then. Bettyne gave the vote of thanks to Jo and many thanks to Gill Portsmouth for arranging the outing and tea.

Jill Burton

The Fountain Inn, Oldwood Road, Tenbury

JAM @ the FOUNTAIN



Thursday 15th October from 8 pm

ACOUSTIC SESSION

Come along for free music in great surroundings

Bar as well!

Details: Andy 01584 810291

St Michaels Parent & Toddler Group



Every Thursday
9.30am - 11.30am
at

St Michaels Village Hall

Nr Tenbury Wells
Birth to Pre School

£1.50

includes snacks & activity



A different Craft Activity each week, Out Door Play
Day Trips, Singing, Puzzles, Books
and much much more!

For more details ring Tina on 01584 819797

BRIMFIELD & LITTLE HEREFORD SPORTS CLUB

Are holding an

AUCTION OF PROMISES

On Friday 23rd October

Doors open 7pm; auction 7.30pm prompt

Over 100 lots

All proceeds split between

Tenbury Hospital

St Michaels Hospice

The Sports Club

£1.00 entry inc. catalogue

DONATIONS/ENQUIRIES please call

Tony Hobbis
01584 711267

Peter Giles
01584 711394

Cyril Edwards
01584 711414

George Giles
01584 810945

21 YEARS AGO October 1988

St Michaels College had been put up for sale and it is hoped the purchaser will be someone who will support the church and life in the village

For the first time St Michaels was to be one of the host sites for the Heart of England Early Music Festival

Kath Powis was receiving goods for a car boot sale to raise funds for the church

The Readers Group First Birthday

Would you like to join a readers' group?
I was asked twelve months ago.
My immediate thought was well -
Really I just don't know.
Will we be reading Shakespeare, Moliere and Dickens too,
Will we have to do a précis and be given homework to do?
It just goes to show you, how wrong a girl can be.
We have, in fact, read great books and even shared poetry,
Had lots of lovely eatables and drunk a lot of tea;
I've learnt a lot of authors I would've otherwise passed by
And eaten lots of "Chocolat" (we all brought some to try!)
To say that the group is one year old
Is amazing, but it's true -
But the loveliest thing for me is that there's
Plenty more reading to do!
Thank you Pat for suggesting the idea.

Wendy Crownshaw

Hereford Police Male Choir
with 'Three Choirs' soprano Denise Leigh

**Saturday 3 October, 7.30pm at The
Royal National College for the Blind,
Hereford**

*Finalists in the BBC TV show 'Last
Choir Standing' and 2009 winners of the
'Elgar in Hereford' Music Award, the
choir invite you to join them for this
unique performance together with
internationally acclaimed*

'Three Choirs' soprano Denise Leigh.

**Tickets £12 (including glass of wine)
Available on 01432 376372 or from The
Outback, Church Street, Hereford**

*All proceeds in aid of The Royal National
College for the Blind's 'Building Brighter
Futures' Appeal*

email: marion.lyons@rncb.ac.uk

WHAT'S ON AROUND ST MICHAELS

OCTOBER

Friday 2nd	7.30pm	Family Night - Beetle Drive
Saturday 3rd	6.30pm	Drinks & Nibbles Evening at the Bayliss's
Sunday 4th	11.00am	Harvest Festival Service and Lunch
Friday 9th	8.00pm	The Floor
Sunday 11th	10.00am	Parish Communion
“ “	3.00pm	Down Our Way - Memories afternoon
Thursday 15th	8.00pm	Jam @ the Fountain
Sunday 18th	10.00am	Parish Communion
Tuesday 20th	7.30pm	Healing Service
Sunday 25th	10.00am	Parish Communion

NOVEMBER

Sunday 1st	10.00am	Family Service
Monday 2nd	6.30pm	All Souls Service at Tenbury
Sunday 8th	10.00am	Remembrance Day Service
Friday 13th	8/00pm	The Floor
Saturday 14th	7.30pm	Shindig: Mystery of Irma Vep
Sunday 15th	10.00am	Parish Communion
Thursday 19 th		Village Hall AGM
Sunday 22nd	10.00am	Parish Communion
Sunday 29th	10.00am	Team Service at Clee Hill

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