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SATURDAY

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NOVEMBER

11am-2pm

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Items for the next edition deadline Sunday 13 November
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Public Worship

Sunday 10am Mass

In relation to covid - do use hand gel on arriving and leaving the building and wear a mask if you feel more comfortable.

Physical distancing of 1.5m will still be observed in the North Aisle.

Please do not attend if you feel unwell.

Those in the extremely clinically vulnerable group are still advised to consider their risk.

First Sundays 4pm Messy Church

A time of worship based on craft activities, singing and stories with food. Ideal for families

Third Sunday of the month 4pm Contemporary Worship

A non-communion service with a more contemporary feel.

***NOTE NEW SERVICE PATTERNS**

Wednesday 10am Mid-week Communion

A service of mid-week Holy Communion in the church building

Tuesday Morning prayer

A 30min service of prayer on Zoom continues each week gathering at 9.50am for a 10am start. All Welcome.

Remembrance Sunday Service

Sunday 13th November 10am

followed by a service at the War Memorial, Littlemoor at 12pm

From the curate

Revd Rhoda

As I type, I'm looking out of the window at the glorious autumn colours of the trees in the sunshine. When the leaves fall and form a carpet, they eventually decay by a process involving bacteria and fungi. Autumn is the best time for spotting fungi, and this year seems to be particularly good for them. Here are a few photos taken by Rebecca Tustin from Lillekers Funeral Directors on a recent walk around Linacre, with thanks to her for permission to print them.



Phot
os

by Rebecca Tustin



Why am I writing about trees and fungi? At clergy conference Bishop Hugh (St Germans) was talking about the concept of being a healthy community and comparing it to a living forest as opposed to just a 'sterile' plantation. For a forest ecosystem ('web of life') to flourish it needs more than just the trees. And fungi, which we generally see once a year when they produce the visible fruiting bodies, are an essential part of that. Jesus spoke about God's kingdom being like a tiny mustard seed that grew into a tree big enough for the birds to nest in the branches. We pray regularly in the Lord's prayer for God's Kingdom to come. For me, the main sign of

that is the love we have for each other, which was the one commandment that Jesus left us. Love in action, shown by the fruit of the spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, Galatians 5.22-3) as I described in one Harvest Assembly

I think we in Newbold are part of a community that is a 'living forest' rather than being just a 'sterile plantation' with signs of God's love evident in many places, and I'd love for us to be encouraged by this.

In this last month we have hosted Newbold Church School, Cavendish Junior School and Dunston Primary and Infant Academy for their Harvest Festivals, and they have donated lots of food for the local Food Banks. We have also welcomed

classes into church to explore, and, in turn, they have welcomed us into school to try to answer questions they had about the Christian Faith. Thank you to Chris, Hilary, Richard and Steve for their help with the schools.

Since I last wrote about the churchyard, we have received two benches from the community fund raising organised by Samantha Walker, and we have another kindly donated by Glyn Cook and family. We are in the process of submitting the paperwork so that these can be put in the churchyard. Also, I continue to be amazed by the work done by members of the local community and the church (too many to name)



who have been helping in various ways on the monthly churchyard tidy up and at times in between as it suits them—it really is beginning to make a difference.

October saw our first venture into Messy Church, which was good fun. Lots of children accompanied by their adults descended on the church to make various harvest crafts, to sing our Messy Church song ‘He’s got the whole world in his hands’, to hear a story (Jesus feeding the 5000) and to share food. Jo Latham brought along an amazing birthday cake to celebrate birthdays in the previous month. Thank you to all who were involved in the crafts and at the event. I’m already looking forward to our November Messy Church on 6th.

Since I last wrote we have celebrated eight Christenings, including two adults. Brian Lee has taken some lovely

Christening-related photos to be made into cards that we can send on Christening anniversaries.



Baptism card photos by Brian Lee

The Friends of Pevensey Green met in the Parish Room on Oct 15th (see page 19), and we enjoyed a lovely Harvest Supper and Quiz on Oct 16th (see page 14)

Our Diocesan vision prayer

*Gracious God,
in your mercy, and for your glory,
renew us, reshape us, revive us -
with generous faith, courageous hope, and life-giving love—
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From the Church Warden

Richard Peet

We are now in the month of November, the clocks have gone back, and daylight hours are shorter.

What are you doing this month to combat the shorter days, how are you coping with the heating and lighting costs, shopping costs to as we head towards Christmas?

It has been a very busy time for our church, and it is good to let our readers know what is or has been happening.

On 4th October Chris and Hilary went to Dunston Primary and Nursery Academy for a question-and-answer session and Rhoda went in on 11th October. On Tuesday 18th Dunston had their harvest service in church.

Our church school came into church on Friday 7th October in class groups, to see how baptism services are conducted, to hear the organ and have the opportunity to play, to find as many inscriptions as possible in the church, and to explore in the churchyard grounds. On 20th October the church school came to church for their harvest service.

On 26th September Cavendish Junior School came into Church for their Harvest Festival, and year 3 visited again on 12th October to investigate the church and talk about Christenings and Holy Communion.

We had a wonderful, lively, energetic, enthusiastic first Messy Church in October, where 12 families attended, doing craft activities, a short service with a story and songs followed by food in the parish room. This was a wonderful Messy Church, and the next meeting is on SUNDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2022 between 4pm and 5.30pm.

On SUNDAY 13H NOVEMBER AT 10am we have our REMEMBRANCE SERVICE, and then there is the opportunity to go to the war memorial for a service at LITTLEMOOR AT 12pm. This is a day to commemorate all those who have died in various conflicts, including the first and second world wars and all conflicts since that time. This is a national opportunity to remember the sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedom and protected our way of life. If you are able, please take the opportunity to join us on this day.

On Sunday 18th October we had a lovely evensong service, followed by our harvest supper held in church (see page 16). The evening concluded with a quiz. We give thanks to all the team who provided and served the food, drinks and entertainment. A lot of hard work goes into these events, and we are most grateful to everyone involved for their efforts.

On Saturday 15th October friends of Pevensey Green hosted an event for the Mayors Appeal which is for the Alzheimer's Society and Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice. The event was well attended and £367.00 was raised to support their work (see page 21).

The flower arrangements in church for harvest were beautiful. We thank the flower arranging team for the wonderful displays, and a lot of time and effort goes into making the church look so good.

On 19TH NOVEMBER 2022 we will be holding our CHRISTMAS FAYRE from 11am -2pm in church and the parish room. Please join us if you are able for our second major event of the year, the first time since 2019. Raffle tickets are available from church.

As you can see there is and has been much going on in our church, and we give thanks to all those who give up their time in whatever capacity to bring our church to life.

Visit to Oberammergau September 2022

From Ruth Cable

Seven members of St John's church visited Oberammergau to see the famous passion play. This is a very brief account, to give you a flavour of what we experienced.

Our trip was coordinated by Marilyn James, in conjunction with "Tailored Travel", a well-established company. Our thanks go to Marilyn as, all in all, the organisation of the trip has been over a four-year period! However, we made it in the end.

The production takes place in the open, a huge stage, with the countryside as the backdrop. It tells of the passion of Jesus.

In 1633 the plague was raging in Europe, including in the town of Oberammergau. The people prayed and vowed that, if the dying stopped, they would stage a "play of the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ" every ten years. No one died from the plague from that day on.

Only those who are born in Oberammergau, or have lived there for over 35 years, can be invited to take part.

The theatre holds 4,000 people and they are all under cover. The 5-hour long production is in two parts, from 1.30-4.30pm and 7-9.30pm with a dinner break in between.

A cast of over 350 in all, plus 130 members of the orchestra, perform every other day, 5 days a week.

The season starts on 14th May and ends on 2nd October, so each part has 2 actors who take turns. A massive operation, which was executed very smoothly. We had English guidebooks because, of course, the whole production was in German.

The overriding feeling was, as the play progressed, a sense of slowly building tension. The betrayal by Judas, the trial by Pilate and Herod, neither wanting to be the man who 'sentenced' Jesus to death. All were most convincingly portrayed. It was hard to believe that this production was an amateur one. The singing was amazing, both choir and soloists alike.

It was well worth the wait to see such a performance and one that, I felt personally, gives all who attended a very special experience with a lot of things to consider, as we continue our own attempts to follow Christ.

Christmas Fayre Saturday 19th November

Not long to go now!

Thank you to everyone who is organising a stall, donating items and getting busy baking cakes. Raffle tickets are available in church, please take some to sell to your friends as they generate a good amount towards our fundraising total. Posters will be ready soon and will be distributed to members of the congregation who are willing to display them in local shops. Please see Evelyn if you would like any.

We still need your donations of wine, bottles of water, toiletries, children's toys, tombola items, unused gifts and stocking fillers for Santa to give out to the children. If any of our readers have anything suitable, please contact Evelyn on 0779 1735 204 who will collect or bring things into church.



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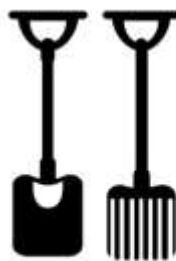
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Harvest Supper



As we don't have an Evensong service on a regular basis, it was a joy to attend this in the early evening of Sunday 16th October.

It had been decided that the Harvest Supper would be held in church and so at the end of the service

everyone helped to clear chairs out of the way, tables were erected, cloths were whipped onto them, flowers placed, and table settings put there, almost by magic. From comments mentioned, people enjoyed the salad tea and apple pie meal, some even saying that the price should have been higher. Seconds of pie and cream were devoured by hungry souls before the tables were cleared in readiness for the quiz, organised by Stuart Adams. All teams were given names relating to harvest – fruit, sunshine, flowers, grain, veg and rain.

There was much discussion and merriment probably due to Bob's homemade fruit wines. Glasses were topped up while backs were turned – again just like magic. Eventually, the quiz was won by team 'Flowers' who were given chocolate bars for their efforts.

The event raised £323.09 to be shared between the bishop's appeal and church funds.

Thanks must be given to Julie, who organised the fundraiser, and to the two Ann's and assistants who served the meal, shopped, baked and washed up afterwards. Well done everyone!





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Readings and Collects

Sunday 6 November Third before Advent

Job 19.23-27a Psalm 17.1-9 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5,13-17*

Luke 20.27-38

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 13 November Remembrance Sunday

Malachi 4.1-2a Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

Luke 21.5-19

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 20 November Christ the King

Jeremiah 23.1-6 Psalm 46 Colossians 1.11-20 Luke 23.33-43

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

Sunday 27th November First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2.1-5 Psalm 122 Romans 13.11-14 Matthew 24.36-44

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.



Diary NOVEMBER 2022

Sunday 6 November Third before Advent 10am Mass

4pm Messy Church

Sunday 13 November Remembrance Sunday 10am Mass

12noon service at the Littlemoor War Memorial

Sunday 20 November Christ the King 10am Mass

4pm Contemporary Worship Service

Sunday 27th November First Sunday of Advent 10am Mass

Every Tuesday 9.50am **Morning prayer via Zoom**

Every Wednesday 10am **Mid-week Communion in Church
(2nd Nov, All Souls Service)**

Wednesday 2 Nov 7pm **Women's Group** (see p28)

Saturday 5 Nov 10am-12pm **Coffee Morning** Parish Room
(See opposite)

Sunday 6 Nov 12pm **Walking Group** (see p31)

Saturday 12 Nov 10am-12pm **Churchyard Tidy Up**

Sunday 13 6pm **Service of Memory and Hope** (see p26)

Monday 14 Nov 1.45pm **Monday Club** Parish Room

Saturday 19 Nov 10.30am **Men's Group** Parish Room

Saturday 19 Nov **Christmas Fayre** (see p12 and p22)

Monday 21 Nov **Monday Club visit to the Spire Christmas
Tree Festival** – details tbc nearer the time

Saturday 26 Nov 10am **Craft Group** Parish Room

Monday 28 Nov 1.45pm **Monday Club** Parish Room



The Mayor's Appeal

Friends of Pevensey Green wish to thank everyone who made the fundraising event so successful by donating raffle prizes, baking cakes, spending money and attending on that afternoon. The Mayor, attended by the Mayoress, circulated the room, making themselves known to various people. In the past, Tony Rogers as a Liberal councillor, helped our group get off the ground with our project of enhancing and maintaining the grassy area known as Pevensey Green, just behind the Littlemoor shopping centre. We are grateful for the help and advice he gave us and are pleased to announce that we raised £367.77 for his charities – Alzheimer's Research and Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice.



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Our Christmas Services*

Sunday 4th Dec 4pm **Messy Christmas**

Sunday 11th Dec 4pm **Christingle**

Sunday 18th Dec 6pm **"Blue Christmas"**

for those struggling to get into the Christmas spirit for whatever reason

Saturday 24th Dec 6pm **Carols by Candlelight**

11.30pm **Midnight Mass**

Sunday 25th Dec 10am **Christmas morning**

Sunday 1st Jan 10am **Patronal Festival** *for the feast of St John the Evangelist*

*In addition to our usual 10am Mass on Sunday and Wednesday

From the Registers



Holy Baptism

- 25 September Rose Michelle Dawn Clark
 Bobby Samuel Ernest Clark
- 29 September Jamie Lee Scott Newman (Adult)
 Faye-Ellen Newman (Adult)
- 16 October Tommy Fraser Purdy
- 23 October Annabella-Rose Newman
 Amelia-Grace Newman
 Noah-Jay Leslie Newman

*May all things belonging to the Spirit
live and grow in them*

Churchyard [burial or interment of ashes]

- 14 October Patricia Ann Sanderson
- 22 October Garry Evans

May they rest in peace and rise in glory

Inspired by Chesterfield's USP

From Chris Barnes

One of the things that has struck me since we moved to Chesterfield is just how strongly the town has adopted its USP (Unique Selling Point) – the Crooked Spire. The Borough Council's motto is "Aspire". The football team's nickname is "the Spireites". We take our cat to Spire vets. There is hardly a single category of business which does not have one company with the word "spire", "inspire" or "aspire" in its name. The only company that's missing is a funeral directors known as "Expire"!

This isn't surprising because death is the subject we are so reluctant to face up to. Many people go out of their way to avoid words like "dead", "death", "dying", preferring phrases like "passed away", "passed", or "there's another star in heaven tonight". Yet Christianity's great USP is that it is the only religion or philosophy that faces up squarely to the reality of death and can make the promise of eternal life in another life to come. We can do this because the resurrection of Christ shows conclusively that there is another life to follow this one; a life of eternal joy.

So how do we proclaim this wonderful news to a sceptical world, particularly in this time of year? November is sometimes referred to as "Remembrance Season" because of the festivals of All Souls, All Saints, Remembrance Day, even Bonfire Night, when we remember those who have gone before us.

The death of this life is inevitable and unavoidable. It is a fact that all of us have to face up to at some point – those points get more frequent as one gets older! This is where the Christian USP is so important – it offers so much hope, even in the bleakest of circumstances.

The reason for this hope is that while our current body decays and dies, the essence of our lives does not. I make no pretence of being either a theologian or a scientist but let me try to explain how I understand this in terms of the body, spirit and soul.

Our bodies are quite amazing: self-generating, self-healing and, with the help of another person, reproducing. They have life and can move, breath, think and do many wonderful and not-so-wonderful things. Scientists have not found a single object or system in the whole universe more complex than the human brain. The Bible says that “the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground.” Hence the phrase used in funeral services, “ashes to ashes, dust to dust.”

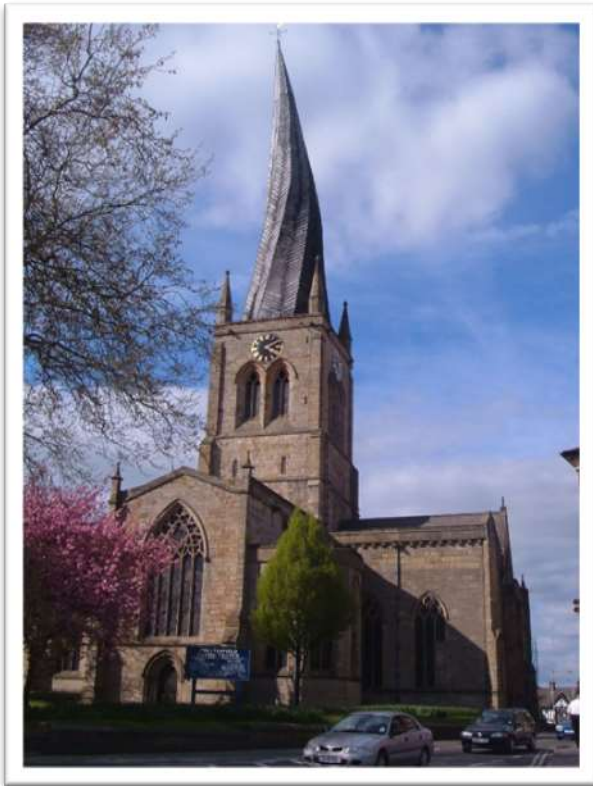
Our bodies are made up of 28 chemical elements, including traces of gold and silver. But our bodies are so much more than the chemicals they are made from. What has changed these inert lumps of dust into living beings? Again, the Bible has the answer: “and (God) breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living being” (Genesis 2 v 7). In other words, the first man received the Spirit of God that has been passed down through the generations.

If the Spirit of God gives us life, then when it leaves our bodies they die. That is not the end of our story because of the third element that forms the essence of our being, the soul. I believe this is the part of us that lives on and will form the basis of our new body in the life to come.

How do we define the soul? It is our mind, our character, who we are as a person. It can be shaped by our experiences throughout our lives. It is the bit of us that is capable of repentance and of accepting God into our lives. Basically, my soul is what makes me me and your soul is what makes you you.

Almost everybody has this intuitive feeling of our soul’s existence, and that somehow it lives on after us. As a clerical

friend of mine likes to say, there are no atheists aboard a plane falling from the sky! The soul is a concept found in almost every religion known since humankind began.



The difference between Christianity and the other religions is its USP, the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The bible makes it clear that after his public, painful and undeniable death on the cross, Christ appeared to his disciples many times in bodily form. He was recognisable both physically (he carried the scars of his crucifixion) and for his character, his soul. His new physical body was the same but different. He

was able to eat and be touched, but could appear and disappear at will, and could even pass through locked and bolted doors.

This is what gives us as Christians our unique hope. If we know Christ has a new life after death; one day, so will we. Let us all aspire to that.

Football World Cup 2022

We thought it would be good fun to have a fundraiser for the football world cup being held in Qatar during November and December this year.

Dean is running the competition and will have more information about how it will work in the coming few weeks.



Newbold Church of England Primary School News

The children at Newbold Church School have enjoyed a busy but exciting half term. Children have settled in well to their new classes and we have lots of new faces in EYFS.

During this half term, we have participated in 'Cycle to School Week' which promotes cycling, walking and scooting to school as a healthy and environmentally friendly alternative to driving to school.



Qualitas delivered balance bike training for EYFS, scooter training for Year 2, beginner bikeability training for Year 4 and advanced bikeability training for Year 6. All the children who took part in this training really enjoyed it and learnt lots of new skills. During 'Cycle to School Week', we challenged students to walk, cycle or scoot to school 5 times in order to get a certificate and a small prize. Out of 197 pupils, 77 pupils managed to complete the challenge, this is a fantastic effort!



On Thursday 6th October, we held a 'Sweet Treat Day' to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. We invited children to bring in sweet treats, such as cakes, biscuits and donuts, we collected them all in the hall and then allowed children to donate up to £2 and pick

some sweet treats to take home with them. We had some amazing creations by parents and all the treats looked delicious. Overall, we raised £471.45 which is an amazing amount!

As part of our Harvest Festival this year, we have been collecting food and essential items to donate to Chesterfield Foodbank. We have asked children and parents to donate whatever they can to help people in need. We collected lots of food and toiletries etc, as you can see on the right (and this was only part way through the week!)



Overall, it has been a busy start to the new academic year, everyone seems to have settled in well and we are starting to prepare for our Christmas celebrations, including our infant Nativity and in school pantomime!

A service of Memory and Hope

Sunday 13th November 6pm



For invited guests who have had contact with us at Newbold Parish Church following the loss of a relative or friend in the last year. We remember them in our prayers.

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Newbold Women's Group

From Trish Law

There was a very good turnout for our meeting on 5th October, when PCSO Sarah Dufton from the Police Neighbourhood Safety Team talked to us about Online Safety and Scam Awareness. With our lives involving the use of so many technology items, Sarah explained very well the pitfalls to be avoided in order to stay safe online and in using phones. She emphasized the importance of being permanently alert, thus reducing the risk of being caught out in so many ways.

The first line of defence is to ensure that we always have the most up to date version of whatever device we use to access the internet and emails. She also stressed the need for separate and strong passwords for each different account. We were also told that police and banks will never ask anyone to move funds or to provide their PIN number. Most importantly, she repeated the old adage that if anything appears too good to be true then it almost always is.

As most of us make use of the email facility the warning is always to ensure that the source is genuine before acting on requests or replying. "Phishing" emails are sent to obtain information, so don't click on links or open an attachment if there is any cause for concern. Any suspected phishing emails can be forwarded to report@phishing.gov.uk which could provide help in attempting to trace the offender.

We were supplied with a very useful booklet "Avoiding Scams" from AgeUK and a sheet with plenty of information on how to protect yourself, your information and your money.

On **Wednesday, 2nd November**, we will be having our annual meal out for the group, and we are going to the Walton Golf Club, meeting at 6.30 for 7pm. This should be a very

suitable venue and with a good number attending we look forward to an enjoyable evening.

Please contact me with any queries.

Trish Law - Committee Member

Scam alert!

It's shameful how scammers target the most vulnerable... so please be aware of this:

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I'm in the very presence of God – oh how refreshing it is!

I've made Lord God my home.

Psalm 73:2 MSG

Churchyard Birdwatch

From Christine Wieloch

The more eagle eyed of you may have spotted that there was no bird report in last month's magazine. That was not because there wasn't a count that month but because after I returned from Oberammergau, I had covid and when I was fit enough to write the report it was too late.

The September count took place on the tenth and was done by John and Wendy as Trish and I were away on our Oberammergau trip. They reported a cold, dry and dull morning with a shower later and eventually getting brighter. The churchyard was quite quiet as there were still lots of leaves on the trees making it difficult to see the birds, nevertheless they managed to see fifteen species. They were blackbird, black headed gull, blue tit, crow, collared dove, dunnock, great tit, house sparrow, jackdaw, magpie, nuthatch, robin, rook, sparrowhawk and wood pigeon.

The four of us managed to make the October count, though I had to leave early in order to visit my sister on her birthday. Again, the weather was cold and dull to begin with, but it was soon sunnier and felt warmer. There were still too many leaves on the trees for us to see the birds clearly and the churchyard was quiet. Nevertheless, we could clearly see people and dogs along with magpies and squirrels. In the end we managed to see fourteen different species of bird. They were blackbird, blue tit, crow, dunnock, feral pigeon, goldfinch, great tit, house sparrow, jackdaw, magpie, nuthatch, robin, sparrowhawk, wood pigeon.

I'm hoping the trees will have lost most of their leaves by the November count so we can see more of the birds we know are in and around the churchyard.

The Walking Group

From Steve Franks

Five of us met outside church on 2nd October on a sunny and dry early autumn afternoon for our walk through the gentle limestone scenery around Great Longstone.

After driving to Great Longstone we parked and ate our sandwiches before starting our walk. Whilst we were there a coach parked in the village, the driver had dropped his visitors off at Monsall Head and was looking for somewhere to park before picking them up again.

One of the trades in Great Longstone used to be shoe making and this is reflected in one of the local pubs, the Crispin. St Crispin is the patron saint of shoemakers.

We started our route by walking through the churchyard of the Parish Church of St Giles. The medieval church was restored by Richard Norman Shaw in the 1870's. Leaving the churchyard we followed a track, Hardrake Lane passing a couple of dew ponds.

These are small artificial ponds built to collect rainwater and snow. In the porous limestone area we were walking through, standing water has always been scarce hence the need for these concrete lined ponds. Leaving the lane, we gently climbed through the scrub covered hillside to reach Longstone Edge. Here we admired the view.

Over the years Longstone Edge has been under threat from quarrying but there were few signs of it on this walk, only a long-abandoned quarry we walked by on our next stage at the very top of the edge, now partially filled in and returning to nature.

Over to our right we could see Monsal Head and could hear a P.A. system in use and see many cars parked in a field. Only later did we find this to be the Monsal Hill Climb, a popular event for cyclists held since 1930.



Continuing along the edge Bob Cable started to pick field mushrooms. By the end of the walk, he had collected 2 ½ lbs which he later made into soup. (Please check 'From the Registers' to make sure he knew which ones to pick!)

We slowly descended from the edge, dropping down through gorse bushes and walking across a large field (more mushrooms) until we reached Stanshill Dale. This is a wide dry dale with a grassy path running through the bottom of it. After leaving the dale we followed more paths before arriving back in Great Longstone and retracing our earlier route through the churchyard back to our cars.

If anyone wishes to join us, then meet us outside church at **12pm with a packed lunch on Sunday 6th November.**

You will be made very welcome.

By day the Lord directs his love,
at night his song is with me.

Psalm 42:8

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