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# The Wenlock Herald

News of events in the Churches, Parishes and Communities  
on and around Wenlock Edge.



# THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND: THE WENLOCK TEAM OF PARISHES

✂ *Berrington with Betton Strange* ✂ *Church Preen* ✂ *Cound* ✂ *Cressage* ✂ *Easthope* ✂ *Harley* ✂  
 ✂ *Hughley* ✂ *Kenley* ✂ *Sheinton* ✂ *Shipton* ✂ *Stanton Long* ✂ *Much Wenlock with Bourton* ✂

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### Web Sites

*Team:* www.wenlockchurches.co.uk  
*Holy Trinity, Much Wenlock:* www.muchwenlockchurch.co.uk  
*Berrington:* www.friendsofberringtonchurch.weebly.com



### THE FLAG OF ENGLAND (CROSS OF ST GEORGE) WITH THE HERALDIC BEARINGS OF THE DIOCESE OF HEREFORD WILL FLY FROM HOLY TRINITY CHURCH TOWER

during on the following days, \*except on St David, St Patrick and St Andrew Days when the appropriate flag will fly.



29th March to 4th April—Holy Week

5th April—Easter Day

23rd April—St George, Patron Saint of England

### WENLOCK HERALD DELIVERY

We have a wonderful group of volunteers who deliver the Herald in Wenlock and surrounding areas each month. However, it is always useful if we have helpers available to take up a route as and when required. If you think you may be able to help in the future, please contact Sally Cooper 07854 975829 or sally-cooper@hotmail.co.uk  
 Thank you!

SUNDAY LECTIONARY—YEAR A	5 <sup>th</sup> April EASTER DAY	12 <sup>th</sup> April EASTER 2	19 <sup>th</sup> April EASTER 3	26 <sup>th</sup> April EASTER 4	3 <sup>rd</sup> May EASTER 5
	<b>First Reading:</b> Jeremiah 31.1-6  <b>Psalm</b> 118.1-2,14-24  <b>New Testament:</b> Acts 10.34-43  <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 28.1-10	<b>First Reading:</b> Acts 2.14a,22-32  <b>Psalm</b> 16  <b>New Testament:</b> 1 Peter 1.3-9  <b>Gospel:</b> John 20.19-31	<b>First Reading:</b> Acts 2.14a,36-41  <b>Psalm</b> 116.1-3,10-17  <b>New Testament:</b> 1 Peter 1.17-23  <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 24.13-35	<b>First Reading:</b> Acts 2.42-47  <b>Psalm</b> 23  <b>New Testament:</b> 1 Peter 2.19-25  <b>Gospel:</b> John 10.1-10	<b>First Reading:</b> Acts 7.55-60  <b>Psalm</b> 31.1-5,15-16  <b>New Testament:</b> 1 Peter 2.2-10  <b>Gospel:</b> John 14.1-14

CLOSING DATE for May edition is 12th April

# CLERGY LETTER



Dear Friends

The resurrection of Jesus centres around a garden where, as a young chorister we would regularly sing these words of a hymn on Easter Day, written by Hilary Greenwood and sung to the tune Puff the Magic Dragon: “Walking in a garden at At the break of day. Mary asked the gardener Where the body lay; but he turned towards her, smiled at her and said: ‘Mary, spring is here to stay, only death is dead.’”

I encourage readers of The Wenlock Herald to read the resurrection account of Jesus as found in St Luke’s Gospel – Luke 24. Mary Magdalen recognised the risen Jesus and is portrayed less startled than the other disciples – she hears him call her by name and she responds. We celebrate at Easter that each one of us regardless of where we might be on our journey of faith is known by name and that God will never forget us and has written our names on the palm of his hand.

But we also know from St Luke that the next thing Mary wants to do is cling on to him. Her fear is that he will disappear again, die again – if you like – but for ever. What we learn from this encounter in the words of the great mystics of old is that ‘Easter is not the resuscitation of one mans body, but the revelation that Christ is everywhere and in everything. The Universal Christ does not escape the grave alone-He brings all creation with him. Resurrection is the pattern, not the exception.’ Or if you prefer, in the words of Rumi, ‘There is no proof of the soul. But isn’t the return of spring and how it springs up in our hearts a pretty good hint?’

Returning to St Luke and his resurrection encounter with Mary and his fellow disciples and their concerns over the future with or without Jesus in person is the promise that soon God will send them the Holy Spirit, to be with them for ever. A new sort of teacher who will remind them of everything Jesus taught. They must watch and wait, in prayer.

We too, in our discipleship, or journey of life are often called to overcome our fears, to step out into new spaces and proclaim the new thing God has done in Jesus Christ. We too must often watch and wait in prayer. Let us pray earnestly that God will teach and equip us, through His Holy Spirit.

As I prepare for my Sabbatical next month, I will indeed be integrating those resurrection virtues of watching, waiting and praying, as I take this privileged extended break from parochial duties, for the purposes of rest, travel, study, volunteering, or pursue personal growth.

Some readers will have heard that I begin my Sabbatical by walking St Frideswide’s Way a forty-mile pilgrim route between Christ Church Cathedral Oxford where I was ordained to Reading Abbey. St Frideswide’s Way is one of the routes in the UK that forms part of the Camino Ingles, leading from A Coruna to Santiago Compostela in Spain. 25km (15.5) miles walked along St Frideswide’s Way, with accredited stamps in the ‘credential’ or pilgrim passport can be added to the 75km Spanish route to qualify the pilgrim for the coveted ‘Compostela’ – evidence of completion of one of the most famous pilgrim journeys in the world that I have had a spiritual desire to undertake for a long time.

Individuals and groups of all ages and stages in life, have stepped aside from their daily lives to experience all that pilgrimage can offer in terms of space and reflection, transformation and encounter with God and with their fellow human beings. Each one of us is being called to begin a new way of living. Every day we are charged with setting aside hurts and mistakes of yesterday, making clear that the path that lies between us and God and setting out more to live fully in the light of Christ and his resurrection.

In the spiritual manual for my Pilgrimage, it reads: “We are God’s children now.” We are a people who are loved deeply and completely blessed with the potential to become more fully the individuals God intends us to be. Every one of us had a part to play in the salvation of creation” – let us begin to play it. This is my intention this Eastertide and, in the days, ahead.

Christus Surrexit! Alleluia! & “Buen Camino.”

Matthew Stafford  
(The Reverend Prebendary)  
Team Rector Wenlock Group of Parishes

# FROM THE TEAM REGISTERS

**BAPTISM:** Elanor Mable Rose TYLER (Easthope) Freddie HORNER (MW)  
Jesse Thomas David GETHIN (Church Preen)

*Through the waters of baptism, may all be guided and strengthened by the Holy Spirit*

**MARRIAGE:** *Bless marriages, we pray, and walk beside them, through all their life together*

**FUNERAL:** Brian Hadyn Thomas (MW)  
Diane Alice ('Di') Tench (Emstrey Crem)  
Gillian Patricia Gordon (Kenley)  
Dorothy Pamela ('Dee') Snape (Stanton Long)  
*Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them*



## RECTORS SABBATICAL

Every 7-10 years clergy can apply for what is known as a Sabbatical. Sabbatical leave is an extended break from parochial duties, allowing clergy to rest, travel, study, volunteer, or pursue personal growth.

With the blessing of The Bishop of Hereford and The Wenlock Team Ministry, the Team Rector, **The Reverend Prebendary Matthew Stafford will be on Sabbatical Leave from Friday 1st May to Friday 14th August 2026.**

During the Team Rectors absence The Revd Lisa Harper, Rector of Apedale and Team Vicar of Wenlock will be pastorally in charge, supported by members of The Wenlock Team Ministry.

## LECTIONARY HOUR

Did you hear something in one of the readings in church that surprised you, challenged you, or wasn't quite sure what it meant?

Do you want to dig deeper into something that came up in the sermon, or consider what God might be saying to us through that particular passage?

Join us in the Brookes Room at Holy Trinity, Much Wenlock each Monday afternoon at 2pm to explore the readings from the Sunday service in more detail. We meet for an hour with no agenda, other than sitting with the readings and seeing where the discussion takes us.

## Pray and Share for the Climate

**Wednesday 1st April**

**12.00pm at Holy Trinity Church**

A small group of us meet on the first Wednesday of the month, at **12 noon** in Holy Trinity Church, to give thanks for creation and to share our anxieties

and concerns about the climate emergency. We use the very moving and inspirational liturgy and the monthly news items published by Pray and Fast for the

Climate. We are a very friendly group and we feel supporting each other is very important in this difficult time. Everyone is welcome.

For anymore information please contact Gill Davis, 01952 727524, [gillvdavis@gmail.com](mailto:gillvdavis@gmail.com).

## The Catholic Community in Much Wenlock



Please contact Elizabeth Sutherland 01952 727 548 for Dates of Mass celebrations at the Priory Hall at 3pm when all are welcome,

Tea/coffee afterwards

The Catholic parish priest:

Fr Iain Griffiths, St John's,

13 Northgate, Bridgnorth WV16 4ER

01746 762348 [iaingriffiths@hotmail.com](mailto:iaingriffiths@hotmail.com)

## The Methodist Church MUCH WENLOCK



Minister: Rev Nik Wooler 07732 263838

## The Prayer Board in Holy Trinity Church



is open to all who want to write their requests or express their gratitude.

The meetings to read these prayers takes place at 10. a m on Monday mornings in the Lady Chapel.

All are welcome.

*Beryl Bull 01952 727427*



## FROM THE EDITOR

I have been editor of the Wenlock Herald for approx 12 years, half of which when I lived locally, and the other half, living the other side of the country. Since the articles, events, etc. are sent to me via email, this is not a problem. There may be the odd phone call, but I then ask for a confirmation email. Working the emails regularly ensures there isn't a need to 'burn the midnight oil' as deadline date approaches.

The Wenlock Herald is first and foremost a church magazine, covering the parishes of Wenlock Team Ministry. There are a few additional articles regarding the community which is believed to be of interest to the readers and space allows (1925 copies are delivered each month).

The basic role is to copy and paste the 'nitty-gritty' from an email and placing it on the pages of the magazine template. A deadline date is deadline date as time is required to type-set and spaces filled (prayers and jokes are found on a website, Parish Pump) before sending the master copy to the printers – they too have a deadline date. The rest is then up to the printers and distributors. All of which are voluntary helpers (apart from the printing).

Content must be non-political or contentious, so it is helpful to have an ability to be firm, but polite, ensuring fairness and equality to all submissions, not allowing anyone taking precedence over others. The Herald assists in show casing the many organisations within the community being a point of reference particularly to newcomers to the area. If there is any doubt as to whether an article should be included or not, a quick email to The Management Team resolves any decision.

It has been fulfilling and rewarding, a privilege working with parishes, communicating with folk who submit articles albeit, I wouldn't be able to put a face to most, but they all have become friends.

I have achieved a high degree of satisfaction seeing the Wenlock Herald develop from simple black and white loose pages printed on a messy duplicator in the vestry, with coordinating and stapling those pages using boards placed on top of the pews, to obtaining a more up to date printer housed in the Brookes Room which stapled the pages together and then moved to professional printers. Introducing coloured front covers connecting with a relevant Christian event for that month – choosing these have been great fun - especially the Hot Cross Buns! - trying not to repeat the same ones each year and adding the magazine to the Website each month with even more colour within the editorial pages.

But now it is time to 'hang up my laptop' and pass the job of Editor on to someone new. I hope someone reading this (maybe more than half a page! – breaking the rules!!) will step forward and offer their services to become the next Wenlock Herald Editor.

Please contact either the Rector, myself, or Much Wenlock Church Wardens if you are interested or wish to know more.

Eirwen Kinna

### Much Wenlock Methodist Church Food Bank collection

Thank you to all who contributed to our Food bank collection every Friday morning. People of Much Wenlock are very generous and we hope to continue seeing you on Friday morning between 9:30am and 11:30 am outside the Town Library.



### Holy Trinity Coffee Morning

A warm and friendly venue for both local people and visitors to the town and also providing a much needed financial contribution to our Parish Church.

If you wish to book a coffee morning please contact one of the Churchwardens:

April 11th	Bell Ringing team
May 2nd	Wednesday Eucharist team
June 6th	Choir team
July 4th	Sidespersons Team
Aug 1st	Flower Guild team
Sept 5th	PCC team
Oct 3rd	Soup lunch team
Nov 7th	Environmental team and other small groups



Any queries or issues please contact  
Francine Coulson-Joy 07779 000450  
francine.coulsonjoy@btopenworld.com

## HTMW YOUTH AFTER SCHOOL DROP-IN

Everyone aged 11-16 is welcome!

A warm and safe space to hang out with your friends

FREE PIZZA AND HOT CHOCOLATE AND MORE!

Every Thursday in term time 3.30pm to 5pm  
Holy Trinity Much Wenlock

**CLOSING DATE for May edition is 12th April**



**Every Monday  
7pm - 8pm  
at the Sports Centre**

# PLAYERS WANTED

We are a group of friendly social Badminton players looking for new adult members of reasonable ability for an hour of fun and gentle exercise.

Visitors fee just £5\* Over 18's only

\*3 visits maximum

Call Rob on 07527 153736 or just turn up on the night

## SOUP LUNCH RAISING FUNDS FOR CHARITY



WHERE: Holy Trinity Church

Much Wenlock

WHEN: Friday 10th April 2026

FROM: Midday till 1.30pm

ON OFFER: 3 soups, bread and cheese

COST: Donations to this month's chosen charity

WHICH IS: Riding for the Disabled

March's Soup Lunch raised £310.00 for Water Aid

This is a dementia friendly activity.

*Usually 2nd Friday each month apart from August and December*



## THE MUCH WENLOCK BOWLING CLUB

Club Secretary at  
muchwenlockbc@gmail.com

## MUCH WENLOCK CRICKET CLUB

Spring is upon us and thoughts turn to the start of the cricket season at the end of April with work on the square and outfield and maintenance work to the pavilion ongoing. Importantly, we are planning a major revamp of the Club this year with the aim of developing wider community involvement.



As well as urgently seeking to recruit new players, and volunteers to assist, we will be working with SCB to provide more opportunities for younger players. Further details will be notified in due course.  
Initial Fixtures:

- 25. April. St George's (A)
  - 2. May. Montgomery. (H)
  - 9. May. Acton Reynold (H)
  - 16. May. Quatt. (H)
- Matches start at 1 pm



## Much Wenlock WI

Usually meet on third Wednesday of the month at The Priory Hall

### Wednesday April 15th.

Come and listen to Bernard O'Connor talking about Training Women as Secret Agents during World War 2.

This is an Open Meeting, so partners, friends and relations are welcome to join us.

Visitors especially welcome.  
Non-members £5.

Contact muchwenlockwi@gmail.com  
01952 726748.

## Stanton Long Church COFFEE MORNING SEASON HAS STARTED

Join us for a brew on the First Saturday each month from May to September at Stanton Long Church from 10am

Tea, coffee and homemade cakes plus warm lively chat

Pop these dates in the diary

May 2, June 6,

July 4,

August and September 5



We really look forward to seeing you

## RUSHBURY AND CARDINGTON WI

We meet in Cardington Village Hall for late Autumnal and Winter months and in Rushbury Village Hall for rest of the year, usually on the third Wednesday of every month at 2.00 pm Jan and Feb and at 7.30 pm for the rest of the year.

We welcome all - fellow WIs and those from our local communities. Anyone interesting joining or even road testing us please call or text our President, Carole Martin 07967 715350



## CRESSAGE & DISTRICT WI

Cressage Village Hall

Meet every third Thursday in the month  
Next month we meet on Thursday **April 9th** when Geet Athwal of Wenlock Wardrobe will present 'Colour and Style'.

Details of all meetings from Ruth 01952 510546

## BIBLE STUDY

Please do not let the word study deter you from thinking about attending to see for yourself. This is not a Bible knowledge competition and there are no tests. Rather we are a friendly supportive fellowship who meet every Thursday morning in Homer, or occasionally in Much Wenlock, to consider parts of the Bible, to share views on what it means to us and, particularly, if it raises questions or confusion for us.

If you would like to try it out or for any further information please contact Alan Gainer on 01952 727879; or John Cumberland on 01952 727386



# HARLEY NEWS!



*Coffee, Chat and Carpet Bowls*  
10.30 am—Wednesdays  
1st, 15th and 29th April 2026  
HARLEY VILLAGE HALL

*All are most welcome for coffee (or tea), biscuits,  
carpet bowls and a chat.*

For further information please phone 01952 510547

## FARMER'S BUTTY VAN

16th April

1030 to 1200 hrs at

Bowman Hill Farm, Plaish, Cardington. SY6 7HY.

By kind permission of Robin and Chris Maydew



## Tulips in the Garden

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April**  
**2pm to 5pm**

At Stream Barn, Wigwig, near Much Wenlock  
TF13 6NN

In aid of St Mary's Church Harley. Entrance £5.

Tea, cake and plant sales.

In addition to the Tulip displays visitors are  
welcome to walk around our woodland and  
formal gardens.

## Gerald Rogers RIP

Richard Liz and family would like to thank family and  
friends for attending Gerald's funeral and for their  
continued kindness, and support which is much ap-  
preciated. A total of £690.00 has been sent to The  
British Heart Foundation.

Liz Rogers.

## Gillian Patricia Gordon RIP

Of Evenwood, Kenley, passed away peacefully  
on Thursday March 5, 2026 aged 89 years.

Beloved wife of the late Stuart.

Dear mum of Iain and Alison and a loving granny.

She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Funeral service to take place at St. John the Baptist  
Church, Kenley on Friday March 27 at 3.30pm followed by  
interment in the churchyard

Family flowers only by request but donations if so desired  
will be given to Cuan Wildlife Rescue.

All donations will be very much appreciated, for which  
purpose a donation box will be provided at the church.

*All enquiries to Northwood and Sons, Funeral Directors*  
01952 727248



## A WENLOCK TEAM PASSOVER CELEBRATION

**MONDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026**  
**HARLEY VILLAGE HALL 7.00PM**

In the Jewish tradition the normal way for the  
Passover to be celebrated is, as a family, where  
the mother and father preside and the youngest  
child present will ask questions regarding why  
the celebration is taking place.

Since the Christian Eucharist grew out of the  
Passover Meal - this celebration is part of our  
heritage and, over the years, more and more  
people have expressed how much it has helped  
them in their final preparations for Easter.

This is not any kind of "performance" but a  
Festive Occasion when we sit at a candlelit  
table decorated with cloths and flowers - and  
demonstrate the inclusive aspect of our  
worshipping life - in a simple, relaxed and calm  
atmosphere which can be seen as devotional as  
well as social.

If you wish to join us, please RSVP to  
[wenlockrectory@btinternet.com](mailto:wenlockrectory@btinternet.com)  
as we are limited on space on this occasion.

Following the positive feedback from the  
congregation of  
The Good Friday – The Crucifixion in Movement  
& Dance in 2024, directed by Margaret Bull.

## Holy Trinity is privileged to host The Stations of the Cross Tableau

on

**Wednesday 1st April at 7.30pm**



## MUCH WENLOCK DOG WALKING GROUP 'UNLEASHED'



Come and take your dog on a Sniffari! Meet likeminded friendly and fun people for a lovely off leash walk and a good sniff around and a good natter about all things dogs. The walk will be approximately 1 to 1.5 hours long. There will be a brief etiquette chat to ensure all dogs are safe and enjoying the walk. Bring your best friend! (don't forget the poo bags). Every Saturday at 8.30am and meeting place varies week to week. Fb group: dog walking group unleashed Bridgnorth Further information from Daniela 07976 411425



## MUCH WENLOCK MALE VOICE CHOIR

Tuesdays 7.30pm  
at William Brookes School.  
New members are always welcome.

Hopefully some of you will have attended our joint Harmony4Hope concert at Wrekin College lately and enjoyed the sound of 100 voices united in song to support the Hope House Children's Hospice, we certainly did!

Our next concert at the end of the month will be a return visit to sing at the Methodist Church in Church Stretton where we performed a couple of years ago, with tickets available via the usual choir contacts. However, we are also looking forward to two events to be held in Much Wenlock in the months to come, namely –

### Saturday 16th May

Coffee Morning and Homemade Cake  
And  
Plant Stall  
Holy Trinity Church from 10am

### Saturday 6th June

Joint concert with  
Serendipity Ladies Choir, Pembrokeshire  
Holy Trinity Church 7.00pm  
More details to follow next month.

The choir AGM takes place this month. The choir remains in vibrant health with over 40 active members and a full programme of concerts to work towards. This year our chairman of two years, David Chantrey, will stand down from the post due to his many commitments elsewhere. During this period, he has been able to greatly improve the avenues of communication within the choir and has proved to be a fine ambassador through his interactions with members, patrons, audiences and the public in general. Thank you, David.  
Dick Langford

Website [www.mwmvchoir.org.uk](http://www.mwmvchoir.org.uk)  
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Email [chairmanmwmc@gmail.com](mailto:chairmanmwmc@gmail.com)  
Phone 01952 728758

## MOTHERS' UNION

Christian Care for Families



Usually every 3rd Thursday of the month

After our January Social, our February AGM and the Lady Day service in March {off which a full report will be in the May edition of the Herald} we are looking forward to having Valerie Roberts come and tell us about the stained glass windows in the church on Thursday 16th April, starting at 2pm and will be held at 1a Forester Avenue.

Visitors are always welcome to our meetings.

For further information please contact one of the following.

LEADER: Gill Reynolds 727620  
SECRETARY: Jean Gladstone 728520



## Singing for Fun

Usually held on 2nd Thursday of the month  
Except August

### Thursday 9th April

2pm at the Methodist Church

and mid session refreshments are planned.

[n.warrington993@btinternet.com](mailto:n.warrington993@btinternet.com)

*This is a dementia friendly activity*



## MUCH WENLOCK FRIENDSHIP GROUP

A social group for people aged over 60 to meet up, enjoy some light refreshment and make new friends. The Pinefields Community Centre, 1 Pinefields Close, Much Wenlock TF13 6DA, usually on the **last Tuesday of the month**, 10.30am - 12.30pm, but meeting dates can change, so please check with Wellbeing services for details of the next meeting.  
**Cost:** Free, but we would welcome a donation of £2.00 per session to cover costs  
**Contact:** Wellbeing services 01743 233 123  
Email: [enquiries@ageukstw.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ageukstw.org.uk)

**5k Your Way Move Against Cancer**  
**A support group with a difference for anyone affected by cancer**  
Parkrun events on the **last Saturday of every month**. Afterwards we go for coffee and chat! Our groups are all very friendly and supportive.

We meet at Shrewsbury parkrun in the Quarry park and one in Telford who meet at Telford parkrun in Telford town park. Both groups meet at 8.45am for a 9am start on the last Saturday of the month.  
[shrewsburygroup@5kyourway.org](mailto:shrewsburygroup@5kyourway.org)  
[telfordgroup@5kyourway.org](mailto:telfordgroup@5kyourway.org)

## Brockton and District WI

Brocktonanddistrictwi@wi-shropshire.co.uk



We met on Tuesday March 3rd, after discussing outings and the Burwarton Show we very much enjoyed a talk from Jo Jackson, a local author.

As well as reading from her three novels, Jo talked about her life and how it has influenced her writing. She has certainly led an interesting life; working first as a midwife in the East End of London and then as a family therapist. Her travels have also given her inspiration: she spent two years in Egypt and travelled in India. Jo enjoyed writing from an early age, she was also encouraged by an inspirational English teacher. In Much Wenlock she joined the U3A Creative Writing group and has since successfully published three books, soon to be four! We were fascinated by both Jo's talk and her readings, we can't wait for the release of her fourth book: "Them Hills Be Holy".

We meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30 in Shipton Village Hall.

Kate Egleton

## TELFORD STAMP and CARD CLUB

Telford Stamp and Card Club meets on the second Monday monthly at the Belmont Hall, off the TN Bank Car park, Wellington, Telford, TF1 1HJ, at 7.30pm until 9.30pm and has a varied programme on stamp or post card related items. We are a friendly club and visitors are welcome. There is no charge for visitors. Any enquiries: Richard Camp. Tele: 01952-405458.



Our Rainbows meet on Wednesdays 5.30pm–6.30pm

Brownies meet on Fridays 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Guides and Rangers meet on Fridays 7.15pm – 8.45pm during term-time.

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/register-to-volunteer/>

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/>

For an informal chat, feel free to call Lily (Rainbows) at 07711 111346, or Katie (Brownies and older) at 07503 893532.



## The Much Wenlock Proboscis Club

is an association of retired or semi-retired gentlemen from all walks of life who meet up regularly, network, exchange stories and are entertained by a wide range of fascinating speakers. If you're interested in learning more, contact the Hon. Sec. initially to arrange to join us at the Fox Hotel on the 1st Thursday of every month (except August - 2nd Thurs) for a social lunch and get together.

Stephen Pridmore (Hon. Sec.)

Phone: 01952 727796

[www.probusonline.org/much-wenlock/](http://www.probusonline.org/much-wenlock/)



A date for your diaries.  
1st Much Wenlock Scout Group invites you to a Traditional

## May Fayre on 16th May

at 12.00 until 5 :00 on the Scout Hut grounds (Station Road). Stalls, sideshows, free family games, barbeque and refreshments.

Please do come along and support us, bring your family and friends, neighbours and visitors we are looking forward to seeing you all.

## COME AND JOIN US AT EXPLORERS SCOUTS

Are you aged 14–18 and ready for something bigger, bolder, and more adventurous? Join Explorer Scouts and be part of a team that pushes boundaries, builds confidence, and has loads of fun along the way.

**Where:** Scout Hut, Station Road, Much Wenlock

**When:** Tuesdays, 7:45 – 9:15 pm

### What can Explorer Scouts do?

Outdoor adventures & camping

Climbing, hiking & expeditions

Navigation, survival & leadership skills

Kayaking, archery & other adventurous activities

Trips, international opportunities & big challenges

Make new friends and gain skills for life

Work towards Duke of Edinburgh & top Scout awards

No experience needed — just enthusiasm and a willingness to give it a go!

**Just turn up or, if you'd like more information email Loren at [lor.reeve@gmail.com](mailto:lor.reeve@gmail.com)**

## BEAVER SCOUTS – PLACES AVAILABLE!

We're excited to announce that Much Wenlock Beaver Scouts currently have vacancies and are welcoming new members!

Beaver Scouts is for children aged 6–8 and is all about fun, friendship, and learning through adventure in a safe, supportive environment.

**Where:** Scout Hut, Station Road, Much Wenlock

**When:** Mondays, 4:45 – 6:00 pm

**To find out more or to register interest, please**

**contact:**

**Loren at [lor.reeve@gmail.com](mailto:lor.reeve@gmail.com)**



## Commandment

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her class of five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honour thy father and thy mother," she asked: "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat one little boy answered, "Thou shall not kill."



3rd Thursday every month except August at Cressage Village Hall. 7.30pm

CLOSING DATE for May edition is 12th April



## MUCH WENLOCK BOWLING CLUB



Gaskell Recreation Ground

**COME AND JOIN US, YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

We run 5 teams in local leagues. Friendly competitions held throughout the year. Social bowling with friends every Thursday.

New to bowling? Free tuition and equipment available

ENQUIRIES TO OUR SECRETARY AT:

[muchwenlockbc@gmail.com](mailto:muchwenlockbc@gmail.com)



## COUND AND DISTRICT TENNIS CLUB

**Come and join in our fun and social tennis community**

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/coundanddistricttennisclub>

or use our Cound and District Tennis Club Homepage QR Code



For membership enquiries please contact us at [membershipatcound@btinternet.com](mailto:membershipatcound@btinternet.com)

Adult beginners courses, adults drills & cardio, Juniors Saturday coaching and private lessons

Please contact Club Coach Graham Hart on 07960 970 017 or email [hartg734@aol.com](mailto:hartg734@aol.com)



**Soft Tennis**—A gentler form of the full game of Lawn Tennis. Played indoors on a badminton size court. The balls are softer and slower. Good fun and a proper piece of exercise.

All Ages Welcome.

We meet in the Leisure Centre, Much Wenlock –

**Wednesdays – 5.00p.m. to 6.00p.m.**

[n.warrington993@btinternet.com](mailto:n.warrington993@btinternet.com)

# Professionals' Coffee Morning

*at Wheatlands Care Home*

**30th April 2026**  
from 10.00–11.30am

You are invited to pop in for a relaxed coffee morning with home-made cakes and pastries. You'll have a chance to meet our General Manager and the team, network with other local professionals and take a tour of our beautiful home.

St James Church, Shipton

**Bluebell, Wild Garlic & Woodland Walk**



**Sunday 3rd May**  
2pm - 5pm

Adults - £10  
Children under 12 - £5  
includes afternoon tea

Upper Meadow Barn, Shipton  
TF13 6LA



## Wenlock Olympians Athletics Club

Do you enjoy running, jumping and throwing?  
at The Leisure Centre.

9.00-10.30am for ages 8, 9 and 10  
10.00-11.30am for ages 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17

If you would like to find out more please see our website  
[www.wenlockolympians.org](http://www.wenlockolympians.org)



*Usually every second Wednesday  
in the month except August  
At The Priory Hall,  
Much Wenlock*

**Wednesday 8th April**  
2pm

**Adrian Barrett**  
presents

**'Life and Death  
in the**

**Dudley Limestone Mines'**

**This talk gives an insight into this dark world and tells the story of some of those involved. Includes tales of tragedy, kidnap and an elephant!!**

The talk will be followed by refreshments  
We look forward to seeing you

Non-members welcome – for a £2 entrance fee

New members always welcome

**Want to know more about the u3a?**

Alison Richards email [amrichards64@icloud.com](mailto:amrichards64@icloud.com)  
07474040646

## MUCH WENLOCK Sunday 5th July 12-5 pm

Much Wenlock Gardens Open Trail will be taking place. If you would like to open your garden for the event, we're looking for gardeners who would be willing to open their gardens from 12 midday to 5.00pm. Please share this information with anyone you know who might wish to take part.

This event is in aid of Shropshire Historic Churches Trust. Tickets with eh map will be on sale at the Penny Farthing £7.00 each. The proceeds will be divided equally between the Trust and Holy Trinity Church, Much Wenlock. Wenlock Abbey House has agreed to be open too.

Please contact either:

Liz Sharman—[lizsharman29@gmail.com](mailto:lizsharman29@gmail.com)

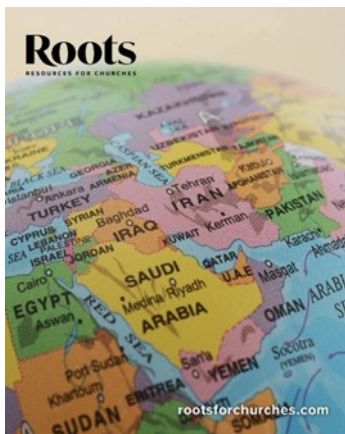
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**GARDENERS  
REGISTER  
NOW**





Lord, as we come to you today, our minds are full of questions. Just like Nicodemus, we want to know how and why. Thank you that you are a God who listens, a God who invites us to ask, a God who wants us to relate to you. So, here we are with our questions... some of which we name in our hearts right now.

Lord, we have so many questions...  
Help us to listen for your answers.

Lord, today our first questions must be: Why? We come with heavy hearts asking why there are wars and conflict across the world. We want to know why the leaders of so many nations want to wield power instead of bowing down to you.

We ask why we have allowed ourselves to spoil your world with pollution and mismanagement of resources so that many millions starve while others have more than enough.

Lord, these are heartfelt questions that we can't answer. But you are the God who sees. You are the God who will one day bring justice. You are the Lord to whom one day every knee will bow. In the meantime, Lord, show us how to be peacemakers. Show us how to work for justice. Help us to be the answer to our prayers.

Lord, we have so many questions...  
Help us to listen for your answers...

An adapted extract from this week's topical intercessions at rootsforchurches.com

New intercessions are published online for Roots subscribers every Wednesday, reflecting the week's news and linked to our focus readings for Sunday.

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## RECTORS SABBATICAL PLANS 2026

### MAY

I begin my Sabbatical with a Pilgrimage to Santiago Compostela.

My pilgrimage begins at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford where I was ordained in 1999.

My lifelong friend Paul Messenger and I will be walking the Saint Frideswide's Way which follows The Thames Path and my faith journey from childhood days. I shall be stopping at St James the Great Radley, my spiritual home, Abingdon on Thames where I grew up and then St Paul's Church, Culham where I was baptised.

We continue towards Reading via Wallingford, Goring and Streatley, finally arriving in Reading. Reading is significant as it was The Bishop of Reading who put me forward for ordination and Reading Abbey was a former Cluniac Monastic site.

The Camino Office has agreed that by completing The Saint Frideswide's Way this can go towards my allocation to receive my Pilgrims Certificate when Paul and I reach Santiago.

From Reading we travel by train to Portsmouth and travel by ferry to Santander. From Santander we travel to Coruna and pick up The Camino Ingles to Santiago Compostela.

I have deliberately chosen May for my Pilgrimage so I can raise awareness of AMMF. As you will be aware my sister Catherine died at the age of 54 from Cholangiocarcinoma. Donations can be made directly to AMMF via my Just Giving Page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/matthew-stafford>



### JUNE

In June I travel to Malta to visit a very dear friend Fr David Wright (The Former Rector of Wolverhampton) who is now Chancellor of The Cathedral in Veleta.

During my time in Malta, I shall be following the footsteps of St Paul and visiting Saint Catherine's Monastery.

Towards the end of June, I shall then be heading to Cysoing, La Charite Sur Loire, Taize and Cluny, with my friend Stu Tabbron to help foster the Much Wenlock link with France.

### JULY

In July we have concentrated family time travelling first to London to celebrate our very dear friend Laura Jourgensen's Silver Anniversary of her Priesting. The Preacher at the Service is our former Old Testament Lecturer from Cuddesdon Days, Paula Gooder, who was also my college Tutor.

We then head to our 'Go To' place, namely the Isle of Mull and Iona, where we shall be on the island for a month. I will have the privilege of Celebrating the Eucharist at St Columba's Gruline during that time.

It will be during my time on Mull I intend to do some concentrated writing on what Monasticism has to teach us today in our context here in Much Wenlock, the Diocese of Hereford and in wider society.



## Our vibrant curriculum!

The start of the summer term sees new class topics, which are chosen to link with our school vision of: Preparing, Sowing and Growing. We are preparing children for life in modern Britain today to be active and compassionate citizens. We are sowing seeds of kindness, love, care and intellectual curiosity to ignite a life-long love of learning. We are growing an understanding of the Christian faith and the link between belief and behaviour. We want to see our Christian values take root and grow in our community life, so all are treated with dignity and respect.

This term our Nursery children in Little Acorns Class, are learning about 'What Places do we Visit?' and they are loving learning about the differences between villages such as Cressage and those next to the seaside.

Acorns Class, who are Reception and Year 1, are asking 'What is life like in Shanghai?' looking at the differences between our local area and Shanghai.

Maple Class, who are Years 1 and 2, are starting their topic of 'Shipwrecked' looking at Grace Darling.

Holly Class, who are Years 3 and 4 are exploring 'Why did Britain have to go to war in 1939?' developing their historical enquiry skills.

Willow Class, Years 4 and 5, are starting a new topic this year about 'How diverse are North and South America's places and landscapes?' comparing two very different continents.

Our oldest children in Oak Class, who are Year 6, will be looking at 'Why does Population Change?' exploring the reasons for population variation and change around the world.

All of our children's learning is enhanced by exciting trips and visitors to school. This year Acorns Class have visited the Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre to take part in minibeast workshop. Maple Class have experienced a 'Night Under the Stars' where they made their own pizzas and listened to a storyteller under the stars. Holly Class were immersed in an Ancient Egyptian workshop led by Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery. Willow Class made some fantastic Roman clay pots at Shrewsbury Museum and Art Gallery and Oak Class explored the wealth of Greek architecture on a walk around Shrewsbury. All of these rich opportunities help develop our children's love of learning.

Last term all classes experienced a lesson about different aspects of Space in the Wonderdome!

*Emma Clarke, Acting Head of School*

## TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

Issued by: Trudi Barrett, Town Clerk Tel: 01952 727509  
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Website: www.muchwenlock-tc.gov.uk

**Mayor and Deputy Nominations for 2026/27**—At the Council meeting held on 5th March Councillor Susan Crooke-Williams was nominated as Mayor and Councillor Chris Tyler as Deputy Mayor for the civic year from May 2026. The formal elections will take place at the Mayor Making ceremony in May.

**Annual Town Meeting** = to be held on Thursday, **16th April** at 7.00pm at the Priory Hall, Much Wenlock. This is a public meeting for electors of the parish. Town Councillors and our Shropshire Councillor will give an overview of their activities and residents will have the opportunity to raise matters of interest and concern to the community. It is hoped that a member of the local policing team will be able to attend. Light refreshments served after the formal part of the meeting.

**Boningle Planning Application for Bridgnorth Road (26/00294/OUT)** - Much Wenlock Town Council resolved on 26th February to object to the application for up to 300 dwellings on land at Bridgnorth Road. Around 200 members of the public attended and several expressed their objections to the development. This will be considered at a forthcoming Shropshire Council Planning Committee meeting when the Town Council will speak against the application. N.B. Shropshire Council is the planning authority and decides whether to approve or refuse planning applications, not the Town Council.

**Much Wenlock Neighbourhood Plan Referendum** – The Neighbourhood Plan Referendum took place on 19th March. Please see feature elsewhere in the Herald. (PAGE 18)

**'Made in Shropshire' Markets**—The first of this year will be held on Saturday, **18th April** in the High Street. The stalls will feature a range of food, goods and produce from local, independent makers and producers. A road closure will be in place.

**May Fair** – The Town Council is holding a May Fair on bank holiday Monday, **4th May** taking place between 2.00 and 4.30pm on the Church Green in Wilmore Street. There will be stalls, entertainment, a local bakes competition, food outlets, dancing, a children's fancy dress competition and more. Look out for updates and do come along to enjoy this free, community event.

**'Much Wenlock Cup'** - Congratulations to Plastic Free Much Wenlock who have been awarded an Envirogrant by Veolia to produce a 'Much Wenlock Cup'. This is a reusable cup that will help to cut down on single use plastic and can be reused up to a thousand times. A deposit will be payable, which can be redeemed on return to any participating outlet – or the cup can be kept for reuse. Local cafés and event organisers will be encouraged to participate in the scheme and we hope there will be an enthusiastic take-up.

**The Guildhall**—re-opens to visitors for the summer season on **3rd April**, Friday to Monday, 11am to 4pm. The April exhibition is fine art by Olly James. The exploration of colour and luminosity is a central theme in Olly's art and skies, in particular, have become a favourite subject. See the Town Council website for more information. The Town Council continues to seek funding to restore and upgrade the Guildhall and will be submitting another Expression of Interest to the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

**Town Council Meetings**—7.00pm Thursday, **2nd April** and Thursday, **14th May** at the Guildhall, Much Wenlock. Mayor Making will be on **7th May**. Meeting dates and agendas are available on the Town Council's website and notice board. Meetings are open to the public and a period is set aside for public participation at full Council and Planning & Environment Committee meetings.

**Council Surgeries**—Saturday, **11th April** between 10.30 am and 12 noon at Much Wenlock Museum.



## FRIENDS OF THE OLD CEMETERY



Ah, the sun is out! And it definitely feels like it has been gone for too long! Winter was dark, cold and wet but suddenly with a bit of sunshine everything springs forth with new growth and increasing light. Up in the Old Cemetery the daffodils are fully out along the roadside verge. The magnolia buds are swelling in a velvety promise and blossom is opening on the lilac tree by the steps in a fragrant assault on the senses. The hazel catkins are open too and are already spreading pollen with the future nuts showing as small green spheres at the branch joint. I love this time of year where there's so much beginning to change but the changes are often little details too, like the small purple flowers of selfheal and primulas in the grass and the softness of new moss and fresh unfurling fronds of tiny ferns nestled in the old stone wall perimeter. Ferns are the subject of another poem for the poetry trail. This time from writer, artist and researcher Emily Wilkinson who grew up in Much Wenlock and now lives in Wales. You can also listen to Emily reading her poem here: <https://soundcloud.com/weavingpoetry/old-soul?in=weavingpoetry/sets/wayfindings>

### OLD SOUL

take me back  
    where my tendrils may again unfurl  
    for the first time  
a pioneer species  
    (this body remembers the lines)  
of when things were different  
    when our paths  
    were not lost  
    in the overgrowth  
when every living thing  
was not so eager to define itself  
    in relation to others  
put it simply: I am Fern  
    and the fractals of my cells  
    know a pattern  
    which enables  
our kind to thrive  
    taking us all back  
    into deep time...  
    remember with me



## PLASTIC FREE Holy Trinity MUCH WENLOCK Environmental Group SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE [muchwenlockplasticfree@gmail.com](mailto:muchwenlockplasticfree@gmail.com)

We have a committee for 'Plastic Free Much Wenlock' and we meet at least 4 times a year and communicate via WhatsApp and face to face. There are 7 of us on the committee and we look at what is happening over the year and what we can do to work with schools, businesses and groups as well as individuals who are interested in reducing single use plastic.

By the time you read this March 30th may well have gone by. March 30th is the 'International Day of Zero Waste'. An article that I found online caught my eye. '5 Simple Ways to Reduce Plastic and Food Waste at Home'. I am not good at this whereas my husband is and often tells me what we have left over in the fridge - but I never find it particularly appealing - remembering childhood meals on a Monday of the cold leftovers from a good Sunday lunch. We should look at things differently now.

This article tells me to check our fridge and freezer before shopping to prevent buying duplicates and helps food to be used before it spoils. Can you turn it into soup, stir fry, curry or pasta?

Going to the market in the Guildhall in Wenlock is so easy and we can buy plenty of loose fruit and vegetables avoiding single use plastic. There are herbs and a few vegetables that do come in plastic, but hopefully with pressure from the public this will change and I hope that you are now in the habit of taking a reusable shopping bag everywhere you go.

If you have made a menu for the week you are less likely to be tempted to buy food that you do not need. Herbs can last longer if they are kept upright in a jar with a little water or in a sealed container. If you can see what is in your fridge you are more likely to use it. Often the most unappetising food such as overripe bananas can go in a cake, stale bread can become breadcrumbs and frozen, soft tomatoes can go into soup.

When our very own 'Much Wenlock Cup' comes into action we will no longer see black bags full of throw away plastic cups.

I have just read on a 'Plastic Free July' Facebook page, about 'choosing natural fibre clothing and changing laundry habits.' These ideas are under a heading 'Be a Stinky Little Legend and Wash Less!' It goes on to say 'jeans only need to be washed every 6 weeks, if that. If they smell put them in the freezer overnight.' I'm afraid I draw the line at that and would certainly need to wash my jeans more often! It is worth looking and choosing natural materials for your clothes such as linen, cotton, hemp, wool etc to keep away from hidden plastics. One of the many positive impacts of reducing plastic waste and avoiding single use plastic is that in turn, it can also cut down food waste.' Why don't you try it?

## Much Wenlock Ecclesiastical Charity

A Grant Making Charity Supporting the Community of Much Wenlock with faith, hope and love.

If you or your organisation would like to discuss to see if you meet the criteria or apply please write to:

The Rectory, New Road, Much Wenlock TF13 6EQ

Or Email:

[mwec@muchwenlockchurch.co.uk](mailto:mwec@muchwenlockchurch.co.uk)

Application Forms can be downloaded from:

[www.muchwenlockchurch.co.uk](http://www.muchwenlockchurch.co.uk)

## CAR BOOT AND TABLE TOP SALE

Saturday APRIL 18th 2026

10am until 3pm

At The Priory Hall, The Bull Ring, Much Wenlock, TF13 6HS, with coffee, tea and cakes.

To raise funds for The First Responders

To book a space call 07971 100812 or 01952 727693.



## News from Shropshire Cllr Dan Thomas

**Council Tax Increase** - Shropshire Council last week (26 February 2026) agreed its budget for 2026/27 at a meeting of Full Council, marking an important step as the authority continues to navigate some of the toughest financial pressures it has ever faced.

Like around 40 councils nationally, Shropshire Council will rely on Exceptional Financial Support (EFS) from the Government to balance its budget for the year ahead. EFS is not grant funding but borrowing that must be repaid with interest, meaning the council must continue to minimise how much it relies on this support while working towards long-term financial sustainability.

The total amount of "Exceptional Financial Support" (EFS) approved for the council to borrow is nearly £193 million. Here is how that breaks down:

£121 million for the upcoming 2026/27 financial year.

£71.4 million for the current 2025/26 financial year.

The idea is to use this loan money to avoid the 114 notice and improve the Council.

I voted against the proposed budget as raising the Council tax to 8.99% felt too high for our residents. It is important to say that this is a loan and will have interest payments, which are currently being negotiated.

In contrast to the 8.99% rise at the Unitary level, I am proud that here at Much Wenlock Town Council, we have managed to keep our precept rise to 5% (£10.53 per year for a Band D property). We have shown that with financial discipline, we can protect local services.

**North West Relief Road**—I spoke out against the decision to officially cancel the Northwest Relief Road (NWRR). This project has seen £32m-£39m of "sunk costs" with nothing to show for it. Meanwhile, the administration is proceeding with the North Oxon Link Road—which I labelled a "road to nowhere"—leaving us with the debt, but none of the congestion relief Shrewsbury and the surrounding areas desperately need. Especially as Shrewsbury and Shropshire will take more houses. The project was ambitious, but for every £1 spent, it generated £3.88 for Shropshire's economy (according to the independently produced business case).

**Highways**

I have invited the head of highways for our area to come and meet with me and look around the roads in Much Wenlock and our surrounding villages and Hamlets. The situation is the worst I have ever seen in my lifetime.

**26/00294/OUT** - Outline planning application (with all matters reserved except for access) for up to 300 residential dwellings, landscaping, public open space, associated access, drainage, and other related infrastructure. Regular readers will be aware of my previous statement regarding the above application. Shropshire Councillor Colin Stanford represented me as Shropshire Cllr at the Town Council meeting, where he expressed his objections to the proposal and confirmed he would speak to any residents who would like to contact him on: [colin.stanford@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:colin.stanford@shropshire.gov.uk) You can follow the latest updates by searching "26/00294/OUT" in Shropshire Council's planning register online. This is shared for information purposes only.

**Advice Surgery** - My next Advice Surgery is on Saturday, 11th of April, between 10:30 a.m. and 12 noon at Much Wenlock Museum. No appointment is necessary. I'll be joined by Town Councillor Daisy Whiteman and a representative from the Police.

*Working hard for communities in the Much Wenlock Division of Shropshire Council.*

*M: 077907 81408 (day time)*

*facebook: com/dan4wenlock*

*E: dan.thomas@shropshire.gov.uk*

## Wheatlands Care Home, Much Wenlock

We've had a busy start to 2026. Our memory lane community is being refurbished and should be ready to 'wow' everyone next month (May), we are excited for our local community to see what has been done.

We have our usual regular exercise class, we are starting to spend time in our outdoor spaces (the weather is getting warmer), as well as inviting people in to give us talks – we have welcomed the Deputy Lieutenant Claire Brentnall who had tea with us, Carol and Michael to talk about Napoleonic war re-enactment and Corrinne to talk about spinning and weaving.

We exhibited artworks by Catherine Downes, the exhibition launched on Friday 6th March with fizz and nibbles. She has donated it to benefit Cuan Wildlife rescue and The Shropshire Hospice. It will be auctioned online by Halls.

We have attended Soup Lunch at the church and have now started our own monthly one, for members of the community to attend. This will be on the first Friday of the month (not in April, as its Good Friday).

We have had some members of Much Wenlock Women's Institute in for afternoon tea, they and some of our residents not only enjoyed the tea but the conversation as well.

On the last Friday of the month we hold our tea, do come and join us for any of these events. To find out more, call the home on 01952 728497 and talk with our Manager Lea-Ann Littler.

## News from Shropshire Cllr Chris Naylor covering Church Preen, Kenley and Hughley

**Save Our Lanes!** - Readers may remember that the Parish is setting up its own volunteer team to tackle maintenance in our local lanes here. This is now making progress under the title 'Save Our Lanes', a pilot in partnership with Shropshire Council which we hope other parishes may copy in due course. It's based on the Devon 'Road Wardens' scheme (you can google that!) where Devon Council pays parishes – only if they want to join in - £10,000 pa to look after their lanes locally.

'Save Our Lanes' hasn't quite "hit the streets" yet but recent progress includes:

Starting work by clearing drains to get water off the roads.

Public meeting of c.40 local residents, almost all. kindly volunteered to help

Agreeing ways of working together with Shropshire Council  
Surveying key lanes: what volunteers can sort, what the Council will have to fix

Volunteers are now kindly doing a short newsletter delivered door-to-door, and our four volunteer 'road wardens' are getting training soon so they can take turns to lead the teams with appropriate signage, traffic management etc.

Plan is to run through the summer, see what we can do – cleaning signs, tidying junctions, trimming hedges, clearing ditches and even filling the smaller potholes, if we're allowed – and then review in the autumn. And if there's a bit of funding available to make an application then.

*Cllr Chris Naylor (chris.naylor@shropshire.gov.uk) - and Church Preen volunteer*

# Letter from Westminster



Potholes remain a major issue across the constituency. The current state of our roads is utterly unacceptable. My team and I have been helping residents all over South Shropshire with this problem, but I was particularly grateful for the opportunity to talk about this recently with the local press in Church Preen. I had been contacted by several residents who were at their wits' end; the potholes on their roads have got so bad that even tractor tyres have been damaged. My constituents are sick and tired of roads that are not only inconvenient to use but pose a genuine risk to safety. I will continue raising this issue publicly to pile pressure on the Government and local authorities to turn this situation around and would encourage residents to fill out the pothole survey on my website.

Many constituents have also contacted me in recent weeks with serious concerns about the Government's proposal to merge shotgun licensing with that of other firearms. So, on Monday 23rd February, I raised these concerns in Parliament during the Westminster Hall Debate on Firearms Licensing. I made it clear that this proposal would do nothing to help public safety whilst having a serious impact not only on people who use shooting as a pastime, but on farmers and those who use guns for pest control. This is of particular relevance to our constituency, as South Shropshire is one of the top areas in the entire country when it comes to numbers of shotgun licence holders. Trust that I will continue fighting for rural communities here in South Shropshire at every step of the way.

I could not be prouder of our cultural heritage here in South Shropshire. Our glorious castles, medieval market towns, and prehistoric landscapes together form an exceptionally rich history which deserves to be celebrated. Thanks to Much Wenlock, South Shropshire is also the proud place of origin for the modern Olympic Games, so it is clear that we should play a prominent role in the UK's Inventory of Living Heritage. The Call for Submissions to the UK's Inventory of Living Heritage, which aims to safeguard unique cultural heritage throughout the United Kingdom, has now been launched, and I have urged Ministers to afford South Shropshire its due. I would also encourage residents to get involved and share their stories of living cultural heritage within our area.

Finally, whilst our pubs and shops keep our communities ticking, out in the fields and farms, South Shropshire's dairy farmers work around the clock to support our rural economy. However, volatile milk prices and soaring production costs are putting them under immense pressure. Dairy farmers deserve a fair price for their produce and, as it stands, as many as ten percent could leave the industry for good if concerns over investment, confidence, and long-term food security are not met. So, in Parliament, I have urged Ministers to review the effectiveness of the Fair Dealings Obligations (Milk) Regulations, which aim to promote fairness and transparency in the sector by regulating milk purchase contracts.

I continue to hold regular advice surgeries across South Shropshire, offering residents the opportunity to raise personal problems and get support on a wide range of issues. I am also holding monthly 'MP Coffee Mornings' which provide a relaxed chance for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake. Come along, say hello, and raise any local or wider issues you'd like to discuss. Dates and locations are advertised on my website or you can phone my constituency office at 01746 555025.

*Stuart Anderson MP for South Shropshire*

## Much Wenlock Severn Hospice



Catherine Downes, known to many of us as a local resident and artist...  
.....has very generously donated a number of paintings for sale, with proceeds going to The Much Wenlock Severn Hospice Support Group and Cuan Wildlife Rescue. The Wheatlands Care Home in Much Wenlock recently held a small exhibition to celebrate Catherine's work and the paintings will again be on display at Halls Fine Art Auctioneers, Bowmen Way, Battlefield, Shrewsbury SY4 3DR from Tuesday 21st April – Friday 24th April.

You are invited to an early evening event, with refreshments, at Halls on Wednesday 22nd April at 4.30pm – 7pm and a timed online auction will be held from Tuesday 21st April until Friday 1st May.

Please find more information on how to register and bid on the Halls website at:  
<https://fineart.hallsgb.com/buy-fine-art-auction>  
or via QR code and follow links for the 'How to buy page' and 'How to Bid in our Timed Auctions'.



All money raised will be donated to the Severn Hospice and Cuan Wildlife Rescue. We are very grateful to Catherine for her enormous generosity in donating to these two very important local charities.



### Much Wenlock Severn Hospice Support Group - future dates for your diary:

**Saturday 30th May**, 10.00am-1.00pm - plant sale at Church House, 16 Barrow Street, Much Wenlock TF13 6EN.

**Saturday July 4th** – West End to Wenlock at The Edge Arts Centre, tickets will be available on the Just Giving site and at Penny Farthing, The Square, Much Wenlock from early May.

**Saturday 22nd August** – Open Garden at Wenlock Abbey

**Saturday 24th October** - Coffee Morning and Christmas Cards sale, Holy Trinity Church, Much Wenlock

**Sunday 29th November 29th**, 2.00-5.30pm - Line Dancing at the Priory Hall





## LETTER FROM HEREFORD DIOCESE

As we reach the end of the first quarter of the 1351st year of the life of the Diocese, I find myself reflecting in a rather “Life of Brian-ish” kind of way on what the anniversary actually means. ‘What’ one might wonder, ‘has Christianity ever done for us?’

Apart from define the character and culture of each one of our villages and towns visually, spiritually and ethically; apart from instil timeless rhythms of life and worship that have fitted hand in glove with those of land, weather and season; apart from put this place surprisingly often at the epicentre of national history through those called to serve under God in church, state and commerce; apart from inspire us to creativity in art and music and poetry and to endeavour in caring for others and offering freedom, education and sometimes just bread to all in need.. what has Christianity ever done for the people of this place?

Christianity has had a tangible impact on countless lives and wellbeing in these parts and has been part of the warp and weft of life. Sometimes it has led to terrible things, but mostly it has been the making of us, and though there is alarming and rapid change and apparent decline at present, it will prevail. In the last 1350 years, a pageant of nobles and peasants, artisans and farmers, businesspeople, clergy and laity have lived out life’s joys, sorrows and unpredictabilities within these inherently Christian communities, which have sometimes flourished and sometimes not.

But all this stems from a single event and a single man. The man who was God came to show us what God is like and how much he loves us. He modelled love and peace and justice and wholeness such as no one had ever known, showed us that we are not alone in this difficult and wounded world and filled hearts with yearning for a promised Kingdom and with passion to see it fulfilled. His teaching captivated the needy and the pure in heart and made the powerful afraid and very dangerous. They nailed him to the cross in the most brutal of criminals’ deaths and his friends tenderly laid his corpse in a tomb.

On the third day, he rose again from the dead and changed our relationship with life and death, sin and righteousness forever. For 1350 years, Christians here have celebrated that day which is the heart of our faith and the hope of all creation. Those early saints who brought the faith here 1350 years ago brought us Jesus and Easter and the hope and desire for eternal life under our God on earth as it is in heaven.

1350 Easter celebrations later, we can still say ‘Allelulia’

*The Very Revd Sarah Brown  
Dean of Hereford*



## WENLOCK CLICKERS

### Come and join our friendly group

A group set up with the aim of offering help to older residents in and around the Much Wenlock area, with their smart phones, tablets and laptops.

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Sessions held on Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:30 at the Priory Hall in Much Wenlock. Weekly fee of £3 per person covers costs and coffee, tea and cake are always available

Also looking to recruit some new Volunteers/ helpers. No need to be specially computer savvy, as most of what we do is fairly basic. However, patience and a sense of humour an advantage!

If you would like to find out more about us, either as a Clicker or a Volunteer, contact us on 07885 247450 (Jill) or 07791 542893 (Karen) for more information, or why not come along and join us for tea/coffee, cake and company to see what we can offer you?

**A grandparents prayer**

God you have blessed me indeed  
as the child I love has had a child I love  
with all that is within me.

**I pray** that in your mercy you watch over  
and protect my grandchildren  
as you have always done for me.  
**May** their lives be long and healthy.

**May** they have the courage to follow their dreams  
and should the day come  
when I am no longer on Earth with them,  
**may** they look back upon me with fond memories  
and **may** they never forget  
that they were and always will be  
deeply loved by me.

*By Jane Craft*

### Events at the Community Room Pinefields Close & High Causeway

For information about Housing Support, Group Activities or use of the Community Room, please contact Julie Painting (Housing Support Officer) on 07582 004047 Julie.Painting@starhousing.org.uk

#### **Mondays:**

Extend Exercises weekly 10.15—11.15 (not Bank Holidays)  
Ukelele Group 2:00 – 4:00pm

#### **Tuesdays:**

Coffee Group—every other week 10.00—12.00  
Age UK Friendship Group 10.30—12.30 last Tues each month  
U3A Art Group weekly 2.00—4.00  
Belly Dancing Class. 5:30 – 7:00pm

#### **Thursdays:**

Housing Support Drop In 10.00 – 12.00

## Practice News

Ever wondered what a Clinical Pharmacist does and how they can help you manage your health conditions?

Or what support is available for older patients locally?

What is a Cancer Care Co-ordinator and how do they support patients?

Who are the patient representatives liaising with the Practice on your behalf? What impact have they had over the past 12 months?

These questions and more will be answered at the **Much Wenlock & Cressage Patients' Voice AGM**

- When** Tuesday 12 May 2026 - 18:30 hrs
- Where** Much Wenlock Medical Practice, Kingsway Lodge, King Street, Much Wenlock TF13 6BL
- Who can attend?** All patients registered at Much Wenlock & Cressage Medical Practice
- Do I need to book?** No, just turn up on the 12.5.26 at 18:30

We look forward to seeing you there

MUCH WENLOCK PARISH CHURCH

### Saturday Live

Concerts and Recitals



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#### Saturday Lunchtime Organ Recitals

These are free concerts featuring the new Church Organ. Each event starts at 12 noon and will last around 45 minutes. There will be a retiring collection.






Dr Andrew Padmore BEM  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Tony Pinell  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Rev'd David Price  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July



### It's a YES! Much Wenlock Neighbourhood Plan 2024 - 2028

Great news! The people of Much Wenlock have voted 'Yes' - they want Shropshire Council to use the town's new Neighbourhood Plan to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area. 90% of those who voted said 'yes' at the Referendum held on 19th March.

The Much Wenlock Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led document containing the aspirations of the community for the future of the town. It will help to safeguard the town's heritage and environment and sets out standards and design requirements for any future development.

What happens next? The Plan will go to a meeting of Shropshire Council, probably in May, and they will vote on whether to adopt ('make') the Neighbourhood Plan. After approval, the Much Wenlock Neighbourhood Development Plan will form part of the statutory decision-making process for planning for Much Wenlock.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the development of the new Plan and to all those who voted for it.



It has been a quiet start to the year at the wildlife hospital, with mostly pigeons and hedgehogs resident at the hospital. We have had a few owls needing to stay with us, mainly for rest and rehabilitation. Recently, three owls were admitted at the same time, two tawny owls and one barn owl, who had been found injured by the side of the road. Due to the incredibly wet winter weather we have been having, owls have found it much more difficult to hunt at night due to the weather, often falling victim to roadside accidents. They were brought to us very under-nourished, unable to feed themselves and dehydrated. After receiving medication, fluids and being gently fed, they were given lots of quiet, rest and warmth, until they were able to feed themselves and begin to show signs of building up their strength. Their rehabilitation involves ensuring they are fit to be able to fly and hunt and survive in their natural environment before we can consider them to be fit for release. Deer call outs have also featured heavily for us this winter, either to road traffic accidents, or caught up in wires or fencing.

Work is shortly to begin on the repair of our water-fowl pools, after they were severely damaged during Storm Goretti. All the netting was damaged, as well as the metal poles surrounding the pools, with one pool being completely damaged and not able to be used. An appeal was launched online and the public have been incredibly generous - thank you to all who have donated and supported us to be able to begin repairing these pools in readiness for the imminent spring arrivals of ducklings, swans, geese

### PRAYER FOR PEACE

*Almighty Father,  
You are the Lord of history, and we place in your hands the distress of our times.*

*Do not allow war cries and threats to triumph,  
but enlighten us that we may recognise the human family across the world as one family.*

*Welcome those who have died,  
comfort those who mourn,  
be with refugees and those driven from their homes,  
heal the wounds of those injured in body and soul  
and be close to all who seek to aid them.*

*Send your Holy Spirit over the earth,  
the Spirit who defeats division,  
who overcomes war.*

*Now, Lord, please come to our aid,  
guide us into the way of peace, trusting always in  
Your Word, Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns for ever and ever,  
Amen.*



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## Calendar of Events

30th March Wenlock Team Passover Celebration (7)

### APRIL 2026

- 1st Wed Coffee, Chat and Carpet Bowls (7)  
Stations of The Cross Tableau (7)  
Pray and Share for the Climate (4)
- 2nd Thurs Town Council Meeting (12)
- 4th Sat The Edge Arts Centre (13)
- 8th Wed U3A AGM and Talk (10)
- 9th Thurs Cressage and District WI (15)  
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- 10th Fri Holy Trinity Soup Lunch (6) The Edge Arts Centre (13)
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- 11th Sat The Edge Arts Centre (13) Council Surgery (12/15)
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The Edge Arts Centre (13)  
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- 19th Sun Tulips in the Garden (7)
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- 21st to 1st May Severn Hospice Timed Online Auction
- 24th Fri The Edge Arts Centre (13)
- 25th Sat Cricket Club Fixtures (6) The Edge Arts Centre (13)  
Saturday Live Concerts & Recitals Holy Trinity Church (18)
- 27th Mon The Edge Arts Centre (13)
- 29th Wed Coffee, Chat and Carpet Bowls (7)
- 30th Thurs Wheatlands Care Home Coffee Morning (10)

### FUTURE DATES

- 2nd May Cricket Club Fixtures (6)  
Stanton Long Coffee Morning (6)
- 3rd May Bluebell Walk (10)  
Bluebell Woodland Walk (10)
- 9th May Cound Church Fete (13)  
Cricket Club Fixtures (6)
- 12th May MW & Cressage Practice Patient's Voice AGM (18)
- 16th May Cricket Club Fixtures (6)  
Scouts' May Fayre (9)
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### Much Wenlock and Cressage Compassionate Communities (CoCo)

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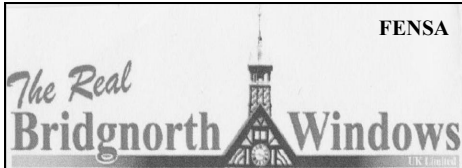
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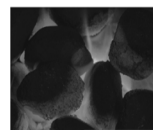
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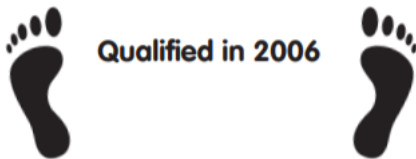


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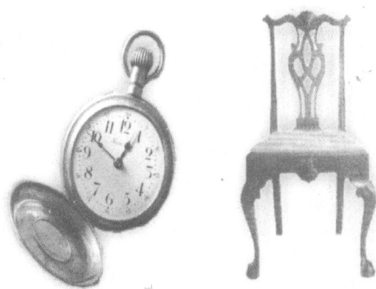
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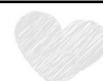
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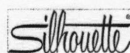
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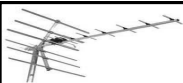
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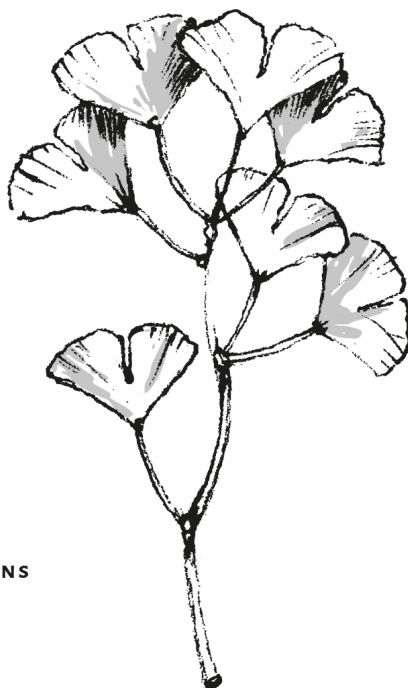
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## **Palm Sunday—29th March**

Palm Sunday Walk from Stanton Long to Shipton - 10.00am  
Palm Sunday Procession,  
Reading of the Passion and Holy Eucharist at Holy Trinity,  
Much Wenlock - 10.30am

## **Monday of Holy Week—30th March**

Team Passover Meal Harley Village Hall - 7.00pm

## **Tuesday of Holy Week—31st March**

Compline and Reflection at St John the Baptist Hughley - 7.30pm

## **Wednesday of Holy Week—1st April**

Chrim Mass Hereford Cathedral 10.30am  
tations of The Cross Tableau at Holy Trinity, Much Wenlock - 7.30pm  
(Directed by Margaret Bull)

## **Easter Triduum**



## **Maundy Thursday—2nd April**

Holy Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar and Watch until Midnight  
at Holy Trinity, Much Wenlock 7.30pm  
Holy Communion at St Mary's Harley at 7.00pm

## **Good Friday—3rd April**

Reflective Service at St John the Baptist, Kenley - 10.30am  
'The Last Hour' starting from Wenlock Priory at 1.45pm with  
Reflective Service at Holy Trinity, Much Wenlock at 2.00pm  
and ending with a  
Public Act of Witness on The Town Square at 3.00pm

## **Holy Saturday—4th April**

Easter Vigil and Holy Eucharist at Holy Trinity, Much Wenlock - 8.00pm

✘ Berrington with Betton Strange ✘ Church Preen ✘ Cound ✘ Cressage ✘ Easthope ✘ Harley ✘

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## Sunday Services in APRIL 2026

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Churches listed by neighbourhood	5 <sup>th</sup> April EASTER DAY	12 <sup>th</sup> April EASTER 2	19 <sup>th</sup> April EASTER 3	26 <sup>th</sup> April EASTER 4	3 <sup>rd</sup> May EASTER 5
Berrington and Betton Strange	To Cound	To Harley	To Cound	1.00 Holy Baptism (MCS)	To Cound
Cound	11.00 E (SR)		11.00 E (SR)		11.00 AAW (LL)
Cressage	To Cound	To Harley	To Cound	To Sheinton	To Cound
Sheinton				11.15 MP (MCS) Followed by APCM	
Harley	10.00 Easter Morning Praise (PT)	9.30 HC (CS)		6.00 EP & APCM (MCS)	
Kenley	9.30 E (SR)				9.30 HC (SC)
Church Preen			11.00 E (RB)		
Hughley				9.30 MP (MCS) Followed by APCM	
Much Wenlock	8.00 BCP HC (MCS) 9.30 E (MCS)  6.30 Easter Evening Praise (SR)	9.30 MP & APCM (MCS)	9.30 E (SR) 6.00 Joint Choirs Choral Evensong at Leominster Priory	9.30 E (CL)	9.30 E (RB)  6.30 BCP EvS (LL)
Bourton			9.30 HC (MCS)		
Easthope				6.00 E (LH)	
Shipton	9.30 St Michael and All Angel's Stanton Long and St James, Shipton		11.00 MP & APCM (MCS)		9.30 MP (LL)
Stanton Long	Joint Parish Eucharist for Easter Day At Shipton (CL)			9.30 MP (LL)	
<b>MIDWEEK COMMUNION AT MUCH WENLOCK - 10.30AM WEDNESDAY</b>					

KEY TO OFFICIANTS:

MCS = Revd Preb M Stafford SR = Revd Sam Rigby LH = Revd Lisa Harper  
 RB = Revd Canon Robert Bull DJ = Revd David Janes CL = Fr Charles Lawrence PT = Mr Paul Trenberth  
 SC = Sheila Cox CS = Claire Sanders MS = Mark Sanders LL = Locally Led

KEY TO SERVICES:

AAW = All Age Worship BCP = Book of Common Prayer E = Eucharist EvS = Choral Evensong  
 EP = Evening Prayer HC = Holy Communion MP = Morning Prayer