

# Footprints

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*Get it in the diary -*

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2021**  
**from 11am to 3pm**

## **BROADWAS VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS FAYRE.**

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Refreshments available.

**To book a table £10**

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Donations for our tombola table will be gratefully received.

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# Church Words by Rev. Canon David Sherwin

In my penultimate article for The village magazines, I have been asked to reflect upon my time amongst you, and I thought rather than just catalogue what I have done, I would reflect upon the strengths I have found amongst you that are an important part of any rural community and of the Christian faith.

**Welcome** – upon my arrival 20 years ago I found people to be most welcoming; I am sure that was not just because I was the vicar. As our communities grow, those who move in need to feel welcome and included. Our Christian duty is to ‘love one another’ and so to be welcoming to all, regardless of social background, race or colour. We are all part of God’s world.

Thank you for your welcome to me and my family, may such welcome continue for all whether in church or out in the community – which leads me to my next thought...

**Community** – having been involved with the mining communities of South Yorkshire before I arrived here, I had an appreciation of the strengths that strong communities afforded. I found similarities between the way a mining community functioned and the rural communities I had become a part of. Community means that we are part of a larger ‘family’ other than our nuclear family. Whilst our immediate family is vitally important, it is good to know there are others we can turn to when in need and for friendship.

In any community there are communities within communities. These include local interest groups and we are not short of those thankfully. For example, WI, Scouts and Guides, Heritage, Wine, folk music, Morris dancing, and Friendship groups to name only a few. There is of course a ‘community of faith’ too, which is called the Church, to which we are all invited to be a part of, and that whether we wish to be part of that community or not, we are always welcome. The Church is not just about worship in a building on a Sunday but about life and relationships day by day.

**Buildings/Ministry** – The church is often seen as a building, and what wonderful buildings we have in the villages of the area. I have been blessed to be able to lead worship within them and thankful for the support that has been given when they have faced problems, both practically and financially. They are a visible presence of our faith, but of course, our faith is worked out in the living presence of Christians

out in the community, you and I. Living out our faith day by day.

I thank you for the way in which you show this living faith in acts of kindness and service, and for the way in which the wider community and church community merge together, for we are part of each other. I am sure all groups within our communities seek to 'love one another' ( 'as I have love you', said Jesus.)

**Active Faith** – as an Anglican Priest, when we are ordained and given responsibility within a community, we are given the 'cure of souls' or the 'care for all' as I like to see it. In the communities in which I have served I hope I have given that to you all, whether you regard yourself as one of faith or not, for our ministry is for all without prejudice, and I hope that the churches in which I served have that same ethos in all that we do. I know that my colleagues with that same calling upon them will seek to do the same in the days and years ahead.

There is much more I could reflect upon, but I must sign off for now. Next month I will look to the future and give you an insight into what the next phase of my journey might include. Even though none of us knows exactly what lies ahead, all I can do is trust God to lead and guide us in the days months and years ahead.

For now, God Bless you all.

## **Services for October 2021**

### **October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

10.30 am – Martley Holy Communion

6.30 pm – Harvest Service, Broadwas - followed by refreshments

### **October 10<sup>th</sup>**

10.30 am – Wichenford Harvest Service

12.00 noon - Harvest Service at the Farmers Market, Knightwick

3.00 pm – Knightwick Harvest Service

### **October 17<sup>th</sup>**

10.30 am – Martley Morning Worship

10.30 am – Broadwas Holy Communion

### **October 24<sup>th</sup>**

9.00 am – Martley Holy Communion

6.30 pm – Cotheridge Evensong

### **October 31<sup>st</sup>**

10.30 am - Mission Partner Service - Broadwas

3.00 pm - Memorial Service - Martley

## Coffee at Cotheridge

What a lovely morning we had at Cotheridge church on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>. In only an hour and a half we raised £805.91. Well worth doing for the fund raising but even better to get together as a village.

The coffee and cake flowed readily as people welcomed each other having not interacted for some time. There were lots of children there and the toy stall was kept busy throughout. Very little was left at the cakes and bread stall and the same at the gardening/produce stall and the jams and chutneys stall. The raffle entrance people were hard at work and we would like to thank the ladies who run it (I hope that they heard the cheers and the clapping for them from the tea area).

Thank you to all who helped set up, run the stalls and tidy up afterwards. A mammoth effort which was really appreciated. Thanks too to Andrew who gamely volunteered to direct traffic because the potato harvest had begun that very day down the lane with large tractors up and down the lane every 5-10 mins! Thank you too to all those who came to support the event – without people like you these sort of events would not be worth doing. Hopefully the fete will be able to run again next year so that we can have even more fun together.

In the meantime the Friends of Cotheridge and their friends will be putting on more events at the church as the church building becomes a more usable space for all of us (especially when the heating in the main part of the church is installed, which hopefully will be soon).

A big thank you to you all,

*Pauline, Avril and Heather*

Our speaker this month was Trevor McAvoy who came to tell us about Street Pastors. These volunteers go out onto our city streets late Saturday night and very early Sunday morning. Their aim is to calm, help and listen to the many people who find themselves in difficulties. They work with Police and Ambulance services and do an excellent job of helping vulnerable people keep safe. We heard how they offer bottles of water and flip-flops to those in need and where necessary they clear broken glass. Another problem they encounter is helping people find friends when they are separated from a group or help people to sort how they will get home, often calling a taxi for them. This is all run by a central organisation in London and happens in many towns and cities across the UK. Trevor showed us a video clip of Worcester Street Pastors in action in Worcester and his talk was very interesting. It is quite an eye opener as I tend not to visit the city centre late on a Saturday night but reassuring to know that there are folk keeping an eye on things, especially during the University term time.

**Wednesday October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting at 2pm.** Come and hear about  
“Customs and Costumes of SE China.”

Visitors and new members are most welcome.

Susan Reeve

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**Some more local history** - taken from the Worcester Herald Newspaper late 1920's and early 1930's and signed by "A Stroller" – This was a long running series of Worcestershire parish descriptions and histories written by Frederick Corbett, a local county solicitor.

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## THE CHURCH

The church, of which there is an exterior view in the Victorian History of Worcestershire, is dedicated to St Mary Magdalene, and dates from the year 1170. Portions of the original structure still survive, including some walls of nave and chancel, and the south door-way.

The present building, which seats 225, comprises chancel, with south chapel of the fourteenth Century connected by arcade (and which was

originally a Chantry Chapel,), nave and tower with bellcote. The pulpit, of which there is an engraving in the Victoria History, bears date 1632, and has some good carving of its period.

Some floor tiling in the Chancel is of the Sixteenth Century, and bears the Berkeley and other arms; and there are some pews of the Seventeenth Century; one of which bears initials suggesting that it was the pew of the Cratfords, then lessees of the manor.

The church plate includes a paten of 1591.

The tower and bellcote are wood-framed and weather-boarded; and contains five bells, two of which are by Rudhalls of Gloucester and two by Carr of Smethwick. The fifth is of the Fourteenth Century, and was cast at Gloucester, by an unknown bell-founder.

A restoration in Victorian times disclosed medieval paintings on the north wall of the church. [*these were lost, when the north wall collapsed during the restoration*]

### MEMORIALS

Some interesting medieval memorials, mentioned by Habington, had been broken before Nash wrote; but several Seventeenth Century memorials, described by Nash, still survive, wholly or in part, though their inscriptions have become more or less illegible. The principle memorial is that, to which I have already referred, of Elizabeth Cratford, died 1623; wife of Charles Cratford, then lord of the manor, and daughter of Dr Gates, Master of University College, Oxford; and which displayed, somewhat elaborately, as described by Nash, the arms of her own and allied families.

Another, with arms, is of Humfrey Walsingham, died 1622, aged 91; probably of the family who in the two previous centuries had been lords of the manor of Cofton Hacket, and who, according to Grazebrook, are mentioned in the "visitation Book" as of 1634, as still resident in Cofton Hacket.

A memorial of 1689 is referred to by Nash as Richard Ritt, which perhaps should be Richard Pitt, "of Broadwas Court"; another 1697 (with arms) as of Henry Fitzer "gent" and his wife; and a third, of 1696, as of Elizabeth, wife of Richard Westley "gent."

Fitzer, whom Grazebrook was unable to identify, was probably a representative of the Fitz-Aers, who were for two centuries Lords of Redmarley-Adam in Witley, which they sold in 1528; by which time their name had become corrupted and modernized into one of a single word, variously spelt, in one case as Fitysur.



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