

Footprints

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Signs of spring, even if we have just had three “named” storms in one week. The unusual thing was that it had been dry for a number of weeks beforehand. Some people have been suggesting that spring is coming earlier this year, but I think its on track at the moment - late February with snowdrops and crocus out, Hazels in catkin, and the wild plums just flowering.

We’ve had more violent storms in the past, though probable not usually lasting for so long. Who doesn’t remembered the Michael Fish storm of 1987 which blew down an estimated 15 million trees across southern England. In fact there have always been storms across Britain, some more local than others but we do live on the edge of the Atlantic ocean even if Ireland is there to give a bit a shelter. The problem with Wales protecting us is that it collects the rain and then drains it our way, down the rivers Wye, Teme and Severn.

Let’s hope this band of water can drain away before the next lot arrives ?!

Church Words by Rev Anne Potter

As we move into the next 'season' of our Christian year, Lent, we enter a period of repentance, reflection and renewing as we prepare to journey through the most significant week of our faith, culminating in the celebration of Jesus' resurrection following his death on the cross and the fulfilment of God's promise of eternal life. This time of Lent in so many ways mirror the Advent season as we prepared for the birth of Jesus, the light that came into the darkness.

During Lent we remember the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness resisting temptation following his own baptism. Whilst Jesus did not succumb, we hear the echo of John the Baptist when he proclaimed the forgiving nature of a loving God through the baptism of repentance. Both Lent and Advent offer us a period in which we can, either individually through the written word, or together with others through the spoken word, reflect on our faith. Take time, whether the four weeks of Advent leading to Christmas or the six weeks of Lent leading to Easter, to reflect upon our faith and relationship with God and humanity.

During this time of Lent as we can choose to take this opportunity to search our hearts and to intentionally repent and reflect on how we relate to God and our fellow human beings within the context in which we live we are offered the chance to renew ourselves. To renew our relationship with God, to renew broken relationships in the name of Jesus and to renew our commitment to the work of the Holy Spirit both within and beyond.

To guide us through Lent our WWRT benefice has been blessed to have five speakers who have accepted an invitation to talk about and share different aspects of life rooted in their Christian faith. Each Wednesday our invited speaker will talk for around 20 mins. Attendees will then be offered the chance to meet in breakout rooms, before coming back for a Q&A session with our speaker, followed by Compline. We aim to finish by 8.45 pm.

As per last year (because March is still cold) we will run our

Lent talks on Zoom starting at 7.30 pm. If you would like to be added to the weekly lent email link database please email :

anne.wwrteam@gmail.com

Living in Faith – WWRT 2022 Lent Talks

March 9th – Saving Lives in Israel

Barbara Dingle, a Christian working for a Jewish “Family Office” talking about the life saving work of Israel’s national emergency service - Magan David Adom

March 30th – Life as a Franciscan Monk.

Christopher Boden will talk about his time being a brother in SSF and what it meant to him and his faith.

March 16th – Learning from the unexpected in life

Canon Ruth shares stories from her life, including taking the banana boat!

March 23rd – Finding God in a life crisis.

Rebecca Sherwin reflects on how she found God in a recent time of crisis in her life.

April 6th – A life story.....circular or linear?

Claire Maxim will share her story from a rural upbringing to engineering to ordination to becoming CEO of the Arthur Rank Centre, an ecumenical national charity, which resources, trains, and advocates for rural Christians, rural churches and the communities they serve.

WWRT Quiet Day.

The Annual WWRT ‘Quiet Day’ is taking place on **10th March** at Holland House, Cropthorne.

The day will be led by The Revd Canon Ruth Wintle.

The day will begin at 10 am and finish with tea at 4 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to have some quiet spiritual refreshment during the Lenten period. Ruth will be leading us on the Theme ‘Sound and Silence.’

Please do come and experience the delightful and uplifting setting of Holland House, you will be most welcome.

For further details please contact : Pat Snelling.

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Events Diary - March

- 1st Tues 7-9pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Evening - Vill Hall, Broadwas
- 2nd Wed 7.30pm Ash Wednesday Service by Zoom
- 3rd Thurs 12-2pm LinC - Lunch in Company - Vill Hall, Broadwas
- 6th Sun 10.30am Holy Communion - Martley Church
10.30am Morning Worship - Broadwas Church
6.30pm Evensong Service - Cotheridge Church
- 9th Wed 10.15am Holy Communion - Heaton House, Martley
7.30pm Lent Course Zoom - "Living in Faith 1"
- 13th Sun 10.30am Holy Communion - Wichenford
3.00pm Evening Worship - Knightwick Chapel
- 16th Wed 9.00am Morning Prayer - Cotheridge
2.00pm WI meeting at Village Hall, Broadwas
7.30pm Lent Course Zoom - "Living in Faith 2"
- 20th Sun 10.30am Café Church - Martley
10.30am Holy Communion - Broadwas Church
- 23rd Wed 10.15am Holy Communion - Heaton House
7.30pm Lent Course Zoom - "Living in Faith 3"
- 24th Thurs W.I. lunch at the Bell Inn, Broadheath
- 26th Sat 10.30 - 12noon Charity Coffee Morning - Martley Mem. Hall
- 27th Sun 10.30am Mothering Sunday Service - Broadwas Church
- 28th Mon 9.00am Morning Prayer - Broadwas Church
- 30th Wed 7.30pm Lent Course Zoom - "Living in Faith 4"
- 31st Thurs 6.30-8.30pm - Open Conversations at All Saints Church, Worc.
To book a place : www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/open-conversation

April

- 3rd Sun 3.00pm - Songs for a Royal Celebration - Conquest Theatre

Charley Burke came to talk to us about the Midlands Air Ambulance, their motto is 'Saving lives by Saving Time' She told us lots of interesting information about their organisation being 30 years old and at this time they run 3 helicopters, two of which they own and in addition they have three 'Critical Care Cars' for use in built up areas where landing a helicopter could be a problem. By having 3 bases spread out across the Midlands, the aim is to be able to reach most situations, by air or road, within 8 minutes. This is such an important resource and we were able to make a donation towards the £10 million they need each year. It is also good to know that the organisation offer free CPR training for schools. We enjoyed this talk and were able to ask many questions. Thanks Charley.

Our lunch meeting will be on Thursday **March 24th** at The Bell, Lower Broadheath.

Our next meeting is 'Folklore and more' on Wednesday **March 16th** at 2pm in Broadwas Village Hall. Competition is an old remedy or container. Visitors and new members most welcome.

Susan Reeve

Martley Young Farmers are continuing to meet fortnightly and it's been great to see some new faces joining us. Please get in contact if you'd like to find out more information - new members are always welcome.

We have also been busy organising our **Annual Big Breakfast** and we are looking forward to hosting this event again. Tickets are still available until Tuesday 1st March! Details below:

Our Big Breakfast is being held at Martley Memorial Hall on **Sunday 6th March**. We will be doing two sittings, the first sitting will be at **9am** and the second sitting will be at **11am**. The breakfast will be a Full English, including cereals, fruit juice, tea and coffee. Our breakfast will be £10 per person and children (up to 12 years old) will be £6.

Tickets are available from Martley Shop or you can order them by calling :

Zoe (07772 202 840), Amy (07975 636 122) or Alison (07771 893 670).

We look forward to seeing you



Broadwas '22 - Primed and Ready

Yet again Broadwas Croquet members are investing time and energy in the Club's wellbeing. Membership has been flourishing even during lockdown. The aim is to be good and ready to be back playing the game we love as soon as the weather turns warmer and drier.

The new season will be upon us in no time so we're right there with plans for our qualified coaches to develop our team players' skills: ground works for safer and easier access to the ground and a programme of expert lawn maintenance to keep our five lawns in tip-top condition.

Lots more to look forward to again this season! Weather permitting, we expect to be back playing regional league matches from April with a busy programme of internal competitions and block tournaments running throughout the season. Don't be alarmed though! Social croquet hasn't been forgotten with our ever-popular Club and Fun Days which are open to all members and are set to run on most Friday afternoons throughout the season.

Broadwas Croquet appeals to people of all ages and walks of life. It's a competitive sport played in the fresh air and in idyllic surroundings. Members love the friendly, join-in atmosphere that quickly breaks down barriers with just reward for skill and technique over sheer brute strength.

Our Season runs from April to October, so if you'd like some more information about this year's programme, or if you'd thought of booking the pavilion and ground over an evening or a weekend for a party, a special day or a team building event, please get in touch with our Club Captain and Secretary, John Guy on 01905 748192 for further details.

Finally, we'd like to express our sincere, pre-season thanks to all our Parish Councils, to Malvern Hills District Council, to Sport England, to our Newsletter and Magazine editors and to those local enterprises and private individuals who have been kind enough to support us so readily over the difficult period of the last two years.

We're always on the lookout for sponsorship to upgrade our facilities and we always try and support our sponsors in promoting Broadwas and the Teme Valley by actively competing in regional and national competitions and winning our fair share of trophies and competitions.

Knightswick & District Trefoil Guild

Lady Baden Powell's Birthday is February 22nd and we keep this date as Thinking Day and each year, as close as we can get, we remember Girl Guides from all over the world. We held our meeting in Cotheridge Church where we celebrated Guiding Worldwide organised by Pat who led us with singing and then sharing our Guiding memories.

We discussed the need to collect up and annotate our books of photos and have them stored centrally, in a library archive department so we have work to do! Happy memories.

We enjoyed meeting in Cotheridge Church and appreciated the new heaters and the display of snowdrops outside was lovely.

Susan Reeve

HAPPY AND GLORIOUS

Songs for a Royal Celebration

Sunday 3rd April, 3.00pm
The Conquest Theatre, Bromyard

Tickets : £10 available from the Conquest Theatre Box Office.

www.conquest-theatre.co.uk or 01885 488575

in conjunction with the Bromyard Choral Society

"Come along and join in with all your old favourites"

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