

Footprints

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to all our friends and neighbours

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Avril Willis

Geoff & Pamela Winkworth

Andrew & Elizabeth Winscom

£750 raised this year for the **acorns** Hospice

Church Words

by Rev Anne Potter

At the heart of Christmas



The love of a mother for a very special baby born to reveal the love of God. The love of an earthly father who took this baby and cared for him. The love of the shepherds who knew the Saviour, as predicted, had been born. The love of the wise men who followed the star to find the light of the world. The love of the angels who sang out 'Glory to God in the highest'. The love which came down at Christmas culminating in a love so amazing, so divine.

Moving on to the New Year.....

Following the retirement of Canon Rev David Sherwin, whom we wish all the very best, the Diocese of Worcester will embark on a process, under the guidance of Archdeacon Robert Jones. This will entail looking at the clergy/parish structure of the West Worcestershire Rural Team (WWRT) benefice and the potential to pay ministry share with a view to appointing another stipendiary priest.

Since the retirement of Rev John Sumner, the House for Duty priest based in Clifton some five years ago, the benefice has had two (paid) clergy, each with their own responsibilities within the WWRT.

The process to replace David will take some months, by the time Churchwardens and PCCs have been consulted; the relevant diocesan officers along with the Bishop have decided the best way forward; the post is advertised; interviews carried out leading, God willing, to an appointment.

Within the WWRT we are blessed to have four clergy and two readers, alongside seven authorised lay ministers, who give of their time voluntarily. Without them, and the hard work of so many laity, our parish churches would not be sustainable and to whom I shall be turning to support the mission and ministry across the benefice over the coming months until, all being well, David's successor is licensed.

And so, as we enter the season of advent, the beginning of

our Christian calendar and that time of preparation for Christmas, when we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who came as the light in the darkness, let us pray, together, for the parishes within the WWRT benefice, and especially the Lower Teme Valley churches of Broadwas, Cotheridge and Knightwick

Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas filled with the love of Christ and a peaceful New Year.

**At the heart
of Christmas** 

Services for December 2021

December 5th

10.30 am – Martley Holy Communion

10.30 pm – Morning Worship, Broadwas

December 12th

3.00pm - Carol Service, Knightwick Chapel

December 19th

4.00pm - Carol Service, Broadwas

December 24th - Christmas Eve

5.00pm - Crib Service, Broadwas

10.00 pm – Holy Communion Broadwas

December 25th - Christmas Day

9.00am - Holy Communion, Cotheridge

December 26th

10.30am - WWRT Communion Service, Crown East

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INSPIRING WOMEN

The Republic of Cuba is the largest of the Caribbean islands. Bob Beach came to tell us about some holidays he enjoyed visiting there. The countryside appears to be very beautiful and it is clearly a popular holiday destination. We learnt about Cuba's history and problems they still have with the USA. This makes for economic challenges and there is great poverty. Bob and his wife decided to help support some families they befriended whilst there. It was a very enlightening talk.

Our next meeting is our Christmas celebration with Jacqui providing some crafting activities. Meeting is **2pm on Wednesday December 8th**. Light afternoon tea provided.

Susan Reeve



Broadwas School News

Congratulations to everyone at Broadwas Primary School as the children's joy of learning shone through in their recent Ofsted inspection.

Children, parents, staff and governors are delighted with the outcome of their recent Ofsted inspection. The school has been rated good in all areas by Ofsted.

Emily Dimmick, Chair of Governors, said: "The Governors are pleased to have such an excellent report from Ofsted which reflects all of the hard work put in by the headteacher and staff at the school. The children at Broadwas continue to benefit from a very high standard of education and pastoral care in what has been a very challenging time for all.'

The very positive report of the visit in September states: 'Pupils throughout the school consistently model [the school's] values, including love, friendship, respect and joy.' It goes on to say how the pupils' enjoyment of learning 'shines through' and describes the staff's commitment to the children achieving high academic standards and developing confidence and social skills.

Inspectors were particularly impressed with the high standards of reading throughout the school and highlighted the support given to pupils with special educational needs and disabilities to ensure that they benefit from the same experiences as their peers.

Extracurricular activities were also praised, especially the use of the outdoor space at school, forest school activities and educational visits. The benefits of these activities for the mental health of children returning from lockdown was also highlighted.

Applications are invited for Reception from September 2022 and there are also spaces in some of the other year groups. The school is happy to welcome parents to visit the school by appointment.

The Village Hall – Broadwas

On **Friday 17th December** starting at 7:30pm, we are holding a Charity Event for Air Ambulance... this entertainment is being provided by a returning and very popular vocal group named **GR8**, they will entertain us with a whole variety of musical songs and ballads to celebrate Christmas etc (P.S. They have voices to die for!)

So we do hope you can come along and support this wonderful Charity cause... Entrance Cost is £10 (which includes a Buffet Supper) and once again we ask that you please bring your own drinks and glasses... however some Soft drinks will be available on the night).

Hillview Cottage, Stoney Ley

Dear Friends,

I should like to thank you all so much for the many good wishes and Get Well cards I received while I was in hospital. It really helped so much for my recovery.

It's so good to be home again in Broadwas and to see my family and friends .

I hope to see you soon

Best wishes, Janet Barber

MALVERN HILL DISTRICT COUNCIL
Domestic Recycling and Waste

There are no Christmas Collection Changes

The **Worcester South Probus Club** which meets at St Dunstan's Bowling Club, Greenhill off London Road has re started meetings after over eighteen months of closure during lockdown. Our gentlemen members are celebrating renewing friendships and catching up on news but unfortunately some have moved away and some others have declining health such that the club now needs new members to remain active.

The club's treasurer, Geoff Winkworth explained: "Probus Clubs are a fantastic antidote to loneliness and a point of focus for retired members providing companionship and recreation — so important in maintaining mental health". He added: ". We are an entirely social and recreational club, we do not fund raise and the only cost to members is the cost of running the club and engaging speakers. Our meetings begin with a chat and then sit down to listen to a talk or presentation on a variety of subjects very often including slides or video. This is followed by more chat, coffee and biscuits and a very short business meeting. We also enjoy periodic outings with wives and partners which usually include a visit to a pub for a meal." South Worcester Probus Club would like to welcome visitors and maybe prospective new members who can contact Mr Winkworth at

gwinkworth@aol.com or 01886 822215.

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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.

The Advowson

The advowson, from earliest times, passed with the manor; and with a brief interval in Commonwealth days so continued, until in Victorian times the manor was vested in the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, while the patronage of the rectory was left with the Dean and Chapter, as successors to the Priors.

A Peculiar

In pre-Reformation days the rectory was a "Peculiar"; the rector being archdeacon of his own parish, which was exempt from the jurisdiction of the diocesan archdeacon. This distinction, which empowered the

rector to hold courts, with authority in ecclesiastical matters, such as matrimonial causes and wills, was possibly conceded in recognition of an annual gift by the parish of a half-quarter of corn, for distribution at the Priory gates on Saint Wulstan's Day.

At present prices a half-quarter seems a small matter; but corn was more accounted of in Saint Wulstan's time, and the gift probably represented more than the parish would have had to pay to the diocesan archdeacon.

Indulgences

In 1450 Broadwas church was in a very bad way financially; and the Priory, in order to stimulate gifts obtained from the bishop a grant to the benevolent of "Indulgences," of the type which in the following century aroused the wrath of Martin Luther, and brought to a head smouldering discontent with practices of the Church.

The Rector's emoluments were very clearly defined, and it is noticeable that they included "paschal eggs," which the steward of the manor was to collect for him; but a portion of the great tithes was reserved to the Priory, presumably under some episcopal decree of earlier date.

A Rectification

William de Stanwaye, appointed to the church in 1306, was removed by the Visitor, "according to the decision of the Consistory Court," but as he was immediately re-introduced, we may assume a mere rectification of some informality in his original induction, which left no stain on his character.

A Recusant Rector

When Bishop Sandy, in early Elizabethan times, took up his episcopal duties at Worcester, he was horrified to find at Broadwas a recusant rector; and took prompt and drastic steps to remove what he regarded as a disgrace to the diocese.

I am not sure that, with a free hand, Sandys would not have followed Marian precedent. And sent the offender to the stake. This not being permissible, the unfortunate parson, whose only crime was a conscientious inability to adapt himself to the rapid changes of Faith in high places, was pronounced "an unlearned and stubborn priest," deprived of his rectory and deported to Herefordshire, there to abide.

To be continued

Village Information

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Parish Councils

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Clerk – Carole Hirst tel: 07496 252637 (Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm)

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Knightwick & Doddenham

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