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## From the Clergy

We are now well into 2022 – still uncertain about the pandemic but it seems as if gradually we are emerging from the worst of the restrictions. And at the same time throughout Abbeydore Deanery the clusters are forming and we are learning to work together in different ways. It's both an exciting and at the same time daunting landscape.

One thing that is clear is that the parish will continue to be at the heart of the local Christian community. Our church buildings are a vital part of that presence and as the Advent and Christmas services showed us, are hugely valued by locals and visitors alike. Sadly this is not the case during much of the rest of the year when small, regular congregations of four or five people can feel rather overwhelmed by the challenges of keeping church buildings maintained and repaired. Your parish church needs you!

Some people have expressed concerns about church closures. A couple of things to remember; first that the only people who can close a church is the Parochial Church Council or PCC as it is often known. The process for closing a church even when everyone thinks it is a good idea is long and complex and takes years. The second point is that when a church does close it becomes the responsibility of the Diocese to insure and maintain until it can be sold. Selling a church is a long process which can take literally decades. As Chair of the Hereford Diocesan Board of Finance I can assure you that we do not want responsibility for any more churches than we already have. We would prefer the churches to stay open, loved and looked after by their communities as they have been for centuries.

It was a pleasure to take several services over Christmas and I look forward to getting to know your parishes better in 2022.

Every blessing. Revd Jane Rogers, Associate Priest

FEBRUARY READINGS Sunday February 6th

Old Testament Isaiah 6: 1-8 (9-2nd) New Testament 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 Gospel Luke 5: 1-11

Sunday February 13th

Old Testament Jeremiah 17: 5-10 New Testament 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20 Gospel Luke 6: 17-26

Sunday February 20th

Old Testament Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-end New Testament Revelations: Chapter 4 Gospel Luke 8: 22-25

Sunday February 27th

Old Testament Exodus 34: 29 - end
New Testament 2 Corinthians 3: 12 - 4.2
Gospel Luke 9: 28-36 (37-43a)

## MARCH SERVICES

6th March

11am Llanveynoe Communion

13th March

9.30am Clodock Morning Worship 3pm Michaelchurch Communion 20th March

9.30am Craswall Celtic Prayer 3pm St Margaret's Communion

27th March, Mothering Sunday

11am Clodock Communion

## Deanery Update

What are your plans for this year?

Maybe they include a special occasion like a Christening or Wedding? Get in touch to find out how we can help.

Perhaps you've just been thinking about finding out more about what goes on with and in the churches near your home? The answer to this question is – quite a lot!

Maybe you're thinking about getting more involved with worship? If so, you'll be interested to hear about the Enabling Worship course we are running during March and May.

This is about creating small cluster-based teams of the wise and wonderful who will work alongside stipendiary (paid) and volunteer ministers in enabling opportunities to gather onsite and online faithfully and lovingly. Briefly, the course will run on the following Wednesday evenings, a mix of onsite and online – March 9, 16, 23 and 30 – (break) – May 4, 11, 18 and 25. If this is something you'd like to learn more about, Rev Mark Godson is leading the course (with support!)

Perhaps you're wondering what you could include in your prayers? Here's a few ideas:

## Stay and Play Groups

Please pray for those who run and attend the group that meets on Thursdays at Kingstone Church as it continues to grow and for Geri (Miller our Deanery Missioner) and those she's working with to form a new group at The Stables, Madley.

## Hay Pride 2022

June is Pride month – a month dedicated to celebrating LGBTQ+ communities all around the world. Hay-on-Wye will be holding their first ever Pride festival in June this year. Some of us in the Abbeydore Deanery will be offering our support. If you are interested in joining a Hay Pride prayer group or would like to get involved in other ways, please contact Rev Angie Kateley, Curate: abbeydorecurate@gmail.com or 01981 501032.

## Deanery Initiatives

Pray for the Grow Strong group, the continuing work on the Golden Valley Pilgrim Way, the funding we are seeking for projects and personnel, the relationships being formed within the clusters.

As ever, the best way to find out more is to get in touch by emailing **abbeydoredmc@gmail.com** or ringing 01981 620145. We look forward to hearing from you.

Anne Lloyd Deanery Mission Coordinator 01981 620145 / abbeydoredmc@gmail.com

## Thanks

# St John's Church, Newton Autumn Place Name Quiz

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Quiz. Was it fun as well as a bit of a challenge? Your donations raised £64.50 towards church funds. The joint winners were Elizabeth and Linda with 29 out of 30 correct. [ane

# CHRISTMAS CARDS & CALENDARS FOR ST MICHAEL'S HOSPICE

Again, thank you so much to all who bought cards or calendars or donated, it wouldn't happen without your support. Thank you to Holly Hirst at The Hub, Peterchurch, for the poster which showed all the Hospice Christmas cards and calendars that we had available and to the Hub Café staff for allowing me the use of a table for the sales, one of whom, Gill Cooke has been kind enough, as ever to collect the boxes for me. I am thrilled to say that I shall be able to send £700 to St Michael's in early 2022, a real achievement for us all in a difficult year when we have coped for the second year, with Covid 19 restrictions and lost several good friends and loyal customers!

## Forthcoming events



## LONGTOWN & DISTRICT WI

At our Meeting on **8th February** we will welcome local speaker Helen Richardson. She will be talking about the work of Women's Aid and the nature of domestic abuse. Helen will also explain barriers to support for rural communities.

Visitors are welcome at 8pm followed by refreshments at 9pm-cost £3.

Libby Davis

## LONGTOWN THURSDAY CLUB

The club begins its new year with three meetings in March, in Longtown Village Hall from 2pm to 5pm, on the following Thursdays:

## 3rd March 17th March 31st March

The club began in 1962 and exists to provide social activities for anyone over 60 living in the area. Meetings are usually held fortnightly, but are occasionally replaced in the summer and autumn by outings. Annual membership costs £5, and each meeting £3, which includes a very generous tea.

New members are always welcome. For further information please contact Hazel Pugh on 01873 806803 or Pauline Jones on 01873 851782, jonespauline@pobroadband.co.uk

Pauline Jones

## FLICKS IN THE STICKS Escleyside Hall HR2 0PT

Apologies that no film has been arranged for February 2022 but, there will be two during March as part of the Hereford Borderlines Film Festival:

Wednesday, 9th March, 2022: The Courier [2020; cert 12a; 112mins] The true story of a British business-man

recruited as a spy to provide vital intelligence used to defuse the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Wednesday, 16th March, 2022: Petite Maman [2021; cert U; 72mins] From French Director Celine Sciamma, this fairy tale for all ages tells of the ventures of Nellie who is helping her parents clear out her grandmother's slightly mysterious house near the woods.

Doors open 7pm. Films start at 7.30pm See ARTS ALIVE website for tickets in advance.

# LLANVEYNOE, NEWTON AND CLODOCK LENT LUNCHES

Hello everyone! We are holding three Lent Lunches this year, and hope you will be able to join us for at least one of them!

We will be raising money for three separate charities and the lunches will be very simple: delicious home made soups, bread and cheese with coffee or tea to follow. Please come and meet your friends for a relaxed chat and lunch.

We suggest a donation of £5 and the details are:

## 1. Wednesday 12th March, 12-2pm

Lower House Farm (Wild by Nature), Llanveynoe HR2 0NT

## 2. Wednesday 23rd March, 12-2pm

Clodock: Longtown Village Hall

## 3. Friday 1st April 12-2pm

Upper Newton: (Mary Powell)

Please do come, you will be warmly welcomed! PamelaTribe

## Concerts for Craswall

## THE PELLÉAS ENSEMBLE WITH HARPIST ANNE DENHOLM

(Harp, Viola & Flute Trio)

## 19th March 2022 at 5pm

St. Michael's Church, Michaelchurch Escley HR2 0JS

## A CELEBRATION OF BRITISH FEMALE COMPOSERS

Rebecca Clarke Songs

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Talented new faces, acclaimed national and international artists, as well as returning Concert for Craswall favourites – check out the rest of our exciting 2022 concert season!

## Saturday 28th May at 7pm Beethoven, Mahler and Brahms

Dore Abbey, Abbeydore HR2 0AA

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Pianist Vitaly Pisarenko with Roman Simovic (LSO),
Milena Simovic & Tim Hugh (ROH)

More ...

# Saturday 9th July at 7pm The Sounds of Purcell, Bach & Vivaldi

Dore Abbey Abbeydore HR2 0AA The Elysian Singers Sam Laughton conductor

Further details and tickets available at https://concertsforcraswall.org/live-music/or call 01981 510112.

## Local Newsround

## LONGTOWN AND DISTRICT GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

At our January Meeting, we welcomed two new Parish Councillors: Mr. Nick Vaughan and Mr. Steve Jones who were co-opted on to the Council. We are delighted that they have agreed to join us.

PC Peter Knight gave us an update of policing this area over the Christmas period. He gave us some depressing figures of people arrested for Drink Driving and driving under the influence of drugs. However he reassured us that the police would be actively involved with checking speeding vehicles this month, and he was looking at going into schools to give talks on Road Safety to the children.

With the evenings still being very dark, it is important to remember to wear reflective bands or clothing when being outside from late afternoon onwards. Dark clothing can visually melt into the side of the road, and I think we can probably all remember a close shave or two in our village.

Please do remember the bands and torch when taking the dog out late!

The Parish Council would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year, and as this is the year of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we will be looking at ways to celebrate. More in next month's issue.

Pamela Tribe, Parish Councillor

## CRASWALL YFC

On the 4th December, our Hedging team were honoured to be invited to Highgrove Estate, Gloucestershire by the National Hedgelaying Society (NHLS). We were asked to demonstrate our traditional "Welsh Border Style" of hedgelaying. We also met and shook hands with HRH Prince Charles, as he wandered by our finished plots, acknowledging the importance of handing down rural skills through the generations. He also handed out the first-place cards to each of the class winners, ending the day with a speech on how hedges play a key part to fighting climate change and the importance of maintaining them.

The 5th December marked an important day for six of our young junior members, with most of them having their first competition. Reading from a book in front of an audience can be quite daunting!!! The book was the Primrose Railway Children by Jacqueline Wilson. We also entered and competed in the Cheerleading, with good results.

On the 17th and 18th we performed "Treasure Island" as our annual panto, despite many a fear that we would have to cancel due to rising Covid cases. Thank you to all who attended and supported us.

On 24th December; due to the ongoing Covid situation, we did our carol singing differently this year. Instead of calling by individual homes, we called by the Bridge Inn, the Cornwall Arms and The Crown Inn where we raised £273.45 for the Midlands Air Ambulance.

The next few weeks will see members competing at the Senior Quiz and the HFYFC Hedging match.

Lastly, we are holding a Bingo Evening on Saturday 5th March at Craswall Village Hall, heads down at 7:30. Hope to see you there. *Phil Powell, CYFC Secretary* 

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## **DOGS WORRYING LIVESTOCK**

A dead ewe was discovered on Lewis Gilbert and Thomas George Charities land in Longtown, before Christmas. Experienced opinion is that the ewe died as a result of dog worrying.

PC 368 Jeff Rouse and PCSO Pete Knight from the Golden Valley Safer Neighbourhood Team, Herefordshire, West Mercia Police have released the following statement.

"Recent months have seen a number of calls regarding the worrying of sheep by uncontrolled dogs. On occasion sheep have actually been attacked and killed. There have also been reports of people being attacked and injured as well. Whereas we all welcome visitors to the area to walk and enjoy the countryside could we please remind dog walkers that it is their responsibility to have control of their dogs AT ALL TIMES. The safest way of doing this when walking through fields that contain livestock / farm animals is to have the dog on a lead. Dog walkers are held responsible for the actions of their pets and as such any damage caused by the dog falls on the owner's shoulders. Farmers also have the right to shoot any dog that they find in the act of worrying their livestock. If you are a dog walker then please be reminded of your responsibilities and be conscious of any other animals that may be in the area at all times. It is also your responsibility to ensure that your dog is contained within a secure area whilst at home, thereby preventing it from escaping and causing harm". Bob Burson

# ROADSIDE VERGES IN THE LONGTOWN GROUP PARISHES – Longtown ideas for the Environment

You may know already that there is a Longtown Group Parish Council project to encourage more wildflowers to grow on a few selected verges. The flowers will attract more butterflies, hover flies, bees and beetles to pollinate the flowers and in turn birds, amphibians and reptiles will thrive. Would you like to play a part in this project? During the summer there are plant surveys and during the autumn



volunteers cut, rake and take away the year's growth. Managing verges in this way allows more light and exposed earth for germination of wildflowers. Orchids, vetches, violets, bluebells, scabious, trefoils and many more flowers grow.

Four years on ... The Llanveynoe roadside verge between Middle Cwm and Rhydunnog farms was again cut, raked and the arisings taken off site in October by volunteers.

Wildflowers flourish when competition from faster growing grasses is reduced. The number of plant species is growing each year. Four years on, the number on the Llanveynoe verge has reached 79. Different insects benefit from more sources of nectar.

Thank you, Mrs Ann Powell, for agreeing to the verge by your land being managed to enhance wildlife.

Longtown Group Parish Council's initiative to promote verges has resulted in the formation of the "Longtown ideas for the Environment" (LIFE) biodiversity sub-group. Volunteers manage other verges for wildlife as well – The Trout, Crossways, The Parks and more.

Children and adults can join the verge project. Everyone is welcome. Email Polly Hearsey at lifeclimatechange@gmail.com or ring 07773 889 117 for more info.

Do you own land bordering the road where you would like more wildflowers to blossom? If so, make contact ...

## MICHAELCHURCH ESCLEY PRIMARY AND PRE SCHOOL

Well 2022 has started with the uncertainty of Covid still hanging over us all like the sword of Damocles, but, thanks to the dedication and resilience of our school community, the children at Michaelchurch Escley Primary and Pre-School have still had a super start to the new year.

Everyone has settled in well and the children are getting to grips with their new topics. The children in Squirrel Class are learning all about "People Who Help Us" as well as spending lots of time outdoors in the garden and in the Spinney (our forest school area). Acorn Class are learning all about African animals and the very special environments they live in. Saplings are going Viking and discovering the truth about our long-ago Norse invaders and Oak Class are finding out all about the fascinating civilization which developed in the Indus valley over 5000 years ago!

We have a great selection of afterschool clubs for children this term. Eco-Warrior Club, Lego Club, Art Club and Adventure Club with the fantastic team at Longtown Outdoor Centre.

Although the deadline for Primary School places has passed, you can still apply for a place at our school. Please get in touch if you would like pop up and have a 'Covid safe' visit of the school.

We are also still looking for school governors, so if you are interested in being part of a fantastic team please contact our School Business Manager on 01981 510208. Likewise, if you are interested in visiting the school to support with reading or to talk to the children about your job for example, we'd love to hear from you.

\*\*Louise Crocker, Headteacher\*\*

## Round and About

## **VOWCHURCH & DISTRICT GROUP PARISH COUNCIL**

The Parish Council are planning to hold an Annual Parish Meeting this year and would like you to get in touch if you have any items you would like to discuss, or general topics you would like to hear about. It could be Connectivity in the local area, NFU farm payment schemes, or information about our National Parks. Please contact the Clerk if you have any ideas.

Herefordshire Councils Local Plan 2021-2041 Spatial Options Consultation is now underway and runs from 17th January until 28th February. This is exploring how development could be distributed across the county and they would like to hear your views. Please visit https://hlp.commonplace.is/ for further information.

From 27th January all Plan B restrictions to combat Covid-19 will be lifted. Please continue to play your part by washing your hands, letting fresh air in, getting tested, self-isolation if positive and wearing a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces. Linda Cowles, Parish Clerk vowchurchparishclerk@hotmail.com / 01544 321906

## **VOWCHURCH NEWS**

**The Village Pub** Thursday February 10 from 7pm at Vowchurch Hall.

**Vowchurch Country Market** will re-open on Saturday March 26.

**VaT50 January winners** were: Stella Levinge (£50) and Theresa Marlow (£20).

Tajii Tuesdays 10-11am at Vowchurch Hall. Contact janefleet88@gmail.com

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We are always looking for volunteers and if you feel like you would like to help us as a volunteer please ring Mrs Kath Gaze 01981 550579. You don't have to do it every Monday. We are happy with any time available. It's just making Tea and Coffee. All Covid precautions are being adhered to.

Feel free to drop in on a Monday between 10am and 12pm and you will be guaranteed a warm welcome. Sarah Murrin

## PETERCHURCH VILLAGE HALL

We have a few things happening in the hall over the next few months: Free felting sessions with Caroline Gilbert starting January 7th 1.30pm - 5pm; Gentle Dance exercise with Abbie Mason 11.30 am-12.30 and 6.30-8pm. The Village Art Club will be back again from Monday 31st January 7.00pm-9.00pm and also starting on Friday mornings from February 4th 10am-12pm

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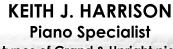


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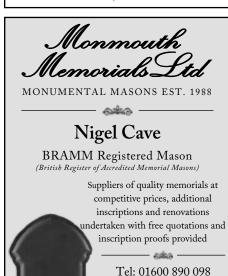


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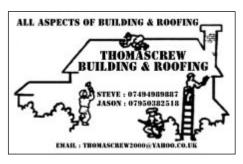
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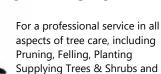
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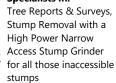
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If you fancy spring cleaning early, we stock Nancy Birtwhislte Clean and Green, for Eco inspiration. Plus many of her base ingredients such as citric acid, bicarbonate of soda, vinegar and lemons.

Just in case Christine (me) finally types it up and sends it over to the architect: In a nutshell we plan to use shipping containers to rent out and have a cafe. It has become critical because we need the roof covered in solar panels for energy to reduce our bills.

## Have Hopes to yourself

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# Clodock Splashes Out





Our New Years Day Dip in the river was a great success, raising £1,100 for the Midlands Air Ambulance. We had a vocal and enthusiastic crowd cheering on the seven hardy locals in the river, fantastic hot food and a helping hand from above with heavenly weather.

All made possible by a great team effort.

Same again next year?

## Watch this space.....









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FEBRUARY CHURCH SERVICES

6th February 20th February

9.30am Craswall Communion 9.30am Michaelchurch Morning Prayer 6pm Clodock Communion

13th February 27th February

9.30am Llanveynoe Coffee & Chat 9.30am Craswall Celtic Prayer
11am St Margaret's Service of the Word 11am Newton Communion

FEBRUARY DIARY AND EVENTS PLANNER			
Wed	02 February	2.30pm - 4.30pm	Longtown Library, with tea and chat. Longtown Village Hall
Mon	07 February	19:30:00	Longtown & District Historial Society, Longtown Village Hall
Tue	08 February	20:00:00	Longtown & District WI: Helen Richardson, The work of Women's Aid and the nature of domestic abuse
Wed	02 March	2.30pm - 4.30pm	Longtown Library, with tea and chat. Longtown Village Hall
Thu	03 March	2.00 - 5.00pm	Longtown Thursday Club, Longtown Village Hall
Mon	07 March	7.30pm	Longtown & District Historial Society, Longtown Village Hall
Wed	09 March	7.00 for 7.30pm	Flicks in the Sticks, Escleyside Hall: The Courier (12a)
Sat	12 March	12.00 - 2.00pm	Lent Lunch, Lower House Farm (Wild By Nature), Llanveynoe
Wed	16 March	7.00 for 7.30pm	Flicks in the Sticks, Escleyside Hall: Petite Maman (U)
Thu	17 March	2.00 - 5.00pm	Longtown Thursday Club, Longtown Village Hall
Sat	19 March	5.00pm	Concerts for Craswall: The Pelléas Ensemble, St Michael's Church, Michaelchurch Escley
Wed	23 March	12.00 - 2.00pm	Lent Lunch, Longtown Village Hall
Thu	31 March	2.00 - 5.00pm	Longtown Thursday Club, Longtown Village Hall
Fri	01 April	12.00 - 2.00pm	Lent Lunch, Upper Newton (Mary Powell)
Mon	04 April	7.30pm	Longtown & District Historial Society, Longtown Village Hall
Sat	28 May	7.00pm	Concerts for Craswall: Beethoven, Mahler & Brahms, Dore Abbey
Sat	09 July 2022	7.00pm	Concerts for Craswall: The Sounds of Purcell, Bach & Vivaldi, Dore Abbey

## Village hall contacts

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# Black Hill Community Radio

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

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If you would like to do your community 5 tracks, have a SHOUT OUT, or something you would like to hear on the radio please visit our website https://www.blackhillcommunityradio.org.uk or Ring Vicki on 01981 240248

Thank you for listening!!

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