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



Lent, the 40-day Christian period of preparation for Easter, begins on Ash Wednesday, (18th February) the day after Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday). It's a time of prayer, fasting, and reflection, marking the start of penitence with the symbolic marking of ashes on the forehead for many Western Christians, leading up to Easter Sunday.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND: THE WENLOCK TEAM OF PARISHES

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 ✂ *Hughley* ✂ *Kenley* ✂ *Sheinton* ✂ *Shipton* ✂ *Stanton Long* ✂ *Much Wenlock with Bourton* ✂

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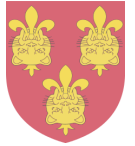
Holy Trinity, Much Wenlock: www.muchwenlockchurch.co.uk

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.



February

2nd

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

February

23rd

Feast of St Milburga

MEMBERS OF CHURCHES WITHOUT A PLACE OF WORSHIP IN MUCH WENLOCK

Much Wenlock Ecumenical Committee invites members of any Christian Church to united services and interdenominational events in the Wenlock area. Details published in editions of this magazine.

We hope that you will worship with us at local church services, in so far as your conscience permits.

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	1st February Epiphany 4 Candlemass	8th February	15th February Sunday next before Lent	22nd February 1st Sunday in Lent	1st March 2nd Sunday in Lent
	First Reading: Malachi 3.1-5 Psalm 24.[1-6]7-10 New Testament: Hebrews 2.14-18 Gospel: Luke 2.22-40	First Reading: Genesis 1:1 – 2:3 Psalm 136.1-9,23-26 New Testament: Romans 8:18-25 Gospel: Matthew 6:25-end	First Reading: Exodus 24:12-end Psalm 99 New Testament: 2 Peter 1:16-end Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9	First Reading: Genesis 2.15-17;3.1-7 Psalm 32 New Testament: Romans 5.12-19 Gospel: Matthew 4.1-11	First Reading: Genesis 12.1-4a Psalm 121 New Testament: Romans 4.1-5,13-17 Gospel: John 3.1-17

CLERGY LETTER



Dear Friends

I am writing my letter after taking down the Christmas Decorations but firmly keeping up the Crib on top of the piano until Candlemas (2nd February).

For those readers of The Herald who are perhaps unfamiliar with this ancient Feast Day, it is the day when the church remembers 'The Presentation of Christ in the Temple', where Mary and Joseph present the child Jesus to Simeon and Anna.

As a young chorister we would often sing the hymn:

'When candles are lighted on Candlemas Day
the dark is behind us, and springs on the way.

A glory dawns in every dark place, The light of Christ, the fulness of grace.

We would also recite the Candlemas Proverb:

'If Candlemas be fair and bright, Winter has another flight.

If Candlemas brings clouds and rain, Winter will not come again.'

Let's wait and see.....

Traditionally on the feast of The Presentation candles are blessed for use all year long. This is to remind us that Christ is the 'Light that enlightens all humankind'. In an age where the world appears to become an even darker and more sinister place, we are called to remain steadfast and resolute to that glorious fact that Christ is the 'Light of the World' who helps us overcome evil and spiritually aids us in understanding the ways of the Father through the power of the Holy Spirit.

In an age, where according to UK statistics people in the UK buy an average of six candles per year may I encourage member of the community to light a candle on Monday 2nd February to remind one another that Christ is the Light of the World. Regardless of where we might be on our journey of faith or spiritual belief, let use this moment as an opportunity to strive to bring light to the world, in the knowledge that in times of deep darkness, we not only need light-we need to be light for one another.

We may be thinking that our light is small, but Christ assures us that it can make a huge difference in other people's lives. We give thanks to our ancestors both known and unknown, who have carried the torch of faith.

In this month where we also honour Saint Milburga, Abbess of Wenlock spiritually directed her community all those years ago that they might have thought they were walking in darkness, not realising that they were in fact lights walking beside one another. It would never surprise me if Milburga didn't gently say to the people of Much Wenlock that good people are like candles. They burn themselves to give others light.

May we like St Milburga appreciate the candles in our lives while we still have them, before life teaches us to love the candles we have lost, remembering like Milburga, that faith is seeing light with your heart when all your eyes see is darkness.

With my prayerful good wishes.

Matthew Stafford

Team Rector - The Wenlock Group of Parishes



18th February 2026

Holy Communion (Said) and Imposition of
Ashes at Holy Trinity Much Wenlock
10.30am

Holy Communion (Sung) with imposition
of ashes and sung litany Holy Trinity Much
Wenlock 7.30 pm

Please leave your Palm
Cross from last year at
the back of the church
by Sunday 22nd so that
the ash may be made for
these services. Thank
you

FROM THE TEAM REGISTERS

BAPTISM:

Ayda Rose Turner (Cound)
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:

Rosemary Ann Glanville (MW)
Barbara Ann Learmonth Gray (Harley)
Rona Elizabeth Jones (MW)
Kathleen Maud Swindle

Patricia Marjorie Good (MW)
Gillian Rosemary Swain (Emstrey)
Gerald (Gerry) Rogers (MW)
Richard Mellor

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.

For more information, please contact the Curate.

Pray and Share for the Climate

4th February

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.

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

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

**Much Wenlock Methodist Church
Food Bank collection**

Every Friday morning between 9:30 and
11:30am

Outside the Library



We are very thankful for your generous support throughout the year.



****Breaking News****

Due to the cold weather no farms will be closed!
Farmers will be out in the blistering cold tending their livestock and doing chores as always. No farms will be closed for the holidays; animals will be fed, cows will be milked, eggs will be collected and all will be business as usual.
If you ate today and plan to eat in the future, thank a farmer!

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:
Susan 01952 727988 or Francine 07779 000450



- March 7th Sunday morning coffee team
- 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

**Events at the Community Room
Pinfields 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



Usually every second Wednesday in the month except August

At The Priory Hall,
Much Wenlock

**Wednesday 11th February—2pm
'Strange Meetings'
the story of Wilfred Owen
told in his own words
presented by Shaun Higgins**

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
07474040646

Craft, Chat and Cake



Usually meet on 1st Thursday each month
Methodist Church, King Street, 2-4pm.
Bring along your knitting, sewing, painting etc.
There will be tea and cake and good company.
Sue Freeston 727628 or Lesley Cammies 726735

**Snowdrops in the Garden
Saturday 14th February 10.00 – 1.00**

At Longlands, Domas Lane, Harley.
Entrance £3.



Walk around the garden to see some 60 varieties of snowdrop: some with yellow ovaries and inner 'markings, some double, or markings on the outer 'petals. I have acquired 5 new snowdrops, but sadly as yet unidentified, There will be some 20 different snowdrops for sale.

Enjoy cake and coffee



Much Wenlock WI

Usually meet on third Wednesday of the month

**Wednesday February 18th
7.00 at the Priory Hall.**

Come and listen to Pete Hawthorne talk about the Dickin Medal - the Animal Victoria Cross, including a cat named Simon, who saved the crew of a Royal Navy ship!

Visitors especially welcome.
Non-members £5.

Contact muchwenlockwi@gmail.com
01952 726748.



Singing for Fun

Usually held on 2nd Thursday of the month
Except August
2pm at the Methodist Church

and mid session refreshments are planned.

n.warrington993@btinternet.com
This is a dementia friendly activity

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, Liz Fullbrook on 07970924507.



MWBC
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.

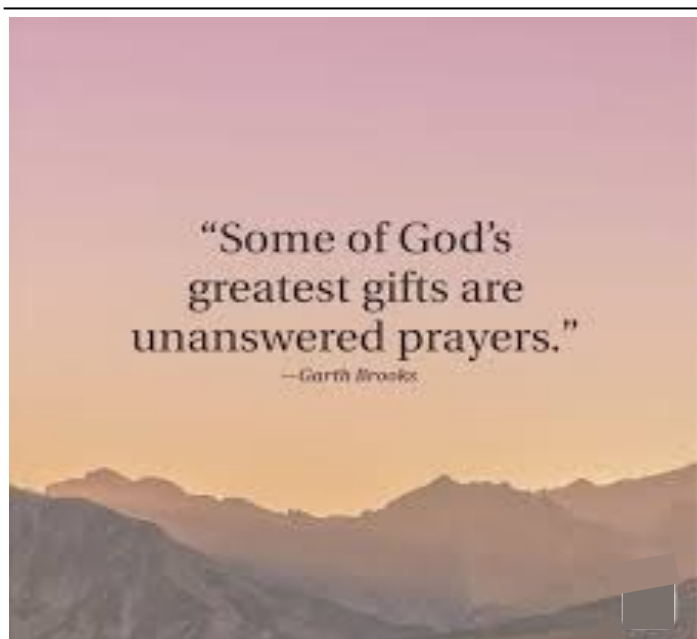
Visitors fee just £5* Over 18's only
*3 visits maximum

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

THE MUCH WENLOCK BOWLING CLUB



Club Secretary at
muchwenlockbc@gmail.com



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



SOUP LUNCH

RAISING FUNDS FOR CHARITY

WHERE: Holy Trinity Church
Much Wenlock

WHEN: **Friday 13th February 2026**

FROM: Midday till 1.30pm

ON OFFER: 4 soups, one of which is Gluten Free

COST: Donations to this month's chosen charity

WHICH IS: Lend with Care

January's Soup Lunch was cancelled due to the weather.

This is a dementia friendly activity.

Usually 2nd Friday each month apart from August and December



CRESSAGE & DISTRICT WI

Cressage Village Hall

There is no actual report for January meeting as, anticipating the awful weather, it was decided to cancel the meeting planned for the 8th January. How right we were!!

We next meet on **Thursday 12th February**.

SNOWDROPS IN COUND



If you are visiting the snowdrops in Cound, why not join us after your walk for some refreshments!

HOMEMADE SOUPS & CAKES

TEA & COFFEE

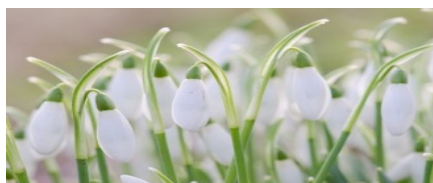
in Cound Guildhall

Sat 7th & Sun 8th February

11.00 am – 4.30 pm

Enquiries 01743 761435

Proceeds in aid of Cound Guildhall & St Peter's Church



HARLEY NEWS!



Coffee, Chat and Carpet Bowls

10.30 am—Wednesdays

4th and 18th February 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



The February Butty Van will be held on Thursday **19th February 2026** at 1030 to 1200 hrs at Upper Stanway Farm, Rushbury, SY6 7EF by kind permission of David and Ed Riley.



Snowdrops for sale

At Longlands, Domas Lane, Harley with tea and cake

on Saturday

14th February 2026

10.00-12.30

in aid of St Mary's Church Harley.

Entrance £3

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Friday **6th March 2026**

6.30pm for a 7pm start

COME ALONG TO A

FUN NIGHT OF BINGO

WITH FISH AND CHIP SUPPER

AT HARLEY VILLAGE HALL!

Please Bring Your Own Drink -Tickets £10

Please order by Monday 2nd March
from Anne Sharpe (01952 510556).



HYMNS FOR PROFESSIONALS



Dentist – Crown Him with many crowns

Contractors – The Church's one foundation

Obstetricians – Come labour on

Golfers – There is a green hill far away

Politicians – Standing on the promises

Librarians – Let all mortal flesh keep silent

17th February – Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Day

Ever wonder why we eat pancakes just before Lent? The tradition dates back to Anglo-Saxon times, when Christians spent Lent in repentance and severe fasting.

So on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the church bell would summon them to confession, where they would be 'shriven', or absolved from their sins, which gives us Shrove Tuesday. At home, they would then eat up their last eggs and fat, and making a pancake was the easiest way to do this. For the next 47 days, they pretty well starved themselves.

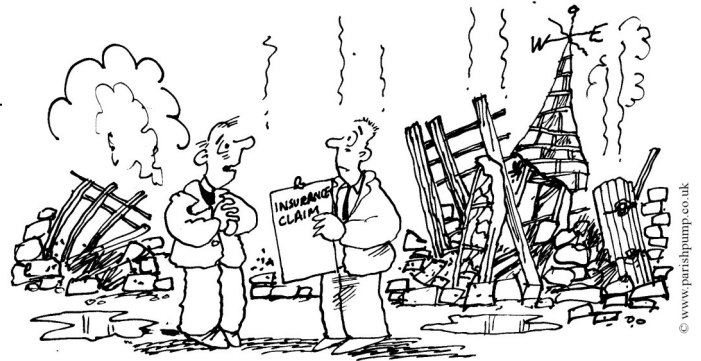
Pancakes feature in cookery books as far back as 1439, and today's pancake races are in remembrance of a panicked woman back in 1445 in Olney, Buckinghamshire. She was making pancakes when she heard the shroving bell calling her to confession. Afraid she'd be late, she ran to the church in a panic, still in her apron, and still holding the pan.

Flipping pancakes is also centuries old. A poem from Pasquil's Palin in 1619 runs:

"And every man and maide doe take their turne,
And tosse their Pancakes up for feare they burne."

Some people have noted that the ingredients of pancakes can be used to highlight four significant things about this time of year: eggs stand for creation, flour is the staff of life, while salt keeps things wholesome, and milk stands for purity.

Shrove Tuesday is always 47 days before Easter Sunday and falls between 3rd February and 9th March.



...er... apart from this little hiccup... it was an excellent church pancake supper...

STANTON LONG COMMUNITY SOUP LUNCHES DELICIOUS VARIETY OF SOUPS & HOMEMADE BREAD PLUS CAKE AND HOT DRINKS

Stanton Long Church

12 noon - 1pm on the following dates.

All for £5

Saturday 14th February

Saturday 14th March

Please put these dates in your diary - we really look forward to seeing you.



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.



The choir completed its' Christmas programme with a really well attended concert at the William Brookes School. This followed on from our engagements at the two care homes in the town and our regular appearance under the Corn Exchange at the Christmas Fayre.

We are now into a period in the new year when we are under less pressure from concerts so are able to concentrate on learning new repertoire. We are aware that if you are a regular attendee at our concerts, you may enjoy some of our oft performed pieces provided that there is a balance with new work. As we always attempt to work towards singing our repertoire 'off copy', this requires a fair bit of effort and time to get right, so this period in the year provides that for us. Indeed, our first concert of 2026 will not take place until Saturday **28th March** when we join forces with the male voice choirs from Shifnal, Newport and Hadley to sing in a Grand Charity Concert on behalf of the Hope House Children's Hospice. This will take place in the large auditorium at Idsall School, Shifnal with details to follow next month for those of you who would like to support the event.

As always mentioned in this article, new members will always be made welcome in the choir. Please contact us beforehand or simply turn up on a Tuesday evening from 7.20pm at the William Brookes School in Much Wenlock.

Dick Langford

Website www.mwmvchoir.org.uk
Facebook facebook.com/mwmvchoir
Instagram mwmalevoicechoir
Email chairmanmwmvc@gmail.com
Phone 01952 728758

CENTENARY WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 6th March 2026



Service for everyone
Followed by tea and cake
Much Wenlock Methodist Church



MOTHERS' UNION

Christian Care for Families



On January 15th we held our New Year Social where we enjoyed good food with members and friends.

On Thursday **February 19th** we will be holding our Annual General Meeting where we will reflect on 2025 and arrange our programme for the coming year. Venue 1A, Forester Avenue,

We hold our meeting on the third Thursday of the month starting at 2 pm and visitors are always welcome. Venue will be announced in the Herald.

For further information please contact one of the following.

LEADER: Gill Reynolds 727620
SECRETARY: Jean Gladstone 728520

WHEATLANDS CARE HOME

Join us at The Wheatlands Care Home,
Southfield Road, Much Wenlock TF2 6AT

On Thursday 5th February

For a free information evening with
Fodens Solicitors explaining what documents
about Wills & Lasting Powers of Attorney are
and why they matter.



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

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
telfordgroup@5kyourway.org

CHILDREN IN NEED

I would like to record the total contributions given by the Townspeople and visitors to our musical event on Friday the 14th November under the Corn Exchange in the High St.

The total grew to £466.29 which included £95 given in afterwards as some were unable to make it to the actual event, mainly due to the very adverse weather conditions, nevertheless comment was made that it really brightened up the High St.

A big thank you to Christina for preparing the Bridgnorth Ukelele Band, they played for 2 hours and Dave Foster and Leslie who soldiered on afterwards and played some delightful Jazz despite the cold and wet conditions.

Nick Mitchell.

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.

When you pray...

Words and wisdom of Jesus –

He doesn't say, if or in case,

He says, when... you pray.

And we will.

From deep within,

Our spirit calls out to God,

Created to communicate with the Creator.

Cinemas can ban, statistics can suggest we won't,

But Jesus says, when you pray...

Say, Our Father,

And when we do, He hears and answers

And pours out His love,

Always.



Cressage
GARDENING CLUB

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

Brockton and District WI

catieegeton@me.com



We met in December and January. In December we very much enjoyed a concert from the Shrewsbury Handbell Ringers, this raised a considerable sum of money for Severn Hospice. We greeted the New Year on January 6th when members entertained us with anecdotes and stories about the jobs they have done.

We looked forward to a busy year with a programme of speakers as well as outings in May and August.

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month (apart from August) at 7.30pm in Shipton Village Hall (TF13 6JZ). Visitors are always welcome.

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

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

What do Beaver Scouts do?

Play games and make new friends

Crafts, creative activities & badge work

Outdoor activities and nature adventures

Campfires, visits, camping & residentials

Learn teamwork, confidence and independence

Build skills through fun and exploration

To find out more or to register interest, please contact:

Loren at lor.reeve@gmail.com

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give



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



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

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We wanted to reach out with an update and say a massive thank you to everyone who supported and donated items or cash to Theo's Teddy Bears Picnic earlier in the year. We had the cheque presentation at Telford NICU in December after raising double our target, £2135 with gift aid!

Thank you so much, the money will be spent improving the neonatal intensive care unit

Jenny Robey



18th February – Ash Wednesday, a good time to admit you are sorry

Have you done something which haunts you? Which makes you feel restless and defensive, every time you think of it? Why not deal with it this month, and put it behind you?

Whatever your mistake has been, consider what the Bible has to say to you:

'I have not come to call the virtuous but sinners to repentance' (said Jesus). (Luke 5.32)

'Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. (Isaiah 55.7)

'Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.' (Joel 2:12-13)

God is inviting you to come to Him this Ash Wednesday. What a wonderful offer!



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FLICKS IN THE STICKS

at Cound Guildhall!!



Friday 20th FEBRUARY 7.30 pm

MIDAS MAN

On Thursday 9th November 1961 a man named Brian descended the stairs to a cellar in Liverpool and changed the world forever.

With Jacob Fortune-Lloyd, Emily Watson.

Film £5. Pre-Film Meal 6.30 pm £7.00
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To book please ring Tim on 01743 761257

Please let us know of any allergies or intolerances when booking a meal.

BOOKS!

Shropshire Libraries run a free mobile service? Mobile van covers 71 stops in the South East of the county.

You can use your Shropshire library membership card or join the library service on board if you are not already a member - it's free! There is a wheelchair lift if you need help getting on board, just ask the driver. You can return loans from any Shropshire library. Visit our website www.shropshire.gov.uk/libraries. If you click on "mobile libraries" it will show you your nearest stop and when the library will next be there. Or phone number 01743 255024.



Talks Programme – 7.30pm Priory Hall—Tuesdays

Make a difference to your town

The Committee of the Civic Society joins together in wishing all the town's residents a Happy New Year.

It has been encouraging to learn of so many people saddened by the prospect of the loss of the Civic Society. They value our talks programme and welcome this column in informing them about emerging matters of local concern. If just some of the warm feeling about the Society could result in our committee being joined by new, energetic and younger committee members, all would be delighted to welcome them.

Many things make Much Wenlock unique. The very successful Christmas Fayre and the hugely successful U3A programme pay tribute to the community spirit energising the town. We should never neglect, however, the need to protect the town's natural setting and historic buildings. These help to make the town attractive not only to us but also to our many visitors. Conserving those features has been at the heart of the work of the Civic Society since it was set up in 1984. It seems more important than ever to continue that work to protect our environment. The leaders then were under the age of 60 and we now urge those in younger age groups to join us in conserving what is best in their town.

Social media encourages people to believe that they can influence events by posting messages online. This is no substitute for discussion and research leading to organised community action.

In the past 40 years the Society has achieved much. It has often helped to inform planning decisions of the Town Council. It worked with the council to create the 2006 Town and Parish Plan and then to make joint presentations to several public inquiries into planning schemes. It helped in improving road safety and as early as the 1990s warned of flooding dangers. It has also been at the forefront of research into the root causes of local flooding. Most recently it helped to secure the review of the local Neighbourhood Plan which aims to help the town to flourish in future decades.

If you feel you can help to ensure that the town does flourish, please do join us.
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TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

Issued by: Trudi Barrett, Town Clerk Tel: 01952 727509
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Much Wenlock Neighbourhood Plan Review—is now moving towards referendum, with the vote expected to be held in March or April 2026. When confirmed, the referendum date will be widely publicised and it is likely that an engagement event will be arranged beforehand. More details to follow.

Dog Waste Bag Dispensers—We are pleased to report that the new dog waste bag dispensers have now been installed around the town. The Council is providing these to help dog walkers who need a bag to clear up after their dog, but do not have one to hand. Unfortunately, dog mess continues to be left on pavements and in public areas, including in Much Wenlock High Street. Please act responsibly and always clear up after your dog.

Cemetery Notice Board—We have installed a new notice board at the cemetery on Bridgnorth Road. The board will be used to display notices relating to the cemetery management as well as other, occasional Town Council notices. The Town Council owns and manages the cemetery and any enquiries relating to the site should be directed to the Town Clerk.

The Guildhall—is now closed for the winter and will re-open in April 2026. The Town Council continues to seek funding to restore and upgrade the building.

Christmas Thanks—The Council would like to thank all those who made the festive season in Much Wenlock so successful and enjoyable. The Christmas Fayre was a resounding success, this year happily unaffected by the weather. Over 25 tractors took part in the Tractor Run and raised £1,065 for Shropshire Rural Support, a charity that provides free support to farmers and rural residents in Shropshire facing stress, isolation, or business difficulties. Thanks to those who supported the Christmas lights switch-on and display, organised by the Town Council, as well as to the shopkeepers for late night opening. Holy Trinity Church provided a range of seasonal events, including the popular Christmas Tree Festival and Church services over the Christmas period. Thank you to all those who organised and supported these activities in Much Wenlock.

Storm Goretti—The snowfall associated with Storm Goretti hit Much Wenlock on 8th/9th January and caused significant disruption for a few days. The Town Council meeting scheduled for 8th January had to be postponed until 15th January as it would not have been safe for Councillors, staff and members of the public to come out. However, it was wonderful to see the community and businesses pull together to help with snow clearance and support for those affected by the bad weather. Much Wenlock and its people even made the local news on Midlands Today!

Town Council Meetings—7.00pm on **Thursday, 5th February and Thursday, 5th March 2026** at the Guildhall, Much Wenlock. 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, **14th February 2026** 10.30 am and 12 noon at Much Wenlock Museum. Members of the community will have the opportunity to raise matters of concern with a Town Councillor, Shropshire Councillor and a member of our local policing team. No appointment is necessary.

FRIENDS OF THE OLD CEMETERY



Something a little different this month. A while back the Friends of the Old Cemetery had the idea of creating a poetry trail to encourage visitors to the site. The Town Council agreed to this and I gave a talk at the church soup lunch fundraiser for it last January. We are still fundraising but I have now got seven local poets on board with their poetic contributions which I'm going to share here over the course of the year. The first offering is my own. You will recall my frequent mentions of jackdaws in the cherry tree opposite the old chapel. One day there was a crow and as these mythical birds feature in many stories, I imagined about this one guarding over the graves. I also set it to music on my last album which you can listen to in this link if you're interested. It's track 10 on Being Human. jojukes.bandcamp.com

Crow Weaves Stories

Crow sits black in the cherry tree.
Silent because he holds the thread,
the silken thread of golden light.
Knows that the sky is full of stars
as bright and startling as the sun.
Each one a story in the making.

Some tell of heroes and villains.
Some of magic and mystery,
tragedy and trials, or happily ever afters.
Journeys of tales map the night sky.
It is full of stories like ours.
A rich collection of sagas.
We weave them across the heavens,
as those who now lie in the earth did once too.

Shooting stars, comets, light trails of colour
each one a show of life ascending,
and falling, the ebb and the flow.
Crow holds the thread tightly, gently.
Resisting the urge to 'caw caw'.
Keeps his beak on task.
Carefully now,
just a little tug and then look!
Another new story begins.



Henry is making a real effort for Lent – he's giving up the remote control and walking to the TV

PLASTIC FREE Holy Trinity
MUCH WENLOCK Environmental Group
SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE muchwenlockplasticfree@gmail.com

A happy New Year to you all. At the moment I am stuck in Binfield near Reading with our daughter, son in law and 3 grandchildren. No better place to be and I am warm, well fed and entertained but I would like to get home soon and for the weather to warm up a bit! I left my husband behind so he did not bring his germs as he has a nasty cold.

I have a list for you to help you cut down on single use plastic in your home. It has been compiled by Sam Beech who runs 'The Simple Life' in Much Wenlock. Sam will come up with ideas and suggestions for cutting out much of the single use plastic and waste in our homes, so do go and have a look in her welcoming shop.

See how much you already do and can start doing:
Bring your own reusable shopping bag every time you shop

Switch to a reusable water bottle instead of buying bottled water

Use a bar of soap instead of liquid soap in plastic bottles - or use refills as you can for many products.
Choose loose fruit and veg and bring your own reusable product bags. We have a wonderful market to buy all sorts of food!

Grow your own herbs etc to reduce plastic packed produce

Pack lunches in a reusable container

Use a reusable coffee cup in your favourite cafe
Avoid cling film - try silicone lids, wraps or just use a plate to cover food!

Swap your plastic toothbrush for a bamboo one
Make your own snacks to avoid plastic packaging
Buy milk in glass bottles - find a milk delivery service
Shop at your local market or greengrocer where items are often unpackaged

Start using a safety razor instead of a disposable one
Try shampoo and conditioner bars instead of bottled products. Try refill!

Use washable cloths instead of disposable wipes or kitchen roll

Look for second hand or plastic free toys

Use your local charity shop!

Carry reusable cutlery

Say 'no' to plastic wrapped freebies.

Make your own cleaning products in reusable containers. Sam has empty jars etc if you forget to bring a container.

Use a laundry egg, soap nuts or refillable detergent
Choose cardboard, tin or glass packaging over plastic
Try a period product swap, menstrual cup, reusable packs or period pants

Pick up litter whilst out walking

Donate used plastic items rather than binning them
Support local businesses offering plastic free options
Repair something instead of replacing it with a plastic alternative. Look out for 'Repair Cafes'!

Thank you Sam for all you do in Much Wenlock with your shop and for all these ideas. Could more of us have a go at some of these?

The Edge Arts Centre

William Brookes School, Much Wenlock



News from Christ Church C.E. Primary School

Our School Choir Perform at Young Voices in Birmingham!

Young Voices host the largest children's choir concerts in the world, bringing together primary schools from across the UK in a truly electrifying experience. Through these unforgettable events, children discover their voices, grow in confidence and feel part of something extraordinary – all while inspiring a lifelong love of music. Our school choir, inspired and expertly guided by Mr Brotherton, have been working tirelessly since September, pouring energy and enthusiasm into a vibrant medley of songs as they prepared for their performance at Young Voices 2026 in Birmingham this January.

Alongside 6,000 children from primary schools across the country, our pupils took part in an exciting warm-up, perfecting spectacular Mexican waves that rippled around the BP Pulse Arena. They then threw themselves wholeheartedly into almost two hours of joyful singing, filling the arena with energy as friends and family cheered them on from the audience.

Taking part in events such as this creates lifelong memories and plays a vital role in building confidence, resilience and self-esteem. Our school places great value on developing the whole child, and we are certain that this incredible experience will stay with our children for years to come.

Emma Clarke, Acting Head of School

Happy moments, praise God.

Difficult moments, seek God.

Quiet moments, worship God.

Painful moments, trust God.

Every moment, thank God.

Mon 2 Feb	We Live in Time (15) 7.30pm £6 (concessions £5)	Cinema
Thu 5 Feb	R.E.M. X Buster Keaton's Sherlock Jr. (12A) 7.30pm £12 (concessions £10) Silent Synched Cinema	
Fri 6 Feb	An Evening with Status Quo's John Coghlan 7.30pm £25	Spoken Word
Sat 7 Feb	Man of the World: The Music of Peter Green 7.30pm £18	Live Music
Mon 9 Feb	Hampstead (12A) 7.30pm £6 (concessions £5)	Cinema
Fri 13 Feb	The Rigmorollers in concert 7.30pm £15	Live Music
Sat 14 Feb	Little Wander presents... Ria Lina - Riabellion 7.30pm £19	Comedy
Mon 16 Feb	Greenfingers (12A) 7.30pm £6 (concessions £5)	Cinema
Thu 26 Feb	National Theatre Live: The Audience (PG) 7pm £15 (concessions £7)	Cinema
Fri 27 Feb	The Ballad of Mulan 7.30pm £12 (concessions £10)	Theatre
Sat 28 Feb	The Edge Comedy Club: Christian Reilly / Don Biswas / Mandy Muden / Tony Vino MC 7.30pm £15 (4 tickets for the price of 3)	Comedy

Box Office for live shows at Penny-Farthing, 5 The Square
Buy online at ticketsource.co.uk/edgeartscentre
Ticketline 0333 666 3366 during office hours
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CLOSING DATE for March edition is 12th February

News from Shropshire Cllr Dan Thomas

Storm Goretti—As I write this, the snow that engulfed Much Wenlock is just melting away, but I must thank everyone for their amazing community spirit. So many friends, family and neighbours came together to check in on each other and help grit pavements and driveways across our town and the surrounding area. Especially those people who helped residents who went without power for 48 hours as National Grid battled to sort out the issues. Thanks must be given to our farmers who cleared so much snow around the town, whether or not they were an official contractor. There were so many excellent examples of people helping each other. Shopkeepers managed to stay open, as did our care homes, and the Fox, which had nearly 20 people sleep on chairs/sofas in their pub because they were stranded. Well done, everyone. I am meeting with Shropshire Council to provide feedback. Please email me if you'd like to raise something they could do better.

Fair Funding Review—Shropshire Council is extremely disappointed with the government's recent funding decision. The government's Fair Funding Review was supposed to make funding fairer for councils like Shropshire, but instead it will leave it with less money and make it even harder to provide essential services. Shropshire is a large rural county, so delivering essential services like waste collections, social care, and road maintenance across a large, spread-out area costs more money, yet the funding doesn't reflect this. The removal of the Rural Services Delivery Grant, which stripped Shropshire residents of millions, has also made things worse; the Fair Funding Review was supposed to address this. Over the next three years, the council faces a £15m reduction in government funding. The council will have to make tough choices about what it can afford to provide in the future, and is expected by the Government to raise the Council tax by the maximum amount each year.

Refuse Collections and Gritting—With the bad weather, some refuse collections have been affected in other parts of the county. If this happens, Veolia will reschedule collections as soon as they can. If residents are missed due to snow/ice, please leave your Household Waste (Black Bin) & recycling out, and it will be collected the next day. Garden waste collections are currently suspended, allowing those crews to be deployed on household waste. For garden waste, please put the green bin with its sticker out on the next scheduled collection day. Shropshire Council's gritting map can be found here: <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/roads-and-highways/highways-maintenance/winter-maintenance/where-we-grit/>, and the gritters will be working flat out. You can report empty grit bins on Fix My Street if they get empty.

Motion on Evening Meetings—My motion on moving some of Shropshire Council's meetings to the evening received unanimous support from all Cllrs. Meetings during working hours have been a barrier for both Cllrs and members of the public who work full-time; this change will fundamentally improve that and allow a mix. The motion is an investment in the quality and inclusivity of our democratic process. It is a necessary step to modernise Shropshire Council, broaden our talent pool, and ensure that Shropshire Council truly reflects the people we serve.

Advice Surgery—Saturday, 14th February, between 10:30 a.m. and 12 noon at Much Wenlock Museum. No appointment is necessary. I'll be joined by Town Councillor Jill Robinson and a representative from the Police.

Working hard for communities in the Much Wenlock Division of Shropshire Council.
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facebook: com/dan4wenlock E: dan.thomas@shropshire.gov.uk

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

I've reported recently on local volunteers' interest in Church Preen, Hughley, Kenley in supporting a pilot 'Looking after our Lanes' initiative, to tackle issues with signage, visibility, road surfaces and maintenance. The Parish Council and local volunteers have kindly maintained their interest and we now have some 25 local residents offering to help! The challenge though has been putting our case to Shropshire Council who, while they readily admit they haven't the resources to do what's needed locally, are used to working with our main contractor Keir at a county-wide level, rather than working with a local parish team.

But we have recently, following further discussion at the parish council, had two meetings with key officers in 'Street Scene' and in Highways, about how to progress this pilot. Our suggestion at the moment is we offer day a month tackling minor potholes, cutting back hedges which obscure signs, identifying drainage problems (I'm willing to help - and have even got a keen neighbour from All Stretton volunteering too!).

Obviously at the outset there are issues like training and insurance to agree on, and we need to think through how to prioritise each month's work and then report effectively on what we've done. In parallel a first step is to do a local tour with a member of Highways staff to survey the state of local lanes, not only to clarify where volunteers can best aim their efforts but also to flag to the Highways team the major road improvement effort that's needed here.

The new Administration – as we say – of the Council has now been in place for about six months, following the Council elections in May. So I thought readers might be interested in a some current highlights from the reports which come through to backbench councillors like me from the Cabinet Members who now lead the Council and make the main decisions. Key inevitably is the response to the very difficult financial position we inherited, taking over delivery of the 2025/6 budget which the previous Administration agreed back in March before the elections, and which to balance depended on finding some £40million of unidentified savings. In the past the Council might have turned to reserves to balance the books - but these were finally used up in the last financial year 2024/5.

So I'm pleased to flag some notes from our Leader Cllr Heather Kidd and our Cabinet Member Finance Cllr Roger Evans on how we're getting to grips with this, following on our declaring a 'financial emergency' for the Council early autumn. Firstly, as you may have heard we have set up new internal committees – including an 'Improvement Board', implementing an 'Improvement Plan' just voted through by the Council – whose job it is to scrutinise all expenditure and only approve what is properly authorised in delivering Council policies and responsibilities. You might say, surely that should have been happening already, but here and in many other councils it hasn't been.

Secondly, looking to plans and budgets for next year, Cllr Kidd says "The Council simply does not nowadays have money as it has in the past. 'Nice to do' aims will simply not happen unless we find other ways to do them with volunteers, Parish Councils, and the third sector. Please remember that we are having to look at all services both statutory and non-statutory – that is, those we're obliged to deliver by law, and those we choose to take on but we're not obliged to - either to reduce the service to a minimum or to close. Any capital we spend must be an investment to either increase our income or reduce our day-to-day spending – or preferably both."

Please do get in touch if you need - or if you'd like me to set up a public meeting near you - I'm here to help Chris.Naylor@shropshire.gov.uk

Letter from Westminster



On the last day of Parliament before Christmas, the Government published their Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement. I have been campaigning for more equitable funding, particularly due to concerns that the current settlement will result in higher council tax and reduced local services. As it stands, Shropshire Council is now set to face a significant reduction in government funding over the next three years, which will make it much more difficult to deliver basic services to residents. I was glad to have the opportunity to raise these concerns directly with Alison McGovern MP, Minister of State for Local Government and Homelessness. This is a principal priority of mine going into the new year, and I will keep piling on the pressure in Parliament to secure meaningful change.

My Shop Local campaign in 2025 saw nearly four and a half thousand constituents sharing their views on how to support our local high streets. I have listened to these views and laid out three campaigns that I believe will make a difference: I will be campaigning this year to secure free parking, to cut business costs, and to clean up our high streets. Working together with local community partners, I am excited to see what we can achieve. The recent changes to the Family Farm and Business Tax demonstrate what a difference it makes when the whole community gets behind one cause. In the Commons Chamber, I have thanked all the South Shropshire farmers and businesses for their tireless campaign, and though more still needs to be done, I know from conversations with farmers across the constituency that the changes announced in December have come as a huge relief.

It is a great honour to serve as the UK's representative on the NATO-Ukraine Interparliamentary Council, and through this role I am able to get a good idea of what needs to be done to bolster our national security. Our nation now faces multifaceted and serious threats, the likes of which have not been seen for decades. We are at a crossroads, where we can either continue down the path of decline in our armed forces or take the difficult decisions needed to ramp up spending and fund them in a way that responds appropriately to the nature of these threats. I have raised my serious concerns about committing to a deployment of UK troops in Ukraine if we do not have a clear strategy to fund and support our armed forces. I will be firing on all cylinders over the next few months to make sure MPs across the house are aware of the harsh reality of our current security situation. The changes that need to be made for the defence of the United Kingdom may be radical and, in some cases, unpopular in the short-term, but the outcome will be far worse if we simply refuse to confront them.

I have six priorities for South Shropshire in 2026. I will seek to unleash rural prosperity, which in practice will involve standing up for our high streets and campaigning for lower business rates. I will work to enhance public services alongside local partners, including raising support for our community hospitals. I will continue to champion our farmers. My work to support local communities will see me travelling across the constituency and fighting for our churches, village halls, leisure facilities, and post offices. I will protect our countryside against overdevelopment and continue working to improve water quality. Finally, I will invest in infrastructure, ensuring that our roads, transport networks, and community facilities get the funding they need. Me and my team are going into 2026 with renewed energy and an ironclad commitment to my guiding principles - to listen, support, and deliver for all my constituents in South Shropshire.

Upcoming surgeries: 16th January in Church Stretton;
30th January in Bridgnorth.

Upcoming MP Coffee Mornings: Friday 6th February in Ashford
Carbonell Village Hall from 11.30am -13.00pm.

*Stuart Anderson MP
Member of Parliament for South Shropshire*

Much Wenlock Severn Hospice

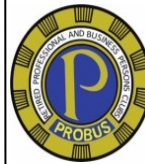


The Much Wenlock Severn Hospice Support Group....

....would like to thank all those who supported events in 2025. You helped to raise a magnificent £11,400 towards Hospice funds either by attending events, buying raffle tickets or Christmas cards, through JustGiving sponsorship and other special donations – for example the silent auction for the Chainsaw Man's carving demonstration at the Christmas Fayre, the sale of some lovely embroidery work at the Christmas card sale and the "Name the Rag Doll" competition at the Winter Supper. Thank you all for your generosity.

Thank you, too, to all committee members and friends who work (and bake!) tirelessly to make these things happen.

We are beginning to plan an exciting programme of events for 2026, including some old favourites and some new ideas – so watch this space in the March edition of The Herald for further details.



The Much Wenlock Probosc 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 Gaskell Arms 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

The Much Wenlock Christmas Fayre 2025....

..... held on Saturday 6th December already feels a long time ago – and the committee, made up entirely of volunteers, is about to meet to begin planning for next year!

We have already had some very positive feedback, reporting on what was a very enjoyable day – and all the more so because of the cancellation in 2024. The morning started wet, with our 150+ stallholders setting up in difficult weather, but the sky soon cleared and the crowds came out determined to enjoy the 25th year of this wonderful community event.

The streets, the Church Green, Priory Hall, Holy Trinity Church and the pubs and cafes were packed and the programme of entertainment filled Wenlock with music, dancing and numerous other spectacles. There were so many highlights it is difficult to pick out a few but perhaps we can give a special mention to attractions new for this year – Bel Ablaze the Snow Queen stilt walker fascinating children and adults alike, the Chainsaw Man's carving demonstration (with a silent auction raising valuable funds for the Severn Hospice) and Father Christmas visiting Croft Design.

Of course, the traditional elements were enjoyed too – with the final carol singing in the Square being fuller than ever.

A big thank you to all those who supported the event, to our many and varied stallholders and entertainers and to our local businesses. Special thanks to all those extra volunteers who help to make this happen each year – with set up, mar-



LETTER FROM HEREFORD DIOCESE

Letting the Light in

Spring does not arrive cleanly or all at once. It comes slowly and unevenly. The sounds of returning birds herald warmer weather, green shoots appear before the cold has fully released its hold. Even as the days lengthen, winter often still lingers. Spring understands something that faith has always known: that renewal is rarely quick, and almost never comfortable.

For me, spring is forever bound to the weeks I spent sitting beside my mother as she was dying. It was a season of watching and waiting. In her final days, nights seemed to stretch without end. At around four in the morning, birds would begin to sing outside her hospital window. Their sound floated into the room as we kept watch, fragile and persistent. Slowly the sky would lighten. Family would arrive. Nurses would come in with their laughter, their friendship, their quiet competence. Little by little, the weight of the night would begin to lift, and the light broke in.

The morning my mother died, a dove cooed outside the window. It was an ordinary sound, easily overlooked, but it felt like a sign: God, by his Holy Spirit, had seen us, and God was present within it all. The following day, the weather broke into full spring sunshine. Within days, the trees burst into leaf, bright and astonishingly green. Amidst grief and deep tiredness, life was continuing to unfold, and beauty was to be found everywhere, and yet still, for many months, it was hard to worship, hard to pray and hard to hear God's voice.

The Biblical story never pretends that light appears without darkness first. As we read the Christmas story in the depths of the British winter, Luke is careful not to place God's arrival in ideal conditions, but in a world shaped by political pressure, anxiety, grief, and ordinary hardship. God's work of revealing himself does not begin with triumph or glory, but with quiet presence in tumultuous circumstances.

Many of us recognise that pattern in our own lives. We wait for things to feel resolved before we allow ourselves to hope. We tell ourselves that joy can come later, once the worry has passed or the loss has softened. That we'll return to church when the kids are older, or pray again when God isn't so mad about our bad choices. But Luke offers a different picture. Light appears while things are imperfect and unfinished, and bringing all that mess into the light is what makes it easier to bear.

Spring often teaches the same lesson. It does not begin when the ground is warm, but when it is just beginning to thaw. The first signs of life are fragile and (like the camelia in my garden) sometimes thwarted on a first attempt at breakthrough. We might spot a single bud on a bare branch or daffodils appearing in supermarkets. These are not signs that winter is finished, but reminders that its days are numbered. Spring has broken into the harshness of winter despite the most unfavourable conditions.

This is not a dramatic kind of hope. It does not erase grief or hurry us toward resolution. Instead, it sits alongside what is unfinished. Luke shows us a God who enters the ordinary: long journeys, crowded spaces, tired bodies, uncertain futures. Light does not come to deny reality, but to dwell within it.

As spring reaches its fullness, it reminds us that light works patiently. Each day grows brighter and longer almost without us noticing. Growth happens slowly and quietly. Faith, too, is less about sudden certainty and more about learning to trust the small signs of presence along the way.

Luke's Gospel invites us to pay attention to where light has already begun to show itself, and to embrace it wholeheartedly, no matter how unfavourable the conditions of life. Because, like the signs of spring in the dark of winter, God is here in the world and breaking into even the bleakest of circumstances. This hope is not sentimental optimism, but learning to recognise the presence of God with us, and gently making space again for him to meet us.

*The Reverend Jane Plackett-Ferguson
Chaplain to the Bishop of Hereford*

The Rectory
St James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren

You closed your last letter with the remark that it was time to retire to bed with a cup of cocoa. That may be all very well for the pious intensity of a theological college - although a stiff whisky was always acceptable in my day - but it is not a style to continue once in the parish. I do feel obliged to give you a few hints about what should and should not be drunk in public as a parish priest.

Morning visits are to be discouraged, but if one is unavoidable, and you are invited to have a drink, then it has to be coffee. It is the only time of day when a mug is acceptable - provided, of course, that it is bone china or porcelain. In the afternoons one changes to tea, but only from cups. Blended varieties may be all very well for Curates in their first year, but it should be Darjeeling for an incumbent. And fruit teas are for Quakers only.

If an inappropriate vessel is offered, then the drink should be accepted, but left untouched. Since the visit will be discussed in the finest detail throughout the parish the moment you have left, your host will soon learn why and not make the same error a second time. It is for the same reason that if you ever want to circulate a piece of news round the parish as quickly as possible, never put it in the parish magazine, just mention it casually during one of your visits. Everyone will know by teatime.

Alcoholic drinks must be carefully judged. A sherry - dry, naturally - is probably best if you are invited to lunch. In the early evening, a gin and tonic would be the drink of choice. To ask for whisky would indicate that you are about to go over to Rome, and a mineral water that you have your roots in non-conformity. Beer is never, ever drunk in someone's house unless you suffer from some personal tragedy, such as being the diocesan youth chaplain.

However, an occasional beer in the pub with the bell-ringers (who will be real ale fanatics to a man) or after choir practice - which seems to be the real purpose of holding practices anyway - or as a treat for the sacristan, will show you are a man of the people. It is some years since I visited the pub.

Understanding wine should be taught at every theological college as an essential part of the ministry. Develop a taste for claret, dear boy, and you will be starting your journey towards high office.

And perhaps you should give that tin of cocoa to the verger.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

Have you ever noticed that when you want peace and quiet, the opposite happens? Nigel Beeton wants times of 'quiet' in Lent, but he isn't likely to get many.... He writes: 'You rise from your knees, full of peace. Then the fridge beeps at you, because you've left it open. The microwave bleats for your attention. Never mind, you can check the e-mail. No chance - computer orders you to download upgrades (or upload downgrades, I forget which.) So you get into the car to drive to work. That's the worst of all. It moans at you if you don't do your seatbelt up straight away. The sat nav protests that you're going the wrong way. And there are those annoying little arrows that tell you when to change gear. I don't know about you, but I've been driving for nearly 40 years now, I DO know when a car needs to have the gear changed! Aaargh!'

The Boffins and the Technocrats

The boffins and the technocrats
Help folk like me and you
Inventing lots of clever things
That tell us what to do!

My car now has a clever light
Dispelling doubt or fear,
Without it I'd have not a clue
When to shift up a gear!

Of course there is the Sat Nav
To help me find my way
The time I learned to read a map
Was just a wasted day!

My PC's a law unto itself
So busy telling me
To upgrade this or restart that -
The net I never see!

And sometimes, when my work is done
I turn on my TV
All chance to watch my programme gone -
"Retune" it says to me.

The oven, fridge, and microwave
They make a beeping sound
Or else they have bright lights which flash
To order me around.

And so I am a harassed man,
I live a hassled life;
The one who shouts at me the least
Is my sweet and lovely wife!

By Nigel Beeton

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Practice News



Check in and keep an eye on more vulnerable friends, relations and neighbours over the colder winter months

What's on at Priory Hall? Our regular classes/events

Mon	Parkinson's Support Group 10.30 – 11.30 Move it or Lose it 13.45 - 14.45 Mat Pilates 18.30 – 19.30
Tues	Yoga 9.30 – 10.30 Much Wenlock Carer Group 14.00- 16.00 (first Tuesday in month) Slimming World 17.00 – 19.00
Wed	Pilates 9.00 -10.00 u3a Ukelele 14.30 -16.00 or u3a (2 nd Wednesday only) 14.00 – 16.00 Yoga 18.30 – 19.30 Or WI (3 rd Wednesday only) 19.00 – 21.00
Thurs	Wenlock Clickers 10.30 – 11.30

Priory Hall is available for hire for birthday parties, christenings, weddings and wakes, meetings, table top sales, coffee mornings and more....

For more information see our website: www.muchwenlockprioryhall.co.uk OR for information about the above classes/events message us via the Facebook page for Priory Hall.

The Much Wenlock Christmas Fayre 2025....

..... held on Saturday 6th December already feels a long time ago – and the committee, made up entirely of volunteers, is about to meet to begin planning for next year!

We have already had some very positive feedback, reporting on what was a very enjoyable day – and all the more so because of the cancellation in 2024. The morning started wet, with our 150+ stallholders setting up in difficult weather, but the sky soon cleared and the crowds came out determined to enjoy the 25th year of this wonderful community event.

The streets, the Church Green, Priory Hall, Holy Trinity Church and the pubs and cafes were packed and the programme of entertainment filled Wenlock with music, dancing and numerous other spectacles. There were so many highlights it is difficult to pick out a few but perhaps we can give a special mention to attractions new for this year – Bel Ablaze the Snow Queen stilt walker fascinating children and adults alike, the Chainsaw Man's carving demonstration (with a silent auction raising valuable funds for the Severn Hospice) and Father Christmas visiting Croft Design.

Of course, the traditional elements were enjoyed too – with the final carol singing in the Square being fuller than ever.

A big thank you to all those who supported the event, to our many and varied stallholders and entertainers and to our local businesses. Special thanks to all those extra volunteers who help to make this happen each year – with set up, marshalling on the day and with clearing up (always amazing – by early the next morning you really wouldn't know anything had happened).

Roll on Saturday 5th December 2026.

It hurts

A little girl told her mother one day before lunch that her stomach was hurting. Her mother replied: "That's because it's empty, you have to put something into it!"

That evening the vicar and his wife came for dinner. The vicar looked a bit rough and explained that his head was hurting him. The little girl gave him a sweet smile and said encouragingly: "That's because it's empty, you have to put something into it!"

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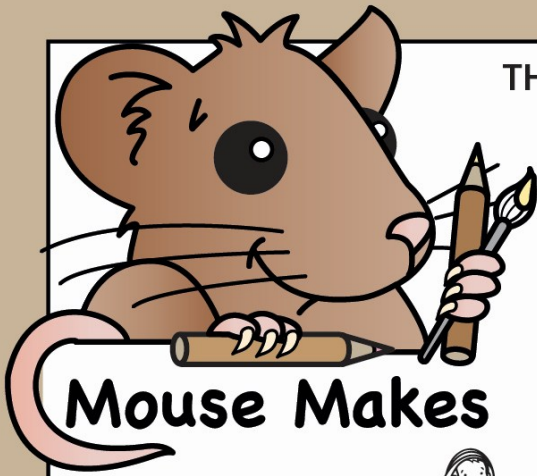
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Mouse Makes

Read the story in
Luke 4:1-13



THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

After Jesus was baptised in the River Jordan where did the Holy Spirit lead him to? v1

How many days was Jesus being tempted by the devil? v2

What did Jesus eat? v2

What did the devil tempt Jesus to turn a stone into? What did Jesus say? v3-4

What did the devil offer Jesus if He worshipped him? What did Jesus say? v7-8

What did the devil ask Jesus to do? What did Jesus say? v9

FIRST TEMPTATION

THE DEVIL SAID:

"If you are God's Son order this stone to turn into bread."

JESUS REPLIED:

"Man shall not live on bread alone."

Read Deuteronomy 8:3

WE LEARN:

Read the Bible

Learn God's word.



SECOND TEMPTATION

THE DEVIL SAID:

"I will give you power and wealth if you worship me."

JESUS REPLIED:

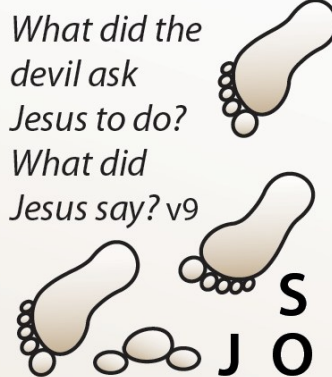
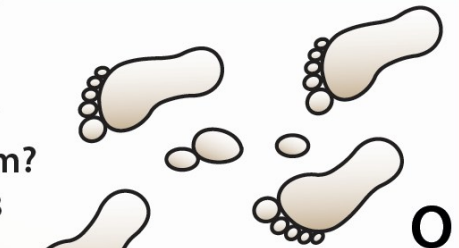
"Worship the Lord your God and serve only Him."

Read Deuteronomy 6:13

WE LEARN:

Put God first

Worship only Him.



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THIRD TEMPTATION

THE DEVIL SAID:

"If you are God's Son throw yourself down, the scriptures say God will take care of you."

JESUS REPLIED:

"Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

Read Deuteronomy 6:16

WE LEARN:

God cares, trust

Him do not test Him.



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- 2nd Mon The Edge Arts Centre (13)
- 4th Wed Coffee, Chat and Carpet Bowls (7)
Pray and Share for the Climate (4)
- 5th Thurs The Edge Arts Centre (13)
Town Council Meeting (11)
Fodens Solicitor Evening (8)
- 6th Fri The Edge Arts Centre (13)
- 7th Sat Snowdrops in Cound (6)
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- 8th Sun Snowdrops in Cound (6)
- 9th Mon The Edge Arts Centre (13)
- 11th Wed U3A (5)
- 12th Thurs Cressage and District WI (6)
- 12th Thurs Singing for Fun (5)
- 13th Fri The Edge Arts Centre (13)
- 14th Sat Cllr Dan Thomas's Surgery (14)
Snowdrops for Sale (7)
Stanton Long Soup Lunch (7)
The Edge Arts Centre (13)
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- 16th Mon The Edge Arts Centre (13)
- 18th Wed Ash Wednesday
Coffee, Chat and Carpet Bowls (7)
MW Women's Institute (5)
- 19th Thurs Butty Van (7)
Mothers' Union (8)
- 20th Fri Flicks in the Sticks (10)
- 26th Thurs The Edge Arts Centre (13)
- 27th Fri The Edge Arts Centre (13)
- 28th Sat The Edge Arts Centre (13)

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- 6th March World Day of Prayer (8)
- 6th March Bingo Fun Night with Fish & Chips (7)
- 28th March Male Voice Choir (8)



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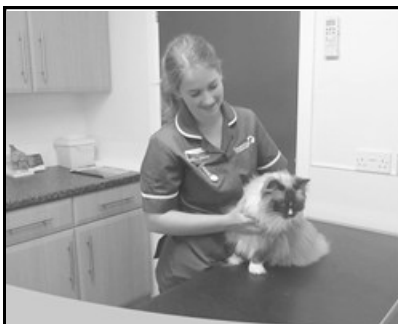
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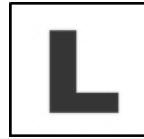
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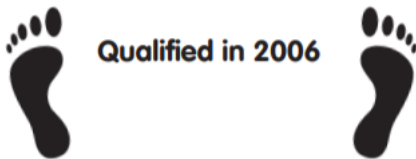


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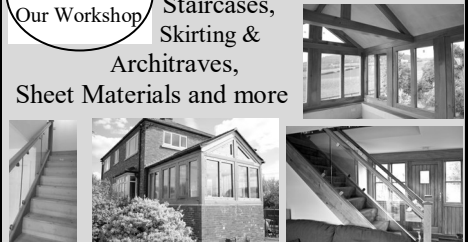
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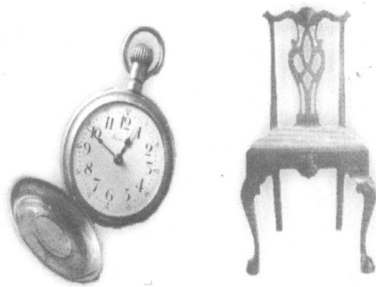
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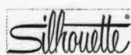
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Sunday Services in FEBRUARY 2026

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Churches listed by neighbourhood	2nd February Presentation of Christ in the Temple 8th February	8th February Fourth Sunday before Lent	15th February The Sunday next before Lent	22nd February Feast of Milburga of Mercia The First Sunday in Lent	1st March Saint David's Day The Second Sunday in Lent
Berrington and Betton Strange	To Cound	To Harley	To Cound	To Sheinton	PLOUGH SERVICE AT ST PETERS COUND 10.30AM 
Cound	4.00 AAEW (MCS)		11.00 E (SR)		
Cressage	To Cound	To Harley	To Cound	To Sheinton	
Sheinton				11.00 E (DJ)	
Harley		9.30 E (DJ)		4.30 EP (PT)	
Kenley	9.30 HC (DJ)		6.00 EP (SR)		
Church Preen			11.00 E (DJ)		
Hughley				9.30 E (DJ)	
Much Wenlock	8.00 BCP HC (MCS) 9.30 E (MCS) 6.30 BCP EvS (LL)	9.30 E (MCS)	9.30 E (MCS) 6.30 BCP EvS (MCS)	FEAST OF ST MILBURGA OF MERCIA 9.30 HC (SAID) MCS CIVIC SERVICE 11.00 STARTING FROM THE WELL OF SAINT MILBURGA PREACHER THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD	8.00 BCP HC (DJ) 6.30 BCP EvS (MCS) PLOUGH SERVICE AT ST PETERS COUND 10.30AM 
Bourton					
Easthope		Holy Baptism		6.00 EP (SR)	
Shipton	9.30 AAW (LL)		11.00 E		
Stanton Long		11.00			

MIDWEEK COMMUNION AT MUCH WENLOCK - 10.30AM WEDNESDAY

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MCS = Revd Preb M Stafford SR = Revd Sam Rigby LH = Revd Lisa Harper
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AAW = All Age Worship BCP = Book of Common Prayer E = Eucharist EvS = Choral Evensong
 EP = Evening Prayer HC = Holy Communion MP = Morning Prayer