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The Wenlock Herald

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



Celebrating Pentecost Sunday 24th May

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND: THE WENLOCK TEAM OF PARISHES

✂ *Berrington with Betton Strange* ✂ *Church Preen* ✂ *Cound* ✂ *Cressage* ✂ *Easthope* ✂ *Harley* ✂
 ✂ *Hughley* ✂ *Kenley* ✂ *Sheinton* ✂ *Shipton* ✂ *Stanton Long* ✂ *Much Wenlock with Bourton* ✂

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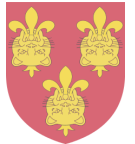
Holy Trinity, Much Wenlock: www.muchwenlockchurch.co.uk

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.



May 14th Ascension Day

May 24th Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

May 31st Trinity Sunday (Feast of Title of Much Wenlock Parish Church and Bourton Church) –
 Patronal Festival

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!

	3 rd May Easter 5	10 th May Easter 6	17 th May Easter 7	24 th May PENTECOST	31 st May TRINITY SUNDAY
SUNDAY LECTIONARY—YEAR A	First Reading: Acts 7.55-60	First Reading: Acts 17.22-31	First Reading: Acts 1.6-14	First Reading: Acts 2.1-21 or Numbers 11.24-30	First Reading: Isaiah 40.12-17,27-31
	Psalm 31.1-5,15-16	Psalm 66.7-18	Psalm 68.1-10,32-35	Psalm 104.26-36,37b	Psalm 8
	New Testament: 1 Peter 2.2-10	New Testament: 1 Peter 3.13-22	New Testament: 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11	New Testament: 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13 or Acts 2.1-21	New Testament: 2 Corinthians 13.11-13
	Gospel: John 14.1-14	Gospel: John 14.15-21	Gospel: John 17.1-11	Gospel: John 20.19-23 or John 7.37-39	Gospel: Matthew 28.16-20

CLOSING DATE for June edition is 12th May

CLERGY LETTER



Dear Friends

As May unfolds around us, our villages seem to breathe a little more deeply. The hedgerows are alive again, lambs dot the fields, and the long evenings invite us to slow down and notice the beauty of God's creation. This is a season that speaks quietly but powerfully of renewal, hope, and steady growth.

In the life of the Church, May sits in the heart of the Easter season—a time when we continue to reflect on the meaning of resurrection, not as a distant event, but as something that shapes how we live now.

Resurrection is not only about new life after death; it is about new life in the midst of the ordinary. It is about hope where we might not expect it, reconciliation where there has been distance, and courage where we have felt uncertain.

In our rural communities, we understand something about patience and trust in slow transformation. Seeds are sown long before they bear fruit. The same is true of faith. Small acts of kindness, quiet prayers, and faithful presence in one another's lives are the seeds of God's kingdom among us.

On the 14th May we will celebrate Ascension Day, a reminder that Christ's presence is not confined to one place but fills all things. It can be a puzzling feast, but also a comforting one: it tells us that there is nowhere beyond the reach of God's love. Please join us at 7:30pm Holy Trinity Much Wenlock for our Deanery Service, you will be most welcome.

You will find details in this newsletter of services and gatherings across our parishes. As always, whether you are a regular member of the congregation or someone who joins us only occasionally, you are warmly welcome. The church is here for everyone—at times of joy, at times of sorrow, and in the quiet stretches in between.

I am continually grateful for the life of our villages—the willingness to look out for one another, the conversations at gates and in shops, the shared sense of belonging. These are not small things; they are signs of grace at work among us.

If you find yourself in need of a listening ear, a prayer, or simply a moment of stillness, please do not hesitate to be in touch or to step into one of our churches during the week. The doors, like the invitation, remain open.

With every blessing for this beautiful season,
Revd Lisa

Rev Lisa Harper
Rector - The Apedale Group Benefice
Team Vicar - The Wenlock Team
Mobile: 07808 924223
Email: revlisaharper@icloud.com

FROM THE TEAM REGISTERS

BAPTISM:

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:

Alan George Harris (MW)

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.

Pray and Share for the Climate

Wednesday 6th May

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

MW BC

**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

**SOUP LUNCH
RAISING FUNDS FOR CHARITY**



WHERE: Holy Trinity Church
Much Wenlock

WHEN: **Friday 8th May 2026**

FROM: Midday till 1.30pm

ON OFFER: 3 soups, bread and cheese

COST: Donations to this month's chosen charity

WHICH IS: Samaritans

April's Soup Lunch raised £300.00 for Riding for the Disabled plus a donation from Patricks Trust for £200

This is a dementia friendly activity.

Usually 2nd Friday each month apart from August and December



**THE MUCH WENLOCK
BOWLING CLUB**

Club Secretary at
muchwenlockbc@gmail.com

MUCH WENLOCK CRICKET CLUB

At the time of writing the weather is improving and visitors to the Gaskell Field will have noted that work on the square and outfield and maintenance work to the pavilion is ongoing. Importantly, we are planning a major revamp of the Club this year with the aim of developing wider community involvement.



In the meantime we urgently need to recruit new players, and volunteers to assist. Our practise nets at the ground are on a Wednesday evening starting around 6 pm. Players of all ages and abilities will be welcomed, come along and try a session or two. Kit and equipment can be provided.

May fixtures:

- 2 May. Montgomery. (H).
- 9 May. Acton Reynold. (H)
- 16 May Quatt. (A).
- 23 May. Alberbury. (H)
- 30 May. Calverhall (A)

All matches start at 1pm

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



Much Wenlock WI

Usually meet on third Wednesday of the month at The Priory Hall

Wednesday May 20th 7.00

Come and listen to Ruth Lowe, as she helps us re-live our youth, talking about Mary Quant and the 60's!

Visitors especially welcome.
Non-members £5.

Contact muchwenlockwi@gmail.com
01952 726748.

**Stanton Long Church
COFFEE MORNING SEASON HAS
STARTED**

Join us for a brew on the First Saturday each month from May to September at Stanton Long Church from 10am

Tea, coffee and homemade cakes plus warm lively chat

Pop these dates in the diary
May 2, June 6,
July 4,
August and September 5



We really look forward to seeing you

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, Carole Martin 07967 715350

HARLEY NEWS!



Coffee, Chat and Carpet Bowls
10.30 am—Wednesdays
6th and 20th May 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

*Out
To
Lunch*

Come and enjoy our 3 course Sunday lunch on Sunday **31st May 2026** in Harley Village Hall 12.30pm for 1pm Tickets £15 Bring your own drink

Please contact Anne Sharpe on 01952 510556 by **Wednesday 27th May** for lunch bookings and to advise of any dietary requirements.

Farmer's Butty Van

Thursday May 21st

Lower Chatwall Farm

Chatwall, Cardington, SY6 7LD

By kind permission of Craig and Heather Evans.

Thank you for your continued support



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Events at the Community Room Pinefields 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

U3A Art Group 2:00 – 4:00 pm.



GARDENS OPEN

Sheinwood Manor
Sheinton Road
Much Wenlock
TF136NR



Sunday 17th May 2-5PM

Cakes and Tea
Partial Wheelchair access
Toilet

Open Church : St Peter and St Paul SY56DN

Cashless payment

£7 Entry

In aid of Shropshire Historic Churches Trust
www.shropshirehct.org.uk

MUCH WENLOCK MALE VOICE CHOIR



**COFFEE (and cake!)
MORNING**

— AND —

PLANT SALE

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH



SATURDAY 16th MAY
from 10am

All welcome

MUCH WENLOCK PARISH CHURCH

Saturday Live
Concerts and Recitals



Saturday 13th June

Mass in Blue by Will Todd

The Gallery Singers

7pm £tba

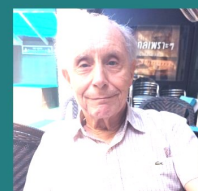
Saturday Lunctime Organ Recitals

These are free concerts featuring the new Church Organ.

Each event starts at 12 noon and will last around 45 minutes. There will be a retiring collection.



Tony Pinell
Saturday 9th May



Revd David Price
Saturday 11th July

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 will be performing at the Regal Theatre in Tenbury Wells on **Sunday 3rd May**, tickets available from the venue. The theatre was converted from an existing building on Teme Street and opened as a cinema in 1937. Although closure 30 years later brought uncertainty, the theatre was rescued from demolition for a car park and is now run by a very proud and dedicated team of volunteers and we look forward to helping them keep the venue alive. Our Coffee Morning and Plant Sale take place in Holy Trinity Church in Much Wenlock on Saturday morning, 16th May. Please find time to drop in and support our fundraising and enjoy some lovely home-made cakes too!

Our main home concert of the year will take place on **Saturday 6th June** at 7pm, again, in the Church. We will be delighted to welcome the Narberth, Pembrokeshire based ladies' choir, SERENDIPITY, who are touring Shropshire following their very successful appearance in the Welsh inaugural Festival of Female voices featured on BBC Wales recently. Tickets are £12 from choir members or Penny Farthing in the square in Wenlock. The evening will feature both choirs singing individually and also together. Hope to see you there!

Saturday 16th May

Coffee Morning and Homemade Cake
And
Plant Stall
Holy Trinity Church from 10am

Saturday 6th June

Joint concert with
Serendipity Ladies Choir, Pembrokeshire
Holy Trinity Church 7.00pm

Dick Langford

Website www.mwmvchoir.org.uk
Facebook facebook.com/mwmvchoir
Instagram [mwvmalevoicechoir](https://www.instagram.com/mwvmalevoicechoir)
Email chairmanmwmvc@gmail.com
Phone 01952 728758

MOTHERS' UNION

Christian Care for Families
Usually every 3rd Thursday of the month



March saw us hosting the Lady Day service for the northern end of the diocese. Due to another booking in Holy Trinity we held the service in the Methodist Church. About 35 people attended, including visitors and 3 banners were displayed. Everyone enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship with refreshments served afterwards.

Last month Val Roberts came and talked about the stained glass in the church.

We have not yet arranged a speaker for May 21st when the meeting will be held at 25 Swan Meadow starting at 2pm. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings.

For further information please contact one of the following.

LEADER: Gill Reynolds 727620
SECRETARY: Jean Gladstone 728520



Singing for Fun

Usually held on 2nd Thursday of the month
Except August

Thursday 14th May

2pm at the Methodist Church
and mid session refreshments are planned.

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



CRESSAGE & DISTRICT WI

Cressage Village Hall

Details of all meetings from Ruth 01952 510546

Meeting Report by Marg and Ruth. 18 members and a visitor gathered in Cressage Village Hall on Thursday 9th April. Janet was welcomed back after several months recovering from an injury to her foot. Celia dealt with Local and SFWI business. The main item was a reminder about our Group Meeting on **29th April** which Cressage WI is hosting.

Celia welcomed Geet Athwal of Wenlock Wardrobe who gave a wonderful talk and demonstration about how to determine the colours (clothes and jewellery) which suit us best. The classification was based around the seasons and sub seasons.

Veronica volunteered to be model for the demonstration, and Geet used colour cards and pieces of fabric to show the colours which looked best for her skin and hair colouring, asking us what we thought. Geet is always on hand in her shop to offer advice to customers.

Sue and Jo served delicious, home baked refreshments after which Janet selected Josephine as the winner of the competition for a well dressed wooden spoon.

Next month, on **May 14th**, we will have Mel Latham presenting 'Chutney and Cheer' and there will be a discussion / vote for the 2026

Brockton and District WI

Brocktonanddistrictwi@wi-shropshire.co.uk



We meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30 in Shipton Village Hall.

We met on April 7th at 7.30 in Shipton Village Hall and enjoyed a talk by Kate Brown on women's football. Although it is not widely known, women have been playing football for many years; it is claimed that Mary Queen of Scots owned the oldest football in existence. During World War 1, the women's game was extremely popular as female munition workers filled the sporting void left by men fighting overseas. Top teams, like Dick Kerr Ladies FC, attracted tens of thousands of spectators to charity matches. These games continued in popularity after the end of the war, unfortunately controversy was just around the corner. Some claimed that football was "unsuitable for women" and in 1925 the Football Association banned women's teams from its pitches. Despite the ban women were determined to continue playing, albeit in public parks. The ban was finally overturned in 1971 following the formation of the Women's FA. Since then, the women's game has grown and developed. International games attract huge crowds and TV audiences. And, just as important, millions of women and girls are playing football in teams across the country.

Kate talked about the enjoyment gained from the walking football team she is a member of. Their oldest team member is 82!

We meet next on May 5th.

Catie Egleton



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.



The Much Wenlock Proboscus 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 Fox Hotel 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

www.probusonline.org/much-wenlock/



A date for your diaries.
1st Much Wenlock Scout Group invites you to a Traditional

May Fayre on 16th May

at 12.00 until 5 :00 on the Scout Hut grounds (Station Road). Stalls, sideshows, free family games, barbeque and refreshments.

Please do come along and support us, bring your family and friends, neighbours and visitors we are looking forward to seeing you all.

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

To find out more or to register interest, please

contact:

Loren at lor.reeve@gmail.com



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.



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



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

Adult beginners courses, adults drills & cardio, Juniors Saturday coaching and private lessons

Please contact Club Coach Graham Hart on 07960 970 017 or email hartg734@aol.com



Soft Tennis—A gentler form of the full game of Lawn Tennis. Played indoors on a badminton size court. The balls are softer and slower. Good fun and a proper piece of exercise.

All Ages Welcome.

We meet in the Leisure Centre, Much Wenlock –

Wednesdays – 5.00p.m. to 6.00p.m.

n.warrington993@btinternet.com

Professionals' Coffee Morning

at Wheatlands Care Home

**30th April 2026
from 10.00–11.30am**

You are invited to pop in for a relaxed coffee morning with home-made cakes and pastries. You'll have a chance to meet our General Manager and the team, network with other local professionals and take a tour of our beautiful home.

On the last Friday of the month we hold our tea, do come and join us for any of these events. To find out more, call the home on 01952 728497 and talk with our Manager Lea-Ann Littler.



*Usually every second Wednesday
in the month except August
At The Priory Hall,
Much Wenlock*

Wednesday 13th May—2pm

Natalie Cumming
returns to tell us about
'The Missing People Charity'

Going missing is a matter of life or death for tens of thousands of people each year. This charity is a beacon of hope for their families.

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

St James Church, Shipton

Bluebell, Wild Garlic & Woodland Walk



**Sunday 3rd May
2pm - 5pm**

Adults - £10
Children under 12 - £5
includes afternoon tea

Upper Meadow Barn, Shipton
TF13 6LA



Wenlock Olympians Athletics Club

Do you enjoy running, jumping and throwing?
at The Leisure Centre.

9.00-10.30am for ages 8, 9 and 10
10.00-11.30am for ages 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17

If you would like to find out more please see our website
www.wenlockolympians.org

MUCH WENLOCK Sunday 5th July 12-5 pm

**GARDENERS
REGISTER
NOW**

Much Wenlock Gardens Open Trail will be taking place. If you would like to open your garden for the event, we're looking for gardeners who would be willing to open their gardens from 12 midday to 5.00pm. Please share this information with anyone you know who might wish to take part.

This event is in aid of Shropshire Historic Churches Trust. Tickets with eh map will be on sale at the Penny Farthing £7.00 each. The proceeds will be divided equally between the Trust and Holy Trinity Church, Much Wenlock. Wenlock Abbey House has agreed to be open too.

Please contact either:
Liz Sharman—lizsharman29@gmail.com
Sue Stevens—ssstevens1960@gmail.com
We'd love to hear from you

Please check our website and facebook for up to date information
www.shropshirect.org.uk



RECTORS SABBATICAL PLANS 2026

MAY

I begin my Sabbatical with a Pilgrimage to Santiago Compostela.

My pilgrimage begins at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford where I was ordained in 1999.

My lifelong friend Paul Messenger and I will be walking the Saint Frideswide's Way which follows The Thames Path and my faith journey from childhood days. I shall be stopping at St James the Great Radley, my spiritual home, Abingdon on Thames where I grew up and then St Paul's Church, Culham where I was baptised.

We continue towards Reading via Wallingford, Goring and Streatley, finally arriving in Reading. Reading is significant as it was The Bishop of Reading who put me forward for ordination and Reading Abbey was a former Cluniac Monastic site.

The Camino Office has agreed that by completing The Saint Frideswide's Way this can go towards my allocation to receive my Pilgrims Certificate when Paul and I reach Santiago.

From Reading we travel by train to Portsmouth and travel by ferry to Santander. From Santander we travel to Coruna and pick up The Camino Ingles to Santiago Compostela.

I have deliberately chosen May for my Pilgrimage so I can raise awareness of AMMF. As you will be aware my sister Catherine died at the age of 54 from Cholangiocarcinoma. Donations can be made directly to AMMF via my Just Giving Page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/matthew-stafford>



JUNE

In June I travel to Malta to visit a very dear friend Fr David Wright (The Former Rector of Wolverhampton) who is now Chancellor of The Cathedral in Veleta. During my time in Malta, I shall be following the footsteps of St Paul and visiting Saint Catherine's Monastery.

Towards the end of June, I shall then be heading to Cysoing, La Charite Sur Loire, Taize and Cluny, with my friend Stu Tabbron to help foster the Much Wenlock link with France.

JULY

In July we have concentrated family time travelling first to London to celebrate our very dear friend Laura Jourgensen's Silver Anniversary of her Priesting. The Preacher at the Service is our former Old Testament Lecturer from Cuddesdon Days, Paula Gooder, who was also my college Tutor.

We then head to our 'Go To' place, namely the Isle of Mull and Iona, where we shall be on the island for a month. I will have the privilege of Celebrating the Eucharist at St Columba's Gruline during that time.

It will be during my time on Mull I intend to do some concentrated writing on what Monasticism has to teach us today in our context here in Much Wenlock, the Diocese of Hereford and in wider society.

A Prayer for the Pilgrimage Journey

Loving God, you are our Creator and are never far away from those who seek you. Abide with your servants in their going out and their coming in. Be for them a companion on walk, a guide at their crossroads, their protection in danger, and their strength in weakness. May this pilgrimage bear abundant spiritual fruits—not only for ourselves, but for all, bringing hope and healing. Amen,

2026 LIVE ARTS FESTIVAL CELEBRATES YOUNG TALENT



The 2026 Live Arts Festival took place over two weekends in March, bringing dance, music and speech & drama to Much Wenlock. Young performers impressed adjudicators and audiences alike with the standard of their work. Guests in the audience included the High Sheriff of Shropshire, Jane Trowbridge, and the Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire, Anna Turner, who enjoyed a programme of memorable performances.

ATHLETICS TRACK UPGRADE SET TO BEGIN

The Wenlock Olympian Society (WOS) is delighted to announce that funding has been secured to resurface the athletics track and install new discus facilities at William Brookes School—both to England Athletics competition standard. The majority of the funding has been provided by the 3-18 Education Trust Board. Work is expected to start at the end of May, with the aim of being ready for athletics events at the Wenlock Olympian Games in July.

The Society is grateful to the Trust for this investment. It will provide a top-class facility for students and help secure the future of athletics competitions at the annual Wenlock Olympian Games. WOS also thanks the Walker Trust, Shrewsbury, for its generous grant; a Much Wenlock resident who wishes to remain anonymous; Wenlock Olympians Athletics Club; Shrewsbury College students; and the many WOS supporters whose donations are helping to fund the new discus facilities. Thank you all.

A further £60,000 is needed for fencing, pathways and hardstanding to help protect the track and support long-term maintenance. WOS will continue fundraising for this next phase of the project, and any contribution—large or small—would be warmly welcomed.

TRIBUTE: SIR CRAIG REEDIE

The Wenlock Olympian Society was saddened to hear of the death of Sir Craig Reddie, a long-time friend and advocate of the Society. In 1994, as the chair of the British Olympic Association, he accompanied Juan Antonio Samaranch on a visit to Much Wenlock, where they examined the Society's archives—containing evidence of Dr William Penny Brookes' role in the rebirth of the modern Olympic Games.

Practice News

Much Wenlock & Cressage Patient's Voice AGM

Find out who are the Care Co-ordinators working in the practice and what they do to support patients.

When - **Tuesday 12 May 2026** - 18:30 hrs

Where - Much Wenlock Medical Practice, Kingsway Lodge, King Street, Much Wenlock TF13 6BL

Who can attend? - All patients registered at Much Wenlock & Cressage Medical Practice

Do I need to book? - No, just turn up on the 12.5.26 at 18:30

We look forward to seeing you there

Easter Raffle to support Wrekin Oarsome Team

The raffle was drawn by Dr Harvey on the 30th March 2026 and the prize winners are:

1st - Purple ticket 48 – Air fryer

2nd - Purple ticket 51 - Large Easter Hamper

3rd - Yellow ticket 51 - Medium Easter Hamper

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who brought tickets for your support.

We raised £263.50.

May Bank Holiday Closures

Much Wenlock & Cressage Medical Practice will be closed on Monday 4th May and Monday 25th May. Should you require medical assistance during this time please call 111.

Living Well with Dementia, Sight and Hearing Loss Exhibition

will be returning to Shrewsbury on
16th June 2026.

Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury - 10am to 3pm

Free shuttle bus operates from Shrewsbury bus and train stations.

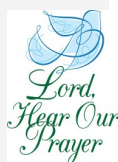
The exhibition brings together local and national organisations, professionals and community groups to showcase support, services and practical solutions for people living with dementia, sight loss and hearing loss, as well as their families and carers. It is an opportunity to connect, learn and explore ways to live well and remain independent for longer.

For more information: 01743 245555

shrewsbury@radfieldhomecare.co.uk

Facebook: [tinyurl.com/see-hear-remember](https://www.facebook.com/see-hear-remember)

Heavenly Father, Thank You for the gift of life and the strength You give each day. I pray for good health of mind, body, and spirit. Protect me and my loved ones from sickness, and grant us the wisdom to care for ourselves well. Fill our hearts with peace, our bodies with energy, and our souls with hope. Amen



Gracious God, give skill, sympathy, and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health. Amen

TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

Issued by: Trudi Barrett, Town Clerk Tel: 01952 727509

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May Fair – Monday, 4th May—The Town Council is holding a May Fair on bank holiday **Monday, 4th May**. The Fair will take place between 2.00 and 4.30pm on the Church Green in Wilmore Street. There will be stalls, entertainment, a local bakes competition, food outlets, dancing, a children's fancy dress competition and more. Come along to enjoy this free, community event!

Much Wenlock Neighbourhood Plan—The Much Wenlock Neighbourhood Plan successfully passed the referendum held on 19th March with 90% of those who voted agreeing that they wanted Shropshire Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area. The Plan will now go to a meeting of Shropshire Council, expected to be on 14th May, to be formally adopted, or made. After approval, the Plan will form part of the statutory decision-making process for planning for Much Wenlock.

Planning Applications—The Town Council's Planning & Environment Committee meets nearly every month to consider planning applications and other planning and environmental matters affecting Much Wenlock parish. The agendas for meetings are published on the Town Council website and on the notice board under the Corn Exchange. Meetings are open to the public and individuals may come along to listen to the discussion. Members of the public may also speak during the public session on a matter on the agenda, providing they have given prior notice to the Town Clerk.

The Town Council is consulted on planning applications, and endeavours to reflect the interests and views of the community in responses. However, it is important to remember that Shropshire Council is the planning authority and the decision maker. To ensure that individual views on applications are taken into account, members of the public are urged to submit comments to Shropshire Council via their website:

<https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/planning/applications/>

Any representations submitted will be published online and will include the name of the individual making the comment. There is helpful guidance about planning applications and what is a 'material consideration' in planning terms on the Shropshire Council website.

Dog Waste Bag Dispensers—The new dog waste bag dispensers are proving useful for those owners who find themselves without a bag to clean up after their dog while out walking. Councillors hope this will encourage all dog owners to be responsible and reduce the amount of dog mess left on footpaths and pavements. If you walk a dog, please remember to take your own bags with you, as the dispensers are really meant for those rare occasions when you are without, not as an endless free supply!

The Guildhall—is open to the public Friday to Monday, 11am to 4pm. The May exhibition is basketry and willow work by Lesley Butler. Lesley creates baskets and contemporary art using willow, hazel and wood with some materials coming from her own garden. Her designs are very much inspired by nature and her surroundings in the Shropshire Hills.

Entry to the Guildhall is free, although donations are very welcome.

Town Council Meetings—Forthcoming full Council meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Thursday, **14th May** and Thursday, 4th June 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—The next will be held on Saturday, **9th May** 2026 between 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

The Edge Arts Centre

William Brookes School, Much Wenlock



MW YOUNG
FARMERS CLUB



We hope you saw us out and about on the 29th March delivering muck around the area! We are very grateful for the continued and growing support of the community, so much so we had a wider delivery radius this year which is great to know our annual muck lug is still in demand!

Many members took part from the week before bagging up muck and on the day to help deliver and also bag up more bags due to later orders. Well done to the club for all members hard work!

As a relaxed meeting after the club went for a stroll up the Wrekin to wind down after the busy day.

On the 10th April the club hosted a bingo night joined with Shropshire Rural Support at Cross Houses Community Centre. This brought together a large drove of supporters and keen players of all ages. With great prizes to include vouchers from Home Farm of Attingham, Mytton and Mermaid, Bradleys Butchers and many more! There were light refreshments available at the night but if you played a good game then you would have been alright! Thank you to Kate from SRS for help with the evening and advertisement. A special thanks to Rachel Marsh on the night for doing a great job collating prizes as well as manning the door on the night too.

These two events will be great fundraisers for us, so thank you for all who have donated!

The next month brings the Pre rally held at the Shropshire showground on the 26th April with the usual competitions from farm safety and cookery to the afternoons comp of tug of war. We cannot wait for the next group of competitions!

Just another reminder, on Friday **3rd July 2026**, Much Wenlock YFC celebrates its 85th anniversary. Tickets are £50 per person and sold in tables of 10. Tickets are on pre-sale to past Much Wenlock YFC members until 30th April, thereafter they will be on general sale, if you would like to book a ticket please email muchwenlockyfc@gmail.com
See you all soon MWYFC

Fri 1 May	Rock The 80's (Elton John, Van Halen, Elo, Prince, etc.) 7.30pm £15	Live Music
Fri 8 May	Salt Peanuts Jazz Quartet 7.30pm £15	Live Music
Mon 11 May	Black Bag (15) 7.30pm £6 (concessions £5)	Cinema
Fri 15 May	Miranda Sykes & Jim Causley (Folk duo) 7.30pm £18	Live Music
Mon 18 May	Good Fortune (15) 7.30pm £6 (concessions £5)	Cinema
Thu 28 May	CASH: The American Recordings Johnny Cash tribute) 7.30pm £18	Live Music
Fri 29 May	National Theatre Live: The Playboy of the Western World 7pm £12 (concessions £10) (15)	Cinema
Mon 1 June	Song Sung Blue (12A) 7.30pm £6 (concessions £5)	Cinema
Thu 4 June	Exhibition on Screen: Frida Kahlo (12A) 7.30pm £12 (concessions £10)	Cinema
Fri 5 June	Little Rumba (Jazz and blues) 7.30pm £15	Live Music
Mon 8 June	Eleanor the Great (12) 7.30pm £6 (concessions £5)	Cinema
Thu 11 June	Ballet: Massenet: Manon (2023) (U) 7.30pm £6 (concessions £5)	Cinema

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
Join our mailing list at edgeartscentre.com | 01952 728911



COUND CHURCH FETE

is coming on

Saturday 9th May at 2pm

Put our fun afternoon in your diary,
Lots to see and do, Brass Band music, stalls,
childrens games, teddy parachuting and excellent
home made teas.....

(Donations to the bric a brac stall welcomed by
Sheila – contact her on 01743 761451)

FRIENDS OF THE OLD CEMETERY



At last spring has finally arrived. There were a few false starts of late snow and storms to contend with but what a difference a few days of sunshine makes to everything. It gives me a spring in my step too as I can't help but feel uplifted at the sights around me. Up here in the Old Cemetery today the sun is shining brightly and it's actually feeling a bit too warm for my coat. (I'm not complaining though!) The welcome nodding flowers of daffodils greet me all around and the grass is sprinkled with yellow primulas, celandines and multi-coloured wallflowers to keep them company. The wallflowers are filling some of the grave gardens. These are great value plants as the perennial varieties have such a long flowering season, need little attention and are usually the first to arrive in spring whilst some plants sheltering around the old chapel entrance are protected enough to last well into winter.

The newest additions to the mix of emerging spring flowers are the startling deep blue petals of grape hyacinths or *Muscari armeniacum*. These have self-seeded too after their initial introduction around some of the old graves. Their blossoms pop up as tiny urn shaped flowers that cluster like grapes, hence their name. These flowers are actually edible, being a member of the onion family, and have a mild onion flavour making them popular in Mediterranean salads, but I love their colour too much to eat them, though the petals of plentiful dandelions often end up in my salads and mixed with onions, get deep fried as bhajis! Dandelions are not just good for bees and other insects but being rich in antioxidants have many health benefits for us humans too, such as boosting the immune system, strengthening bone health and lowering inflammation. That's just the flower's benefits, the leaves and roots also have a variety of medicinal uses such as detoxifying the liver, improving digestion and managing diabetes. I like to champion plants that are often seen as weeds. Try eating them instead of spraying with pesticides. The birds and insects will love you for it as well as your body!

Back to my wanderings around the pathways now as I stop to the left of the old lychgate where, guarding the entrance, the gnarled old cherry tree has erupted into prolific blossom. In fact, there is blossom in every direction, on the buddleia, lilac, lavender and mock orange, all triggered by sudden warmth. But best of all today, and my absolute favourite, is the magnolia by the road side verge. I picked a good day to visit as some buds are just opening, some are still to come whilst others are in fully fledged into gorgeous and outrageously beautiful flowers. You have to be quick to see them as sudden winds and cold spells can make the flowering time short. Today though is perfect, so I stay a while in the sun just to admire their swelling tulip blooms as the jackdaw family caw at me from the cherry tree to announce that this is actually their patch and yes, spring has definitely arrived!

Jo Jukes



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

We have some good news for the town! In last month's article I told you through this column a little about our very own 'Much Wenlock Cup' that we hope to produce. The cup is a reusable cup that can be used, washed (by hand or in a dishwasher) up to a thousand times. We have trialled different examples of cups and there is no problem with this cup so far! Instead of seeing black bags at events full of single use plastic cups, ready to be thrown away, these cups can be bought (price to be confirmed) and kept to be reused or it can be returned and you will receive a refund as long as it is returned undamaged to any participating business. Customers can keep their cup if they so wish but their deposit will not be returned.

We are able to do this as we have received a grant from 'Veolia' who are a waste and recycling management company. They offer an 'Envirogrant' in Shropshire and 'Plastic Free Much Wenlock' applied and have been lucky enough to receive the full amount that we applied for and this will get us started. There are 8 groups in South Shropshire who have been awarded a grant and we have been to a presentation where the Mayor of Shrewsbury acknowledged that Shrewsbury have been running a similar and successful scheme - the Shrewsbury Cup.

By the time you read this we will have trialled the 'Much Wenlock Cup' at the May Fair on May 4th. We hope that it will help people to understand the damage single use plastic is doing to our world and reuse what they have.



This is an example of the logo that will be on the cup.

The Beauty of Nature

O God, we thank you for this earth, our home; for the wide sky and the blessed sun, for the salt sea and the running water, for the everlasting hills and the never-resting winds, for trees and the common grass underfoot. We thank you for our senses by which we hear the songs of birds, and see the splendour of the summer fields, and taste of the autumn fruits, and rejoice in the feel of the snow, and smell the breath of the spring. Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty; and save our souls from being so blind that we pass unseeing when even the common thorn bush is aflame with your glory, O God our creator, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Walter Rauschenbusch

Two men were working for the town council. One would dig a hole and the other would follow behind him and fill the hole in. They worked up one side of the street, then down the other, then moved on to the next street, working furiously all day without rest, one man digging a hole, the other filling it in again.

An onlooker was amazed at their hard work, but couldn't understand what they were doing. So he finally approached the hole digger, "I'm impressed by the effort you two are putting in to your work, but I don't get it - why do you dig a hole, only to have your partner follow behind and fill it up again?"

The hole digger wiped his brow and sighed, "Well, I suppose it probably looks odd because we're normally a three-person team. But today the guy who plants the trees called in sick."

News from Shropshire Cllr Dan Thomas

New Gym at Much Wenlock Leisure Centre—1st April marked the end of Shropshire Council's running of our Leisure Centre, which has now been taken over by Halo Leisure. £75k has been spent on gym refurbishment. Similarly, you will see a new Learn to Swim Programme offering more opportunities for children and young people to gain vital life skills. The poolside changing rooms will receive a total refresh in the Summer, and they are installing a new pool cover to significantly improve the centre's energy efficiency. By the time the Herald lands on your doorstep, the works will have been completed. Please do check out the new gym.

Neighbourhood Plan—Two years after this launch. Much Wenlock has spoken, with 90% of referendum voters supporting its use in planning decisions. Shropshire Council will formally adopt the new Plan in May, extending to 2038 and building on the 2013–2026 plan. My thanks go to the Steering Group and all who contributed their time, views and practical support to make this process a success. I was asked to chair the Steering Group that put this together, and found it a very rewarding process. Much Wenlock now has more of a say in Planning than it would have otherwise.

Flood Lights—I, along with Town Councillors Marcus Themans and Paula Sivertsen, attended the recent drop-in session regarding the proposal to install floodlights for the multi-use games area. It was encouraging to see both the 3-18 Education Trust and Halo Leisure engage constructively with residents' concerns, while also recognising that this investment could significantly enhance opportunities for year-round physical activity in the town. Further engagement and a planning application will be coming forward in due course.

Highways—I'd invited the Head of Highways for South Shropshire to visit, and I'm pleased to say he accepted, confirming that Sheinton Street resurfacing would take place this financial year and we would see more pothole repairs across the town, surrounding villages and hamlets now that the days are brighter for longer. Repairs across the Wenlock Division have already started to take place.

Food Waste—Weekly food waste collections will not be introduced across the Shropshire Council area this month due to insufficient long-term Government funding to deliver the service. While the Government has provided funding to cover the purchase of vehicles and food waste bins, along with some short-term transitional funding for delivery, communications and project management (totalling just over £3.6 million), its most recent financial settlement did not include adequate ongoing revenue funding to run a weekly food waste collection service. As a result, introducing the service from April this year would place a significant financial risk on the council at a time when it is already facing unprecedented pressure on existing essential services. A report will be presented to Shropshire Council's Cabinet on 15 April, setting out the current position and recommending the next steps required to introduce a food waste collection service at a later date. Shropshire Council is not alone in facing these challenges. According to recent BBC reporting, at least 57 councils across England have confirmed they will also miss the 1 April deadline for introducing weekly food waste collections.

The Cavalier Centre Inclusive Outdoor Space Project

Following the March 29th deadline, the crowdfunding appeal for The Cavalier Centre's "inclusive outdoor space" has concluded, with the project rescaled to a final fundraising total of £2,729. For those unfamiliar with the initiative, the project aims to transform a portion of the Much Wenlock site into a multi-sensory environment featuring a sensory trail, willow refuge, picnic area, and memorial garden, specifically designed to support youth groups & individuals with visual or hearing impairments. Shropshire Council's contribution via the UK Shared Prosperity Fund was £1,669, maintaining their 60% match-funding commitment to the project. Congrats to the Cavalier Centre on getting this grant.

Advice Surgery—**Saturday, 9th of May, 10:30 am to 12 noon** at Much Wenlock Museum. No appointment is necessary. I'll be joined by Town Councillor David Fenwick and a representative from the Police.

Best Regards,
Dan Thomas

*Working hard for communities in the Much Wenlock Division of Shropshire Council.
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Much Wenlock Severn Hospice



Thank you to all those who supported our spring fundraiser – the cake, book and jigsaw stall and the raffle. We raised a magnificent total of £1576.58 which will contribute directly to the support the Hospice can offer patients and their families. We are very grateful that we had so much local help - whether through the level of support, donations, cake-making, setting up and clearing up after the events. We are also particularly grateful to all our local traders who regularly give generous raffle prizes and sell tickets for us. Thank you.

Many local people enjoyed the exhibition of Catherine Downes' paintings at The Wheatlands Care Home, and the exhibition and auction at Halls in Shrewsbury (which will have taken place by the time you read this) is expected to be well-supported. Catherine generously donated a number of paintings for sale, with proceeds going to the Severn Hospice Support Group and Cuan Wildlife Rescue. We are very grateful to Halls for their support of this fundraiser.

Our next event is

A plant sale organised and hosted by
Ann & Peter Wight at Church House, 16 Barrow
Street, Much Wenlock TF13 6EN
on **Saturday 30th May, 10.00am-1.00pm.**

We know there will be some lovely plants for sale, including Ann & Peter's wonderful hostas and many other plants donated by green-fingered locals. Refreshments will not be served at this event, but there's always a chance to visit one of the town cafes who regularly give generously to us. We know they would value your support.

future dates for your diary:

Saturday July 4th – West End to Wenlock at The Edge Arts Centre, tickets will be available on the TicketSource site (not the Just Giving site as previously advertised) and at Penny Farthing, The Square, Much Wenlock from early May.

Saturday 22nd August – Open Garden at Wenlock Abbey

Saturday 24th October - Coffee Morning and Christmas Cards sale, Holy Trinity Church, Much Wenlock

Sunday 29th November 29th, 2.00-5.30pm - Line Dancing at The Edge Arts Centre, Much Wenlock TF13 6NB (on the William Brookes School site). Please note change of venue from previous advertisement.

Much Wenlock Ecclesiastical Charity

A Grant Making Charity Supporting the Community of Much Wenlock with faith, hope and love.

If you or your organisation would like to discuss to see if you meet the criteria or apply please write to:

The Rectory, New Road, Much Wenlock TF13 6EQ

Or Email: mwec@muchwenlockchurch.co.uk
Application Forms can be downloaded from:
www.muchwenlockchurch.co.uk

Letter from Westminster



I have stepped up my campaign to improve postal services in South Shropshire by meeting with Royal Mail bosses in Ludlow. Talking face to face, I expressed urgent concerns about the huge impact that missed delivery rounds and late letters are having on rural communities which completely rely on a reliable postal service to stay connected and well-informed. Readers may remember that back in February, I led a Westminster Hall Debate in Parliament on the unacceptable state of postal services in rural areas and stated that 'I am an exceptionally tenacious person that will not accept no as an answer... I will not stop until every letter is delivered on time.' I remain committed to this promise.

South Shropshire is home to so many beautiful stretches of river, including the Clun, the Onny, the Severn, and the Teme. No doubt because of this, hundreds of constituents have contacted me in recent weeks to express deep-rooted concerns about the prevalence of waste and sewage in waterways across the nation. I have spoken publicly about this issue on a number of occasions since I was elected as the MP for South Shropshire in 2024, but following this renewed expression of interest from constituents, I have raised it again. The latest classifications show that one in seven English bathing sites are still polluted, including the bathing site upstream of Dinham Bridge at the River Teme in Ludlow. So, I have urged Ministers to intensify efforts to improve the quality of our bathing waters as a matter of urgency.

In other news, it is my privilege to enthusiastically endorse the competitive applications made by both Ludlow and Bridgnorth to the Town of Culture Competition. The winning town will receive £3 million to deliver a programme of cultural renewal and growth in 2028, so I want to make sure our worthy candidates have the best possible chance at success. It has been inspirational to see communities in both Ludlow and Bridgnorth coming together in recent months to prepare their detailed bids. I have endorsed both in letters sent to Culture Secretary Lisa Nandy and will be working hard to advocate for our towns in the corridors of Westminster over the coming months.

Finally, in London, I recently enjoyed meeting with Shropshire residents at the Parliamentary Repair Cafe event. There are a number of fantastic repair cafes dotted around our constituency, including in Bridgnorth, Ludlow, Highley, Bishops Castle, and Church Stretton. Supported by a growing network of volunteer repairers, these groups help people fix broken items for free to avoid unnecessary waste. I am fully supportive of this mission, and I was grateful for the opportunity to learn more about how repair cafes bring people together whilst helping to protect our environment.

I continue to hold regular advice surgeries across South Shropshire, offering residents the opportunity to raise personal problems and get support on a wide range of issues. I am also holding monthly 'MP Coffee Mornings' which provide a relaxed chance for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake. Come along, say hello, and raise any local or wider issues you'd like to discuss. Dates and locations are advertised on my website or you can phone my constituency office at 01746 555025.

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I produce a regular newsletter which keeps constituents updated with my work in South Shropshire and Westminster. To sign up, please visit <https://www.stuartanderson.org.uk>. For my privacy policy head to <https://www.stuartanderson.org.uk/privacy>.

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

'Save Our Lanes' in Church Preen, Hughley, Kenley
At last an end to the rain and some Spring weather.
Though very much 'April showers' as I write.

I'm pleased to report that plans as previously mentioned for our new 'Save Our Lanes' project are progressing, led by the Parish Council and local residents. The aim is for a pilot over the summer to 'get the water off the roads', to curb the damage it causes and make it easier to do more lasting repairs. So volunteers who've kindly offered time will be focusing on clearing ditches and fixing drains initially. Several local residents - including the Chair of the Parish Council - have kindly offered to help as 'Road Wardens', following the Devon model where many parishes look after their own lanes. Shropshire Council's Highways chief officer visited to meet with us recently, along with the head of Streetscene and the head of the local drainage team. Shropshire is keen to back this local pilot and to see if lessons may be learnt for other neighbouring parishes.

The Council is paying for a half-day training in safe working on the roads for the Road Wardens, and for hi-vis kit and materials - including 'cold lay' tarmac for smaller potholes to start. Fingers crossed the pilot progresses well over the summer - the latest plan is to do one action day a month, maybe involving sign cleaning and hedge trimming (to ensure visibility) at the same time too. I'm joining in the training myself and will come and help when I can - though as foot soldier not an officer!



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



LETTER FROM HEREFORD DIOCESE

May is a month of transition. At the beginning, we can feel like we're still in winter, with frosts and rain. By the end, summer feels just around the corner with longer evenings and warmer days. Our lives are still governed by these rhythms even though many of us no longer have the farming connections we once did. Our ancestors were much more bound by the clock and the seasons. The calendar and liturgical years were intertwined; the church was more central to people's lives.

Ecclesiastes contains that well known passage about times and seasons, a time to plant and a time to harvest; a time to mourn and a time to laugh; a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing. This year, our diocesan family is focusing firmly on celebration. I have always thought that the continued existence of the church is one of the surest proofs of the resurrection. How could an organisation composed of frail, sinful people like you and me still be here but for divine intervention? No other human organisation has continued in this way.

The world was vastly different 1350 years ago when Putta made the gruelling journey here from Rochester to become our first Bishop. England didn't exist. Our diocese was carved out of the corner of a Mercian kingdom and part of an old Roman settlement. Over the course of our existence, kings have risen and fallen; cathedrals have been burnt down and rebuilt, fallen and been rebuilt again! Previous Bishops, in a variety of acts of architectural vandalism, have used their own (or their wealthy wife's) money to remodel the Palace and even demolish bits of it they didn't like. Meanwhile, in over 400 churches, faithful Christian people have gone about the work of the gospel.

Priests have hatched, matched and dispatched, celebrated the sacraments and taught the faith. We have made the transition from Catholic to protestant; from Christendom to being a minority in a largely secular, indifferent and occasionally hostile culture. We have both remained faithful to the tradition and found ways to proclaim the faith afresh to each generation. There have been times of relative ease and times of real struggle. Churches have fallen down and been rebuilt, and populations have shifted.

All this has happened in the power of the Holy Spirit, whose gift we will celebrate at the end of this month. We have never had to do it on our own, dependent on our own ingenuity. To be a Christian is to be supernaturally empowered by the Holy Spirit. God's faithfulness and that power are definitely worth celebrating.

+Richard

Letter from St James the Least of All

Happily, the Church of England still retains some singular parish clergy. Take the parish of St James -the-Least in the county of C- for example. Here the elderly Anglo-Catholic vicar, Eustace, continues his correspondence to Darren, his nephew, a low-church curate recently ordained... by the Revd Dr Gary Bowness

The Rectory
St James the Least of All

My dear Nephew Darren



So, you are beginning to plan your first Summer Fete in your new parish. That you appear to be looking forward to it shows how little you know about them.

Parishes hold Summer Fetes so that their clergy can preach more meaningfully on purgatory. Their ostensible purpose is to raise money for the church - which is wholly illogical. The parish could double the money raised if the Fete were dropped, none of the endless preparations made, if everyone spent a pleasant afternoon in their own gardens and each person simply donated £20 to the church instead. But we still feel obliged to go to endless trouble, making ourselves miserable so we can show each other what a good time we are having. That it generally pours seems to make the entire event even more grimly satisfying.

No, the real reasons for a Summer Fete are twofold. First, it gives the entire parish the chance to inspect the Rector's garden. Whatever state it is in, it will cause disapproval. If it is poorly kept, then I am clearly being ungrateful for having three acres of lawn to enjoy. Mowing it each week should be one of my delights; what else would I do with a whole day off each week anyway? The hand mower, kindly given by Colonel French is assumed to be quite adequate - and rumour has it that I need to lose weight anyway. The mower was presented to me when the Colonel bought his own gardener a sit-on motor mower - which is of a size and opulence that makes me assume it has a drinks cabinet and satellite navigation.

The second reason for a Fete comes as a special perk for the organisers. It gives them a chance to inspect the inside of the Rectory. Under the pretence of looking for a little more sugar, they can systematically inspect all the kitchen cupboards and comment on their contents. By the end of the day, the whole parish will know what marmalade I spread on my toast, that I use unnecessarily expensive washing powder, and where I have unsuccessfully tried to hide the gin.

The details of what then happens while the Fete is in progress must wait until my next letter, when we will have had our own. It is now time for Evensong, drinks with Major Mallet and his wife, and then a quiet evening with a good book, while I toy with other possible hiding places for the gin this year.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace



William Brookes School

As we move into the summer term, I am delighted to share just how much there is to look forward to at William Brookes School and across our wider community.

Our third Enrichment Week of the year is fast approaching, and once again it promises to be an exciting and memorable experience for our students. Enrichment Week is all about learning beyond the classroom, and this term includes a wide range of local visits, as well as opportunities to travel further afield - including abroad. These experiences help young people to build confidence, independence and curiosity. Most activities will take place outdoors, and while we are hoping for good weather, our students will be outside whatever the weather brings, embracing the value of learning in the fresh air.

We are also pleased to be moving forwards with work on our new running track, which will be starting shortly. This is a particularly meaningful development given Much Wenlock's Olympian heritage. The new track will support physical education, wellbeing and community use, and strengthens our connection to the town's proud sporting history inspired by our very own Dr William Penny Brookes.

Many residents will already be noticing positive changes at the leisure centre, now managed by Halo. We have really enjoyed working with the Halo team and are already seeing the benefits of this partnership for our young people and the wider community.

Another area we are keen to celebrate is The Edge, William Brookes School's community theatre. The Edge plays an important role in the cultural life of Much Wenlock, and we warmly encourage the community to attend and support the incredible acts and performances coming up. The theatre is run by our Theatre Manager, Peter, alongside a team of amazing volunteers who give their time, energy and expertise. The school continues to invest in the running and staffing of The Edge, not as a commercial venture, but primarily as a feature for the community — a space for performance and shared experience.

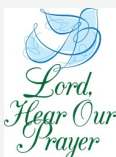
Finally, we are proud to be opening our own Oslo alternative provision, designed to support students whose needs sit outside of a purely mainstream offer. Oslo will focus on City & Guilds qualifications, outdoor learning and active, practical approaches that help young people in key stage 3 re-engage with education and experience success in ways that work for them.

I hope that residents across Much Wenlock will continue to see and feel the positive changes taking place at William Brookes School. It is a privilege to serve such a supportive and vibrant community, and we look forward to sharing the journey ahead together.

Mrs Ruth Shaw
Headteacher

Heavenly Father, Thank You for the gift of life and the strength You give each day. I pray for good health of mind, body, and spirit. Protect me and my loved ones from sickness, and grant us the wisdom to care for ourselves well. Fill our hearts with peace, our bodies with energy, and our souls with hope. Amen.

Gracious God, give skill, sympathy, and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health. Amen



Prayer for Pentecost 2026

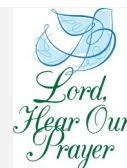
Loving Father and giver of all gifts,
This month we thank You for the gift of
Your Holy Spirit which You promise to all
who call on Your name, turn away from
self-centred living and put their trust in Jesus.
Help us to do that, Lord.

Then, when events in the world and the
circumstances of our own lives are difficult to
understand, we have Your Holy Spirit who brings
life and power.

He is faithful and constant. He will lead us into all
truth and give us the words and thoughts we need
to experience Your peace in the midst of turmoil.
At this time when we remember the birth of Your
church, may we open our hearts to receive Your
Spirit afresh and move into each new day confident
that we are yours and that in You is our true
security.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching



PUBLIC NOTICE

PASTORAL CHURCH BUILDINGS SCHEME

Both All Saints, Berrington and Christ Church Cressage have been formally closed by the Church Commissioners. Please be assured that the Parish Communities are still under the pastoral care of The Wenlock Team Ministry.

ALL SAINTS, BERRINGTON

Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 Diocese of Hereford
Closed Church Building of Berrington All Saints
Determination of Effective Date of Coming into Operation of a
Pastoral (Church Buildings Disposal) Scheme

WHEREAS a Scheme made by the Church Commissioners ("the Commissioners") on the 26th day of March 2026 in pursuance of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 provided that the closed church building of Berrington All Saints should be vested in the Churches Conservation Trust and also provided that the said Scheme should come into operation upon such date as the Commissioners shall determine.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners hereby determine that the said Scheme shall come into operation on the 1st day of April 2026. In witness of which this Instrument has been duly executed as a deed by the Church Commissioners this 31st day of March 2026.

Contact information:

Address: St Peters Street, Northamptonshire, NN1 1FH, United Kingdom Phone number: 0207 841 0400 Email address: enquiries@theccct.org.uk

CHRIST CHURCH, CRESSAGE

This Scheme is made by the Church Commissioners this 25th day of March 2026 in pursuance of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011, the Right Reverend Richard, Bishop of Hereford, having consented thereto.

Declaration of closure for regular public worship

(1) The church of Christ Church, being the parish church of the parish of Cressage, shall be declared closed for regular public worship by this Scheme.

(2) Subject to any provisions of the Parochial Registers and Records Measure 1978 which apply thereto and any directions thereunder, any register books and records of that church which remain in parochial custody shall be dealt with as the Bishop shall direct.

Coming into operation of this Scheme

This Scheme shall come into operation upon the first day of the month following the date of it being made by the Church Commissioners. In witness of which this Scheme has been duly executed as a deed by the Church Commissioners.

April 10, 2026 RE: Introduction to Film – Dreams of an Eleven-Year-Old Witch (Alice Glaston)

To the Business Owners and Community of Much Wenlock,

I am writing to you as a producer of the upcoming film, *Dreams of an Eleven-Year-Old Witch*, which tells the story of Alice Glaston. As we prepare for our production, we wanted to reach out to the heart of the Much Wenlock community, its local businesses, to introduce ourselves and our vision for this project.

We are acutely aware that Much Wenlock is a town with a rich, vibrant history that stretches far beyond the tragic story of Alice Glaston. We know how much pride the town takes in its heritage, from its beautiful medieval architecture to its world-renowned status as the birthplace of the modern Olympic movement.



Our film aims to treat the name of Much Wenlock with enormous respect. While the story focuses on the life of a child in the Tudor period, we have made it our mission to avoid the sensationalism that has sometimes

followed Alice's history. Instead, we are creating a visually fantastical yet sensitive exploration of childhood in that era. We even intend to include subtle tributes to the town's Olympic legacy by using the colours of the Olympic rings in sequence within our visual design

Although principal photography (beginning 28th September 2026) will take place in various locations across the country to protect the film's historical sensitivity, Much Wenlock remains the spiritual home of our narrative. We want to celebrate the town's name on a global stage, ensuring it is remembered for its beauty and historical significance rather than just a single dark footnote.

We can confirm that after a major 5 month nationwide search to find an actress to portray Alice Glaston for the first time on screen, we have found our chosen Alice, who despite her years, has shown a huge amount of maturity, sensitivity and care for this remarkable tale. In her first interview recently with the BBC's Sophie Law, she explained that she wants to do it right for Alice, and we are all committed to doing it right for you, the people of Much Wenlock also.



We value the spirit of Much Wenlock and hope that, as this project progresses, we can maintain a positive and respectful relationship with the local community that keeps this history alive.

Yours sincerely,
Justin

Executive Producer
production@vitality-entertainment.com



At the recent AGM we reflected on a very busy year. The day-to-day diary is almost full with regular users, whether it be one of the many exercise classes. There are one-off charity events and christenings, birthday parties for the young and not-so-young, celebrations of life and weddings.

The Committee has hosted its popular annual craft fair, and there have been other events. All attract visitors to the town.

We have had to undertake routine maintenance tasks, many of which the committee of volunteers undertake for themselves. Where we do employ tradespeople for more specialist tasks we are committed to using local providers, wherever possible. This year we will undertake some more repairs to the roof, replacement of the drain covers in the grounds.

We are grateful to the community for the respect people show for the Hall and its grounds. Unfortunately, we have had some small issues related to vandalism and these, together with routine and more substantial maintenance issues, all need funding. To meet potential funding challenges in the future we have begun to plan for another round of fundraising events. Please look out for details and support these if you can – the Priory Hall runs as a local charity and needs funds if it is to continue to work,

The first fundraiser will be a Race Evening on Friday **2nd October**.

The committee, all volunteers, is always ready to welcome new faces and we are pleased to have had new members join us again this year. We are also always happy to receive any thoughts or feedback via muchwenlockprioryhall@gmail.com and would particularly appreciate any thoughts about

Lord, thank you for the gift of this new day and your powerful presence in my life. I am grateful that your mercies are new every morning.

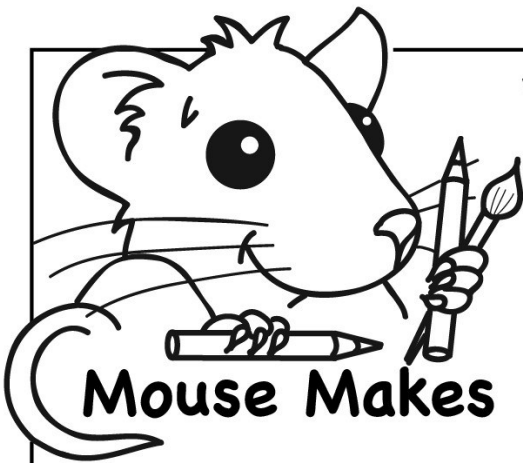
Please fill my heart with your love and guide my steps. Replace my confusion with clarity, my fear with faith, and my weakness with your strength.

I surrender my plans, my anxieties, and my interactions to you. Help me to walk forward with a renewed spirit, recognizing you in all I see and serving you in all I do,

Protect me and my loved ones, and let your peace, which passes all understanding, dwell in my heart.

In Jesus' name, Amen.





WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Spirit of

_____ *Genesis 1:2*

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_____ of the Father.

Acts 1:4



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A _____ *Romans 8:15*



H _____ *John 14:26*



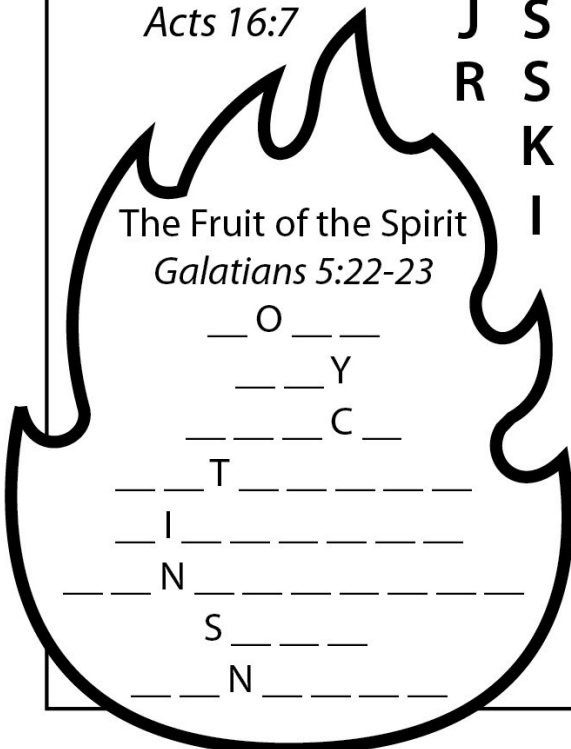
The Spirit of

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The Spirit of

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The Fruit of the Spirit
Galatians 5:22-23

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What happened when the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost?

read *Acts 2:1-41*

How many believers were baptised that day?

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Look up the Bible verses and fill in the missing words. Look for them in the word search then look for these words below.

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30th April Wheatlands Care Home Coffee Morning (10)

MAY 2026

- 1st Fri The Edge Arts Centre (13)
- 2nd Sat Cricket Club Fixtures (6)
Holy Trinity's Coffee Morning (5)
Stanton Long Coffee Morning (6)
- 3rd Sun Bluebell Woodland Walk (10)
Bluebell Walk (10)
- 4th Mon May Fair (12)
- 5th Tues Brockton & District WI (7)
- 6th Wed Coffee, Chat and Carpet Bowls (7)
Pray and Share for the Climate (4)
- 8th Fir Holy Trinity Soup Lunch (6)
The Edge Arts Centre (13)
- 9th Sat Cllr Dan Thomas's Surgery (15)
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Cricket Club Fixtures (6)
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- 11th Mon The Edge Arts Centre (13)
- 12th Tues MW & Cressage Practice Patient's Voice AGM (12)
- 13th Wed U3A AGM and Talk (10)
- 14th Thurs Cressage and District WI (8)
Singing for Fun (8)
Town Council Meeting (12)
- 15th Fri The Edge Arts Centre (13)
- 16th Sat Cricket Club Fixtures (6)
Male Voice Choir Coffee Morning & Plant Sale (7)
Scouts' May Fayre (9)
- 17th Sun Open Garden Sheinwood Manor (7)
- 18th Mon The Edge Arts Centre (13)
- 20th Wed Coffee, Chat and Carpet Bowls (7)
MW Women's Institute (6)
- 21st Thurs Butty Van (7)
Mothers' Union (8)
- 23rd Sat Cricket Club Fixtures (6)
- 28th Thurs The Edge Arts Centre (13)
- 29th Fri The Edge Arts Centre (13)
- 30th Sat Cricket Club Fixtures (6)
Severn Hospice Support Plant Sale (15)
- 31st Sun Harley Sunday Lunch (7)

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- 6th June Male Voice Choir (9)
- 13th June The Gallery Singers (7)
- 16th June Living Well with Dementia, Sight and Hearing Loss Exhibition (12)
- 3rd July MW Young Farmers 85th Year Celebration (13)
- 4th July Severn Hospice Support (15)
- 5th July MW Open Gardens Trail (10)
- 22nd August Severn Hospice Support (15)
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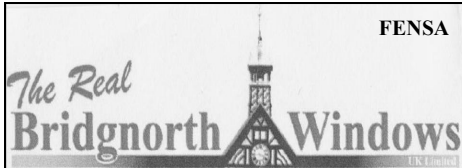
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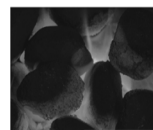
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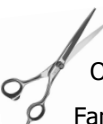
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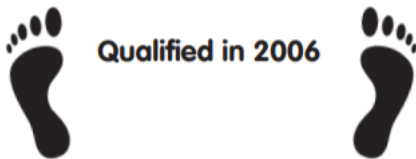


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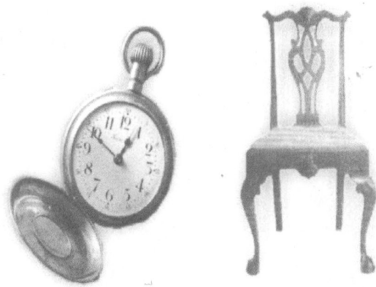
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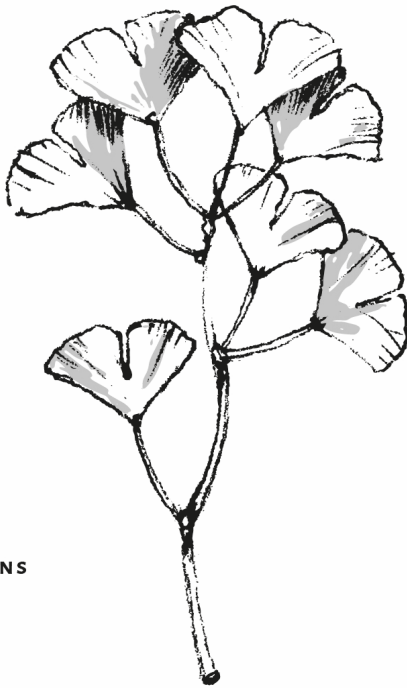
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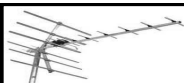
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Sunday Services in MAY 2026

PLEASE NOTE: On some occasions, times and details of services may change after printing

Churches listed by neighbourhood	3 rd May Easter 5	10 th May Easter 6	17 th May Easter 7	24 th May PENTECOST	31 st May TRINITY SUNDAY
Berrington and Betton Strange	To Cound	To Harley	To Cound	To Sheinton	To Cound
Cound	11.00 AAW (LL)		11.00 E (DJ)		
Cressage	To Cound	To Harley		To Sheinton	To Cound
Sheinton				11.00 E (SR)	
Harley		9.30 HC (CL)			
Kenley	9.30 HC (SC)		6.00 BCP EP (LH)		
Church Preen			11.00 E (LH)		
Hughley				9.30 HC (SC)	
Much Wenlock	9.30 E (RB) 6.30 BCP EvS (LL)	9.30 E (SR)	9.30 E (RB) 6.30 BCP EvS (SR)	9.30 E (SR)	8.00 BCP HC (SR)
Bourton					Patronal Eucharist 9.30 (CL)
Easthope				6.00 EP (DJ)	
Shipton	9.30 MP (LL)		11.00 E (SR)		
Stanton Long				11.00 E (CL)	

ASCENSION DAY EUCHARIST THURSDAY 14th MAY 2026
Holy Communion at Bourton 10.30am (Said) – The Revd Sam Rigby
Deanery Eucharist at Much Wenlock (Sung) at 7.30pm
President and Preacher, The Revd Lisa Harper
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Please note Service details are subject to change.



MIDWEEK COMMUNION AT MUCH WENLOCK - 10.30AM WEDNESDAY

KEY TO OFFICIANTS:

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 EP = Evening Prayer HC = Holy Communion MP = Morning Prayer