

HODNET *Parish News*
May 2023



**In this edition: Special Parish Coronation
Celebration Event Pull-Out Programme**

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A PASTORAL LETTER - AN EXTRACT

Greetings in the name of the Lord!

We are writing to you to share with you our hopes, desires and prayers for the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III on the 6th May. The Coronation will be a historic moment in the life of our nation; a time to reflect on our history, reflect and celebrate something of who we are, and look forward.

The coronation is steeped in this country's traditions and filled with great symbolism. It is essentially a consecration to service. Happening within a Eucharist, the most basic and the central act of Christian worship, it includes oaths, regalia and crowning. Through it we receive from Jesus the one who comes to us as a servant; the one who is the king of Kings.

The Coronation weekend and bank holiday is aimed at bringing the nation together in common meals and in helping and serving our communities through the Coronation Big Lunch and the Big Help Out.

It is, of course, part of every Christian's witness to commit joyfully to a life of service to God and one another; a commitment the King has exemplified throughout his life. We pray this would be a moment for all to encounter afresh the person of Jesus Christ – the servant King – and be renewed in our calling to serve Him by serving others.

At the heart of communities across the country the Church of England will provide space for prayer and worship, as well as events where people of all faiths and none can gather together. This is a moment for us to witness to the love of Jesus Christ and a chance, in partnership with many others, to reach out and serve our communities.

However you choose to mark the Coronation weekend, we hope this will be a time celebrating God's love and generosity, and making that love known in our communities and national life.

Finally, our prayer is for the fruitful ministry of Jesus Christ through each of us in these next weeks. As we come together to celebrate this historic occasion in our national life, we pray that we would all know the empowering of the Holy Spirit in each of us, personally and in those with whom we minister. May this be a wonderful time of serving others, reaching out to our neighbours, and celebrating our unity in diversity.

Justin Welby
Archbishop of Canterbury

Stephen Cottrell
Archbishop of York



EDITORIAL

May looks set to be a busy month with three bank holidays. Start saying a prayer now for good weather!

We will be on Hodnet recreation ground on Monday 8th May so please come and say hello and give us your ideas on how to make this magazine of interest to you.

We are hoping to include more photographs in future editions, in the hope that you like seeing people you recognise. Please help us out on this mission by sending in editorial with accompanying photo. We will publish these for free, however we may have to edit depending on available space. We are mindful that each month this magazine starts to look the same without this personal content.

To contribute an article, please contact us at editorhodnetparish@gmail.com with any offerings! **Our cut off date for June's issue is Monday 15th May 2023.**

ORGAN RECITAL - SATURDAY 27TH MAY

St Luke's Church, Hodnet has a fine pipe organ originally built by the company Nicholson and Lord around 1878. Over the last 15 months it has undergone a complete refurbishment and rebuild by Kevin Hood of Eccleshall at a cost of over £30,000. With Kevin's dedicated and thorough restoration, the pipe organ should last for many years to come.

To celebrate the restoration, there will be an Organ Recital during the church's Flower Festival at the end of May. David Thomas will play a selection of music composed around the time that the organ was built, and the one-hour recital will be followed by refreshments in the church. Tickets at £10 each can be purchased on the door or in advance from the churchwardens.

David Thomas is currently Chapel Organist at Shrewsbury School. He began organ lessons at age 13 and in 1983 became Organ Scholar of The Queen's College, Oxford whilst reading for a degree in Music. In a teaching career spanning nearly 35 years, he has held posts at several prestigious schools and was latterly Director of Music at Winchester College. David is an experienced organist, conductor and singer, has performed on radio and television and toured widely.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday & Sunday 10th & 11th June - Hodnet Hall Plant Hunters Fair

Friday 16th June - AEDdonate - Music, Magic and Mayhem Evening - Lyon Hall

Tuesday 20th June - Hodnet & District Garden Club - Gardening in Historic Places

Tuesday 18th July - Hodnet & District Garden Club - Gardening in the Shade

CHURCH SERVICES

ST LUKE'S CHURCH, HODNET

May

Sunday 7 th	11.00am	Service for the King
Sunday 14 th	11.00am	Holy Communion
Thursday 18 th	7.00pm	Hodnet Deanery Ascension Day Service
Sunday 21 st	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 28 th	11.00am	No service at Hodnet due to the Flower Festival



June

Sunday 4 th	11.00am	Holy Communion
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CHAPEL OF THE EPIPHANY, PEPLOW

May

Sunday 14 th	6.30pm	Evensong
Sunday 28 th	11.00am	Holy Communion

CHURCH CONTACTS

Hodnet Churchwardens	Janice Parker	01630 685531
	Tim Preston	01630 685315

SAINTS' AND SIGNIFICANT DAYS

7 th May	John of Beverley
14 th May	Matthias
18 th May	Ascension Day
21 st May	Andrew Bobola
28 th May	Germain of Paris

Published as a free Church fellowship outreach and delivered each month to every household in the communities of Hodnet, Hopton, Kenstone, Little Bolas, Lostford, Marchamley, Peplow & Wollerton.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN ST LUKE'S

*Hodnet
Crafters*
at St Luke's
Church
Every Wednesday
10-12 noon

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and
CRAFTS**

GOOD FRIENDS, GREAT CRAFTS AND LOTS OF COFFEE

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**Choir
Practice**

Join us every
Wednesday
7.00pm - 8.00pm.
at St Luke's



**JOIN THE
CHOIR**



**Bellringing
Practice**

**Weekly Fridays
7.00pm - 8.00pm.**

If you are interested contact Bell
Tower Captain John Powell on
01630 685325.

The craft group has received a thank you email from SaTH for its support in creating and donating knitted and crocheted 'kindness hearts' for The Swan End of Life Care nurses. These hearts, designed to be gifted to patients and those important to them, have touched many patients, loved ones hearts and created a keepsake for them during the most difficult of times.

If you would like to join our effort in restocking the hospitals depleted supplies, both the knitting and crochet patterns are available in church. Pop in on Wednesday or Saturday morning between 10am and midday. Multiple hearts in the same colour are requested; red being the most popular colour, followed by blues, greens, purple and pink/peachy tones.



Chat and Coffee Stop

**Saturday 13th and 20th May
from 10am until noon.**

All welcome - including men!



PRAYER

God of mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.

Amen

FROM THE REGISTERS



Baptism
Olivia Grace Morgan

Burial of Ashes
Douglas Mothershaw



FLOWER ROTA - ST LUKE'S CHURCH

*	14 th May	Sue Lea	*	
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*	28 th May	Liz Bradley	*	
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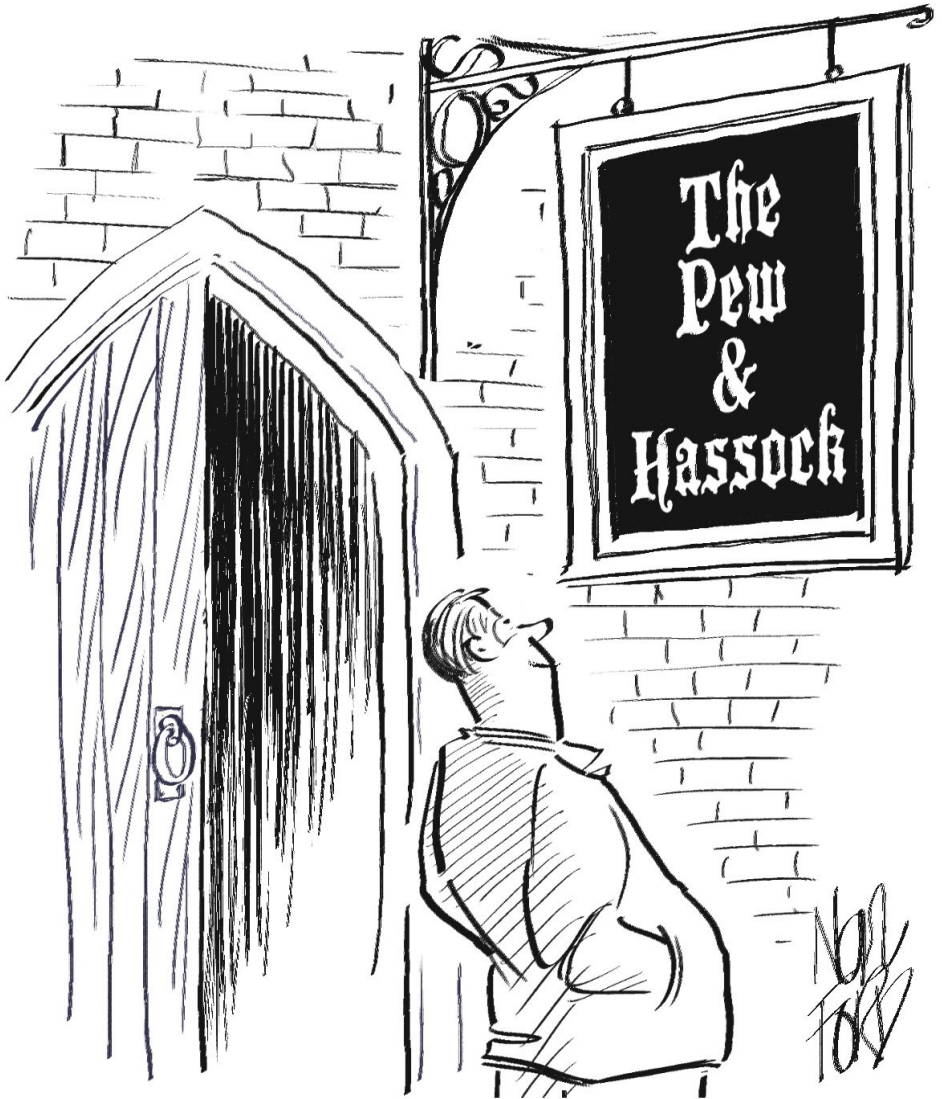
WANTED



Flower arrangers wanted to decorate the church windows - approximately four times a year.
Please contact a Church Warden if you feel you could help.

If you wish to continue receiving this magazine please would you contribute towards the production costs? Each issue costs approximately 50p to produce but if you are able to contribute more this would help the church stay open.
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CHURCH HUMOUR



Changing the name from 'St Mark's Parish Church', resulted in a big increase in the number of men attending services



HODNET HALL GARDENS

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 and Bank Holiday Mondays
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HODNET PARISH COMMEMORATIVE MUG

What has gone into making your coronation mug? It shows the official coronation emblem which features a rose, a thistle, a daffodil and a shamrock to represent the four nations of the UK. It has been hand decorated here in Hodnet using a lithograph which is a sort of transfer that is made by printing the design, using pottery colours, on to porous paper which has a layer of gum and a film on top called a cover coat. The decorator soaks the lithograph in water, to remove the water slide backing paper, before applying it on to the already fired and glazed bone china. Once all the air and water have been removed from underneath the lithograph and the piece has been given time to dry it is fired in the kiln again to permanently fix the colours and design. Whilst in the kiln, the glaze on the mug will soften and the enamel paints, which are heavier, will sink. As the kiln cools the glaze on the mug will harden again over the top. Once removed from the kiln the mugs are finished and polished producing a beautiful hand-crafted piece of bone china.

If you would like to see the work in progress or browse the beautiful china we have to offer, why not pop into The Character Jug Shop in Hodnet where we would love to see you.

Sarah Matthews, Hawkstone Handmade

HODNET & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

Our first meeting of the year was held on 21st March and, with 20 attendees, was a most enjoyable social evening with the usual tea, superlative cakes and, for a change, a fun quiz. It was good to catch up with everybody and remind members that subs are now due (£15 for this year). Guests are always welcome to attend for a charge of £3 a session.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 16th May when we will be visiting Hodnet Hall Gardens. This visit is by arrangement so places need to be booked ahead. For more details about the visit, or anything else about the garden club, please contact Dave Smither on 01630 685966.

Our programme for the remainder of the year is:

20th June - Claire Tatler talking on Gardening in Historic Places.

18th July - Robert Barlow talking on Gardening in the Shade.

September and October programme to be confirmed.



HODNET WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



Jeanette Miller and Jane Jones take over as joint President of the Hodnet WI and thank Vicki Cadwell for her time in post, please note that in May our meeting will move to Thursday 4th May (just for this month) and will then revert to the second Thursday of the month.

HODNET FOOTBALL CLUB

Fixtures: Keep an eye on the club's Facebook page for more information.

Results:

25th March - Prees 2 - 3 Hodnet

1st April - Ercall Colts 2 - 4 Hodnet

5th April - Hodnet 2 - 2 Dawley Town

8th April - Church Stretton Town 2 - 0 Hodnet

15th April - SAHA 1 - 7 Hodnet



HODNET FOOTPATH GROUP

Our next walk will take place on Tuesday 2nd May and is a little different to our usual format. By popular demand, this will be a pub walk and will start and finish at The Tiddly pub (The Royal Oak, Hazles Road, Ellerdine Heath, TF6 6RL).

It is a mystery walk of approximately 5 miles, taking about 2 hours. We will meet and park at The Tiddly and head out towards High Hatton. As usual, everyone is welcome and good footwear is essential. On return, drinks, coffee and bar snacks will be available. It is a friendly little country pub with half a dozen well kept ales, real cider, good value straightforward good and open fires.



Children and dogs welcome. Any queries contact Derek Orton on 07360 631654.

HODNET SOCIAL CLUB

Prize Bingo - now moved to 8pm on first Wednesday of the month. See their Facebook page or contact Angela Heath on 07815 126101.



Opening Times: Monday - Thursday 7.00pm - 11.00pm
Friday 6.00pm - midnight
Saturday 5.00pm - 11.00pm
Sunday 2.00pm - 7.00pm

LYON HALL, HODNET - EVENTS

Yoga Class - every Monday 6.15pm - 7.15pm and 7.30pm - 8.30pm. Please contact Harriet Devaney on 07908717337.

Qigong - 10am - 11am on Tuesdays. Contact Sue on sue@suepics.co.uk.

Ring craft dog training - 1pm - 3pm on Thursdays. Contact Anne Mann on 01630 653570 for more information.

Women's Institute - 7.30pm on Thursday 4th May. Contact details: hodnetwi@gmail.com or 07772 729764.

To book the Lyon Hall contact Francis Bennett on 01630 685213.

HODNET MEDICAL CENTRE

Covid Spring Booster

Hodnet Medical Centre will NOT be administering spring covid boosters.

Who can get a booster dose?

The NHS should contact you if you're eligible for a seasonal booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine this spring.

You may be offered a seasonal booster if you:

- Are aged 75 or over (you need to have turned 75 on or before 30 June 2023)
- Live in a care home for older adults
- Are aged 5 or over and have a weakened immune system.

How to get a booster dose

If you're eligible, you can get a seasonal booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by:

- Booking on line
- Going to a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site
- Ring 119

Information:

If you are at increased risk from COVID-19 due to a medical condition but you do not have a weakened immune system, you will not be able to get a further COVID-19 vaccination this spring. You should still have some protection against severe COVID-19 from previous doses.

Bank Holiday Closures – May 2023

Hodnet Medical Centre will be closed on the following bank holidays:

- Monday 1st May - May Day Bank Holiday
- Monday 8th May - Coronation of King Charles III
- Monday 29th May - late May Bank Holiday

If you require urgent medical attention during these times, please call 111.

Please allow extra time for repeat prescriptions during these times.

For news and updates please see our official website:

<https://www.hodnetmedicalcentre.co.uk>

We keep this website up to date with the latest practice news and advance warning of any closures.

Please note that we cannot be responsible for any other information which may appear on the internet.

MARCHAMLEY BOOK CLUB

Marchamley Book Club will meet on Thursday 11th May at 7.30pm in Marchamley Community Club. Our book choice for discussion is:

The Reading List by Sara Nisha Adams

A faded list. Nine favourite stories. For two strangers, friendship is only a page away...

Please come along and join us for the book discussion or just a general chat and a drink. We look forward to seeing you!

MARCHAMLEY COMMUNITY CLUB

Marchamley Club is open to members every Friday from 7pm-11pm and for all of our Saturday events. Membership is £3 per year. Why not drop in and see what we offer any Friday evening?

Saturday 6th - The King's Coronation - live showing of the event on the big screen with 'bring and share' food. The Club will be open from 10am for everyone to enjoy this momentous event together.

Sunday 7th - Vintage Cabaret and Tea Dance - from 3.30pm with afternoon tea served at 5pm. £12.50 per person to include the cabaret entertainment and refreshments. If you wish to reserve a table for yourself and family/friends, text Mandy on 07716 779860.

Saturday 20th - Prize Bingo - doors open 7pm for eyes down at 7.30pm.

Please come and visit our 'Wine and Water' tombola stall at the Coronation celebrations on Hodnet Recreation Ground on Monday 8th May.

See our Facebook page: **What's on At Marchamley Community Club.**

WOLLERTON BOWLS & SOCIAL CLUB - OPEN DAY

Saturday 20th May 2023 1pm - 4pm is the ideal opportunity for anyone in the Wollerton, Hodnet or surrounding areas to visit the Club to see what we have to offer throughout the year; both for bowling and non-bowling social members. Our clubhouse, which has been undergoing a programme of refurbishment, includes a bar, kitchenette and ample space for activities such as quiz nights, snooker, pool, darts, table tennis as well as various other games. During the summer months the club has a full programme of crown green bowls, where we participate in the Market Drayton and Whitchurch Leagues. During the winter months the club has a "short-mat" bowls rink. Refreshments will be available. Anyone wishing to try crown green bowls should wear flat soled shoes. We look forward to seeing you. For an informal chat about the Club please contact Lesley on 07764411704 or Michael on 07905 674017.



WOLLERTON VILLAGE ROOM NEWS

Our Annual General Meeting will take place at 6pm on Tuesday 9th May. All welcome.



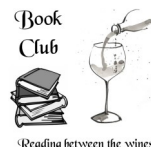
Our next **Wollerton Wander** will take place on Wednesday 3rd May at **10.30am** followed by a cuppa and a chat in the Village Room. Please come along and support the group - no booking required. £1 per person.

Red, White & Blue Drinks Party - from 6pm on Saturday 6th May to raise a toast to the new King. All welcome - bring your own nibbles/canapes/bubbles.



The Village Band will next practise on Saturday 3rd June 10am - 11.15am. Still seeking more players. Aged 16+. Any instruments welcome. If you can play a scale, come along! For further information give Paul a call on 01630 638793.

Our regular **Book Club** meetings are on the **second Tuesday** of the month starting at 7pm in the Village Room. We look forward to discussing *The Memory Keeper of Kyiv* by Erin Litteken on Tuesday 9th May.



Craft & Sewing Evenings - Due to the Parish Coronation Event we will only be holding one session this month on Monday 22nd May 6.30 - 8.30pm - bring your own project. Only £1 per session.

To join our mailing list or book any event pop an email to: wollertonvr@gmail.com

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WOLLERTON TENNIS CLUB



Club night is Tuesday from 6.30pm. All abilities welcome to come and join us for a friendly game of tennis. New members are always welcome and can join at any time. Subs are now due - adult £35, family £50. Courts can be used for private games. Please telephone Gill on 07814 409268 or Linda on 01630 685432.



CORONATION PULL OUT SPECIAL

Monday 8th May 2023

Hodnet Recreation Ground

12 noon - 4pm

Bring picnic chairs, blankets and a picnic or
purchase pizza and drinks on site.

Please leave dogs at home if possible
but keep on leads if not.

No parking on the Social Club driveway -
disabled drop-off only.

Itinerary:

12pm Opening by the Lord-Lieutenant Anna Turner


12:05pm Judging of photography competition

Winners of Best Dressed House Competition
and Best Scarecrow Competition announced

1pm Tug of War competition

1:30pm Live Music

4pm Close



As the theme of the day is volunteering, the Parish Council has pulled together many local groups who all benefit from members of our community who willingly give their time. Come and see if you could help in some small way by offering your services - see what these local groups have to offer.

2nd Hodnet Scout Group

Friends of Hodnet School

Girls Friendly Society

Hodnet 2000

Hodnet & District Garden Club

Hodnet Brownies

Hodnet Footpath Group

Hodnet Guides

Hodnet Preschool Playgroup

Hodnet WI

Marchamley Community Club

Peplow Crafts & Preserves

St Luke's Craft Group

Wollerton Village Room



Food:



Mortzarella Pizzas

Ice Cream Vendor

Bar - Hodnet Club

Hot drinks - Hodnet Club

Competitions:



Tug of War

(run by Hodnet Retained
Fire Station)

Tattiest Boots

(run by Hodnet Footpath
Group)



Photograph Competition

(run by St Luke's Church)

Best 'Royal Themed' Dressed
House



Best 'Royal Themed'
Scarecrow

'Boot Toss' Competition



Sports Clubs:

Hodnet Football Club

Market Drayton Hockey Club

Market Drayton Rugby Club - Juniors

Wollerton Bowls Club

Attractions:

Character Jug - Plate Smashing

Mini Club Display

Tern Valley Tractors Display

Axe Throwing

Coconut Shy

Skittles

Tombola

Handicrafts

Mug Collection:

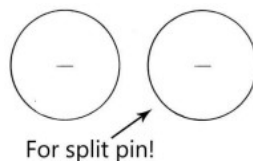
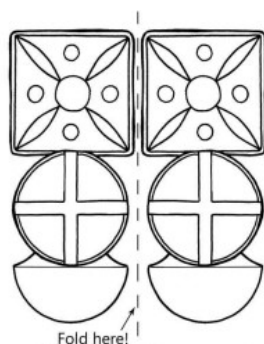
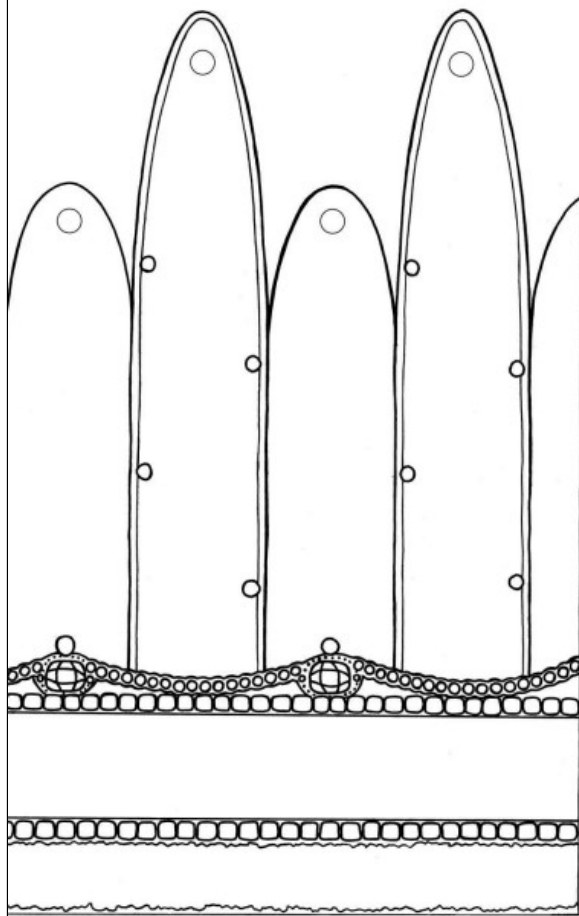
For those who have pre-ordered
Coronation Mugs these will be
available to collect from midday in
the marquee.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY - CORONATION CROWN

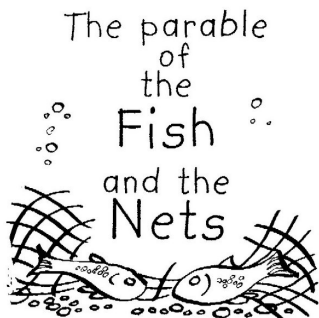
Materials: Tape measure, white card x 4, glue stick/tape, colouring pens/crayons/paints, hole punch, scissors, cotton wool for ermine around the base (optional), split pin.

Instructions: Measure the size of your head. Replicate the image below on a piece of A4 card with the base measurement equal to one quarter of your head size. Colour in the short uprights in the same royal colour of your choice. Colour the remainder of the crown in a contrasting colour (it doesn't have to be gold!) Punch single holes at the top of each upright. Cut out the four crown pieces and between each upright. Glue or tape the four sections together. Colour in the crown topper, cut out and fold out the bottom semi circles to 90°. Glue the two halves back to back excluding the circular base. Cut out the two card washers. Place the split pin through one of the washers and up through the four short uprights gathering them in the centre. Next, bring in the tall uprights, placing over the split pin. Complete by placing the second washer on top and opening the split pin. Add glue to the bottom of the crown topper and glue it on top of the split pin washer. All that's left

now is to add as many jewels as you like wherever you like! Have fun!



KIDS' CORNER



JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS

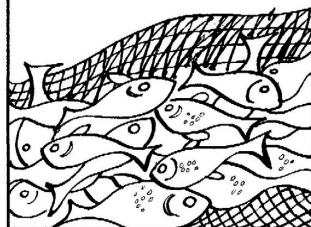


WHEN PEOPLE GO FISHING
THEY THROW THEIR NETS
INTO THE LAKE...

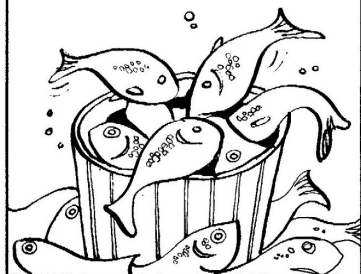


...WHEN THE NETS ARE FULL,
THEY PULL THEM TO SHORE

ONCE ON SHORE THE FISH
HAVE TO BE SORTED OUT.

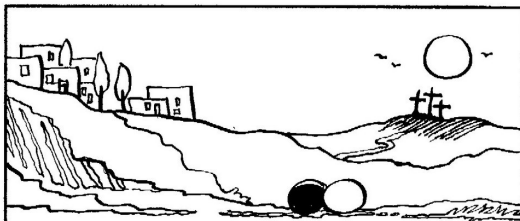


THE GOOD FISH GO INTO BUCKETS



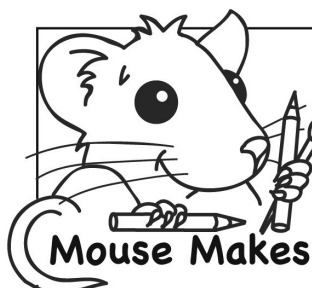
THE BAD FISH GET THROWN AWAY!

JESUS EXPLAINED THAT WE TOO WILL
BE SORTED LIKE THE FISH. WE CAN
CHOOSE TO DO GOOD OR BAD THINGS
WITH OUR LIVES.



BUT EVEN IF WE MAKE TERRIBLE MISTAKES - WE CAN
ALWAYS BE FORGIVEN - THAT'S JESUS' PROMISE.

MOUSE MAKES



Forty days after His resurrection Jesus appeared to the Apostles one last time. He told them that the Holy Spirit would come, then He blessed them and ascended into heaven.

What did Jesus say that the Holy Spirit would give the Apostles?

Find the answers in the word search

What did Jesus from the Apostles?

a _____
Acts 1:9

Where was Jesus taken up to? _____
Luke 24:51

Where did the Apostles return to? _____

Acts 1:12



READ
Acts 14-17

to be Jesus' witnesses.
Acts 1:8

Who appeared to the Apostles?
Two _____ and
what were they dressed in? _____
Acts 1:10

Where is Jesus seated?

At the _____ of God.
Mark 16:19

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I A B L E S S E D H E A V E N H E R
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SMILE LINES

When Children and RE mix...

When children meet the Bible, the result can be unpredictable. As in these answers to a school chaplain's efforts to teach RE....

~ The main purpose of the prophets was to set up the lights for when Jesus came on the stage.

~ The Kingdom of God is no ordinary place like the bathroom at home.

~ Jesus said: If you want to divorce your wife leave a note for her on the table.

~ An example of Holy Orders are the Ten Commandments.

~ An epistle is the wife of an apostle.

Life abundant

Two students from a theological training college decided to spend part of their holiday in the countryside doing outreach. They stopped at an old farmhouse and proceeded up the path through a group of screaming children and a washing line heavy with wet clothes. When they got near the door, the woman of the house stopped scrubbing the steps, brushed her hair and perspiration from her brow, and asked them what they wanted. "We'd like to tell you how you can live forever," they answered.

The exhausted woman hesitated for a moment, and then replied, "Thank you, but I don't think I could stand it!"

Married

How many women can one man marry? A little boy who attended his first wedding worked that one out pretty quickly: the answer is 16. It is easy if you think about it: four better, four worse, four richer, four poorer - comes to 16.

Four worms

A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon on temperance. So four worms were placed into four separate jars. The first worm was put into a container of alcohol. The second was put into a container of cigarette smoke. The third was put into a container of chocolate syrup, and the fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Minister reported the following results: The first worm in alcohol . . . dead. The second worm in cigarette smoke . . . dead. Third worm in chocolate syrup . . . dead. The fourth worm in good clean soil . . . alive. So, the minister asked his congregation, "What did you learn from this demonstration?"

There was silence, until one farmer at the back hazarded: "That as long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms?"

Hymn or maths?

A father had taken his small son to church. The boy listened attentively without saying a word until the clergyman announced: "We will now sing hymn two hundred and twenty-two: 'Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand', two hundred and twenty-two."

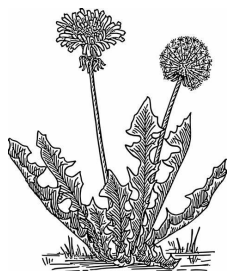
Alarmed, the little boy nudged his father. "Do we have to work this one out?"

WATCHING THE WILDLIFE - MAY ALREADY!

The year moves on and it's still a spring month; we have to wait until June before the summer solstice announces the official arrival of summer in our northern hemisphere. Our garden is certainly awake and looking more colourful with each passing day, even with the vagaries of our weather. Many of the early spring flowers are of the colour associated with energy, happiness, sunshine and wealth. The colour has been found in prehistoric paintings and been an inspiration to poets and musicians ranging from William Wordsworth to The Beatles, Cold Play and Billie Eilish.

Yes, spring has a lot of yellow in it: daffodils, primroses, celandines and forsythia brighten the early days of the year. The awakening insect world needs these and other early flowering plants for their nectar. One bee earlier this year was buzzing around a plant label still attached to a plant: the plant wasn't due to flower for another couple of months, but the colourful label had attracted the bee.

Whilst many gardens are now starting to display flowers in shades of pink and blue, there are still some yellow flowers being very noticeable. Commonly found in fields, waste ground and verges, and generally considered weeds by gardeners, there are more than 230 species of dandelion in the UK and the differences between them are small and complex. Considered as a whole, dandelions contain the active ingredients of bitters, tannins, some essential oils and flavonoids. With so many species of dandelion there will be some in flower almost all year from April to October. They are most prolific between May and June and, interestingly, all parts of the dandelion are edible. The whole plant has been used to treat a variety of human conditions ranging from liver and gall-bladder problems to acne and eczema. The sap alone can be used to treat corns, verrucae and warts. The young dandelion



leaves are best and can be added to salads* or cooked like spinach, whilst the roots can be chopped into salads or roasted as a coffee substitute. In addition, high blood pressure has been reduced by dandelion treatment thanks to its diuretic activity and potassium content. If you are gathering dandelions to eat, make sure they are gathered from a known source to ensure they have not been sprayed with weedkiller!

This month is the prime month for the large brown Cockchafer Beetles, also known as May Bugs. You may see one in the evenings as they are attracted to the lights in our homes and can then be heard thudding against the window as they try to get out again. You might have seen their pale grubs in the soil whilst gardening, pests, as they eat the roots of plants. Plantura Magazine (<https://plantura.garden/uk>) has some interesting information and photos of these beetles.

*To make a salad, finely chop your gathered and washed dandelion leaves (approx. 30), mix with 225g. grated beetroot, a finely chopped small onion and approximately a teaspoon of sunflower seeds. Toss together with a dressing of 4 tablespoons of olive oil (plain or flavoured), 4 teaspoons of lemon juice, a pinch of salt, freshly grated pepper to taste and ½ teaspoon of English mustard. For a sweeter alternative, grate an apple and add 1 teaspoon of fennel seeds.

'Wildlife Watcher'

COOKERY CORNER - CORONATION CHICKEN

First made for the coronation of Elizabeth II, this dish has made itself a British classic and nothing could be more fitting for a coronation party dish.

Prep time: 10 minutes

Ingredients:

1 cooked chicken, skin removed and shredded from the bone

300g mayonnaise

2 tbsp curry powder

1 tsp harissa powder

½ tsp cinnamon

Juice ½ lemon

70g mango chutney

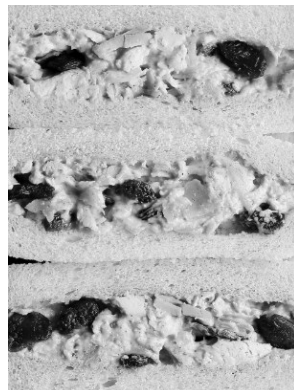
80g sultanas

80g flaked almonds



Method:

- 1 In a large bowl add your mayonnaise, curry powder, harissa, ground cinnamon, mango chutney, lemon juice and mix until well combined.
- 2 Add in your shredded chicken and mix well. Scatter over your almonds and raisins, if using, and give one final mix. Serve on a platter with large lettuce, in a sandwich, or as a perfect jacket potato topping.



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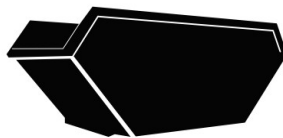
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CIRCUS

- 1 BANK HOLIDAY
- 2 Footpath Group - 10am - The Tiddly Mystery Circular Coronation Celebration Planning Meeting- 7pm - Lyon Hall
- 3 Craft Group - 10am - 12 noon - St Luke's Church. Wollerton Wander - 10.30am - Wollerton Village Room
Mobile Library - 45 Wood Lane 11.10 - 11.40am Bus Stop; Marchamley Bus Stop 11.50 - 12.05pm.
Hodnet v Prees United (Home) - 6.30pm - Hodnet Social Club
Choir Practice 7 - 8pm - St Luke's Church. Bingo 8pm - Hodnet Social Club
- 4 Mobile Library - Castle Hill Layby 10.30 - 10.45am
Hodnet Women's Institute 7.30pm - Lyon Hall
- 5 Bellringing Practice 7 - 8pm - St Luke's Church.
- 6 Hodnet & Peplow CC v Shrewsbury CC (Home) - 1pm.
Morda United FC v Hodnet FC (Away)- 3pm - Weston Pools Ground
King's Coronation Live Showing - 10am - Marchamley Community Club - see page 13
Red, White & Blue Drinks Party - 6.00pm - Wollerton Village Room
- 7 Service for the King - 11.00am - St Luke's Church
Vintage Cabaret and Tea Dance - 3.30pm - Marchamley Community Club - see page 13
- 8 BANK HOLIDAY Parish Coronation Celebration - 12 noon - 4pm - Hodnet Recreation Ground
- 9 Wollerton Village Room Annual General Meeting- 6pm. Wollerton Village Room Book Club - 7pm
- 10 Craft Group 10am - 12 noon - St Luke's Church Choir Practice 7 - 8pm - St Luke's Church
- 11 Marchamley Book Club 7.30pm - Marchamley Club
- 12 Bellringing Practice 7 - 8pm - St Luke's Church
- 13 Chat and Coffee Stop - 10am - 12 noon - St Luke's Church. Hodnet & Peplow CC v Shifnal CC (Away) - 1pm
- 14 Holy Communion - 11.00am - St Luke's Church, Hodnet. Evensong - 6.30pm - The Chapel of the Epiphany
Circus Day - Hodnet School Field - see page 30 opposite
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- 16 Hodnet & District Garden Club - Evening visit to Hodnet Hall Gardens
- 17 Craft Group 10am - 12 noon - St Luke's Church Choir Practice 7 - 8pm - St Luke's Church
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Hodnet Deanery Ascension Day Service - 7pm - St Luke's Church, Hodnet
- 19 Bellringing Practice 7 - 8pm - St Luke's Church
- 20 Chat and Coffee Stop - 10am - 12 noon - St Luke's Church Open Day - 1pm - 4pm - Wollerton Bowls & Social Club
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Prize Bingo - 7pm for 7.30pm start - Marchamley Community Club
- 21 Holy Communion - 11.00am - St Luke's Church, Hodnet
- 22 Craft & Sewing Evening - 6.30pm - 8.30pm - Wollerton Village Room
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- 24 Craft Group 10am - 12 noon - St Luke's Church Choir Practice 7 - 8pm - St Luke's Church
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- 26 Bellringing Practice 7 - 8pm - St Luke's Church
- 27 Flower Festival - 10am - 6pm & Organ Recital 7.30pm - St Luke's Church, Hodnet - see back page
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Holy Communion - 11am - The Chapel of the Epiphany, Peplow
- 29 BANK HOLIDAY Flower Festival - 10am - 6pm - St Luke's Church, Hodnet
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