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## FROM THE DIOCESE - SUCCESS & FAILURE

June is exam season here: Pass or fail. Succeed or fall flat. Hit or miss. Survive, thrive, or go under.... These are the thoughts running through our students' minds. Oh, and, 'when will it be over!'

But the students aren't the only ones who are under pressure, subject to self-scrutiny, and hoping for the best. Teachers are seeing the fruits of their labours, sometimes over many years, and waiting, and hoping, and praying, that students have 'taken ownership' of their learning, disciplined themselves and arrived at the exams ready, eager, and relaxed. Parents too are pushing down their own anxieties so that they can better 'be there' for their children.

The time has come to leave the past behind, its successes and failures, and - hopefully - move forward in the knowledge of God's forgiveness for the past, and care in the future.

As a parent, as a teacher, and as a student I have drawn great, and I mean great comfort from the story of the triumphal procession - the story told on Palm Sunday. On that day Jesus rode into Jerusalem and the crowds praised him - as they should. As the Christ entered his city on a donkey the crowds exulted in the arrival of the Messiah - as they should. When his people saw the Word made flesh, they welcomed him - as they should. But they were praising the one they thought would overthrow the Romans, they were exulting in a victory through violence, and they were welcoming worldly freedom, not spiritual new life - individual liberty, not the rule of God. So, in their worship: they were right, and they were wrong. It's the same with our whole lives: we're trying to get it right, but we're getting it wrong at the same time. We're a jumble of mixed motives, half baked commitments, and covert self-centredness, whether we're studying, teaching, parenting... however we're trying to serve God in the world. We should expect that because what we do with our lives is part of our worship.

So, what does God do with the wrong-headed but rightly directed praise of the Palm Sunday crowd? He uses it to scare the authorities into crucifying Jesus, he used it to save the world! God transformed the shades of grey in their lives into the technicolour of an eternal Easter. The longing to see Rome vanquished from Israel is woven into God's victory over sin, the violent victory envisioned by the crowds creatively contributes to the death of death on the cross, and the hope for personal autonomy becomes part of God's display of his own sovereign freedom.

So, as we let go of children, students, exam results, and control over the future we can find peace in the knowledge that God will weave all of our successes and our failures into his perfect plan. We can marvel at the power and compassion of Him who goes through death in order to draw the threads of our stories into one glorious his-story. And knowing what kind of God we have, we can choose humility, rest in God's grace, and find forgiveness as we give the future to Jesus.

*Fr Phillip Gratton*  
*Permanent School Chaplain within the Diocese of Lichfield*

## EDITORIAL

Compiling this month’s magazine has been quite a challenge with so much to include. We hope you don’t need a magnifying glass for the back page!

Special good wishes to all fathers for Fathers Day on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June. Ordinarily we would have tried to include a father focused children’s activity but sadly, this year, we ran out of room.

The winners of the photograph competition judged by our Lord-Lieutenant Anna Turner were: 1st - Vicki Cadwell, 2nd - Sarah Riley and 3rd - Christian Fox. These photographs will adorn our front cover at fitting times of the year. Thank you to all those who entered.

To contribute an article, please contact us at [editorhodnetparish@gmail.com](mailto:editorhodnetparish@gmail.com) with any offerings! **Our cut off date for July’s issue is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**

## PUZZLE PAGE

Each June, the Church of England holds its Petertide ordinations, to coincide with the feast day of the great apostle Peter, who led the Church at Pentecost. Simon had been a fisherman from Bethsaida, near the Sea of Galilee, when his brother Andrew introduced him to Jesus. When Simon made his famous confession of faith, that Jesus was the Christ, Jesus gave him a new name – Cephas, or Peter, which means rock. The ‘gates of hell’ would never prevail against Jesus’ Church, and He gave Peter the power of ‘binding and loosing’, and also the ‘the keys of the kingdom of heaven’. Peter witnessed the Transfiguration, the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and Jesus praying in Gethsemane. Peter betrayed Jesus but after the Resurrection, Jesus entrusted him to feed both the lambs and the sheep of Christ’s flock. Peter was the first apostle to work a miracle.

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- Fisherman            Sheep
- Bethsaida            Crowed
- Kingdom              Keys
- Betrayed             Feed
- Galilee                Gates
- Binding                Andrew
- Loosing                Raising
- Daughter             Rock
- Jesus                  Garden
- Simon                 Cock
- Peter                  Hell
- Gethsemane         My

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# CHURCH SERVICES

## ST LUKE’S CHURCH, HODNET

### June

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Morning Prayer

### July

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00am	Morning Prayer
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## CHAPEL OF THE EPIPHANY, PELOW

### June

Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Evensong
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion



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

## CHURCH CONTACTS

**Hodnet Churchwardens**  
 Janice Parker - 01630 685531  
 Tim Preston - 01630 685315

## SAINTS' AND SIGNIFICANT DAYS

4 <sup>th</sup> June	Francis Caracciolo
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Trinity Sunday Barnabus
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Gregory Barbarigo
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Prosper of Reggio

**Chat and Coffee Stop**



**Every Saturday in June from 10am until noon.**

**All welcome - including men!**

# PRAYER

Heavenly Father,  
We come before you with humility and faith. We thank you for all you have given us and the many blessings in our lives. We ask for your guidance and strength. Show us the way Lord.

Amen

# FROM THE REGISTERS

Burial of Ashes

Barbara Trevor



# FLOWER ROTA - ST LUKE'S CHURCH

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*	11 <sup>th</sup> June	Joanna Howard	*
*	25 <sup>th</sup> June	Sarah Riley	*
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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.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 15<sup>th</sup> July - Gin in July - Wollerton Village Room
- 18<sup>th</sup> July - Hodnet & District Garden Club - Gardening in the Shade
- 30<sup>th</sup> July - Sunday Subbuteo - Wollerton Village Room
- 20<sup>th</sup> August - 1 - 4pm - Produce Sale - Wollerton Village Room
- 14<sup>th</sup> October - Cheese & Wine Evening - Lyon Hall
- 25<sup>th</sup> October - 2 - 4pm - Wollerton Village Room - Painting Freestanding Cats
- 17<sup>th</sup> November - Quiz Night - Lyon Hall



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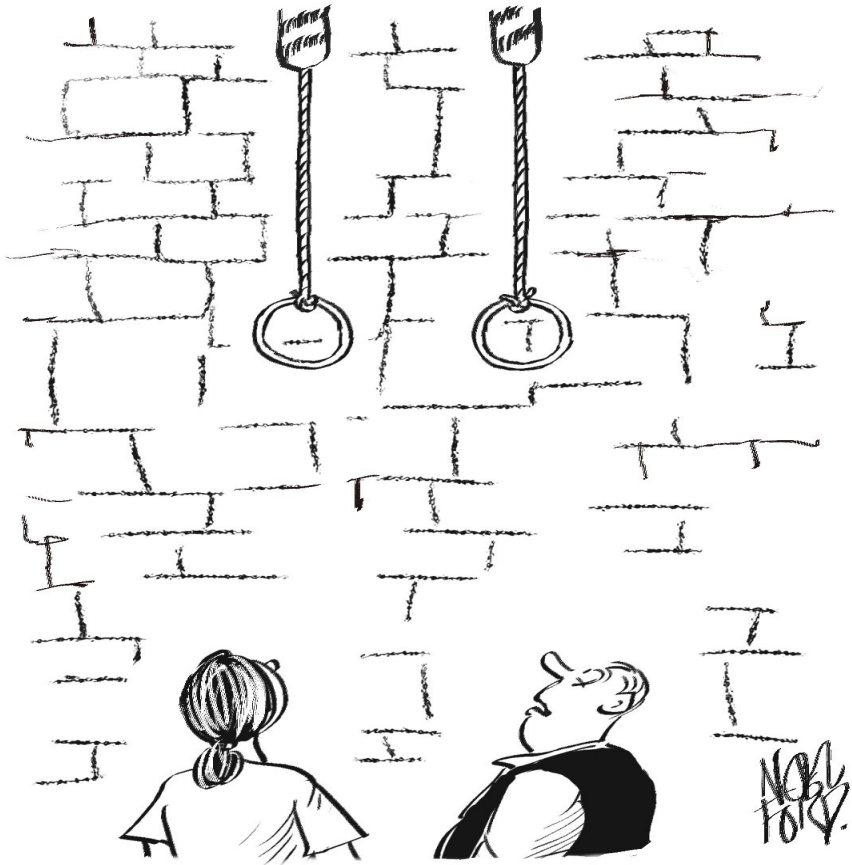
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# CHURCH HUMOUR



"Apparently, the new member of the bell-ringing team is a keen gymnast"

## WE RANG FOR THE KING!

Hodnet bellringers rang all eight bells to commemorate the King's Coronation on the morning of 6<sup>th</sup> May – and then drank a toast to King Charles III with a cup of fizz!

Left to right: Lucy & Ross Underwood, Sarah Riley, Alice Turner, Helen Charnock, Karen & John Powell, Geoff Smith.



## HODNET FC - A STATEMENT ON OUR FUTURE

I am sad, but also proud, to announce that this past season was our last together as a Hodnet squad. Over the last 5 seasons the players and staff have achieved so much in bringing football back to the Hodnet community, bringing a lot of joy and pride to supporters young and old of the club, but also leaving a lasting legacy for future teams having improved the facilities.

The team took in two Sunday league and cup wins in their first three years and had two great seasons back at Step 7 in the Shropshire county league finishing second to a strong Shrewsbury Juniors side in the first season. This season, yet another 60+ points haul finishing 4th and runners up in the league cup to a very good Church Stretton side. I am very proud of the team we have assembled and the way we play football. We have played 125 games in this period, winning 94 of them and scoring over 500 goals in the process, proving the attacking, positive approach the players have always adopted throughout is a winning formula.

In a very difficult 5 year period, involving a pandemic, a big positive for me is that I have overseen the development of a talented bunch of what was then mainly 17-20 year olds who could have left football or had a difficult stage of life, but who are now great friends - hard workers in their day jobs and ready to push and achieve better success at a higher level in football. With most of the squad in their early 20's, it has the opportunity to join forces with Market Drayton Town and encourage the players to compete for places at their hometown club. I too am excited about joining the club to support manager Adam Shillcock and the club in its endeavour to once again reach the heights of Step 4 football and beyond. There are many people to thank - chairman Neil Morris has been ever present and, along with Sam Robinson, has ensured that the social club is as welcoming as it has always been for visiting teams and supporters and one of the best for after match hospitality and entertainment - thank you to both of them. Committee members Pils Beecham and Archie Walkerdine have served the club for a number of years and, along with my mum and partner Heather, have also been ever present in the refreshment tent - your help is massively appreciated. As we all know, players come and go but we have managed to keep a core group of around 12-14 players who have played over or close to 100 games each, so congratulations and thanks to each and every player who pulled on the burgundy shirt over the past 5 years - you can be proud you are a part of our history.

We will be donating all kit and equipment to local junior sides over the summer so get in touch if you need anything in particular or would like us to consider your team. This summer, we will once again, be holding a charity match to continue our record of donating over £500 to good causes each and every year. Please look out for this and come along for one last game at Hodnet if you can.

Finally, to everyone who has turned up to see us play, been to a social event, sponsored the team through some pretty tough times - thank you. Your contribution goes beyond words and I hope you will continue to follow the players and staff at Market Drayton and be part of our continuing journey.....

A very proud manager, Matthew Allen



## HODNET FOOTBALL CLUB - FINAL RESULTS



**Results:** 22<sup>nd</sup> April - Hodnet 3 - 2 Gobowen Celtic (Cup)  
 25<sup>th</sup> April - Church Stretton 2 - 0 Hodnet (Cup)  
 29<sup>th</sup> April - Hodnet 7 - 1 St Martins  
 3<sup>rd</sup> May - Hodnet 7 - 2 Prees United  
 6<sup>th</sup> May - Morda Utd 0 - 3 Hodnet

## HODNET FOOTPATH GROUP

Our next '**First Tuesday**', 6<sup>th</sup> June, organised walk will be the Tern Valley - Hodnet Walk 9. It is a there and back walk from Peplow to Stoke on Tern and back. At about 5 miles it is a fairly flat route with a few stiles. Starting at The Chapel of the Epiphany in Peplow we follow the River Tern valley up to Petsey and on to St Peter's Church in Stoke on Tern where we will stop for refreshments. You could if you wish leave a car at Stoke on Tern and just walk one way. Everyone is welcome including dogs on leads. Any queries please contact Steve Alden on 07774 969339. We hope to see you there.

**Glow Worm Walk.** Our annual glow worm walk will take place on the evening of 27<sup>th</sup> June - weather allowing. This is a nighttime walk when we try to spot some of Hodnet's rare glow worms. These rare beetles can be found in the vegetation alongside the old railway line between Hodnet and Wollerton. During their brief breeding season the females can be spotted glowing to attract a mate. Ideally a warm, dark and dry night is the best time to spot them from mid June to mid July. This year we are meeting at The Bear in Hodnet at 9pm then making our way to the old railway line bridge on Station Road, Hodnet for a 10.30pm departure. Children and dogs (on leads) welcome. Sensible shoes and clothing and a torch advised. In case of rain the event will be postponed to Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Any queries contact Jake Williams on 07474 974477.

## HODNET PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

What a busy few months! In February, we were delighted to be rated 'Good' following our Ofsted inspection. All our parents and children were invited to a pizza making session where the healthy veggie toppings proved a hit and some of the children even braved an anchovy or two! Reception class at Hodnet Primary School invited Playgroup to a super Easter party where Easter fun was had by all, decorating biscuits and playing Easter games. We have embraced the coronation celebrations, having fun learning all about the King and his coronation and appointing our own playgroup monarchs and holding a playgroup coronation with song.

We are filling up fast for September. If you are wanting to book a place for the 2023/2024 school year contact us as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Speak to Vicki on 01630 685812.



## CHAPEL OF THE EPIPHANY, PELOW



It was a wonderful effort by the organisers and helpers which brought the whole community together for a lovely enjoyable day at the Parish Coronation Celebration Event - our Crafts and Jam stall did very well.

Thank you to everyone.

Please see the back diary page for when we have a stall in the Garden Restaurant at Hodnet Hall.

## HODNET & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

Members of the Hodnet & District Garden Club had an evening visit to Hodnet Hall Gardens in May where they were given a guided tour of the gardens by Marvin, one of the Hall's gardeners. The weather and gardens were beautiful and the evening was rounded off with tea and cake in the Garden Restaurant.

Previously in April, we hosted a talk by Clive and Jacki Dyer about the work of the Shropshire Wildlife Trust and how we can do more to encourage and help wildlife in our gardens.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June when we will be treated to a talk about 'Gardening in Historic Places' by Claire Tatler, head gardener at The Weir, a National Trust garden near Hereford. Our July meeting will be a talk about gardening in the shade. There will be no August meeting but we will resume again in September.

Please feel free to come and join us at any of our meetings - we meet at the Lyon Hall in Hodnet on the third Tuesday of each month starting at 7.30pm. You can come as a guest for £3 on the night or our annual membership is £15.

If you require any more information about the club please contact Dave Smither on 01630 685966.



## AEDdonate FUNDRAISER

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm in the Lyon Hall - **Music, Magic and Mayhem** with Paul Rushworth. In aid of AEDdonate. Tickets £8.50 each to include a welcome drink and interval refreshments. A raffle and auction will be held. Tickets are available from Reenie and Rupert, St Mary's Street, Newport or Sue Hoof (Hodnet) on 07801 089337.

A NIGHT NOT TO BE MISSED. All funds raised will go towards providing and maintaining defibrillators in the communities.

## 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

## HODNET WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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 INSPIRING WOMEN

May was a very busy month for Hodnet WI. We brought our monthly meeting forward and met on 4th May. The meeting was opened and we welcomed three new members. The theme was 'The Coronation' and we asked members to dress in red, white and blue - Vicki won due to very patriotic socks and was awarded a Coronation plate. As we were running a cake stall at the Hodnet Coronation Celebration event we got our creative heads on and, led by Jen, we went about making bunting to decorate our gazebo. Everyone took part either cutting, sewing or sticking - tea was drunk, cake was eaten and lots of happy chatter filled the Lyon Hall while we worked.

Bank Holiday Monday started wet but once the gazebo was up and decorated, members started to arrive with their cakes. The tables were groaning with delicious cup cakes, traybakes, scones, cakes and biscuits. Unsurprisingly everything was sold!

Root Food of Market Drayton very kindly donated a £30 voucher to raffle and the lucky winner was Russell from the retained fire crew in Hodnet.

It was lovely meeting so many ladies and telling them all about our WI - hopefully we will see them again.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Lyon Hall. We have Oak Farm Ice Cream coming which I am sure will be really interesting as well as tasty, so if you fancy popping along to see what Hodnet WI is all about, please call either Jeanette on 07958 393721 or Jane on 07772 729764 to let us know that you are coming - we'd hate to run out of ice cream!



## HODNET & PELOW CRICKET CLUB



I'd love to be able to give you some sort of write up of our season so far, but the weather and some waterlogged pitches have scuppered our season thus far and the first three weekends have not seen us play a game at all, with the prospects for this Saturday also looking bleak from what the grounds man at the club we are due to play at has told us... oh well! Can we have some sun please?!

## 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 second Thursday of the month. Contact details: hodnetwi@gmail.com or 07772 729764.

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

## MARCHAMLEY BOOK CLUB

Marchamley Book Club will meet on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in Marchamley Community Club. Our book choice for discussion is:

**Love in Idleness** by Amanda Craig

*At the Casa Luna, friends and relatives of the Noble family gather for a fortnight's holiday in the enchanted Italian hills. But the Casa Luna is a place where strange things happen, and anyone who lives there risks unexpected joys and sorrows....*

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 3<sup>rd</sup> - Family Quiz Night** - doors open 6pm. £10 per team - up to 2 adults plus children. Drinks and snacks available from the bar.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> - Live Music Night** - 8pm - 'Blue Marmalade' who played at the Coronation Celebrations on Hodnet rec last month. £5 per person payable on the door.



**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> - Country & Western night with line dancing** - 8pm - £10 per person payable on the door. DJ Simon will play a selection of country and western - come and learn with Angie how to line dance. Ticket price to include supper.

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> - Annual General Meeting** - 7.30pm start. We welcome all members including those who would like to put their names forward to serve on the committee for one year.

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

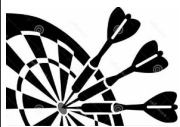
## WOLLERTON BOWLS & SOCIAL CLUB

New for June..... Friday games and social evenings. Are you looking for a game of snooker, pool or darts? Do you enjoy board games or just fancy a drink and a chat? Maybe even watch some bowls on the green on the 9<sup>th</sup>.



**Social membership is available at just £10 per year.**

The clubhouse will be open from 7-10 pm every Friday in June, with Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> being a quiz night. If this is a success we may be able to continue to offer this, so if you like the idea please come along and give us your support.



## WOLLERTON TENNIS CLUB

Club night is Tuesday from 6pm. 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 - adult £35, family £50. Courts can be used for private games. Please telephone Gill on 07814 409268 or Linda on 01630 685432.



## WOLLERTON VILLAGE ROOM NEWS

Our next **Wollerton Wander** will take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 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.



**The Village Band** will next practise on Saturday 1st July 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 Thoughts and Happenings of Wilfred Price* by Wendy Jones on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June.



Reading between the wines



**Craft & Sewing Evenings** - During the lighter evenings only one session a month will be held. This will be on the 4th Monday of the month, so please join us at our next session on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 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](mailto:wollertonvr@gmail.com)

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## SMILE LINES

### Laundry

I often do the laundry for our church, and one day I decided to do the altar cloth with a lavender-scented detergent. When our minister next walked past the altar, he sniffed in bewilderment. "What's this?" he asked.

"Guess," I said coyly.

"I have no idea," he said. "It smells like the stuff my daughter uses to line the hamster's cage."

### DIY

Our churchwarden has the courage, but not always the skills, to tackle any DIY job that needs doing around the church. For example, in the church shed are still pieces of the church lawn mower that she once tried to fix. So, our vicar wasn't surprised the day he found her in the vestry, attacking the vacuum cleaner with a screwdriver. "This thing won't cooperate," she complained.

The vicar thought for a moment: "Why don't you drag it out to the shed and show it what you did to the lawn mower?"

### Find and replace?

A minister whom I know of uses a standard liturgy for funerals. To personalise each service, he enters a 'find and replace' command. The computer then finds the name of the deceased from the previous funeral and replaces it with the name of the deceased for the upcoming one.

Not long ago, the minister told the computer to find the name 'Mary' and replace it with 'Edna'. The next morning, the funeral was going smoothly until the congregation intoned the Apostles' Creed. "Jesus Christ," they read from the pre-printed programme, "born of the Virgin Edna...'

### Man and wife

With Bible in hand, I read to my Sunday school class: "'For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife.' Okay," I said, "from this Scripture, what do we learn is important in marriage?"

A voice at the back blurted: "Cleavage!"

### This next one...

A local DJ was introducing a record at our annual church fete/parish party. "This next one," he said, "is for Charlotte, a choir member, who is a hundred and eleven! Hey, Charlotte, congratulations on a ripe old age!"

There was a short pause and then the DJ said in a somewhat more subdued voice, "I'm sorry, I got it wrong. This next one is for Charlotte, who is ill."

### Marriage

During a heartfelt chat with her friend about relationships, my wife sighed and said, "You know, if something happened to Lloyd, I don't think I could ever marry again."

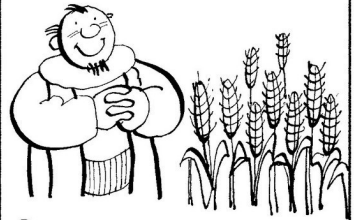
Her friend nodded sympathetically. "I know what you mean," she said. "Once is more than enough."

# KIDS' CORNER

## The tale of the RICH FOOL

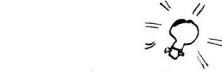


JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS

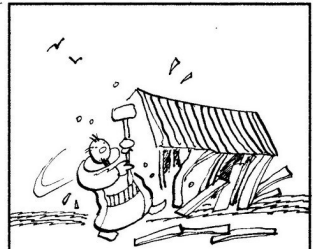


ONE STORY WAS ABOUT A MAN WHO HAD LOTS OF LAND WHICH GREW WONDERFUL WHEAT.

I HAVEN'T ANYWHERE TO KEEP ALL THIS FOOD

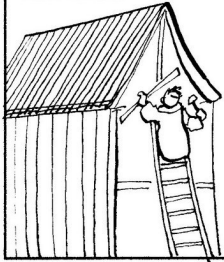


I KKNOW! I'LL PULL DOWN MY BARN'S AND BUILD BIGGER ONES



THE MAN DEMOLISHED HIS OLD BARN'S....

...AND BEGAN TO BUILD NEW ONES.



SOON I'LL BE THE RICHEST MAN IN THE TOWN!



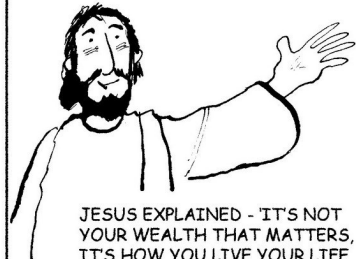
I'M SO LUCKY - I CAN EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY!



BUT THAT VERY NIGHT, THE MAN DIED!

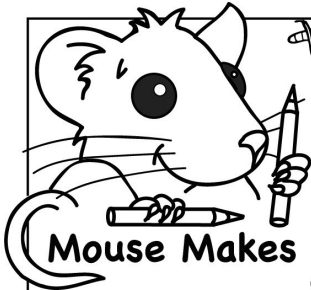


WHAT GOOD WERE HIS RICHES NOW?



JESUS EXPLAINED - IT'S NOT YOUR WEALTH THAT MATTERS, IT'S HOW YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE THAT'S IMPORTANT

# MOUSE MAKES



The Lord said to Moses,  
 "Your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh  
 to let the people of Israel go out of his land...  
 The Egyptians shall know that I AM the Lord  
 when I stretch out my hand against Egypt..."

As Pharaoh's heart was hardened against the  
 Israelites, God sent ten plagues upon him...

**1**  
**Water turns to Blood**  
 Which water turned  
 to blood?  
*Read - Exodus 7:19*

D F G B O I L S L  
 L S O O T O P I B  
 A W D P E O P L E  
 N A N I M A L S A

**6**  
**A Break out of Boils**  
 What did Moses throw into  
 the air before boils appeared  
 on people and animals?  
*Read - Exodus 9:10*

**2**  
**A Swarm of Frogs**  
 In which  
 places were the  
 frogs found?  
*Read - Exodus 8:3-4*

D R S N G N A T S  
 U M I D N I G H T  
 S S T A F F U O  
 T A A R O N E N O  
 D E B K D F S D G

**7**  
**A Rain of Hail**  
 What also rained  
 down with the hail?  
 Where did it not hail?  
*Read - Exodus 9:24-26*

**3**  
**A Plague of Gnats**  
 When Aaron struck his  
 staff on the ground  
 what became Gnats?  
*Read - Exodus 8:16-17*

T M A N W A T E R  
 M O S E S R W R O  
 C R F S N I L E U  
 F I R S T B O R N  
 I V O K N L C F D

**8**  
**A Swarm of Locusts**  
 Where did the wind  
 come from that brought  
 the locusts to the land?  
*Read - Exodus 10:13*

**4**  
**Swarms of Flies**  
 In which land were the  
 flies not be found?  
*Read - Exodus 8:22*

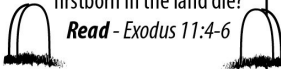
R E G H W O U I E  
 E R S A K O S S A  
 H W I N D T H T  
 I L F L I E S E H

**9**  
**Darkness over the Land**  
 How many days did  
 it remain dark?  
*Read - Exodus 10:21-22*

**5**  
**Death of Animals**  
 Which animals that belonged  
 to the Egyptians died?  
*Read - Exodus 9:2*

G O D • P L A G U E S • M O S E S • A A R O N  
 W A T E R • B L O O D • S T A F F • R I V E R • N I L E • F I S H  
 F R O G S • S W A R M • G N A T S • D U S T • F L I E S  
 G R O U N D • D E A T H • A N I M A L S • S O O T  
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 M A N • B E A S T • L O C U S T S • W I N D • L A N D  
 D A R K N E S S • F I R S T B O R N • M I D N I G H T

**10**  
**Death of the Firstborn**  
 At what time would the  
 firstborn in the land die?  
*Read - Exodus 11:4-6*





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## WATCHING THE WILDLIFE - JUNE CAN BE A CHALLENGE

The magpies have been in our garden rather more than usual recently. Totally ignoring the European folklore dating back to ancient Greece and Rome, which considers them soothsayers for being able to look into your soul, and the 18<sup>th</sup> century English adaptation which created the rhyme featuring the number of magpies seen, they've probably got a nest nearby. Interestingly, whilst in the UK we say "One for sorrow ..." different cultures believe seeing a single magpie is a cause for celebration, heralding good luck. However, the perennial problem with magpies, these intelligent, social members of the Corvidae family, which include crows, rooks, jackdaws and jays, is of course that they will actively hunt for other birds' eggs and fledglings, as food for their own youngsters.



No wonder our garden's resident feisty blackbirds do their best to deter them from staying in our garden. Thinking positively, let's hope the magpies have been eating some of the destructive larvae and insects which we also share our garden with, and maybe the magpies will also do something to help keep the growing numbers of woodpigeons in check.

It is that time of year when birds are once again to the fore, nesting and raising their young. Consequently, the bird feeders in our garden are getting plenty of attention as various birds seek easy food during this busy time. Whilst the majority of birds enjoying the different food from the various feeders close to the house are the smaller ones, such as sparrows and blue tits, the blackbirds have learnt how to perch on feeders to get to the seeds and fat too. A couple of days ago a magpie tried to perch on a hanging feeder further way from the house. It was all wings a-flapping as it struggled to get a purchase. Additionally, a young squirrel is getting more adept at scaling the bird table pole. Initial efforts saw repeated failure to make upwards progress, but persistence paid off and it can now awkwardly get high enough to lean precariously for a bite at the peanuts before sliding back down again.

May, of course, saw the house martins return for our summer, after wintering in Africa. They're recorded as being first seen in the south of the UK in April, but reach our area in the first couple of weeks in May. It's a joy to see their aerial activity as they swoop and soar, building their mud nests under the eaves of a house and catching insects on the wing. Whilst their numbers are in decline, this month should see them obviously active as they raise their current brood and hopefully manage a second family during our summer.



Whilst you could go to Africa in our winter to see these birds, the good thing about wildlife watching is that you don't have to travel away from home to see wildlife. Not only can we see these visitors now, but simply sitting in the garden on warm, sunny days can reward us with a variety of sights. Wearing a yellow blouse is likely to encourage aphids/greenfly to alight on you, and wearing something blue will attract bees, which will fly around you, doing no harm, simply finding out if you are a flower!

If you'd like to be more involved in nature, you can try the annual *30 Days Wild* challenge organised by the Wildlife Trusts. Throughout June they are especially encouraging you to notice aspects of nature and do something to help wildlife thrive. Find out more at The Wildlife Trusts - <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/30daywild>

Whatever you do, enjoy your wildlife watching.

'Wildlife Watcher'

## COOKERY CORNER - CREAMY SALMON PASTA BAKE

Stretch two salmon fillets to feed four with this easy creamy salmon pasta bake. Our budget-friendly recipe with peas and asparagus is ideal for a midweek family dinner.

Serves: 4

Hands-on time:

15 minutes

### Ingredients:

350g large pasta shells  
1 tbsp olive oil or 20g butter  
4 spring onions, finely chopped  
150ml single cream  
4 tbsp half-fat crème fraîche  
2 hot smoked salmon fillets flaked  
150g frozen peas, defrosted  
100g asparagus, chopped in 5cm lengths  
Finely grated zest of 1 lemon  
(plus wedges to serve, optional)  
2 tbsp dill, finely chopped plus extra to serve  
2 tbsp capers (optional)  
50g finely grated parmesan



You will need a 22cm flameproof shallow casserole.

### Method:

1. Heat the oven to 180°C fan/gas 6. Cook the pasta in a pan of salted water for 2 minutes less than the pack instructions, then drain, reserving a cup of the cooking water.
2. When the pasta is almost done, heat the oil or butter in the casserole over a medium heat and cook the spring onions for 1-2 minutes. Add the drained pasta, cream, crème fraîche and about half of the reserved cooking water, then cook, stirring constantly for 1-2 minutes until the sauce thickens. Add the remaining ingredients and enough of the cooking water to make a light sauce, stirring to coat the pasta. Season well.
3. Bake for 15-20 minutes until bubbling and golden. Scatter with the extra dill and serve with lemon wedges and a salad.

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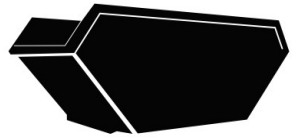
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2	Bellringing Practice 7 - 8 pm - St Luke's Church.	
3	Hodnet & Peplow CC v Bishops Castle CC (Home) - 1 pm. Family Quiz Night - 6 pm - Marchamley Community Club	
4	Holy Communion - 11 am - St Luke's Church	
5		
6	Hodnet Footpath Group - 10 am - see page 11 Wollerton Wander - 10.30 am - Wollerton Village Room	
7	Craft Group 10am - 12 noon - St Luke's Church Bingo - 8pm - Hodnet Social Club	Choir Practice 7 - 8pm - St Luke's Church
8	Hodnet Women's Institute 7.30 pm - Lyon Hall - Oaks Farm Ice Cream Hodnet Cricket Club - 6.30 - 8 pm - Women's Softball Taster Session Marchamley Book Club 7.30 pm - Marchamley Community Club	
9	Bellringing Practice 7 - 8 pm - St Luke's Church	
10	Plant Hunters Fair - 11 am - 5 pm - Hodnet Hall Gardens Chat and Coffee Stop - 10 am - 12 noon - St Luke's Church. Hodnet & Peplow CC v Newport CC (Away) - 1 pm	
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# PARISH CORONATION CELEBRATION



A **BIG** thank you to all the groups and organisations which took part in the Coronation Celebrations at the Rec. Your hard work made it a huge success. Thank goodness the rain held off as long as it did!

Thank you to all who visited and took part in the games and activities, I hope you enjoyed the day. I expect the children are very proud of their demonstration of strength - beating the firemen and moving a tractor! Special thanks go to His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire, Mrs Anna Turner, for attending to open the day, judge and announce the competition winners. Also to Ross Underwood for organising the extremely competitive Tug of War.



A final thank you to: St John's Ambulance, A R Richards and BSB Sound.

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Chair Parish Council

