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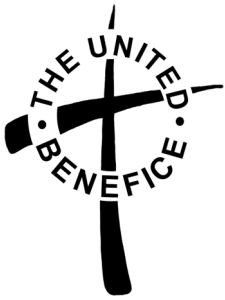
APRIL



Newsletter

Services

- 7th 11:00am Holy Communion
- 14th 9:30am Sunday School
- 21st 11:00am Service at St Peters
- 28th 9:30am Family Service



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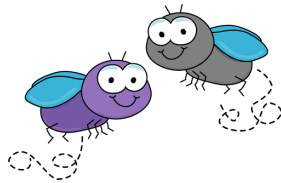
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FOREST CHURCH

Fun Afternoon For Families
Saturday 4th May 2024
2-3:30pm

To find us follow the signs from Hales Church (TF9 2PR)

Come and explore the beautiful Hales Estate on our Bluebell walk (approx. half a mile) followed by hot muffins toasted over the fire pit with activities and bible stories.
Sorry, No dogs allowed

Photos from Forest Church



Benefice Synod (Joint PCC)

Thursday 18th April 2024

7-9pm

St Peter's, Stoke on Tern
This is an open meeting for All to attend




April 2024 Clergy Letter



A very Happy Easter to you all! Or as we will declare in all our Churches *Christ is risen!*

This climax of the Christian calendar is though, not all about celebration. To get to Easter Day we pass through Holy Week and Easter when we retrace the journey of Jesus as he gave himself for all of us. Whilst this is a series of events that we celebrate as being pivotal to a Christian's relationship with our loving Father, it is also a pattern of life when we share that life with a loving God – yes, times are sometimes difficult and tragic but we have a promise that God in Christ will be there beside us (even when we don't recognise it).

This Easter at St Mary's in Hales we are hoping to dedicate a new altar cloth in memory of Robert Warrington, our Church Warden for over 50 years who died a couple of years ago. The cloth will have a Celtic Cross design – the cross with the knotwork design and a circle around it reflecting not only God's love in the death and resurrection of Jesus but that this love is for all the world. It also has a small amount of blue in the ring to reflect the colours in our stained glass and carpet but also to acknowledge that we are St Mary's (remember all those Mary's in nativity plays and their blue dresses!). 

Some would question the use of resources for beautifying our churches when so many suffer in life through lack of anything other than the bare necessities - or not even that. Just like in our own homes we try to make things comfortable and attractive when we can, so we wish to do the same in God's house. Some would call this 'holy waste', but as long as we are careful and see it as only a small part of our use of what we have been given I believe it is a positive statement about our response to God's love as we see it in Jesus Christ.

More importantly our response should be in the way we live day by day in the communities in which we live and work, reflecting that great love we see in Jesus' actions. We will constantly fall down in that endeavour but, thankfully, God will repeatedly welcome us back and give us the strength to keep on as followers of Jesus.

 Marcus Griffiths

Answer 16 & 9



 **The Food Bank collection point is in the church porch. All donations gratefully received**
The food left with us is sent on to Market Drayton where it is distributed back to local families

SPRING FACTS

1.Spring starts at different times, depending on who you ask. Looking at the astronomical calendar the first day of spring is 20 March. The Phenological method records dates of reoccurring natural phenomena such as flowering. For meteorologists, spring starts on 1st March and runs until 31st May.

2.Snow? Many people say you're more likely to see snow at Easter than at Christmas. This is borne out of statistics to some extent - snow or sleet falls on average 3.9 days in December, compared to 4.2 days in March. However, because Easter is a 'moveable feast', it can also take place in April, which has only 2.3 days of snow or sleet fall. So it depends on exactly when Easter falls in any given year.

3.Vernal Equinox The first day of spring, the vernal equinox, has 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of darkness.

4.The warmest spring...The warmest spring on record was 2011 with an average daytime temperature of 9.2 and the coldest spring Was the spring of 1962, with an average daytime maximum of 5.8 °C. **The wettest spring** was in 1947 with 331.7 mm of rainfall and the sunniest spring was in 1948, in which a total of 558 sunshine hours were recorded. **The Average temperature** for spring is 7.7 °C.

5.Something in the air? Sense of smell can be more acute in spring as there is usually more moisture in the air. Spring is often associated with the start of the pollen season. However, some pollen types can release as early as January.



Picture taken at the Mothers Day trip to Fordhall Farm



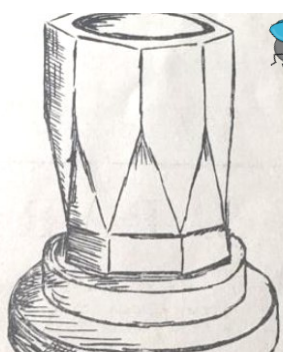
Sunday School

The children undeterred by the weather were back outside playing. The time soon passed by so we made our way back to the farm for a hot drink and something to eat. It was a lovely enjoyable morning and our next trip hopefully will be seaside bound taking better weather with us.

Thank you to you all who came and we hope you all had a great time.

Anyone can come to Sunday School we have a great group of people and love for more to join. Our next Sunday School will be back in Church on

14th April
at 9:30am



Childs Ercall Font



INTERESTING INFORMATION ABOUT OUR FONT

The font is of an unusual form—an octagonal inverted truncated broach spire. It is quite unadorned, and may have been so originally. For years it lay by the roadside and was mended and put back about 90 years ago. It is probably of the 12th or 13th Century.



Jubilee Hall

2024 Events Calendar

- 20th April Quiz Night
- 26th April Fashion Show & Fizz
- 11th May Quiz Night
- 17th May An Evening at the Theatre
- 22nd June Quiz Night
- 6th July Party in the Park - Free Event
- 7th September Bollywood Night
- 19th October OktoberFest Band & Dinner
- 7th December Christmas Dinner Dance
- 14th December Breakfast with Santa

For tickets contact
childsercallca@gmail.com

Ladies Fashion Show AND Pop-up Shop!

SHOP YOUR FAVOURITE HIGH STREET BRANDS AT 50% OFF OR MORE!

Friday 26th April 2024

Childs Ercall Community Association
Jubilee Hall, Eaton Road, Childs Ercall, TF9 2DD

Doors open 6.30pm, show starts 7pm

Tickets: £10 includes a glass of bubbles
Tickets to be purchased in advance



Bar available Cash & Card

Raffle: FABULOUS prizes to be won at the show!

For tickets and more information please contact:
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April 2024

Church	7th April Easter 2 Acts 4:32-35 John 20:19-end	14th April Easter 3 Acts 3:12-19 Luke 24:36b - 48	21st April Easter 4 Acts 4:5-12 John 10:11-18	28th April Easter 5 Acts 8:26-end John 15:1-8
St Peter Stoke on Tern 		11 am Café church Rev B Richards Rob Richards	11.00am Holy Communion Rev Janet Holmes	11 am Morning Prayer & APCM Barney Reeve
St Michael Childs Ercall	11.00am Holy Communion Rev C Simpson	9.30am Sunday School Lay lead		9.30am Family Service Rev B Richards Rev C Alexander
St Luke Sambrook	9.30am Holy Communion Rev C Simpson		9.30am Village Service	
St Oswald Hinstock		10.00am Café Church Rev C Alexander Jenny Evans	10.00am Holy Communion Rev R Bubbers	10.00am Morning Prayer Lay lead
St Swithun Cheswardine	10.00am Morning Worship Barney Reeve	10.00am Holy Communion Rev B Richards	10.00am Family Worship Rev C Alexander Rob Richards	6.00pm Evensong John Naylor
St Mary Hales	6.00pm Evensong Barney Reeve Rev M Griffiths			10.00am Holy Communion Rev M Griffiths
St Lukes Hodnet	11.00 Morning Prayer Janice Parker	11.00am Holy Communion Rev Janet Holmes	11.00am Holy Communion Rev B Richards	11.00am Morning Prayer Rev B Richards
The Epiphany Peplow		6.30pm Evensong Margaret Taylor Rev C Alexander		11.00am Holy Communion Rev C Alexander

WEEKDAY SERVICES IN THE MONTH

Thursday 25th – Holy Communion - St Swithuns, Cheswardine - 10.00am – Rev M Griffiths
Childs Ercall Morning Prayers—Every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. All Welcome

This months family service looks at the 10 plagues of Egypt. How many flies and how many frogs can you find in the newsletter? Answers at the bottom of the clergy letter.



Answer to March riddle

Riddle: How do eight eights add up to one thousand?

Answer:

888 + 88 + 8 + 8 + 8 = 1000.

April Riddle: I'm as small as an ant, as big as a whale. I'll approach like a breeze but can come like a gale. By some, I get hit, but all have shown fear. I'll dance to the music, though I can't hear. Of names, I have many, of names I have one. I'm as slow as a snail, but from me, you can't run. **What am I?** 