

Good News

March 2024

Abbeydore, Bacton, Ewyas Harold with Dulas, Kentchurch,
Kilpeck, Llangua, Rowlestone with Llancillo, Walterstone and
Wormbridge with St Devereux



on Easter Sunday, March 31st

50p

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March Chapel and Church Services

Sunday 3rd	EH Baptist Weekly Message, email or delivered - Rob Parkinson		
	10:30	Ewyas Harold	Holy Communion
	10:30	Kilpeck	Holy Communion
	10:30	Rowlestone	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 6th 10:30 St Michael's EH Worship and Prayer			
Sunday 10th	10:30	EH Baptist Chapel Service - Jan Mitchell	
	10:30	Kentchurch	Holy Communion
	10:30	St Devereux	Morning Worship for Mothering Sunday
Wednesday 13th 10:30 St Michael's EH Worship and Prayer			
Sunday 17th	10:30	EH Baptist Prayerful E-message - Margaret Stokes	
	10:30	Dore Abbey	Holy Communion
Wednesday 20th 10:30 St Michael's EH Holy Communion			
Sunday 24th Palm Sunday	10:30	EH Baptist Chapel Service - Rev Adrian Argile	
	10:30	Ewyas Harold	Holy Communion with llamas
	10:30	Wormbridge	Palm Sunday Holy Communion
<i>Wednesday 27th No Worship and Prayer</i>			
Thurs 28th	7pm	Dore Abbey	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
Good Friday	10:30	Baptist Chapel	Christians Together Meditation
Easter Sunday <i>and British Summer Time begins!</i>	6:15am	Dore Abbey	Greet the dawn round the Fire Pit
	9:30	Ewyas Harold	Easter Holy Communion
	9:30	Kentchurch	Easter Holy Communion
	10:30	Baptist Chapel	Easter with Communion - Rev Andrew Harter
	11:15	Bacton	Easter Holy Communion
	2:30pm	Kilpeck	Informal Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt
	3pm	Walterstone	Easter Celebration
	6:30pm	Dore Abbey	Taizé chants, silence and prayer

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Dear friends

As I write, my old friend Moon is high and bright in the velvety sky. Walking my dog earlier this evening, we greeted a small army of frogs bounding across our path. Driving through the valley this morning my heart could not help but feel joy at the sight of spring flowers starting to emerge.

The buxom delights of springtime are just around the corner, offering renewal and fresh hope. Regardless of how we feel, the seasons roll on. You may be feeling sad or lost, but still the cheeky primrose will smile and wink as you pass by, the crowd of daffodils give a cheery wave, the dawn chorus sing to proclaim each new morning, the young lambs perform their giddy gambolling dance just for you.

Just as nature is finding its reasons and ways to celebrate, so we too have the glorious celebration of Easter at the end of this month, echoing the season's offering of renewal and fresh hope, reminding us that we are cherished by our creative and loving God.

Friends, real joy can sometimes seem like a rare commodity. Our prayer for each of you is that every day you will catch those life-giving glimpses of spring hope and the heavenly love that infuses it all.

Our editors, Rev Mark and I wish you a joy-speckled early spring and Easter

Angie



Holy Week

Maundy Thursday by Malcolm Guite

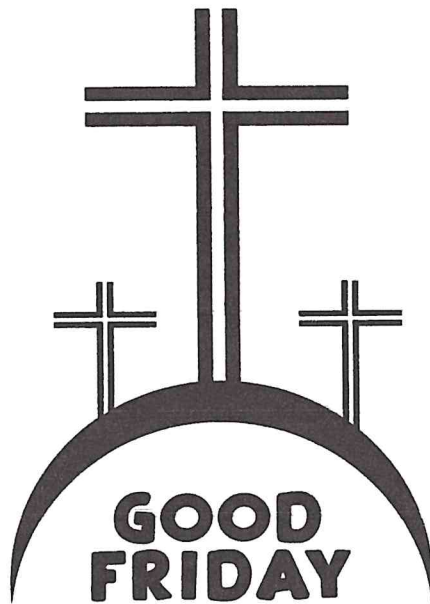
Here is the source of every sacrament,
The all-transforming presence of the Lord,
Replenishing our every element
Remaking us in his creative Word.
For here the earth herself gives bread and wine,
The air delights to bear his Spirit's speech,
The fire dances where the candles shine,
The waters cleanse us with His gentle touch.
And here He shows the full extent of love
To us whose love is always incomplete,
In vain we search the heavens high above,
The God of love is kneeling at our feet.
Though we betray Him, though it is the night.
He meets us here and loves us into light.



The word *Maundy* is derived from the Latin *mandatum* meaning commandment (also the origin of the English word "mandate"). In Chapter 13 of St John's gospel, at The Last Supper with his disciples, Jesus said:

"I give you a new commandment: love one another; as I have loved you so you are to love one another."

Through this statement Jesus explained to the Apostles the significance of his action of washing their feet.



CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN EWYAS HAROLD

Friday 29 March 10.30

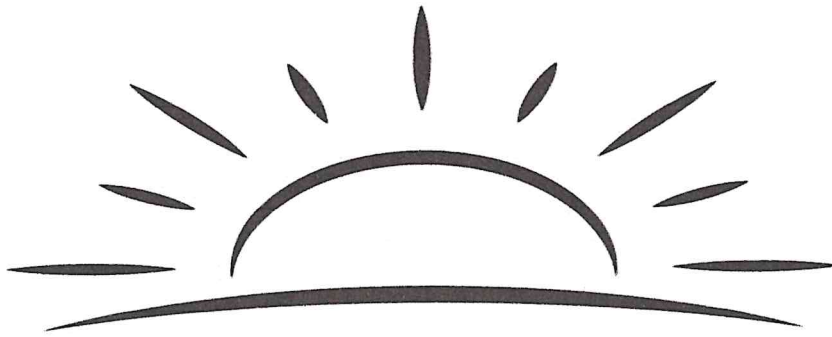
Ewyas Harold Baptist Chapel

“The sorrow of Good Friday's sacrifice to the joy of Easter's dawn of victory is a timeless testament to life's journey from despair to hope, from darkness to light, from trial to triumph.”

Aloo Denish Obiero Kenyan Biochemist and Author

ABBEYDORE, BACTON & EWYAS HAROLD

DORE ABBEY EASTER SUNDAY



6.15 am

Come and join us as we gather round the firepit in the dark waiting for the Easter dawn. A short informal time of worship with hot drinks and Easter bread.

- Bring a torch
- And something to make an exuberant noise!

6.30 pm



For a time of silent reflection, calming chants and candlelight.

KENTCHURCH, WALTERSTONE & ROWLESTONE

KENTCHURCH



Spring is officially here, with the daffodils appearing in the churchyard and no doubt they will be in full bloom for our Sunday 10th March service (10.30 am) which will be Holy Communion and taken by Rev. Angie Kateley.

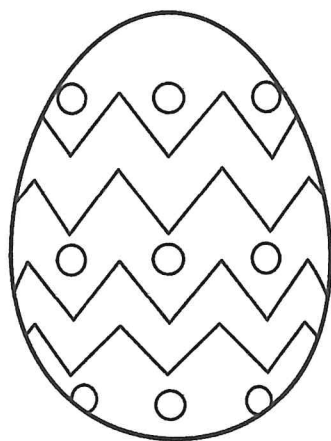
Angie will also be visiting us again for our Easter Sunday service which will be at 9.30 am and will be followed by Coffee and Biscuits (and possibly cake if someone is kind enough to put on their

Cook's Apron, after they have finished making their new Easter Bonnet!!!). Everyone is welcome as always.

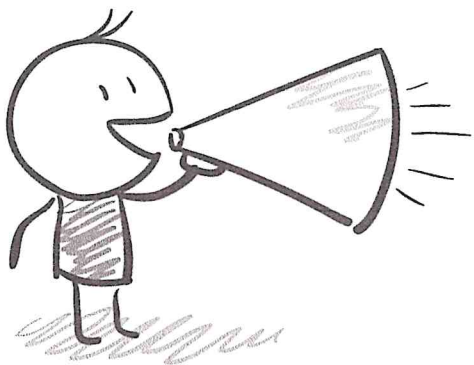
WALTERSTONE

Easter Sunday Celebration 3pm

Followed (almost certainly!) by chocolate and cake.



KILPECK, WORMBRIDGE & ST DEVEREUX

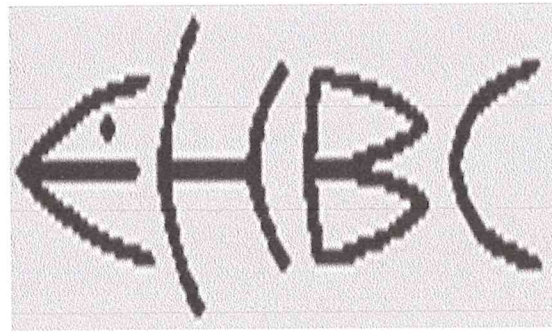


From April all services at Kilpeck,
Wormbridge and St Devereux move to
their summer time of 6.30pm.

KILPECK



Chapel Services see page 2



Weekday Groups

Tuesday Tunes    the Chapel 5 March 3pm

O Sew Simple Baptist Hall Thursday 14 March 10-12 noon

Fellowship Group Baptist Hall Tuesday 26 March 3pm

You are most welcome to join us for any of the above

If you would like further information our contact details are on the back cover.

March with the MADLEY METHODISTS

Brampton Road, Madley HR2 9LU at 6pm

3rd Mr Stephen Dalton

10th Rev'd Denise Hargreaves

17th Mr Wilf Prosser

24th Day

31st Easter Sunday Holy Communion Rev'd Paul Arnold

shropshireandmarches.org.uk/churches-old/south-area/madley.html

FOOD FOR FAMILIES - EASTER 2024

A huge thank you to all who have contributed to Food for Families before Christmas.

We are happy to confirm that we will be sending out food boxes again before the Easter holidays. Please be assured that your help and contributions are very gratefully received.

You can help by giving food or money, by helping to pack boxes or delivering to local schools.

Donations of money

****if you've given in the past, this is a new account since November 2023****

Account name: Madley Parochial Church Council Treasurers Account

Sort Code: 30-94-14

Account number: 00393216

Please reference "Food for Families" to identify your donation

Donations of food

We need any of the following: tinned food - tuna, meat, beans, veg, soups; boxes of biscuits; ketchup; tea bags; coffee; jam, honey, cereal. And Easter eggs!

Collection boxes are in:

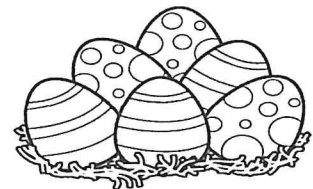
Dore Abbey... open daily from 9 - 4

St Michael's Ewyas Harold... open daily from 9 - 4

Kilpeck church... open daily from 8.30 - 4

Contact Annie Robertson anniemidwife@gmail.com or

Fiona Garfield fiona.garfield@googlemail.com for further details



Packing and Delivering

Packing from Friday 15th March.

Delivery to schools: Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd

To help with either please contact: juliemalunn@btinternet.com

DEANERY UPDATE

As we enter spring, here are a few key dates for your diaries.

The Gathering

Join us via Zoom on the evening of **March 13th at 7pm** for an update about what's going on within the Deanery. This time we will be hearing and sharing about experiences of leading worship. Everyone is welcome, get in touch for the link.

Grow Strong

By the time you read this, the group will have been indoor climbing and night-time canoeing so far this year. The next time will be a Hill Adventure on **Friday 22nd March at 6pm**. Anyone in Year 6 or above at school is really welcome.

Golden Valley Pilgrim Way

You'll continue to see pilgrims walking the circular route through the Deanery during the spring and we are organising some guided pilgrimages in conjunction with the British Pilgrimage Trust. The first one takes place in mid May, there are more details on our website.

Lent, Palm Sunday and Easter Day

Do keep checking our website, subscribe to our regular email update or give us a ring for details of services for this season.

Deanery Service

We haven't held a Deanery-wide services for a little while, so do put **Sunday 30th June** in your diary at **3pm** and come and join us for a service of celebration. More details will be available as the time gets closer.

For up-to-date information:

Keep an eye on our website: ***abbeydoredeanery.org***

Follow our ***Abbeydore Deanery*** Facebook page or join our Facebook group

Subscribe to our regular email update: ***<http://eepurl.com/ggcfPj>***

Get in touch with the Deanery Office on ***01981 620145*** or

abbeydoredmc@gmail.com



The Quiet Garden Movement

**Join us for a quiet morning at Dore Abbey on
Thursday 14th March 10:00am - 12:00pm**

A warm hearted, simple welcome to all; as we offer the opportunity for contemplation, the practice of silence, stillness, meditation and prayer; and the deepening of our relationship with the natural world.

Refreshments will be provided.

Please email sarah@quietgarden.org or call 07772181330 if you would like further information and to book a place.

<https://www.quietgarden.org/>

GROSMONT and DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Tuesday 5th March 7.30pm

Grosmont Town Hall

A talk by Alun and Jill Whitehead from Aulden Farm

HIDDEN GARDENS OF HEREFORDSHIRE

Whitfield Gardens

will be open for the National Gardens Scheme

Sundays 24th March

and 16th June 2-5pm

The entrance fee is £5.50 (children under 12 free).

Dogs on leads are welcome.

There will be delicious home made cakes and teas available, to raise funds for our local churches.

Over 72p in every £1 raised at the open gardens goes straight to the beneficiaries. You can find out more about how they help and support charities, gardeners and the Community Gardens Award programme. www.ngs.org.uk



Spring Plant Fair

Wednesday 24th April 1030-4

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Only assistance dogs are allowed in the gardens.

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PARISH COUNCIL BULLETIN



1. **Free First Aid Course** for parish residents:
Two hour basic life support course on :

Thursday 14th March 6-8pm St Michael's Hall, Ewyas Harold.
Places limited to 20-30 people so please register your interest by
emailing clerk@ewyasharoldgpc.org.uk

2. **Road Sweeping.** On **Monday 25th March** the council will be sending a road sweeping lorry to sweep the streets of Ewyas Harold. Can residents please help this process as much as they can by parking off the street on this date, where possible.

3. Further to a previous post, contracts have now been awarded for grass-cutting, bin emptying, toilet cleaning and the lengthsman. These things are not done by Hereford Council automatically and do take a bit of arranging at local level, so we are happy to report that everything is now in place for these important jobs to continue being seen to.

4. **Toilet Refurbishment Works.** We're delighted to be able to report that works are now well underway and should (weather and other factors permitting) be completed in a matter of weeks.



5. **Dog Poo situation.** This is sadly as dire as ever, with far too many dog owners in the village still not cleaning up after their pets.

Please, if this is you, remember to carry poo bags with you on walks and dispose of dog waste in the bins provided.

The Golden Valley Probus Club started its 2024 programme at Ewyas Harold Memorial Hall on January 23rd, with an informative and entertaining talk from Abbot Paul Stonham of Belmont Abbey on his work in Peru, which included mid-wifery, education and establishing a monastery.

We are a small but active group of men and have a wide range of activities including Monthly Meetings, Outings and Annual Events. Whilst the Monthly Meetings are all male with a tremendous range of subjects covered by Guest Speakers, we invite partners and friends to all our other events.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 26th March**. Activities scheduled for this year include visits to the Midland Air Ambulance Headquarters and the Welsh Botanical Gardens.

The Club (of retired men) is looking for new members who can contact the club secretary **John Beattie** on **07905 885445** or look at the Club Web Site **goldenvalleyprobust.org.uk** for further information.

EWYAS HAROLD COMMON and BUTTERFLY RESERVE

Maintenance Work

Volunteer work parties:

Saturday 16 March 10 am

Meet at the northern Cwm Hill end of Ewyas Harold Common adjacent to the top cattle grid (GR SO382302).

Approach from Abbeydore off the B4347 at GR SO384306.

Bring gloves, hand tools, lunch and a drink. Come for all or part of the day, whatever you can manage.



Friends of St Michael's Church Ewyas Harold 100 Club

We are pleased to announce the results
of the February Draw

1st Prize of £92.00 Julia Wright

2nd Prize of £55.20 Ruth Richardson

3rd Prize of £36.80 Dave Campbell

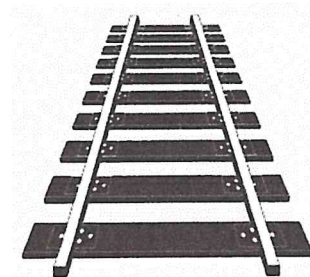
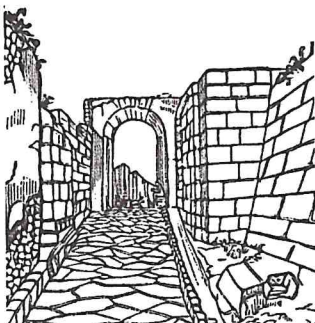
The cost of a subscription is only £1 per week and, in return for your support, you will be allocated a number which will be entered into a monthly draw.

LONGTOWN AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Monday 4 March 7.30 Longtown Village Hall HR2 0LD

ROMAN ROADS TO RAILWAY: TRANSPORTATION in HEREFORDSHIRE

Tony Usher



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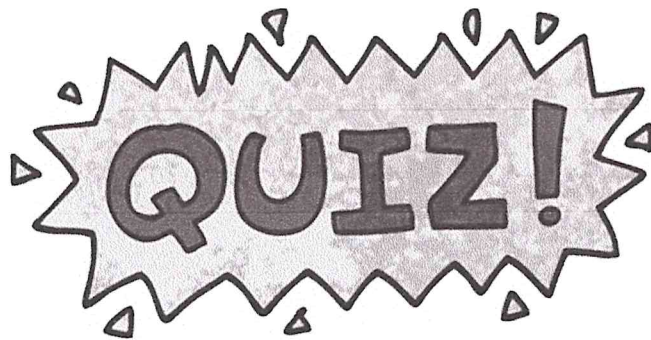
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Friday 27th April 6.30pm Licensed Bar

Community Coffee Morning last Tuesday of the month 10am - all welcome
Line Dancing - Pilates - Art Club - Sacred Dance

GOLDEN VALLEY REPAIR CAFÉ



Saturday 2 March Dorstone Village Hall 10.00 -12.30

To be sure of seeing a repairer, please book in your item in advance by emailing gvrepaircafe@gmail.com or phoning **Bill Giles on 07967 910666**. We expect to be able to offer repairs of small electrical appliances, wooden items, clothing, leather and raffia items, bicycles and knife sharpening (£2 an item for knife sharpening).

If you don't have anything to repair you can still come for a drink, a piece of cake and a chat.

Save your broken items for repair—don't just throw them away!

The Great British Spring Clean Litter Pick

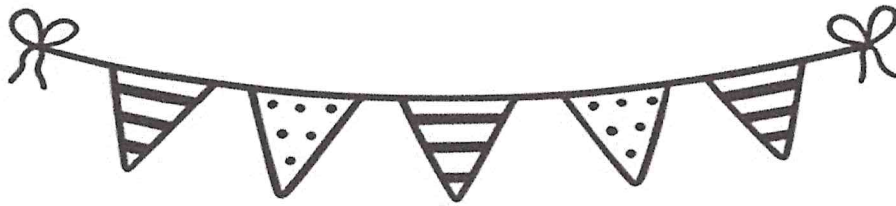
Saturday 23 March 10.15 at the Kemble Centre.

Coffee in The Dog afterwards (at 11.30).

The Great British Spring Clean is the nation's biggest mass-action environmental campaign.



VILLAGE AND CHURCH HALL HIRE



Are you thinking of throwing a summer party,
setting up a class or needing a meeting space?

All our lovely village halls are ready
and waiting for you!

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St MICHAEL's HALL, EWYAS HAROLD

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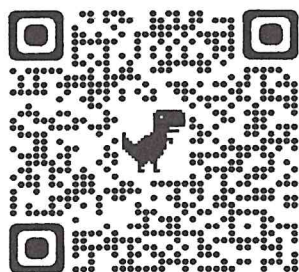
WALTERSTONE VILLAGE HALL

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Belmont Abbey	<i>belmontabbey.org.uk</i>	
Madley Methodists	<i>shropshireandmarches.org.uk/churches/ south-area/madley.html</i>	

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