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March 2023



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**The Parishes of Clodock & Longtown with Craswall,
Llanveynoe, St Margaret's, Michaelchurch Escley & Newton**



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From the Clergy

Dear Friends

A delight of being a priest in the Church of England is the rhythm of daily prayer that draws on the wisdom of Christian people across the ages. Every few days there's the invitation to look a little deeper into the life of one of these characters and wonder about what treasure, what counsel they might have for us now.

In March, the calendar suggests people like Geoffrey Student-Kennedy (an army chaplain in the First World War), and St Patrick (trafficked into slavery as a child). This year, I'm drawn to Walter Hilton born near Huntingdon around 1340. After working as a lawyer, he joined a community of priests who lived in a priory, praying together and ministering to the people in their village and region. Walter wrote wise, warm practical advice and two things leap out for me.

Interruptions: maybe it's my age, or that I had the privilege of a few months away from my desk, or most likely a mixture of the two that cause me to notice just how many interruptions there are when I'd rather focus on one thing at a time. Even calling them interruptions is a clue for some are external (phone calls, notifications that pop up), and some internal (mental prompts and nudges). I can unplug the phone, and turn off digital notifications but the monkey mind, the chatter in my head is more tricky.

Walter Hilton says, don't react to interruptions with irritation or anger simply respond to them with curiosity. Sometimes our schedules become like bulldozers, and we need a little nudge to step back and wonder. No one can multitask, and rapid serial tasking (one thing then the next and the next) is a sure fire way of losing any proper sense of direction.

Contemplative: a really dense word that Walter uses to remind us that it's the ordinary everyday things of life that speak to us of God. Christians aren't those who have their heads stuck in the clouds being so heavenly minded that they're no earthly use. Christians are those who are active in serving others because they take time to notice, to observe, sense and wonder about God in the everyday.

Perhaps this March we might all find ways to be contemplatives in action, and live with interruptions as gifts. It's a big ask, but as Walter Hilton reminds us we are always beginners.

*Mark
Rev Mark Godson*

MARCH READINGS

Details of services for March and April can be found on the back page.

Sunday 5th March

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| Old Testament | Genesis 12: 1-4a |
| New Testament | Romans 4: 1-5,13-17 |
| Gospel | John 3: 1-17 |
| Psalm | 121 |

Sunday 12th March

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|---------------|----------------|
| Old Testament | Exodus 17: 1-7 |
| New Testament | Romans 5: 1-11 |
| Gospel | John 4: 5-42 |
| Psalm | 95 |

Sunday 19th March – Mothering Sunday

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|---------------|----------------------|
| Old Testament | Exodus 2:1-10 |
| New Testament | 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7 |
| Gospel | Luke 2: 33-35 |
| Psalm | 34: 11-20 |

Sunday March 26th

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|---------------|------------------|
| Old Testament | Ezekiel 37: 1-14 |
| New Testament | Romans 8: 6-11 |
| Gospel | John 11: 1-45 |
| Psalm | 130 |

Deanery Update

A brief update this month as I hope you'll take the time to read about two of our initiatives elsewhere in this magazine – **Food for Families** and **The Golden Valley Pilgrim Way**.

Grow Strong Still two dates left this term: **March 6th** is Caving and **April 1st** is a Hill Expedition. Years 6 and above are welcome to come along.

Year of Prayer The Year of Prayer candle has a busier diary than most people, but if you'd like it to be present at your church or community event, let us know. Prayer remains the most important thing that we can do. Look on the website for ideas about how to start and keep praying!

Contact Details For any enquiries about what's going on in and around churches within the Deanery, get in touch with the Deanery Coordinator, Anne Lloyd on 01981 620145 or abbeydoredmc@gmail.com

THE GOLDEN VALLEY PILGRIM WAY: PILGRIMAGE SEASON 2023

In our neck of the woods, over some years, a quiet concept has been growing inconspicuously into an experience. After walking a pilgrimage route in Italy 8 years ago, I wondered if we could set up a similar path here in our communities. As a consequence, and with the help of a large number of people, we now have a 6/7 day walk, a 3/4 day walk and an 80 mile cycling route.

The Golden Valley Pilgrim Way is a “bring your own spirituality” pilgrimage experience that links our churches, pubs and local businesses across the stunning landscapes of the Wye and Golden Valleys as well as the foothills of the Black Mountains. As an experience it's wild, contemplative, celebratory, environmentally sustainable and affordable. The full 6/7 day, 60 mile pilgrimage, is a unique circular path where you can stay overnight, inside a church [night sanctuary], at the end of a day of walking for a suggested donation. Each night sanctuary provides basics like a loo, running water, kettle and a camp-bed and all of them, bar one, is next door to a pub where you can be restored after a day on the path.

The walk begins and ends at Hereford Cathedral and goes through Madley, Tyberton, Dorstone, Michaelchurch, Craswall, Clodock, Ewyas Harold, and Kingstone. It passes by sacred sites such as Arthur's Stone and a number of sacred springs. Provisions can be bought at village shops along the way. We have a beautifully illustrated credential or passport that can be stamped in each church where you stay the night, as well as an online historical guide.

Last year we launched the route in conjunction with the British Pilgrimage Trust. We welcomed a group of pilgrims

from far and wide who booked in through the BPT website as well as the Wenatchee Trinity Church Girls' Choir, from Washington State in the USA, who came and walked and sang in each church.

This year we hope to welcome BPT members again as well as a group of Year 6 school leavers from a local Primary School. Also, for 2023, the Golden Valley Pilgrim Way will be the long-distance walking event for the Herefordshire Walking Festival. As well as the 8 churches that provide night sanctuary our Cathedral in Hereford will join the night sanctuaries welcoming Pilgrims on the night before they embark on the pilgrimage.

It would be wonderful if local people would like to walk the path whether in full or just for 2 days with one overnight stop. To book please email: abbeydoredmc@gmail.com

Further details can also be found on the following websites:

<https://www.abbeydoredeanery.org/gvpw/>

[this link includes links for OS maps of the routes]

<https://britishpilgrimage.org/portfolio/golden-valley-pilgrim-way/>

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

Thanks

CORNEWALL ARMS FUNDRAISING

A big thank you to everyone who supported the NEW YEAR raffle and placed donations in the countertop jar. £370 was raised for St Michael's Hospice.

Also a big thank you to everyone who supported the Valentine Raffle for the Clodock Defibrillator. £229 was raised. Thank you. *Isobel*

Forthcoming events



Longtown Library
now open,
Every first Wednesday of the month
2.30 - 4.30 pm
Swap books, tea and chat!
1st March

LONGTOWN THURSDAY CLUB

Our first meetings of 2023 will be on **Thursday 2 March** and **Thursday 16 March** from 2pm to 5pm in Longtown Village Hall. The **16 March** meeting will open with a short Annual General Meeting.

On **30 March** we hope to have our members' annual fish and chip lunch. Further information will be given on the 2nd March.

In the meantime, if you are not a member but would like to know more about the Club, please get in touch with Hazel or Pauline, or just turn up to one of our ordinary meetings.

Hazel Pugh, 01873 860803 or Pauline Jones, 07903 150588; jonespauline@pobroadband.co.uk

And a date for your diary – **Saturday 15 April, 2 – 4 pm in Longtown Hall:** Afternoon Tea with the Thursday Club.

B I N G O

Esleyside Hall

4th March, 7.00 for 7.30pm

Good prizes – All welcome

LONGTOWN AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Monday 6 March, 7.30pm

Longtown Village Hall HR2 0LD

Elizabeth Pimblett (Director of the Herefordshire Cider Museum): *"Cider will make the Country-man think himself a Lord (John Beale, 1666)". The importance of Herefordshire cider to the nation's drinkers and cider makers from the 1660s to the 1900s.*

Half-season membership costs £5, Guests and cider makers very welcome, (£3). Contact jerrydpdavis@outlook.com for information. Please go to our website for details of the rest of the programme, www.lhsarchive.org.uk

The Cider Museum is next to Sainsburys in Hereford.

BORDERLINES FILM FESTIVAL 2023

Esleyside Flicks in the Sticks would like to present

UTAMA (cert A) 87mins

Tuesday 7th March

This award-winning film is set in the remote Bolivian highlands.



An elderly Quechua couple's traditional way of life is threatened following a prolonged drought. Do they stay to face the odds or do they leave everything they know and move in with family in the city?

Directed by photographer turned film maker Alejandro Loayza Grisi. Starring Jose Calcina, Luisa Quispe and Candelaria Quispe

Esleyside Hall, Michaelchurch Esley, HR2 0PT

Doors open at 7:00 for BAR. Movie Start 7.30pm

Tickets £5.50 through artsalive.co.uk or by calling 01981 510116

NEWTON ST MARGARET'S WOMEN'S GUILD

Thursday 9th March 2023 at 7.30 pm.

Newton Church Room HR2 0QR

Matthew Engel (*the journalist, writer and teller of great tales*) has kindly agreed to join us to discuss his new book **"The Reign"** An evening of hilarity with some seriousness is on the cards!

Guests are welcome (£2.50) Light refreshments available.

Members are reminded to bring their bags of no longer needed clothing/shoes etc. in good condition for fund raising.

Phone 07794 920729 for further information.

Concerts for Craswall

ANTIGONI GONI, guitar
AMY NORRINGTON, cello
Saturday, 11th March 2023

St Michael's Church, Michaelchurch Escley 5.00pm
(doors open 4.30pm).

Internationally praised for her profound artistic sensitivity, her exquisite sound and for her unmatched palette of colours and dynamics, Greek guitarist **Antigoni Goni** is one of the finest guitarists of her generation, and a sought-after pedagogue.

Acclaimed by the press for her honesty and singing sound, **Amy Norrington** enjoys an international career as a chamber musician, soloist and guest principal cellist in orchestras throughout Europe. Her sincere musicianship and ability to convey her profound love of the music makes her a popular partner in the international chamber music world – her musical generosity attracting world class musicians to share in unique concert experiences.

Their programme includes Franz Schubert's poignant, virtuosic and hugely popular Arpeggione Sonata; Dušan Bogdanovic's Quatres pièces intimes; and the poetry, romance and spirit of nationalist Spain expressed by both Enrique Granados in his pieces La Maja de Goya and Intermezzo (from the opera "Goyescas") and Manuel De Falla's Suite Populaire Espagnole.

Tickets: £18 / under 25s - £9 and full programme information at <https://www.concertsforcraswall.org/concerts> and the box office 01981 510112

BORDERLINES FILM FESTIVAL 2023

Esleyside Flicks in the Sticks would like to present
THE QUIET GIRL (cert 12); 95mins
Tuesday 14th March

Starring

Catherine Clinch, Carrie Crowley, Andrew Bennett.

This is a 2022 Irish coming of age drama film written and directed by Colm Bairread (adapted from Claire Keegan's short story).



A 9 year old girl is sent to spend the summer with distant relatives on a farm in County Waterford.

Away from her dysfunctional family, she experiences a loving home for the first time and begins to blossom.

Esleyside Hall, Michaelchurch Escley, HR2 0PT
 Doors open at 7:00 for BAR. Film starts 7:30pm.
 Tickets £5.50 through [artsalive.co.uk](https://www.artsalive.co.uk) or by calling 01981 510116.

Alpines in the Wild and in Cultivation



TALK 7.30pm, Wednesday 5th April
Esleyside Hall

What is an alpine, where do they grow and why? Speaker, **Diane Clement** will take us on four virtual alpine walks at different altitudes to look at alpine plants in the wild and then see how we can adapt our gardens in order to grow them.

Annual Membership: £15 Non-members: £5
 See more at: www.esleysidegc.wixsite.com/club

CLOCK'S DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2023

Friday 14th April

Coffee & Cake in aid of St Michael's Hospice

Sunday 7th May

Coronation Celebration

August Bank Holiday Weekend

Clodock's Creatures Under the Sea

More details to follow in future newsletters.

Jazz in the Village

"Very cool music played in a magical atmosphere - this will appeal to jazz novices as well as hardcore enthusiasts." *Three Weeks Magazine*



Ian Millar
saxophone

"Beautiful soaring magic! I was blown away by your show, just breathtaking!"

Dominic Spencer
piano

"...expect warm, intelligent, reflective, human music..."



LONGTOWN VILLAGE HALL

Longtown, Hereford HR2 0LD

Fri 26th May 7.30pm £10

Accompanied under 16s free

<https://longtownvillagehall.org.uk> or tel: 01873 288 289



www.millarandspencer.co.uk

Local Newsround

MICHAELCHURCH ESCLEY PRIMARY AND PRE-SCHOOL

It has been a really lovely half term at Michaelchurch Escley Primary and Pre-School. There has been so much going on as usual throughout the school. Pre-School have been very busy in Forest School and heading out on their many walks. It is always fantastic to see the smallest children in the school

heading out in all weathers and having a brilliant time. They have also had a visit from a member of the local constabulary who came to talk to them about the job of a police officer. They have also invited people in to join them on a number of ‘Welly Walks’ – exploring the lovely locality of the school. Keep an eye out for information on future walks by visiting our Facebook page.

Acorn Class have been enjoying learning about ‘Castles, Knights, Kings and Queens’, rounding off this half-term with a really exciting visit to Raglan Castle. The children had a super time learning all about the history of this incredible ancient monument.

Sapling Class have gone global this term, with a topic which has taken them around the world including learning about the history of rail travel. The children are more than usually excited at the end of this half term because when they come back after their week off, they head off on their residential at Longtown Outdoor Centre! Although the children get to take part in a one-night camping trip at school when in Year 1 to 4, we feel we are very fortunate that we have such a fantastic facility nearby so that our children can experience properly staying away from home before they head off on their Year 5/6 residential to London.

It was all Greek for Oak Class earlier in the half term when we had a visit from the historical drama company, *One Day Creative*. The drama workshop, led by Annaliese from One Day Creative, took the children on a whistle stop tour of Hellenistic culture. The children had great fun acting out myths and getting into character to represent significant figures from the period.

Also at school, the children have been enjoying our afterschool clubs. This term we’ve had Coding Club with Miss Matthews, Craft Club with the very talented Caroline Gilbert and an enormously popular fencing club (that’s sword-fencing – not the fencing used to keep stock in!).

One final element of excitement which has got the children buzzing, was the announcement that our summer production, which will involve the majority of the children in the school in some way or another, is going to be Matilda the Musical Jnr. We have already started practising the songs and will be getting to grips with scripts soon. Keep an eye out for posters advertising this in the near future!

If you like the sound of life at Michaelchurch Escley Primary and Pre-School and think you would like your child and you to become part of our Michaelchurch family, please get in touch. Although we are generally pretty full, we do have some places in certain year groups so it is worth giving us a call. Warm regards,
Gary Crocker, Deputy Head Teacher
Michaelchurch Escley Primary School, 01981 510208

VOWCHURCH AND DISTRICT GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

On 4th May 2023, local elections are taking place across 230 areas in England, including Herefordshire. To vote in these elections, you must be registered to vote by 11.59pm on Monday 17th April 2023. You now need to take photo ID to vote at a polling station.

If you would like to stand as a Councillor for your Parish Council, please visit: herefordshire.gov.uk/elections-1/elections-4-may-2023 for further information or contact the Parish Clerk.

With Spring on its way it is time to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside. Walking in Herefordshire has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks and details of walking groups in the county. Visit:

<https://walkinginengland.co.uk/hereford>

The Herefordshire Walking Festival takes place in June this year. Visit: <https://herefordshirewalkingfestival.co.uk> along with The Golden Valley Pilgrim Way: <https://abbeydoredeanery.org>

Please continue to report any defects via the Herefordshire Council website at www.herefordshire.gov.uk/roads-1/report-problems-road

Reporting issues this way will ensure everything is properly logged, assessed and allocated to the right teams as quickly as possible. You can check progress of a defect, or see if it has already been logged via the progress map on the council website <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/roads-1/pothole-road-defect-progress-map> *Linda Cowles*

UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS PARTY

At the Ukrainian Christmas in January, the Black Hill Ukraine Group held a party for our Ukrainian guest families, for their hosts and for our helpers.

Longtown Village Hall was decorated with flags and bunting, we had a wonderful meal, there were presents for all of the children, there was singing and there was dancing. A great time was had by all.

LONGTOWN & DISTRICT WI

At our February meeting, speaker Rhiannon Taylor gave us an informative and very moving presentation about the work of Herefordshire City of Sanctuary. We learned about refugees and asylum seekers globally, and also how the City of Sanctuary group was founded and then went on to become a national organisation. We heard a personal story from a young refugee which illustrated one of the reasons people flee their own country.

Rhiannon told us about local help that is available to refugees placed in Herefordshire, and how the organisation provides practical help, friendship and a warm welcome to them.

Afterwards we were able to ask questions and Rhiannon joined us for refreshments. *Libby Davis*

Round and About

VOWCHURCH VILLAGE HALL

The Village Pub Thursday 9th March, 7pm.

Probably the last pub night till Autumn so don’t miss it. Light suppers, bar, games and good conversation.

Silent Auction Friday 17th March, 7pm at Vowchurch Hall. Drinks, supper and competitive bidding! Generous offers include 3 nights B&B in central Oxford, meals at local restaurants, private dressage lesson, canapés for 20 guests, two hours professional gardening, beach wear, £100 worth of firewood delivered and lots lots more. Tickets £12/ £8 for children 12 and under.

Pilates Vowchurch Hall, Tuesdays 9am-10am and 6pm-8pm Contact hannahmthomas@hotmail.com

Bowls Vowchurch Hall, 6.30 - 9.30pm. Contact Richard Stokes rtastokes@hotmail.co.uk

VAT50 February winners were Amanda Prosser Painting (22) £50 and Paul Davis (81) £20

Easter Market Saturday 8th April 10am - 12noon.

Vowchurch Market will return on 25th March

Vowchurch Hall is available for parties, weddings and events as well as meetings and presentations at very reasonable rates.

Enquiries to Jane Wheatley on 07880 505761

www.vowchurchturnastonehall.co.uk

GOLDEN VALLEY DAY CENTRE

Day Centre has been a bit quieter through February. We have had a few members away with colds and Covid but I am now happy to report that most are back and well again, it's lovely to hear all the chatting and laughter coming from there.

Many things will be being planned for this year so I will keep everyone up to date with what's going on. There's been plenty of talk amongst us about where to go and what to see.

Joyce Powell has stepped down as our secretary. We would like to thank her for her many years in this role. She was instrumental in starting the club 10 years ago.(I still can't believe that it's been going that long.) She will be remaining on the committee and keeping us in line.

We are going to open for an extra hour over this winter period so the times will be 10am - 1pm

We have welcomed a few new visitors over the past year and also lost a few of our members but it is still lovely to hear everyone chatting and laughing.

Notices and Advertisements

URGENT HELP NEEDED

Black Hill Ukraine Group

We have 10 Ukrainian guest families living with wonderful local hosts.

We are in urgent need of replacement accommodation for one of these families.

They are a hard working couple, father has a job locally and they have a 9 year old daughter at a local school.

They desperately need accommodation.

If you can help please contact:

Sue Robinson – 01981 510360

Spring Plant Fair

26th April 2023 10.30am– 4.00pm
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NAME CHANGE FOR LONGTOWN VILLAGE PRIDE

The volunteers of Longtown Village Pride regularly maintain a variety of sites ranging from Clodock to the top of Longtown.

We have decided to make a change to our name. In future we will be known as: **Longtown Village Projects**

Bob Burson

Worried about your energy costs?

With the energy crisis on everyone's mind, you may be feeling overwhelmed by your energy, but you don't have to struggle alone. **In partnership with Herefordshire Council, local charity Severn Wye run the Keep Herefordshire Warm service, offering a free energy advice line, as well as providing one-to-one support to help you get on top of your bills.** They also have an Energy Advocate available to support households regain control of unaffordable bills. They hold regular drop ins, work with local community groups and carry out home visits.

Keep Herefordshire Warm is here to help

Keep Herefordshire Warm also offer grant funding for energy efficiency improvements. Subject to eligibility, grants are available for a range of energy-saving upgrades, including efficient heating, insulation, replacement windows/doors and renewable energy options such as solar and air source heat pumps. If your household income is under £30,000 and you privately own or rent an inefficient property, you could qualify.

Get in touch with the team on 0800 677 1432 or visit keepherefordshirewarm.co.uk



Calling all growers!

Minds are already turning to our Plant Fair at St Michael's Hospice in Bartestree on 19th and 20th May.

To help get a head start we're asking our supporters to consider growing plants to be sold at the Fair. We would also love to hear from anyone interested in giving up their time to help out, whether it's just for a couple of hours, or across both days.

It's easy to let us know you're interested. Just visit <https://www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/event/plant-fair/>

Held in the picturesque setting of the Hospice gardens, overlooking beautiful apple orchards, the success of our two-day Plant Fair grows each year – and we're sure our 2023 offering will continue that trend.

Entry to the Fair will remain free this year. Details of how you can secure your place in advance will be issued in due course.

In the meantime, get a flavour of what to expect by clicking here

Gaynor Warren

St Michael's Hospice Plant Fair Organiser

If have any questions about growing or volunteering for the Plant Fair, please do get in touch:
gwarren@smhospicehereford.org

WE ARE FARMING MINDS



We are Farming Minds registered charity has been set up by farmers for farmers to tackle mental health in the farming community within Herefordshire.

How can we help?

24 Hour Helpline:

We run a **FREE 24 hour helpline 7 days a week** for farmers and their families within Herefordshire who are feeling distressed and need someone to talk to anonymously.

Counselling:

We provide **fully funded counselling to anyone in the Herefordshire farming community** who may be in emotional distress.

Training:

We offer **FREE mental health awareness training** to anyone living or working in or with the farming community in Herefordshire.

Social Events:

We run a series of **FREE social events throughout the year** to break the isolation often felt by the farming community in Herefordshire.



'Taking the bull by the horns' to tackle Mental Health in the farming community

Call our helpline:

0808 802 0070

Or text:

07786 203 130

General enquiries: wearefarmingminds@gmail.com

www.wearefarmingminds.co.uk





Saturday, 25 March at 7.00pm (doors open 6.30pm)
St Mary's Church, Hay-on-Wye

THOMAS BOWES, violin
VERONA MAIER, piano

These renowned musicians play
JS Bach: Sonata in C minor BWV 1017; George Enescu: Sonata No. 3
for violin and piano; César Franck: Sonata for violin and piano;
Maurice Ravel: Tzigane

Tickets and full details at www.haymusic.org
Tickets also from the Hay Tourist Bureau

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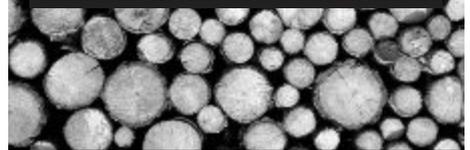
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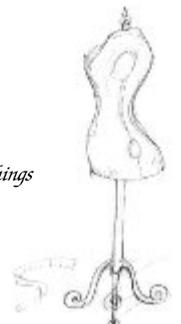
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Sunday 2 April, Palm Sunday

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