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Letter from Archdeacon of Hereford—

The Ven Derek Chedzey

Hello Everyone,

As I write this we are preparing to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Whatever your view about having a hereditary monarch from a historical point of view most of us alive today will not see such a long serving monarch again in our lifetime. This truly is therefore a once in a lifetime event and may never take place again. Queen Elizabeth the Second came to the throne 70 years ago she has already reigned longer than Queen Victoria who reigned for 63 years and 7 months and King George III who reigned for 59 years and 96 days. This is a significant historical event and it should be marked with appropriate national celebration. Some of you reading this may have met the Queen and have very clear memories of that moment and the impact it made. The jubilee coincides with Pentecost and the 'Thy Kingdom Come' global wave of prayer organised by the church and it strikes me this is entirely appropriate given that the Queen has such a strong personal faith. As she herself has said on many occasions, it is her personal faith that guides her actions and her life.

"To many of us our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example." (Christmas message, 2000)

Whilst it is easy to complain or write off royalty as an historic anachronism, which has no place in, the 21st Century we are fortunate in our nation to have a Queen who has publically stated her belief in Jesus and takes seriously her role as head of the Church of England. She recognises as so many of us have that there is a better way to live our lives and that trust in Jesus is at the heart of that life. It does not matter who we are or what our circumstances God does not judge by our race, gender, age or many other things we use as humans to divide and discriminate he judges the heart. When Samuel was called to anoint a new King over Israel, he had to learn the same lesson

that God did not choose the obvious candidates.

*“When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought,
“Surely the Lord’s anointed stands here before the Lord.
”But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his ap-
pearance or his height, for I have rejected him.
The Lord does not look at the things people look at. Peo-
ple look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at
the heart.”*

1 Samuel 16:6-7

The challenge for us is to ask ourselves what guides our lives and shapes who we are? Do we simply live for ourselves or do we recognise that there is a better way of living that God has provided for us through the death and resurrection of his Son Jesus Christ. The offer to live God’s way is constantly available to us but we must choose it. As the writer of the book of Revelation says Jesus stands at the door of our lives and longs for us to let him in.

*“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone
hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat
with that person, and they with me.”*

Revelation 3:20

Whatever our view of the Queen as an earthly monarch as Christians we believe in a King and a Kingdom which is everlasting and without end. Our service and allegiance is not to the United Kingdom but to God’s Kingdom something our Queen understands and acknowledges. We can and should celebrate the Queen’s 70 years of service to our nation shaped by her faith, calling and determination to serve God. We should also remember as Paul taught Timothy to pray for her and our nation’s leaders but remember too that the faith she so often speaks about is available to all of us too.

*“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, pray-
ers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all peo-
ple— for kings, queens and all those in authority, that we*

may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus.” 1 Timothy 2:1-

The Ven Derek Chedzey—Archdeacon of Hereford

NEWS FROM ST MARYS

This month has been busy at St. Mary's. Following two years where our Easter celebrations had to be a little curtailed it was lovely once more to celebrate Holy Week and Easter with all their richness and splendour. We were once again able to hold our Maundy Thursday supper. Always a special occasion enabling us to share a meal and fellowship together whilst reverently remembering the last supper and the events that followed. On Good Friday we were truly blessed to be visited by Bishop Alistair who for our three hour devotion led us through a time line of the events of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday as set out in the Gospels. His talk was both informative and incredibly moving. It was also lovely to have our Chamber choir back on Good Friday evening. They gave us a truly spectacular performance of music and readings for Good Friday. Easter Sunday was a particular joyous occasion as our service this year included three baptisms .

We have held a Spring Fayre . This event was very well supported raising over £500 for church funds and our stall in the High Street on Bank Holiday Monday made over £200 for Ukraine.

We held our A.G.M. at which Jane Parr and David Oxtoby were re-elected as Churchwardens .

We are grateful to Concordia Ladies Choir and Sunflower saxes who this month put on a concert to raise funds for St. Mary's .

Finally this month we have said farewell to Tom King and his family and Kate King and her family as they prepare to leave us . The occasion was marked by a bring and share lunch at St James. We wish them well as they prepare to make their moves.

Catherine Wilson

Homes for Ukraine: linking with people in Ukraine and building support networks

Offering to host people from Ukraine

Many people across Herefordshire and South Shropshire have generously offered their homes to host people from Ukraine in need of a place to come. The Government scheme requires potential hosts to know someone in Ukraine who wants to come to them. Simply registering on the Government portal does not lead to a link to someone who wishes to take up your offer – this is not made obvious to people when they register, that the onus remains on them to make a contact with someone from Ukraine. There are many routes to doing this online (e.g. the Reset portal or Opora).

In addition, the Diocese of Hereford has partnered with Citizens UK to develop a more active 'matching' process. We are identifying hosts across the Diocese and sharing (non-identifiable) information with Citizens UK who will work with their partners on-the-ground in Ukraine and surrounding countries to identify where our offers of hosting match the needs of those in Ukraine, and to put hosts and refugees in touch.

Local support networks

We are also working to develop local support networks for both hosts and guests, including support to complete application forms (including translation), and support to welcome guests, and ongoing support thereafter. This may include help with transport, meals, registering for GPs or schools, linking in with social networks etc.

If you would like to offer to host, and/or would like to be part of a support network then please contact Judy Mondon (contact details below).

Please feel free to pass this information on to anyone you know who has expressed any offers of help so that we can build our Bridgnorth area support network. This is open to anyone, not just those connected to a church.

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Tasley News

As the Nation prepares to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, many of us are planning our own celebrations to show our love and appreciation for Her devotion throughout Her Reign. If you are planning outdoor parties I hope the sun shines down on you.

As restrictions prevented Tasley social committee from holding their annual Christmas party, it was decided to hold a Spring supper at the Village Hall. The proceeds of which were kindly donated to Tasley Church for which we are most grateful. Thank you to all involved and for all your support. Thanks also to Peter and Richard "Old Bones" for providing the musical entertainment. Keep an eye open for future fundraising events including bingo and a quiz night.

It seems a long time since our Easter Service! Which as usual was well attended and concluded with a splendid rendition of the Hallelujah Chorus sung by the Astley and Tasley Church Choir.

We are looking forward to our Patronal Service on the 26th June. This will be an Evensong Service at 4pm. There will be no Morning Service on that day.

Our coffee mornings in the Village Hall continue on the first Monday of each month. We look forward to seeing you there.

Tasley 100 Club winners for May

95 Brian Turner
63 Sue Oliver
80 Rick Hollands

Fund Raising Event

Mon 6th June – "Jubilee Coffee Morning" in the Village Hall 10-30 – 12.00

Sat 11th June – Bingo with Fish & Chips in the Village Hall at 7pm - £7

Margaret

Winning tickets for the St Mary's 200 Club May 2022 draw are as follows

£20 Sylvia Palmer 128
£10 Bernard Speke 115
£10 Martin Blackburn 34
£10 Julie Griffiths 33
£10 Sally Themans 89
£10 John James 118
£10 Catherine Wilson 17

ST MARY'S CONNECT

Our next lunch and get together is on **Tuesday 21st June** In The function room at The Shakespeare Pub **at 12.30** If you would like to join us please contact Helen Howell on 01746 763066 to book your place, these are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. This will take place on the Third Tuesday of every month thereafter.



ST MARY'S COFFEE SHOP

St Mary's Coffee Shop

Every Saturday—10.30am—12.30pm

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Open Gardens Westwood House Oldbury

Sunday 12th June 2-5pm

Gardens are open on behalf of the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust and St Nicholas Oldbury church.

Roses will be in bloom

Teas available

Clergy Thoughts from Marjorie

The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. John 3:8

As I write, Eastertide is drawing to a close, but before we get to Trinity and that period the church – not very inspiringly – calls Ordinary Time, we do have a little more excitement, and two events which transformed the early church and then defined the life of every Christian who came after.

They are inevitably linked; as the song goes, “You can’t have one without the other.” And Jesus himself made that abundantly clear to his disciples who were understandably apprehensive about his departure from earth – and from them. He tells them: “It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.” (John 16:7)

So, the Ascension (26th May so already behind us) had to come first! Jesus had to go because his earthly incarnation placed boundaries on what he could achieve. Returned to heaven, he would once again take up that limitless power his Father had bestowed upon him and could oversee the church and respond to the prayers of *all* his followers even when they came to number millions, spread out across the whole world.

And one of the first things he did with that power was to fulfil his promise and send the Spirit in that event we call Pentecost. (5th June) We all know the signs of the Spirit’s coming – the flames, the strange tongues – and that amazing new courage the disciples had. But the Spirit had been at work long before this. He was there at creation – and he brought Jesus back from the dead. Someone – I can’t remember who – once said that the power the Spirit unleashed to enable the resurrection would have had the force of a nuclear explosion. No wonder no one was there to witness it; they would have been unable to withstand such a traumatic experience.

Just think what we could do if we could harness that power. The Spirit is still abroad in the world, but he does what he wants, goes where he wishes. And yet, we *can* still harness his power, for that is what prayer is all about; asking the Spirit to intervene in situations that are seemingly beyond our control – climate change, the spread of disease, the ghastly war in Ukraine. The Spirit transformed the lives of those early

disciples and he can continue to define and transform our lives if we let him – and through us and our prayers, he can transform the world. He's done it before!

Marjorie Brooks

OLDBURY NEWS

“First Flush”

After five years of planning, fund-raising and hard work, St Nicholas' is now equipped with an accessible toilet extension and a kitchen corner, making the church more welcoming for all occasions.

We've had a basic kitchen corner for a long time, and the need for a toilet was identified years ago, but the stumbling blocks were always funding and where to put it. A Portaloo provided a temporary solution, and confirmed the need for something permanent, so in 2015 the decision was made to go ahead. The past few years have seen various fund-raising efforts, with Open Gardens, a Village Fete, sponsored stationary bike ride, plant sales and a sponsored Organathon through the entire Hymns of Praise book.



A recent appeal around the village and grants from Shropshire Historic Churches Trust (SHCT) and the All Churches Trust finally secured the funds needed. The overwhelming local support for the project shows how much the village church means to people. St Nicholas Church is popular for weddings and it is hoped that the new facilities will widen its future uses, such as concerts or meetings.

We have been very lucky to have the services of our Conservation Architect, Mark Newall, of Baart, Harries, Newall and our Contractor and Stonemasons, Graham Marsh and Ollie Jones. In keeping with our Grade II listing, stone had to be selected and matched to that of

the existing building, and after many frustrating but unforeseeable delays (- who would have thought that the porcelain for the toilet suite originated in Ukraine!), the work is now complete. We were delighted by the presence of the Bishop of Hereford on the afternoon of Sunday 22nd May at its official “First Flush”!



Bishop of Hereford and his wife as they leave Oldbury

In some return for the grant we were awarded, we are again supporting SHCT with an Open Garden at Westwood House in Oldbury on 12th June, from 2 – 5p.m. when the roses will be in bloom. All are welcome – our last one in April attracted over 150 visitors!

As always, we keep the church open during the day for anyone to come in for a quiet moment, or just to visit, meet up or to tend graves. Please contact us if you have any ideas for using the church as a venue for your meetings or other activities.

Dorothy Leiper

QUATFORD NEWS

Life is so strange: a couple of months ago Bridgnorth was flooded and then for the next two months we have hardly seen any rain and the gardens so badly need a drink. I do so enjoy being outdoors and benefitting from the sun's rays.

The Church grounds are looking good with the help of our Duke of Edinburgh volunteer - and a little help from the sheep! I was so delighted to find healthy patches of cowslips growing around the graves. We also had help from ‘Caring for God’s Acre’ at the end of May.

By the end of May we will have also had our first wedding in the Quatford for over 3 years, so everyone was hoping it goes well. There is also going to be a baptism in June - again, the first one for over 3 years.

We are organising a Jubilee Quiz in the church on Friday the 17th June, at 7pm - with a fish and chip supper from Tony's. All are welcome and hopefully it will be a fun evening for everyone.

Another date for your diary is Saturday July 16th (7.30pm start): a concert in the church, when Blue Zone will play a selection of music with links to the Jubilee celebrations. This year's concert is part of our Patronal weekend and is, once again, organised by Carol Wall. Carol has always organised our patronal concerts - usually with her super choir providing all the music and entertainment. It was something she has done for many years - and its good to think back to some memorable evenings of the past, when church regulars such as Sheila and Maurice Kitchen, Margaret Bradley, Pat Curwen and Jane Conway would all be there - and always a raffle run and organised by Cath Jones. Happy memories! Let's make this year with Blue Zone an another evening to remember! Drinks and nibbles will be provided - and, of course, there will be a raffle! Tickets are available from Rachel Edwards (01746 766146)

Our Patronal Evensong will be on Sunday July 17th at 4pm followed by tea/coffee.

A Summer Lunch is also in the planning stages for Sunday August 7th - venue yet to be decided.

I feel we are beginning to see things return to normal, if not a little bit frantic at times (in my case, at least, as we prepare for the arrival of twins - grandchildren!. As I write this, the mum is in hospital - the twins are fine, but not yet arrived - but mum is exhausted!! So there are some extra activity for us grandparents - as the dad (our eldest son) works in London during the week and little big sister still needs attention.

Hope you all have good time celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee, best wishes to all.

Anne Wenlock



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NEWS FROM ASTLEY ABBOTTS

The "Merry merry month of May", has certainly lived up to the quote. We had our pop up cafes, which were fun and well-attended, we have decided not to have any in June due to the jubilee, but put July 2nd and 6th in your diary!

Then we had a baptism and would like to welcome Flora into our community, followed by a wedding, we wish Hannah and Kingsley a long and happy life together.

We ended the month with a "Spring Celebration "service at Stanley Hall and a "Songs of Praise " in the evening in church. Thankyou to all involved in all the services.

Many thanks to Michael and Clare Thompson for so much this month, not only did they lead a very successful bluebell walk, but they hosted the Spring Celebration service,,and had NGS open gardens,we really appreciate their hard work.

The main event to look forward to in June is the Jubilee weekend, starting with a beacon party at Cross Lane Head on Thursday 2nd at 6pm, and finishing with a Communion Service of Celebration for the Queen on Sunday 5th in church at 9am, we hope to see you there.

Idonea and Helen

REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

17.4.22 Joey Clee Devonport

24.4.22 Harper Jessica Groome

Charlie Groome

Faith Harriette Groome

30.4.22 Flora Mollie Hunter Harbach

22.5.22 Tobey Peter Gooding

Dominic George Heely

WEDDINGS

6.5.22 Daniel Brett Shropshire/Louise Suzanne Manders

14.5.22 Kingsley Simon McKee/Hannah Rebecca Boyd

FUNERALS

6.5.22 Carol Marlene Yates

12.5.22 Patricia Jane Butler

17.5.22 Ann Doreen Cooper

20.5.22 Joan Gertrude Speke

A COFFEE MORNING WITH A DIFFERENCE

Saturday 18th June 10-12pm – ASTON EYRE CHURCH

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Thursday 2nd June from 8pm -

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Thursday 2nd June – 4.30 – 10.30

– Jubilee Beacon Party – Astley

Abbotts – Adjacent to the Village Hall, Cross Lane Head – **Admission**

by ticket only – Contact Graham on 07496797728

Friday 3rd June – Carnival in Town – 12pm Parade through town – 1.00 – Severn Park for Family Fun

Sat 4th June – 2.30pm Jubilee Tea Party on front lawn of Morville Church – Party/Fancy Dress Please bring a plate of tea party food to share and chairs or picnic blanket – tea will be provided

2.30pm Mayor's Tea Party – Community Hall. Invitation only – open to senior members of the community. Contact Town Council 762281 for an invitation.

Sun 5th June – 10.00 Morning Prayer at Monkhopton will be a special jubilee service with red white and blue refreshments to follow.

10.30am St Mary's Holy Communion and Jubilee Celebration with guests from Theirs and Schrobenhausen.

Monday 6th June – 10.30 – 12.00 Jubilee Coffee Morning – Tasley Village Hall

Friday 17th June – Jubilee Quiz Night – Quatford Church with fish and chip supper – 7.00 for 7.30pm start – Contact Rachel 766146



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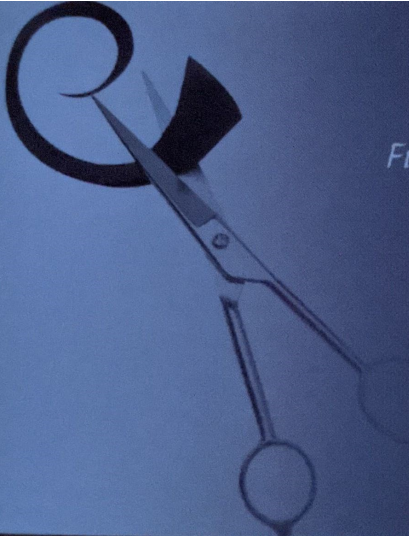
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