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<p><b>CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES 20<sup>TH</sup> OF EVERY MONTH</b></p>
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# ***I LOVE CHRISTMAS***

I love Christmas, always have. Even before I knew the story of Christmas, I loved it. My favourite time is Christmas Eve, because it reminds me of being a little boy who had a set ritual that night. First, we would put out some water and carrots for Santa and then we would have a shot of sherry; I'm pretty sure this was for my parents rather than us! Afterwards, we would all go upstairs and pick out our pillowcase to put on the end of our beds. Mine had a turtle on it. We would place it on the bed-nob at the bottom of the bed and go to sleep with fists clenched in inexpressible joy! In the morning, we would tear out of bed and dismantle those wrapped parcels faster than light.

The joy from those times was so intense that even today, the ripples of that memory touch the present. For what is Christmas without seeing the joy of a child's face and witnessing in them such unbridled ecstasy. All this joy has a root, a story which comes from a great past event, a story about the birth of a child, a long time ago in a country far, far away. But still, it comes to us and every Christmas we retell the story of why Christmas is with us. I never knew this story as a child really, but today I know it well and I have dedicated my life to its telling and retelling because it offers that same joy for us all today regardless of age. You may say: "what has changed?". In many ways, not much in terms of the world and of human nature. It still is as complicated and as prone to self-interest as it was. But what has changed is hope. The story of Christmas is a story to remind us that God is so concerned about our story, that He entered into it as one of us. Not just to share it with us, but also to share what He has to bring to the table. Jesus is the gift from God that says, what you have I take to myself, and what I have I share with you all. A life for all lives, and a hope that happened in history. The birth of Jesus marks the beginning of an extraordinary life of selfless perfection, unbridled love and an enduring hope against all odds.

His life shows us the joy of life and that ours is not just for a time but through Him, it is for all time, forever. God in Jesus redeems all things, everything that has passed, everything that is and is to come. Nothing is lost and we have everything to live for. Joy has entered in, and the Inn of our hearts must be open if we are to experience that childlike, fist-clenching inexpressible joy! Let us recall the past and clasp the present in the expectation of our future together forever.

*Phill*

# Christmas Services

## *The Burghill Benefice*



### **18<sup>TH</sup> THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

5.00pm St Mary the Virgin, Burghill - Carols by Candlelight

6.30pm St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde - Carol Service

### **21<sup>ST</sup> WEDNESDAY**

7.00pm St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg - Carol Service

### **23<sup>RD</sup> FRIDAY**

7.30pm St Mary the Virgin, Burghill - Youth Carol Service

### **24<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS EVE**

6.00pm St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas - Family Crib Service

9.30pm St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg - Christmas Eve Eucharist

11.00am St Mary the Virgin, Burghill - Midnight Mass

### **25<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS DAY**

8.30am St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde BCP - Holy Communion

9.30am St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas - Christmas Eucharist

11.00am St Mary the Virgin, Burghill - All Age Christmas Service



# NEWS FROM THE SIMPSON HALL

Are you interested in Hops and Beer?

Vernon Amor, owner of Wye Valley Brewery will be giving a talk on the

History of Hops on  
Friday 3rd February 2023 @ 19.30 at the Hall



Beer tasting (for free) will be available during the interval with light refreshments. For those not keen on beer, tea, coffee, wine or fruit juice will be available included in the Entry price of £10.

This is a fundraising event for Sands  
(Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity Reg. No. 299679.)

If you plan to come please let Mark know. This will help with numbers for catering. Thank you.

The Simpson Hall Committee will be holding its AGM on Tuesday the 3rd January 2023 at 7pm at the Hall. You are most welcome to attend or should you have any matters you wish to raise please contact Mark.  
More dates for the diary:

Flicks in the sticks : December 9th, January 20th February 17th , full details in the magazine or on our website [www.simpsonhall.uk](http://www.simpsonhall.uk)

Stuck for Christmas gift ideas? - how about gifting Hall hire, so your friend or relative could play a game of Pool in the newly refurbished upstairs room. ( only £8/hr )

Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and all Good Wishes for 2023.

Mark Helme Chairman Simpson Hall Committee. (01432 760704, or [mhelme99@gmail.com](mailto:mhelme99@gmail.com))

# News from your Parish Council

Burghill Parish Council held its latest meeting on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Eight Councillors were present along with three members of the public.

The Parish Council discussed two planning applications:

- Planning application 222744 - Rogers Cross House, Tillington, HR4 8LJ. Proposed to separate into 2 properties by removing the link between the two main buildings, Rogers Cross House and New House. Single storey extension to New House. Division of paddock field between the two properties, to be used as gardens. The Parish Council agreed to support this application.
- Planning application 223532 - Penberry Cottage, Burghill, HR4 7RE. T1 Silver Birch (x2) - thin crowns by 15-20%, tipping back branches that are interfering with the BT wires, and tipping back branches growing towards the house and electrical wires by approx 1-2m. The Parish Council agreed to support this application.
- Our Finance and Administration Working Group oversees our financial position and reported on the latest financial reconciliation. The Parish Council have received a number of grant requests from local community organisations. A budget of £5,500 was agreed to fund these grants. The Working Group recommended that the Parish Council's Precept for 2023/24 is held at its 2022/23 level i.e. no increase. This was agreed.

Our Community Working Group is currently looking at the management of the three defibrillators owned by the Parish Council. These need to be checked monthly to ensure that they are safe and ready for use if needed. A new Website for the Parish Council is also on the agenda.

Our Environment Working Group updated the meeting on the progress of work to Whitmoor Pool Common, this has now been closed down for the winter and further work will be considered in the Spring.

The Parish Council is working with Herefordshire Council on two Traffic Regulation Orders a) an extension of the 30mph limit northwards from Danny Lee Walk b) an extension of the 30mph limit southwards from just before the school. Funding has now been agreed with Herefordshire Council for a Bus Shelter for the stop at Leasown. The Parish Council is now looking at other traffic management options for the parish and welcomes suggestions.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023. We hope to see you there.

*Paulette Scholes  
Clerk to the Parish Council*



# BOOK SWAP KIOSK

(The Old Phone Box by the Church)

- **SWAP A BOOK, TAKE A BOOK**

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Scrooge was better than his word. He did it all, and infinitely more; and to Tiny Tim, who did NOT die, he was a second father. He became as good a friend, as good a master, and as good a man as the good old city knew, or any other good old city, town, or borough in the good old world. Some people laughed to see the alteration in him; but his own heart laughed, and that was quite enough for him.



## Burghill Church supports **HEREFORD FOOD BANK**

The Food Bank is committed to the relief of poverty in Herefordshire and the surrounding area through referrals for provision of emergency food parcels.

They currently need tinned meat, fish, vegetables and fruit, as well as rice (tinned and dry), UHT milk, baby food and vegetarian food.

They also need washing powder, cleaning products and toiletries.

Long-life carrier bags are appreciated too.

They do not currently need baked beans or pasta.

**If you would like to support the Food Bank, there is a collection point for donations in the church porch and we will deliver your donations to them.**

Alternatively, you can donate at collection points in most supermarkets or send a cash donation direct to the Food Bank.

For more information visit <https://herefordfoodbank.co.uk>

**Please note: The Food Bank cannot accept food, tinned or dried, which is past the Best Before date**



## National Grief Awareness Week 2-8th December 2022

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Admission: Adults: £7.50    Child: £3.50    Enquiries: 07726148736

**£7.50 includes: Film, turkey & cranberry bap, tea, coffee & biscuits.**  
**BYO festive drinks and good cheer.**

In 1961, Kempton Bunton, a 60 year old taxi driver, stole Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in London. He sent ransom notes saying that he would return the painting on condition that the government invested more in care for the elderly. What happened next became the stuff of legend. An uplifting true story about a good man who set out to change the world and managed to save his marriage.

**Starring Jim Broadbent, Helen Mirren and Matthew Goodge (2020)**



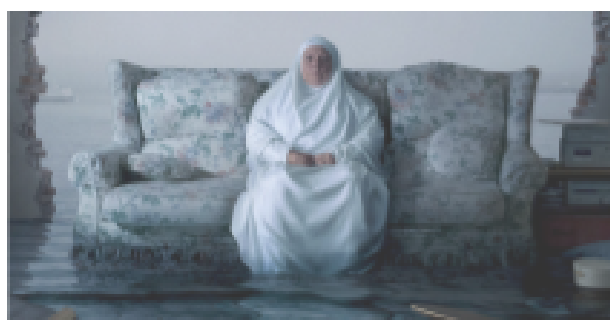
**Thank you** to all who came to our screening of Operation Mincemeat on Remembrance Day. We raised £170 for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

We are grateful to:



*Flicks in the Sticks  
Wish you a  
Happy New Year*

# After Love



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**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Jan - 7.30 pm**

**The Simpson Hall, Burghill**

Admission: Adults: £5.50    Child: £3.50    Enquiries: 07726148736

**£8.50 Pre-booked light meal of chicken curry, rice and naan:**  
served at 6.30pm

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Meal bookings: 760552 or [annie.ness23@gmail.com](mailto:annie.ness23@gmail.com)

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## The Community Café

Our **café** is open every second Friday of the month from 10 until 12 noon for drinks, delicious cakes and good company, in the Simpson Hall.

The **Community Library** operates at the same time.

## We can help with:

- Delivering a **hot meal** from Burghill Valley Golf Club to anyone in the village, on Monday to Friday **Trips** around the village and to town Running **errands**, such as fetching prescriptions, library books, shopping, Simple DIY jobs Befriending, if you would like **someone to talk to**
- **Socialising** at the Community Café or outings Simple **gardening** in an emergency

**Contact** Joe Helme: 01432 760816  
or [jfhelme@gmail.com](mailto:jfhelme@gmail.com)



## The Talk Hub

You can find the **Talk Hub** at our community café, where there will be a dedicated computer and trained assistant. If you have a query or want to know where to access a service, we can signpost you to the relevant website or telephone number. It will also operate over the phone at all times – call the Good Neighbour Scheme telephone number (01432 760816) and Joe or Joanna Helme will find the information for you.



## The Good Neighbour Scheme

Is looking for a couple of drivers who would be prepared to deliver meals once a fortnight, and do an occasional trip into town to take someone to the doctor or hospital. If you would be willing to volunteer, please contact me for more details.

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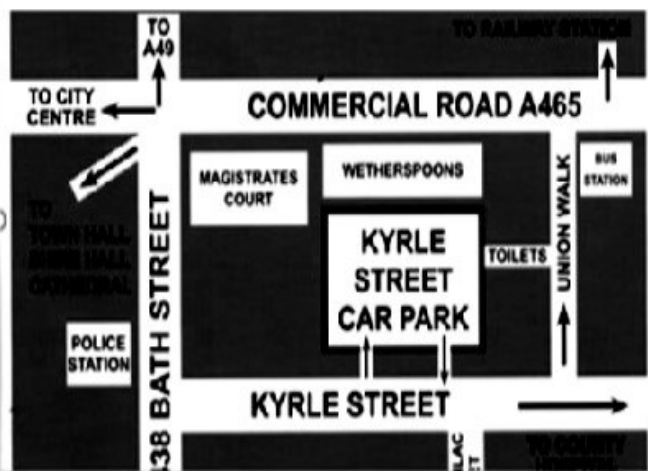
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# WARM SPACE

We are pleased to make available a warm space for all Parishioners over the coming winter.

We plan to open The Simpson Hall as follows –

Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	12.00 – 14.00 (following on from Community Cafe)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	15.00 – 17.00
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	12.00 – 14.00
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	15.00 – 17.00
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	12.00 – 14.00
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	15.00 – 17.00
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	12.00 – 14.00

We intend to increase the days covered in the event of a forecasted prolonged cold spell.

Please keep an eye on the Simpson Hall website for notification of this.

Each Friday session will offer a warm room plus soup, roll and hot drinks.

Each Wednesday session will offer a warm room plus light refreshments.

There will be a nominal charge of no more than £1 per person for each session.

We are still looking for volunteers to help run these sessions so, if you are interested, please ring David on 761575.

We hope that you will find this a helpful initiative and would encourage you to bring along any neighbours who you think would benefit. If you need transport to/from the Hall, then please ring Joe on 760816.

We will try to amend the sessions to meet the needs of attendees based on feedback we receive and will advertise arrangements for February onwards in the February Community Magazine.

Come along for warmth, food and good company!

Good Neighbour Scheme  
St Mary the Virgin Church  
Parish Council  
The Simpson Hall

# CHRISTMAS

*By Sir John Betjeman*



The bells of waiting Advent ring, The Tortoise stove is lit again  
And lamp-oil light across the night, Has caught the streaks of winter rain  
In many a stained-glass window sheen, From Crimson Lake to Hookers Green.

The holly in the windy hedge, And round the Manor House the yew  
Will soon be stripped to deck the ledge, The altar, font and arch and pew,  
So that the villagers can say, 'The church looks nice' on Christmas Day.

Provincial Public Houses blaze, Corporation tramcars clang,  
On lighted tenements I gaze, Where paper decorations hang,  
And bunting in the red Town Hall, Says 'Merry Christmas to you all'.

And London shops on Christmas Eve, Are strung with silver bells and flowers  
As hurrying clerks the City leave, To pigeon-haunted classic towers,  
And marbled clouds go scudding by, The many-steepled London sky.

And girls in slacks remember Dad, And oafish louts remember Mum,  
And sleepless children's hearts are glad, And Christmas-morning bells say 'Come!'  
Even to shining ones who dwell, Safe in the Dorchester Hotel.

And is it true? And is it true, This most tremendous tale of all,  
Seen in a stained-glass window's hue, A Baby in an ox's stall ?  
The Maker of the stars and sea, Become a Child on earth for me ?

And is it true ? For if it is, No loving fingers tying strings  
Around those tissue fripperies, The sweet and silly Christmas things,  
Bath salts and inexpensive scent, And hideous tie so kindly meant,

No love that in a family dwells, No carolling in frosty air,  
Nor all the steeple-shaking bells, Can with this single Truth compare -  
That God was man in Palestine, And lives today in Bread and Wine.

# Santa Word Search

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Fairies

Jolly

North Pole

Reindeer

Rudolph

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Sleigh

Sleigh Bells

St. Nick

Toys



## **Church Heating.**

Please help us to keep warm.

Now that the colder weather is approaching and as from December 1<sup>st</sup> we will be closing both outer doors of the church porch which will continue to remain unlocked. When entering the main building please could you ensure the outer doors are closed before using the main door. The church will be unlocked by 10.00 and closed at 4.00pm during the winter months.

## **Christmas raffle.**

Members of the PCC will be selling raffle tickets in aid of Church Funds during November and December with the main prize being a Christmas hamper. Tickets are £1.00. each. The names of PCC members can be found in the church directory in this magazine. Please help us as we strive to balance our books. tickets on sale now! Thank you .

*Max Jenman. Church Warden.*

## **Christmas Flower Arranging Workshop**

Table centre piece with candle(s)

Monday, 19th December at the  
Burghill and Tillington Scout Hut  
from 10am to 12-ish

This is a class for all abilities. I will demonstrate the arrangement and help you with your creation so you have a beautiful arrangement ready for your Christmas table!

£15pp + cost of some materials

Booking essential!

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What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney?  
Claus-trophobia!

What is it called when a snowman has a temper tantrum?  
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Where do Santa's reindeer stop for coffee?  
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# DECEMBER SERVICES *Burghill Benefice*

## 1<sup>ST</sup> THURSDAY

9.30am St Mary the Virgin, Burghill Celtic Worship

## 4<sup>TH</sup> 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.30am St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde BCP Holy Communion

9.30am St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg All Age Worship

10.00am St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas All Age Worship

11.00am St Mary the Virgin, Burghill All Age Worship

## 8<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAY

9.30am St Mary the Virgin, Burghill Celtic Worship

## 11<sup>TH</sup> 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10.00am St Mary the Virgin, Burghill Joint Benefice Eucharist

## 15<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAY

9.30am St Mary the Virgin, Burghill Celtic Worship

## 18<sup>TH</sup> 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.30am St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde BCP Holy Communion

9.30am St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg Parish Eucharist

9.30am St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas Parish Eucharist

11.00am St Mary the Virgin, Burghill Parish Eucharist

5.00pm St Mary the Virgin, Burghill Carols by Candlelight

6.30pm St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde Carol Service

## 21<sup>ST</sup> WEDNESDAY

7.00pm St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg Carol Service

## 22<sup>ND</sup> THURSDAY

9.30am St Mary the Virgin, Burghill Celtic Worship

## 23<sup>RD</sup> FRIDAY

7.00pm St Mary the Virgin, Burghill Carol Service

## 24<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS EVE

6.00pm St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas Family Crib Service

9.30pm St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg Christmas Eve Eucharist

11.00am St Mary the Virgin, Burghill Midnight Mass

## 25<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS DAY

8.30am St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde BCP Holy Communion

9.30am St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas Christmas Eucharist

11.00am St Mary the Virgin, Burghill All Age Christmas Service

## 1<sup>ST</sup> 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS (New Year's Day)

8.30am St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde BCP Holy Communion

11.00am St Mary the Virgin, Burghill Morning Prayer



# JANUARY SERVICES

## *Burghill Benefice*



<b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS</b>	
8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Joint Benefice Service
<b>5<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
<b>8<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>EPIPHANY</b>	
10.00am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	Joint Benefice Eucharist
<b>12<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
<b>15<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY</b>	
8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Parish Eucharist
9.20am	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	Morning Prayer
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Morning Prayer
<b>19<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
<b>22<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY</b>	
8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Morning Prayer
9.30am	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	Parish Eucharist
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Morning Prayer
<b>26<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
<b>29<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>CANDLEMAS</b>	
8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Parish Eucharist
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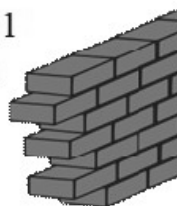
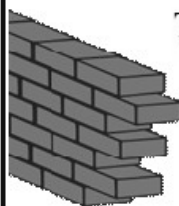
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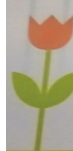
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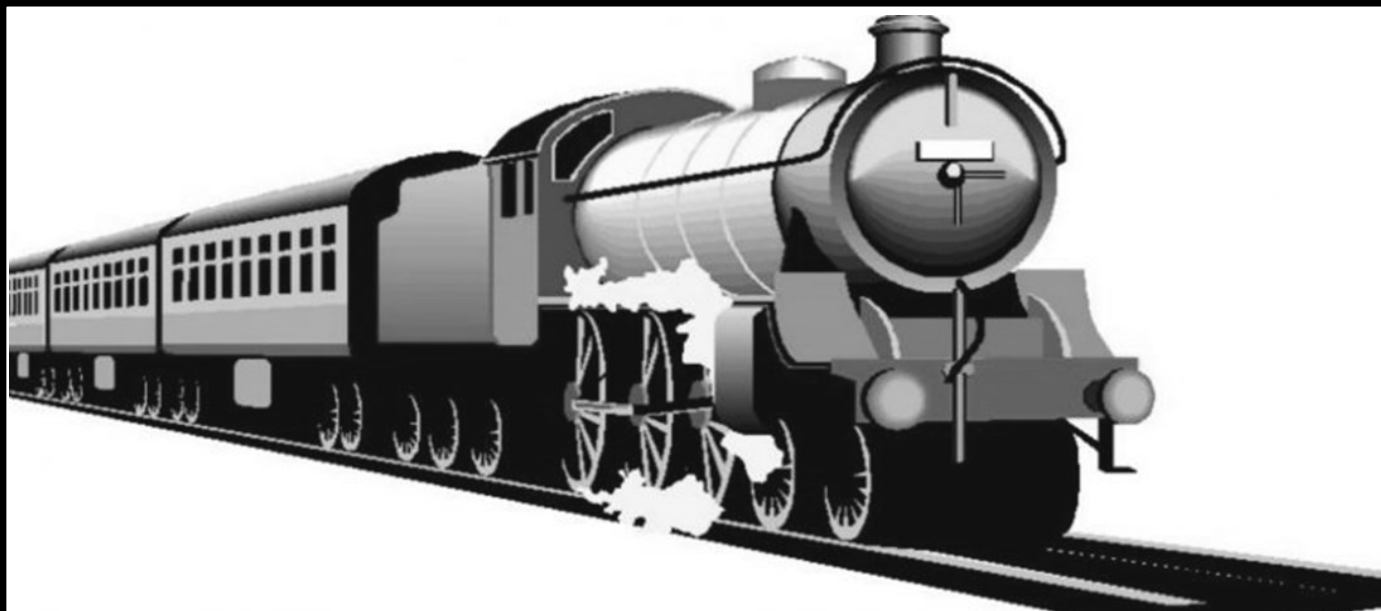


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St Mary's Church, Burghill

on

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022

at 7pm

£10 per ticket

(to include light refreshments)

There will also be a raffle

Buy tickets in advance from Liz Donovan (01432 760881) or at the door

What do Santa's elves learn in school?  
The elf-abet.

What happens if you eat Christmas decorations?  
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# WINTER QUIZ 2022/23

50 cryptic clues on an animal theme

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Quiz sheets £1 each

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*Closing date for completed entries: Tuesday 31st January 2023*

*Full details on the quiz sheet*

**In aid of the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Burghill**

**Why not give copies to friends and family for Christmas**



## CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> 5.00PM**

Join us for a service of carols and readings in this atmospheric candle lit setting and to celebrate the first Sunday of our beautiful window decorations on the theme of "Christmas Carols".

There will be mulled wine and mince pies after the service.

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**A CONCERT BY THE HEREFORD RAIL MALE VOICE CHOIR**

**ON FRIDAY, February 24<sup>TH</sup> 2023 AT 7.00PM**

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# WALKING THE CAMINO

## VIRTUALLY!

Phill, our Parish Priest, is making a spiritual journey walking the 160-mile pilgrim trail from Porto to Santiago de Compostela in January.

Inspired by Phill, and to raise money to maintain the ancient and beautiful parish church of Burghill, we plan to walk the 480-mile pilgrim trail from St Jean Pied de Port in the French Pyrenees to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in north-western Spain virtually!

*You can get involved by walking or sponsoring*

### How it works

You sign up to walk on your own or with others.

You will then get instructions on what to do.

You ask friends and family to sponsor you by donating online or in cash.

During February and March, walkers will record and report how far they have walked each week. You can do as much or as little as suits you, when and where you choose. It could be round your garden, walking the dog or Offa's Dyke!

Every mile will be added to the group total.

There will be a Just Giving page online and a display in church where the cumulative total of miles walked and donations will be recorded.

If you cannot walk with us, you can support us with sponsorship.

To join in contact: Liz Donovan: tel. 01432 760881, email [richlizdonovan@btinternet.com](mailto:richlizdonovan@btinternet.com)

or: Mary Hilder: tel. 01432 760473, email [veldifer@hotmail.com](mailto:veldifer@hotmail.com)

**By Easter we hope to have clocked up more than the Camino 480 miles  
and we will have walked together in spirit.**

*All proceeds to the Church of St Mary the Virgin Burghill*

# IT'S ALL IN THE GENES ?

Many animals display seemingly virtuous behaviour – alarm calling for example -- which puts themselves at risk for the sake of the group as a whole. Shall we call such behaviour selfless or altruistic? Awareness of danger has obvious survival value for the individual, but deliberately putting oneself in harm's way hardly looks like a survival strategy which could be established by means of natural selection. One thing seems clear: all we have to go on is their behaviour, and animals certainly protect and display loving care for their own kind, and not always just for their own kind. Add established virtues such as bravery and loyalty to their repertoire, and it starts to seem churlish to maintain that animals are incapable of altruistic behaviour. Evolutionary biologists have explained this kind of behaviour in mathematical terms of 'kin selection': the direct survival advantage for the individual creature performing such behaviour, *plus* any indirect survival advantages accruing from the inherited genes of its kin. Altruistic behaviour arises when the net benefits of the latter side of the equation outweigh the costs to the former side. On this understanding, the altruistic behaviour of animals is all in the genes. Animals can of course be dangerous and vicious too, but then so can the species *Homo sapiens*.

On the other hand, if genes are no more than encoded pieces of DNA molecules, then moralistic talk of selfish or unselfish behaviour at this level is perhaps misleading. Speaking more broadly, unless one regards 'survival of the fittest' as a moral absolute, natural selection is literally *amoral* – lacking any moral sense whatsoever. Then again, no one ever really thought that molecules in themselves were moral. We talk of *people* being morally good or bad; the question is whether we can sensibly extend this kind of appraisal to creatures other than ourselves.

The biologist, Francisco Ayala, argues that 'ethical behaviour' is a distinctively human result of biological evolution. Only self-aware beings with exalted intelligence such as ourselves can make moral judgements and evaluate the effects that behaviour has on others. But so-called *ethical* behaviour in this sense is really no different from the degree to which we abide by moral norms or principles -- and clearly animals are incapable of conceptualizing moral principles. It's not enough, in other words, to simply stipulate that animals are incapable of *moral* behaviour on the basis that they have no ethical principles.

*Rob Newton*

## The delightful winter flowering 'Moth Orchid'

Orchids are often overlooked by the amateur, who tends to think of them as touchy pedigree specimen plants for the skilled connoisseur only. Although this may be true of some exotic species, the Phalaenopsis, or 'Moth orchid' types are amongst the easiest long flowering house-plants. What's more, they are blooming right now.

Moth Orchids have a flat, vaguely Narcissus-shaped, flower. These are borne on a smooth upright stem rising up above a rosette of thick basal leaves at soil level. Several buds on each stem will open progressively and, in a suitably cool room, each bloom can remain fresh on the plant for over a month, which means an extended winter flower display.

Colours include various combinations of pure white, hot pink, burgundy, rose-purple or yellow, many veined or patterned for extra appeal.

In the wild, Moth Orchids come from the warmer regions of Asia and grow on tree trunks and branches, where light levels are fairly low beneath the leaf canopy; this makes them adaptable to the centrally heated home here. Thus for best results, choose a light position in your house, out of direct sunlight and not shut behind window curtains at night.

The best temperature range is between 60 degrees F and 86 degrees F or 16-30 degrees C. Water as required but never allow the plant to get aridly dry for any length of time, nor stand it in water or combine water with cold.

Research has shown that the aerial roots of these plants thrive better with some light, so you will see many of them sold in see-through pots rather than black ones. They are best kept slightly pot bound but when you do need to pot them up a little, try to use a similar pot and always use the special bark based compost sold for this type of plant.

After flowering is finally over in spring, cut the old stem off at the base and start a feeding programme of Orchid fertiliser so that the plant rewards you with another grand show next year.

One of the best things about Moth Orchids? The long flower stem looks particularly festive with tinsel wrapped around it!

Happy Christmas gardening,

*Sue Watts-Cutler (for Burghill and Tillington Gardening Club)*



"Christmas comes but once a year, And fills the populace with fear, Because they know they somehow must Roast taters with a crispy crust."

# **BURGHILL CAP & COMMUNITY LIBRARY**



Our next sessions are on  
**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2022 &  
 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

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## **THE COPSE LEISURE TRUST**

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Our Family Bingo Night was a great success and we raised £331 for the Charity. Thank you to everyone who supported the event and to those who helped to make it such a success, particularly our Bingo caller, Darren Coates. It was definitely a "Full House".

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## **Burghill Copse Short Mat Bowling**



*David Lunn, Colin Reynolds (Winners), Mark Lyddon, David Phillips  
 (Runner ups)*

We recently held our first Doubles Inter Competition where 16 bowlers took part. In the final, Mark Lyddon and David Phillips were pipped to the post by David Lunn and Colin Reynolds, winning by 2 points. In the New Year, we will be holding a Singles competition.



## "BURGHILL IN BLOOM"

Plans are forging ahead for next year's entry into the Heart of England in Bloom competitions and we have already started organising our work programme.

Below are provisional dates for our fundraising activities and more information will be included in the February magazine:

25<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – Coffee Morning and Table Sale (*Please contact Sally Robertson to book a table in advance – telephone 07581 334900 or email [sal.rob@btinternet.com](mailto:sal.rob@btinternet.com). £5 per table*)

11<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – Annual Litter Pick

15<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – Spring Tea Dance

On behalf of the Burghill in Bloom Team, thank you for your support again this year and we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

## ST MARY'S WALKING GROUP

Last month's walk was a delightful version of the Mordiford loop.

Our next walk and Christmas lunch is:

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

Ye Olde Salutation Inn, Weobley

Meeting 9.30am at Burghill Church car park, then sharing cars and driving to Weobley for an easy 3.5 mile walk. If you would like to join us for the walk and lunch please call me to ensure you are included in the booking 01432 760552 - Annie Ness

Our New Year walk:

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January**

Meeting 9.50am at Burghill Church car park, then sharing cars and driving to our start point for a 4 to 5 mile walk. Newcomers are most welcome to this friendly walking group.

## **BURGHILL TILLINGTON & WEOBLEY CRICKET CLUB**

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF 2022 SEASON**

We have had a fantastic season both on and off the field. This was our fiftieth year and what a year it has been for us.

Here is a brief overview.

#### **JUNIORS:**

We delivered All Stars cricket aimed at providing children 5 to 8 years old with a great first experience in cricket.

We delivered Dynamos cricket for children 8 to 11 years old, which focused on developing fundamental movement skills, and applying them in an exciting game of countdown cricket.

We ran U9, U11, U15 and two U13 sides.

We started a girls' team.

15 of our juniors played for the third team, 9 for the seconds and 3 for the firsts.

Our U11 won the HCB cup.

Our U13 won the ECB county cup.

Our U15 won both the ECB and HCB cups.

#### **SENIORS:**

The first team were promoted to Division 1 in the Worcester County League.

The second team narrowly missed promotion to Division 6 in the Worcester County League.

The third team, which is a development side, creating a pathway for our juniors to play senior cricket, finished mid table in Division 3 of the Marches League.

One who came through our junior ranks and is still playing for us, 18-year-old Amy Maund, is playing for the Worcestershire Rapids Women's team. She starred in an 8-wicket win against Wales, bagging 4 for 21 off her 9 overs. She also scored 122 not out playing for Brockhampton's Women's team against Four Oakes.

Another who came through our mighty junior section, 17-year-old Luke Powell was selected for Herefordshire National Counties Cricket team.

Playing for our first team in the Worcester County league, he scored 1,119 runs and bagged 34 dismissals behind the stumps, topping both tables for the division.

Another home-grown talent, Barney Morgan, won the Man-of-the-Match award for Herefordshire National Counties against Worcestershire County Cricket Club.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

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## FUN QUIZ

1st Saturday of every month (except January, when it is the 2nd)

7.00pm, Stretton Sugwas Village Hall

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## Burghill & Tillington Gardening Club

**Tuesday December 6th, The Simpson Hall. 7.15pm**

No speaker this month, but a gardening quiz and a raffle.

You can do the quiz alone or in pairs. A prize for the winner and we are all sure to learn some gardening facts!

Tea/coffee/mince pies all included in £3.50 entry. All are welcome.

Remember we need to keep up the numbers attending, to ensure we can survive. We hope to see a good turn out again this month.

No meeting in January but check out January's magazine for details of our February meeting. We need to increase the door money for 2023, just to £4, so we can continue to get good speakers and keep the Club going.

Thank you for your support this year.

## Christmas gifts for sale !

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## Burghill and Tillington Retirement Club

**December : On the Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** all of the children from **Burghill Community Academy will come and sing Christmas Songs and Carols.** The teaching staff assure me that the children are practicing hard so that they are prefect on the day !! **We start at 2pm** as the children have to be back at the school for going home time.

Tickets for the draw that take place at each meeting will cost £1. There will be 3 prizes each draw.

All meetings are held in the **Simpson Hall commencing at 2-30pm** **except December when we start at 2pm.** The cost is £3 and includes light refreshments.



# Handbells at Christmas



**Tintinnabulis**, the Handbell trio based in Burghill, will once again be ringing Christmas music around the Parish

We will ring as follows:

**Tuesday December 20th at 7.30pm**

**Tillington-** in Pat Downes' drive-"Richlen"

**Wednesday December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm**

**Burghill Church**

**Friday December 23rd**

**St Mary's Park** (in the Obelisk Garden)

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**Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5.00pm**

**In Church -Carols by Candlelight**

# THE CAMINO

On the 6th of January I will arrive in Porto Portugal to begin my Pilgrimage to the shrine of St James the Apostle. The various roads to the shrine are simply known as the Camino (road/way in Spanish). On the map you will see the route I am taking and I should arrive at the shrine on the 19th. I will provide daily updates about where I am and what is going on both inside and around me. I think this is a crucial part of Pilgrimage, how the external journey provides a metaphor for what journey we are embarking on inside. It is a microcosm of the journey of life towards the sacred from the merely mundane. Please visit the website during this time for my mini reflections or Facebook for a more informal appraisal. Wish me luck!

*Phill*



# Knit One, Natter Too



You don't have to be a knitter - bring your own craft project and come along. All are welcome, whatever your interest or level of expertise. You can even come just to natter! (and some do....) It could be an opportunity to learn to knit or crochet – or get to know others in the village. We usually meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month in the Simpson Hall, from 2-4pm, with refreshments provided, paying £3 per session. We'd be very happy to have more people join us so why not give us a go? NB: we are now meeting UPSTAIRS in the Simpson Hall Just ONE meeting in December, on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Dates for January are 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> If you need help with transport, do let me know.

Joanna Helme [Tel:760816](tel:760816) email: [joannahelme@gmail.com](mailto:joannahelme@gmail.com)

# Community Café



We look forward to welcoming you next to the café on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** from 10am to 12noon. Do join us for coffee or tea and delicious cakes and scones – and maybe something a little festive! Don't worry if you are on your own - you will soon find some friendly folk to chat to. You can also browse books in the Community Library or look up information on the Talk Hub. If you think you might like to take some goodies home with you, please bring a container.

We look forward to seeing you.

**Dates: Fridays: January 13<sup>th</sup>, February 10<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Time 10 to 12noon**

# WINTER WARMING

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January from 12 noon to 2pm**

Tea and Coffee also available.

All Welcome





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*In Memoriam*

*Susan Watkins*

*John Morris*

*Christenings*

*Anabella Florence Mills*

*Martha Rozhnova*

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## LAST MONTH'S ANSWERS

See overleaf for  
this month's  
puzzle



## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

To be held in Stretton Sugwas Church on

SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2022

11 am – 1 pm

Various stalls to include Toys, Cakes and Raffle

Tea, Coffee and cake available

All Proceeds in aid of the Church

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022 - 7.30 PM

Stretton Sugwas Village Hall

Demonstration of ideas for Christmas flowers and door wreaths

with your local florist, Dorothy

all arrangements will be included in the raffle

also to include Tea, Coffee and cake

Tickets - £6.00

Please contact Dorothy on 07887514214 to reserve a place

All proceeds in aid of Stretton Sugwas Church



Wye Valley Runners of Hereford set up a Crowdfunding appeal to buy a handmade and hand engraved Oak bench in memory of their much-loved club member Jan Edwards who sadly died a year ago.

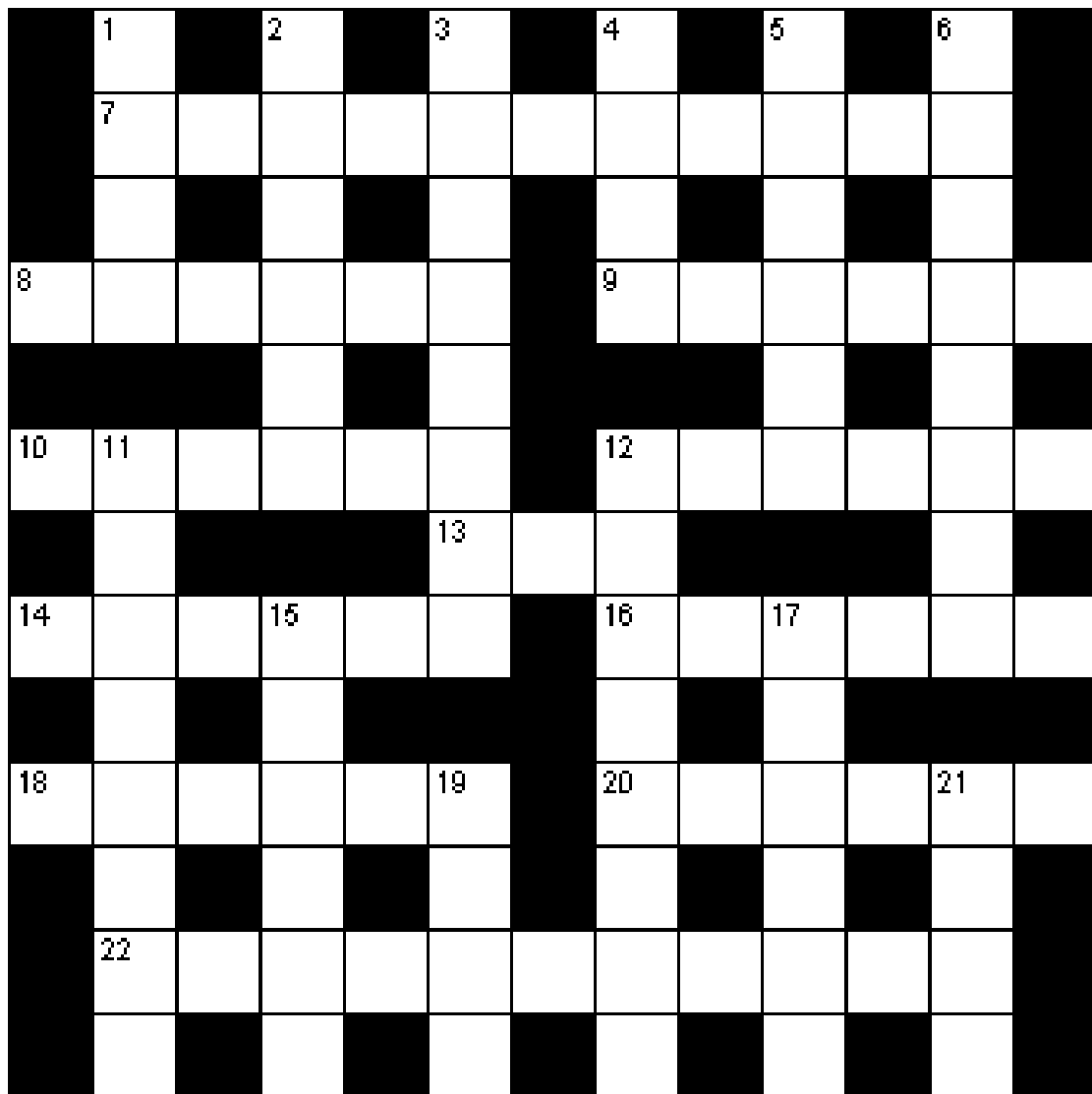
The appeal was a great success and with the kind permission and pragmatic support of Burghill Parish Council, a beautiful bench is now installed on The Common.

Jan's partner Brian of Tillington Common hopes the bench will bring a lot of happiness to local people and visitors for years to come.

To celebrate the end of the project we would like to invite everyone to a very short and very informal unveiling ceremony on Tillington Common at 10.00 a.m on Sunday 27th November 2002. Parking as everyone knows is very limited so please walk, run or cycle if you can. Everyone welcome

*Paddy Nugent Chair- Wye Valley Runners*

# PUZZLE PAGE

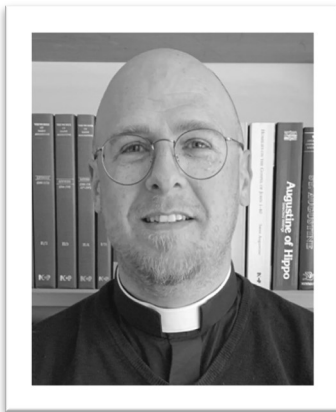


## ACROSS

- 7** Conciliation (11)  
**8** -- Berlin, American composer and lyricist (6)  
**9** Useless (6)  
**10** Altitude (6)  
**12** Road-surfacing material (6)  
**13** Flightless bird (3)  
**14** Evening meal (6)  
**16** Decline (6)  
**18** Gas used in balloons (6)  
**20** Farm livestock (6)  
**22** Verdi opera (2,9)

## DOWN

- 1** Couple (4)  
**2** Espionage (6)  
**3** Female child (8)  
**4** Unhearing (4)  
**5** Alloy of tin and lead (6)  
**6** Hertfordshire city (2,6)  
**11** Brandy (3-2-3)  
**12** Renegade (8)  
**15** Pedestal for a statue (6)  
**17** A depth of six feet (6)  
**19** Debatable (4)  
**21** Green and white vegetable (4)



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*"The steadfast  
 love of the Lord  
 never ceases,  
 His mercies  
 never come to  
 an end"*

*Lam 3:22-3*

### **CHURCHWARDEN:**

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