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JUSTICE AND MERCY

At the heart of every human being is a desire for what is right, at least from their perspective. What arises in us is a profound sense of putting right a wrong. However, when we are in the wrong, that sense of springing into action isn't so appealing. All of us share the same impulses and instincts when it comes to ourselves. Once you get to grips with yourself, in many ways you get to grips with everyone else. We aren't that unique in this respect. Well, you may wonder what has sparked this topic for this month's article? It has something to do with Lent, a season in which all of us are invited to contemplate our own mortality and the injustice which arises from within us and also the current Post Office Scandal.

At the heart of the story is an ancient well-known tale of injustice, corruption, and an unwillingness in the extreme to condemn oneself in order to render justice and mercy to others. I say to the extreme because many were falsely accused and convicted of crimes that they did not commit. Some went to prison, and some took their own lives because an institution could not admit any fault. Sometimes, to render justice to another requires condemnation of oneself. What history tells us is that this butts up against the ego and is often suppressed out of weakness. For me, it is a painful story in that the head of the Post Office was an ordained Priest, but this doesn't surprise me as the myth of the moral ivory tower of the clergy has long since collapsed. Why? Because clergy are human beings and are as weak and feeble as others. Don't expect perfection from any in this world! St Paul wrote: 'For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard' (Romans, 3:23). Another saint referred to humanity as a 'massa damnata' a lump of perdition.

Nevertheless, Lent is a time to purge and get to grips with what lies in the heart of us. Change begins in the heart, and we begin with our own. It is also a time to remember God knows us and what we are made of, dust. We are creatures of the earth. That is why the cross for Christians is so important, because it reminds us of the Justice and mercy of God, who took unto Himself our nature in Christ and proclaims us forgiven. We are all in some sense in need of justification and mercy. Lent is an invitation to right the wrongs of the past and prepare for tomorrow.

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Parish Council News

Burghill Parish Council held its latest meeting on Tuesday 9th January 2023. Twelve Councillors were present along with seven members of the public. The Chair welcomed Parish Councillors, our Ward Councillor and members of the public and wished everyone a Happy New Year!

Three Parish Councillors were co-opted onto the Council; Tim Gilbert, Scott Bristow and Neil Marks. The Chair welcomed Tim and Scott and asked them to join the meeting. Neil was not present this evening. The Parish Council has one more vacancy to fill.

- The Parish Council discussed one planning application [233760](#) - St Marys House, 16 St Marys Lane, Burghill. This was for the replacement of the existing conservatory with a new brick-built extension. This was discussed, and the Council RESOLVED to SUPPORT the application.

The Parish Council was also asked to comment on a licensing application for Burghill Valley Golf Club to bring forward the daily hours for the Sale/Supply of Alcohol from 10.00am to 9.00am. After considering the licensing objectives the Parish Council RESOLVED to make no comment on the application.

An update was received on Whitmoor Pool Common. The Parish Council is proposing to lease part of the Common to Burghill Community Academy for school activities. This is moving forward and the lease should be in place by the next meeting in March, if not before.

An update was received on the joint proposal with Herefordshire Council to introduce a pilot 20mph limit adjacent to School. Progress is being made and the Parish Council is hopeful that it can be introduced later this year.

The speed limit reduction from 40mph to 30mph adjacent to Danny Lee Walk was also discussed. This should be

implemented shortly.

It was RESOLVED to adopt a revised Management Plan for the three Commons owned by the Parish Council.

It was reported that the Parish Council is managing its finances effectively and expected to be within budget at the end of the financial year.

After careful consideration the Parish Council RESOLVED not to participate in Herefordshire Council's 2024/25 Lengthsman Scheme. It was agreed that the Parish Council could fully deliver its statutory responsibilities without being part of these arrangements.

It was reported that the Parish Council was discussing public internet access with The Simpson Hall trustees.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 12th March 2024 at 7.00pm. We hope to see you there.

*Paulette Scholes
Clerk to the Parish Council*



The Simpson Hall Committee will be holding their AGM on :

Monday 12th February 2024 at 19.00 hrs, at the Hall. You are warmly invited to attend.

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Our Talk Hub is also available via telephone, by calling 07889285657. A Member of the Burghill Talk Hub Team will assist you in finding the information that you may require. If you cannot get through please leave a message and we will get back to you. Alternatively, you may email: janette-pudsey@burghillparishcouncil.gov.uk

In addition, if you have access to the internet, you can look at the Burghill Hub by searching, www.talkcommunitydirectory.org and selecting Burghill Talk Hub

Burghill and Tillington Retirement Club



February: On **Thursday 15th February** there will be a **Slide Show** presented by Gordon Taylor.

March : On **Thursday 21st March** there will be talk on **Recycling** by Fiona Bailey

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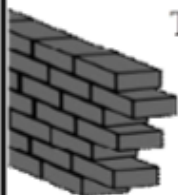
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4TH	2ND BEFORE LENT	
8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	All Age Worship
10.00am	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	All Age Worship
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	All Age Worship
8TH	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
11TH	NEXT BEFORE LENT	
10.00am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Joint Benefice Service
14TH	ASH WEDNESDAY	
10.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Ashing Service †
7.00pm	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Ashing Service †
15TH	THURSDAY <i>Sigfrid, bishop 1045</i>	
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18TH	LENT	
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	Parish Eucharist
22ND	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
25TH	2ND SUNDAY OF LENT	
8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Morning Prayer
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February 6th, Simpson Hall, 7.15pm

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Their talk is entitled "Beyond the Garden Gate".

If you have ever visited one of the lovely gardens open under the NGS in our county this talk will interest you. Learn more about the scheme and see slides of some of the gardens open under the NGS, perhaps get some inspiration for more visits.

All are welcome, entry £4 to include refreshments.

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News from the church warden

Thank you everyone who contributed in anyway towards our Christmas draw. The money raised totalled just over £1000.00 a magnificent sum considering today's financial restraints.

The churchyard team will be reconvening in February to clear around graves ready for the first mowing and strimming. We would ask everyone to remove Christmas flowers in readiness for Easter. This includes all small trees, shrubs, nightlights and wreaths. Our second task will be to reduce the main drive hedge to a manage height. If anyone would care to join our small band please contact myself or Phill.

Thank you, Max Jenman Churchwarden.

WINTER WARMER LUNCHES

The Good Neighbour Scheme is holding soup lunches this winter. They will be held on Fridays between 12.30 and 2.00 pm in the Simpson Hall. All are welcome.

The date is: 16th and 23rd February

There will be a small charge of £1 for soup and a roll, and 50p for a hot drink.

For more information, please contact Joe on 760816 or email: jfhelme@gmail.com



Let's grow Potatoes!

Potatoes can be regarded as falling into one of two groups: "earlies" and "maincrop". The difference is essentially one of the time it takes for the potatoes to be ready to harvest (from nine weeks in the case of a "first early" but 12 - 14 for a "maincrop").

Within these two groups, different varieties have their biases: waxy salad potatoes ('new potatoes') like Charlotte, floury frying potatoes like Home Guard and big bakers like Nadine and Estima. For tasty novelties, try a 'blue' (purple skinned) potato or the strange knobbly tubers of the very waxy potato Pink Fir Apple. If this all sounds confusing, there is the tasty multipurpose potato, Kestrel.

Before they can be planted outdoors, seed potatoes should be 'chitted' or allowed to form sprouting shoots indoors, February is the time to get the 'earlies' started. Sit them (away from radiators) in the sections of an egg carton with the ends showing the most eyes (dormant buds) uppermost. They are ready to plant out when the shoots are about an inch (2.5cms) or so long.

Potatoes will thrive in a wide variety of soils. Dig in some garden compost and a little fish, blood and bone (but never manure). Plant the seed potatoes in shallow trenches about 5" (18cms) deep with the potatoes about a foot (30cms) apart for earlies and slightly more for maincrop plants, which are bigger.

Potato foliage is not frost hardy, so cover the shoots with extra soil if they begin to show above the surface when frosts threaten. As the plant grows larger, mound up more soil around the stems so that there is no risk of the uppermost potatoes catching the light and becoming green and poisonous.

Keep the plants well watered in dry summer weather to swell the potatoes and harvest 'earlies' as soon as the flowers open (or the buds drop instead) or they will become floury. To be on the safe side, carefully check that the tubers are the size of hen's eggs before digging up the whole plant.

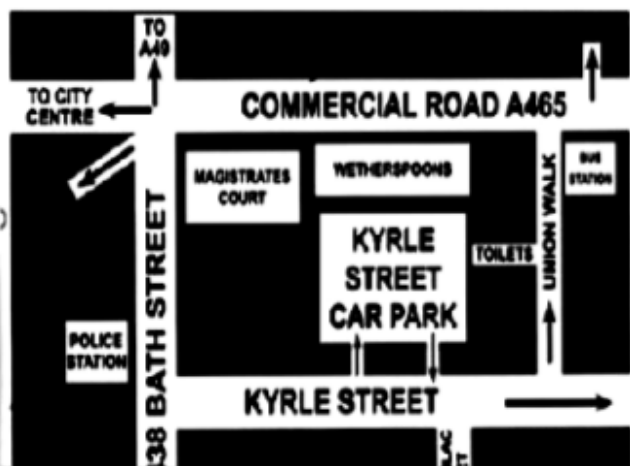
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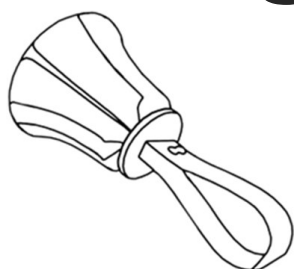


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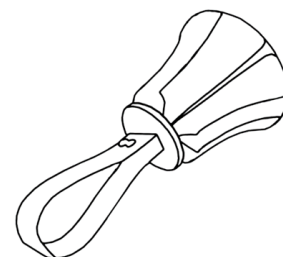


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 07400 322002.

BOOK SWAP KIOSK

(The Old Phone Box by the Church)

• SWAP A BOOK, TAKE A BOOK

There is a new full section every two weeks.

(PLEASE USE THE SANITISER)

!!!PAPERBACKS BOOKS NEEDED!!!

Cash donations go to support the
 Church

Tel: 07721663638



Knit One, Natter Too

You don't have to be a knitter - bring your own craft project and come along. You can be sure of a warm welcome, whatever your interest or level of expertise. We have some (almost) complete beginners as well as more experienced members who are always willing to provide advice or practical help.



We usually meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month in the Simpson Hall, from 2-4pm, with refreshments provided, paying £2 per session. February meetings are on the 14th and 28th.

If you need help with transport, do let me know.

Joanna Helme Tel:760816 email: joannahelme@gmail.com

Community Café



A warm welcome awaits you at the next café on **Friday February 9th** from 10am to 12noon. Do join us for coffee or tea and delicious cakes and scones. Don't worry if you are on your own - you will soon find some friendly folk to chat to. **If you enjoy the café, why not bring along a friend or neighbour?**

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: February 9th, March 8th, April 12th.

Time 10 to 12noon



Ageless & Active



Stay active, strong, and young at heart

Introductory keep-fit programme at Simpson Hall

Starting Thursday 15th February. 12noon - 1pm

To reserve your place text 07548 741 132 or email simpsonhalluk@gmail.com

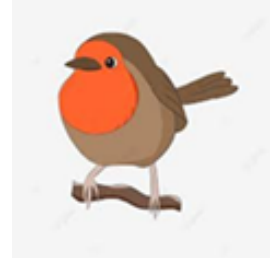
FIRST SESSION FREE!

then £5*/session thereafter for the following 3 Thursdays

Led by Charlie Sinclair - a Personal Trainer specialising in Adults and Seniors - classes are designed specifically for seniors who want to improve their fitness, flexibility, and balance in a supportive and friendly environment.

*sponsored by Simpson Hall, Burghill, HR4 7RW

WINTER QUIZ 2023/24



The closing date for completed entries was Wednesday 31st January 2024, so by the time you read this we may have a winner.

This year we sold a record number of quiz sheets and, as we write this, we have already received a record number of returns. Perhaps this, our 5th and last quiz, was a bit easier than previous ones!

When we have marked the quizzes, we will contact the winner.

If there is a tie, names will be put into a draw after the service in church on Sunday 4th February.

Answers will then be published on the Burghill Benefice website

<https://burghillbenefice.com/>

and they will also be in the March Community Magazine.

Thank you to everyone who bought quiz sheets. We hope you enjoyed it.

And a huge thank you to Heather at Tillington Village Stores for allowing us to sell them in the shop each year.

All proceeds in aid of the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Burghill

Murder in the Crypt:

27th April 2024 at The Simpson Hall.

Matinee with tea and biscuits or evening performance with a light meal.

Booking details will be notified nearer to the date.'



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The Old Oak

Cert: 15 - 113 mins



Fri 23rd Feb 7:30pm
Simpson Hall, Burghill

Admission: Adults: £5.50

Pre-Booked Syrian themed supper of Lamb Tagine with Tabouleh,
served at 6.30pm: £10 includes food & film



Film only, includes tea, coffee and biscuits during the
interval: £5.50

Meal Bookings: Call Annie 01432 760552 or
email annie.ness23@gmail.com

Please book your supper early to avoid disappointment



CASH ONLY and bring your own drinks



The future for the last remaining pub, The Old Oak, in a village of Northeast England, where people are leaving the land as the mines are closed. Houses are cheap and available, thus making it an ideal location for Syrian refugees.

Stars - Dave Turner, Ebla Mari, Claire Rodgers



PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Coffee Morning & Table Sale

Saturday, 23rd March 2024

The Simpson Hall

Burghill, Hereford

10 am to 12.30 pm

Books, Cakes, Bric-a-Brac, household goods, etc

Refreshments, Draw

£5 per table, pre-booked only

Tel. 07581334900 or email sal.rob@btinternet.com

Proceeds in aid of Burghill In Bloom

BURGHILL CAP & COMMUNITY LIBRARY



Our next session is on

Friday, 9th February 2024

10 am to 11.30 am at The Simpson Hall

during the Community Café Session

New selection of books and jigsaw puzzles



ANNUAL LITTER PICK Saturday, 9th March 2024

"Burghill in Bloom" will again this year be co-ordinating the annual litter pick in conjunction with Burghill Parish Council. Arrangements for the day are as follows:

1.30 pm - Meet at The Simpson Hall when there will be a Health and Safety briefing. Litter picks, black bags, gloves etc will be available for you to use courtesy of Balfour Beatty. Refreshments will be provided by the *"Burghill in Bloom"* Team in The Simpson Hall after the litter pick.

If you would like to take part, please contact our co-ordinator, John Parnaby, on Hereford 761564.



This year is the 10th year since Burghill in Bloom was formed and the 60th Anniversary of the Royal Horticultural Society. To celebrate, we are pushing the boat out this year with our In Bloom entry and need your help. The RHS entry theme is "Friendship".

We are looking for help growing Yellow Rattle seeds in readiness to plant wildflower plugs in various locations in the village. You can help by collecting some free seeds from John Parnaby, Tel. 761564. Alternatively, you could support us greatly by making some space at home and/or in your greenhouse to help care for a pre-planted seed tray started by one of our volunteers.

In addition, we want to encourage children to get involved and will be holding a sunflower competition and other activities.

We now have our own Facebook page where we will be posting regular up-dates on the plans for our blooming beautiful village. Just search for Burghill in Bloom. Email address: burghillinbloom@gmail.com

Date for your Diary – "Songs from the Shows" 11th May 2024
featuring Keri Hoffman (more information to follow)

CLEANER/HOME ASSISTANT AVAILABLE

**Do you need help with your household
cleaning, laundry, ironing or small
gardening jobs
or do you need grocery shopping or
prescriptions collecting.**

**If so, why not give me a call on:
07510 050491**

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 Support Line:

We run a **FREE 24 hour Support Line 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.

Befriending:

Befriending volunteers offer companionship and support to people who are isolated and lonely – they may visit you at home and/or phone for a regular chat. A befriender can offer conversation and a listening ear to those that need it.



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

Call our Support Line:

0808 802 0070

Or text:

07786 203 130

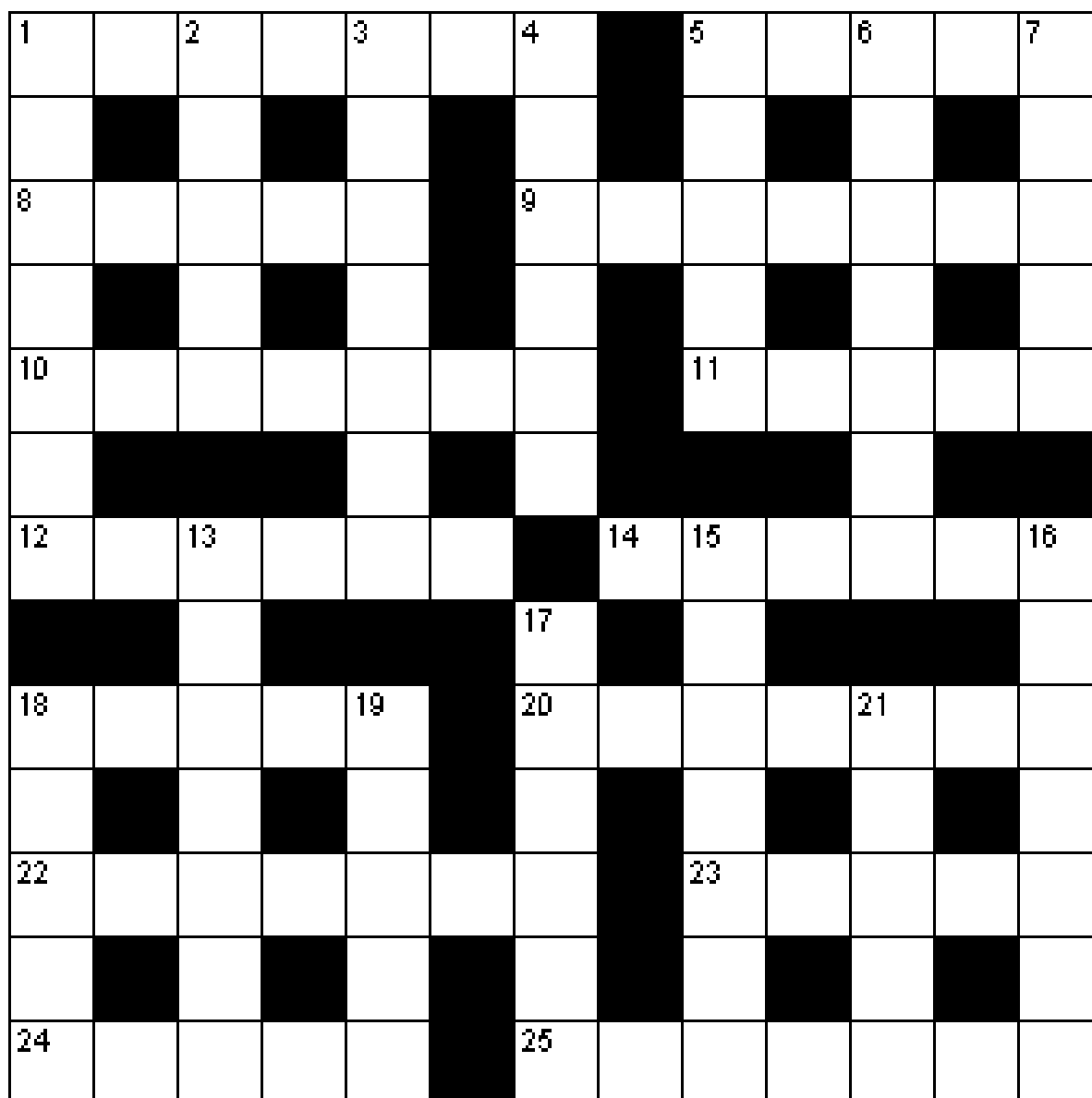
General enquiries: wearefarmingminds@gmail.com

www.wearefarmingminds.co.uk

Registered charity number: 1193461



PUZZLE PAGE



ACROSS

- 1 US state (7)
- 5 Commence (5)
- 8 Explosive devices (5)
- 9 Inhabitant (7)
- 10 Woodwind instrument (7)
- 11 Foolish (5)
- 12 Make up one's mind (6)
- 14 Splendid (6)
- 18 Stratum (5)
- 20 Couplet (anag.) (7)
- 22 French Riviera resort (7)
- 23 Haggard (5)
- 24 Sailing-boat (5)
- 25 Eminent (7)

DOWN

- 1 Drank (7)
- 2 "The Three Musketeers" author (5)
- 3 Run away (7)
- 4 Accessories (3-3)
- 5 Extra payment (5)
- 6 Antelope (7)
- 7 Children's nurse (5)
- 13 Type of crossword (7)
- 15 Tense, repressed (7)
- 16 Inhale and exhale (7)
- 17 Deteriorate (6)
- 18 Verdant (5)
- 19 Automaton (5)
- 21 Fathom (5)

ST MARY'S WALKING GROUP

In December, our festive celebrations began with sherry and mince pies, setting the tone for a wonderful walk around Lyde. During our stroll, we treated ourselves to a special upgrade from our usual coffee break - indulging in Glühwein and warm sausage rolls. We wrapped up our day with a delightful meal at The Secret Garden.

In January, we stayed close to home, enjoying a figure-of-eight walk through Tillington. The highlight? Spotting a Kingfisher during our lunch break at a serene small lake was an absolute thrill.

Our next walks is: **Saturday 3rd February**

We meet at 9:50 am in the Burghill Church car park. From there, we share cars and drive to our starting point for a leisurely 4 to 5 mile walk. We warmly welcome newcomers to join us on our adventures. For more information call Annie Ness: 01432 760552

For those who plan ahead, here are our walk dates for 2024:

9th MAR – 6th APR – 11th MAY – 1st JUN – 13th JUL

3rd AUG – 14th SEP – 12th OCT – 2nd NOV – 7th DEC

Additional Tuesday fortnightly, slower paced walks over 2 hours.
15th and 27th February Meeting 10am at the Burghill bus shelter.

LENTEN SCRIPTURE STUDY

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

TUESDAY EVENINGS

INITIAL PROGRAM:

TUESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY - MARCH 26TH

(RESUMING AFTER THE EASTER BREAK)

ST ANDREW'S, MORETON-ON-LUGG

7.00PM

Parish magazine article February 2024

Ash Wednesday this year will fall on the 14th February which of course is also St Valentine's day! Ash Wednesday is traditionally the beginning of Lent and this has been marked over the years as a period of self-discipline, fasting and spiritual journeying. It is a period of penitence and self-examination and seeing ourselves from God's perspective. Even if we don't have a strong faith we have learnt through the work of Educational Neuroscientists that intentional self-reflection helps us to learn and enhances how we apply, transfer, retain and recall new ideas and information.

The bible recognises that as we go through life we will be tempted and tested and that our response to those times will help to shape the depth of our spiritual lives. I am often astounded by the way many Christians have been shaped by sermons and theology that promise good things but never talk about the cost of following Jesus. The writer and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer called this a theology of cheap grace.

"Cheap grace is the grace we bestow on ourselves. Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate."

Lent gives us an opportunity to realign our lives with God's values, it gives us a prolonged and focussed time to reflect and pray and to read the bible and deepen our faith. The 40-day period is time enough to build in new habits and actions into our lives, which will have a lasting effect.

With ongoing war in Ukraine, the conflict between Israel & Hamas and so much uncertainty in our world I am finding that there is a great deal of anxiety in society about the future and a sense of aimlessness and general anger and tiredness. Lent gives us as Christians an opportunity to give these feelings back to God and to ask him to heal and restore us. It is also, as Paul reminds us, a time to recognise that our human experiences are common and that whilst heightened by the personal challenges or world events, are not unique to us but the difference is that our faith will endure.

"No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to all. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it."

1 Corinthians 10:13

As Christians, whilst we can use this time for reflection, we also know how the story ends and we have an enduring hope within us because Jesus has conquered death and brought forgiveness to us. We are forever Easter people who live in the light of the resurrection and we can mark Lent because of his sacrifice for us. The rhythm of the spiritual and liturgical year is a helpful tool to remind us that there is a cost and a purpose to our faith, which is not about self-benefit and self-fulfilment but about generosity, servant heartedness and a simple humbler faith. As Christians, we have a message of hope for a better future and Lent gives us the perfect opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds to share the good news.

The Venerable Derek Chedzey, Archdeacon of Hereford



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*"The steadfast
 love of the Lord
 never ceases,
 His mercies
 never come to
 an end"*
Lam 3:22-3

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