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Seeking Hope

This year is the five-year anniversary of the Covid pandemic, the 80th anniversary of the end of the second world war and more pointedly the year in which we remember the liberation of Auschwitz. For me, seeing those hostages released from Gaza and their Hamas captors parading those three men, was a stark image. Those emaciated soul was a shocking sight and an image of horror which arises from such hatred. For the world is a crucifying place for many, especially those who have been stripped of their humanity. We also see the signs of this within the Western world as certain leaders who have been elected thrive off the simmering resentments of their respective populations. Leaders who band about their power and ability to destroy this world in an instant and salivate at the prospect of control. These people simply exploit grievances rather than address them. So where is the hope in a seemingly hopeless world? St Paul tells us: "If with merely human hopes I fought with wild animals at Ephesus, what would I have gained by it? If the dead are not raised, 'Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.'" (1 cor 15:32). In other words, the hope Paul speaks of is beyond this world and for that reason he has hope not just for himself, but for the whole world, because God made it.

Hope therefore is not something that is with us but rather something we have in front of us. For if we have it, it is no longer hope but rather something realised. Yet hope, is about the future, it is about the broader picture. I'll never forget what one Jewish lady said, that when she was a child, she was liberated from her camp on Easter Sunday. Though she was not a Christian, she took it as a sign that the God and His goodness was with her. That evil had been vanquished that day. Of course new days come with new challenges. Yet her eyes were opened to a greater thing beyond her situation. That feeling of liberation helped her build a new life, a life not contained or controlled by the past, because she found that goodness prevailed, and hope did not disappoint. As we travel through our own times, and particularly this Lent, let us not lose hope in the goodness of God and in the hope that Easter brings. Let us hold on to what is good and hope for higher things, for we lose nothing in hope and hope, in the end, will not disappoint.

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ADVANCED NOTICE!

Saturday April 12th. Easter Family Bingo in aid of churchyard fund. 6.30 Eyes down.

Thanks Max

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March: On **Thursday 20th** a group of folks from the local **Hereford Ukulele Group** will come and play & sing well know songs for us. You will be able to joint in if you wish. Val who lives in the village is part of the group.

April: On **Thursday 17th** we have a group coming to show us what **5 Stick Weaving** is all about. Curious then come along and find out.

Tickets for the draw, that take place at each meeting, will cost £1.

We meet in the **Simpson Hall** commencing at **2-30pm** The cost is £3 and it includes light refreshments.

Burghill & Tillington Gardening Club

March 4th
Simpson Hall
7.15pm

This month our speaker is Ros Bissell from the award winning Moors Meadow Gardens. This is an RHS partner garden, an intriguing and eclectic garden covering 7 acres near Bromyard, full of appeal to the true plantsman. The talk is entitled “Moors Meadow past and present”, and will doubtless tempt us to want to visit the gardens!

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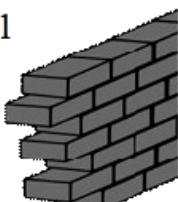
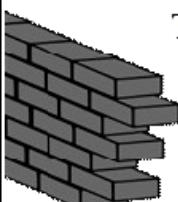
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Burghill in Bloom update (BiB)

The theme chosen for 2025 is **Sustainability and Environmental Sensitivity**. Since our last update note there has been a few days of snow and some very frosty days and nights but the spring flowers and shrubs are commencing to show signs of growth. I trust that you have seen that some of the BiB daffodils that were planted in the grassy bank just up from the Bus Stop in the village are budding up nicely.

All are welcome to be part of our **BiB Village Litter pick event** that is to be held on Saturday 15th March. Come to the Simpson Hall for 1pm ready to get out and about by 1-30pm. All equipment is provided and there will be refreshments at the end of the event.

Our BiB **Coffee Morning / Table Sale fund raising event** is set for Saturday 5th April. For further information refer to the detailed notice shown in another part of this magazine.

Any questions call John Parnaby 01432 761 564



The Burghill Short Mat Bowling group sent three teams to compete in the Macmillan Competition at Leominster Leisure Centre, raising funds for this very worthy cause. The final results are still awaited.

The Copse Nordic Walking Group will be taking part in the St Michael's Hospice Big Spring Walk on Sunday, 16th March 2025. The walk will take us along the

beautiful and much loved Breinton ending up at the Rowing Club where there will also be a Paws For Thought Dog display.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday, 24th May 2025

Music Bingo, Simpson Hall (great fun)

Celebrating our Community Day on The Copse **Sunday, 24th August 2025**

Various stalls, Petting ponies, Skittles, Open Mike Session, Barbeque, Bar, Fish and Chip Van, Musical entertainment, games. Ideas very much welcomed. If you can help me with setting up, on the day or have any ideas, please contact

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**Our next session is on
Friday, 14th March 2025
10 am to 11.30 am at The
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GNS Meals On Wheels

We are looking for another driver to deliver meals in the village. This is not an onerous task, as it involves delivering meals to one or two houses once a fortnight. If you are able to help or would like more information please contact Joe on 01432 760816 or email: jfhelme@gmail.com

GNS WINTER LUNCHES

Due to the popularity of our lunches we are continuing them until the end of April.

The dates are Friday 28th March and Friday 25th April. They take place in the Simpson Hall from 12.30 to 2.00 pm.

There is a small charge of £1 for soup and a roll and 50p for a hot drink and a biscuit

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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.

The **Community Library** operates at the same time; for books, jigsaws and green bags

The GNS Welcome Pack

Is now available for anyone new to the village. If you are new, or if you know someone who is, and would like a Welcome Pack, please contact Joe Helme: 01432 760816 or jfhelme@gmail.com

MARCH SERVICES *Burghill Benefice*

2ND

SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

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9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	All Age Worship
10.00am	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	Family Pet Service
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	All Age Worship

5TH

ASH WEDNESDAY

10.00am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Ashing Service
7.00pm	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Ashing Service

6TH

THURSDAY

9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
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9TH

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

10.00am	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	Joint Benefice Eucharist
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13TH

THURSDAY

9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
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16TH

2ND SUNDAY OF 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	Morning Prayer
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Parish Eucharist

20TH

THURSDAY

9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
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23RD

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

25TH

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

7.00pm	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	BCP High Mass
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27TH

THURSDAY

9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
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30TH

MOTHERING SUNDAY

8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Parish Eucharist
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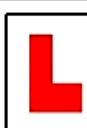
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ST MARY'S WALKING GROUP

For our February walk, we stayed local, setting off from the church through the orchard to Badnage Woods. With the chilly weather, we kept our coffee stop brief, pausing on the hill in the woods before making our way back. A big thank you to our walk leaders for their efforts in scouting routes before settling on this enjoyable walk!

Our next walk is:

Saturday 1st March

Starting from Burghill church 9.50am

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

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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.

March meetings are on the 12th and 26th

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

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



Community Café



Community Café

A warm welcome awaits you at the next café on **Friday March 14th** 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 ?

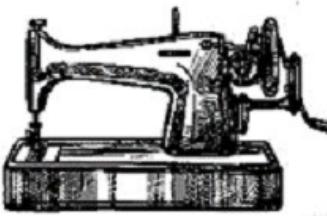
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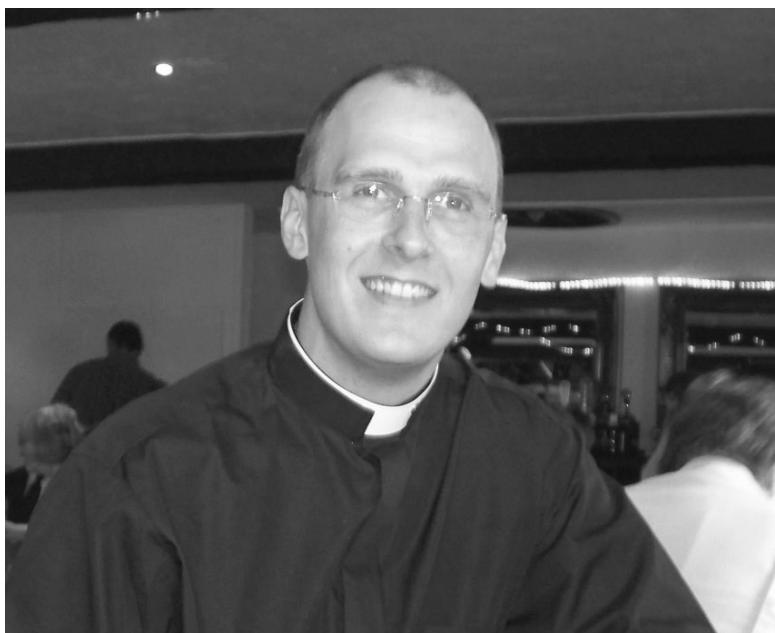
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Our Rector, Rev Phillip Brown is doing a sponsored abseil down Burghill Church tower on Saturday May 3rd. This challenge is part of his fiftieth birthday celebrations and he is raising much needed funds for Burghill church. There will be sponsor

forms available from members of the church PCC or we have created a JustGiving page where you can donate to Phillip's challenge

Click on the link below or visit the church website or Facebook page

https://www.justgiving.com/page/revphill-brown?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

THE PICTURE ABOVE IS FROM WHEN I WAS FIRST ORDAINED, MANY YEARS AGO.

Bible Study Group

Once again, we are having a Bible Study Group this year after last years was so enjoyable. This year we are going to be looking at St Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

The Study group will be meeting in St Andrew's Church, Moreton-on-Lugg

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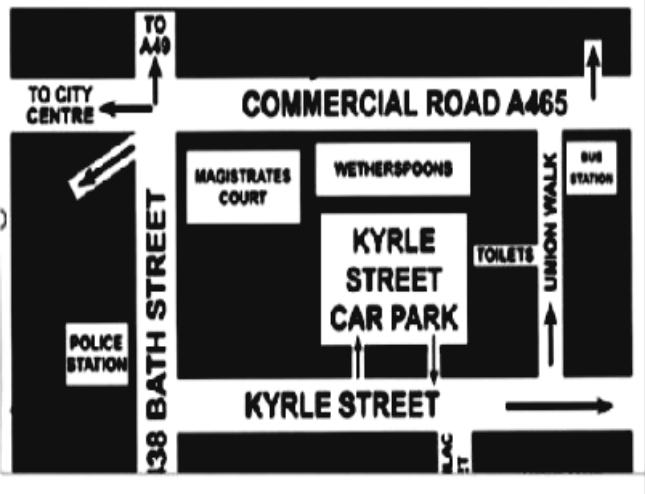
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Wild Mountain Thyme

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Fri 14th Mar - 7.30 pm

The Simpson Hall, Burghill

Admission: Adults: £5.50 Child: £3.50

Enquiries: 07726 148736

Pre-Booked supper: Bacon and Cabbage with Parsley Sauce and Champ Potatoes, served at 6.30pm: £11 includes food & film. To book your meal email annie.ness23@gmail.com or leave a voice message 01432760552. Please book your supper early to avoid disappointment.

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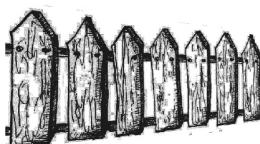
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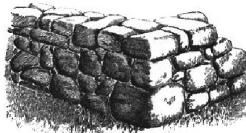
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Simpson Hall, Burghill for 0-4 year olds

Join us for themed activities including messy/sensory play and crafts, regular areas (kitchen, tractors, playdough, puzzles), singing circle, story time and snack. Tea and Coffee available for carers.

25/2 No theme

4/3 Visit by the Police

11/3 World Book Day

18/3 Spring

25/3 Mother's Day

1/4 Trip out

8/4 Easter Party

No playgroup for 2 weeks for Easter holidays, return on 29/4

Please tell all your family and friends about us as we love seeing new faces! For more information please see our Facebook page: Golden Meadow Playgroup

St Mary the Virgin Church Burghill Electoral Roll

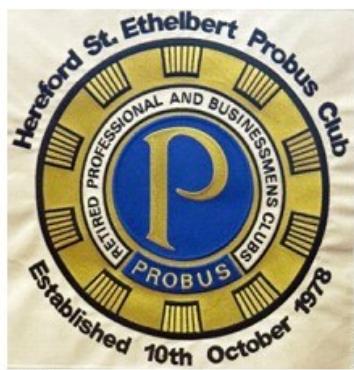
The Church Representation Rules require that every 6 years a new electoral roll is prepared – the last one was prepared in 2019 and so the new one is due in 2025.

If you wish to have your name added to the electoral roll please contact Emma Noble (Electoral Roll Officer) at emma.noble1@talktalk.net or phone 07954 706182.

Application forms for enrolment onto the church electoral roll are available at the back of church towards the font.

The last date for enrolment onto the electoral roll is 15th March 2025.

Alternatively, if you think you may be on the current roll but would like to be removed please email the electoral roll officer using the contact details above.



A Hereford Probus Club is now welcoming applications to join its membership.

The Hereford St Ethelbert Probus Club is one of the County's most vibrant Probus Clubs. Located at the award-winning Kindle Centre adjacent to Hereford's ASDA store, it meets weekly on a Tuesday morning between 9.30am and 11.30am.

The Club provides a friendly social environment and offers a varied programme of both visiting and in-house speakers alongside a number of regular social events. If you have recently retired or found that you have a little more spare time on your hands, why not get in touch and we will invite you to one of our meetings to meet the membership and experience first-hand what goes on?

To find out more, please contact the club secretary via our website:

secretary@stethelbertprobus.uk Or telephone Stuart on 01432 353100

We look forward to meeting you.



Digital Awareness Sessions

At the Simpson Hall,
Burghill, HR4 7RW

Following the successful introduction of the new Digital Awareness sessions organised by Talk Community, the Simpson Hall and the CAP, Parishioners are invited to our next free session on **Wednesday 19th March between 2-4pm**. Those attending are welcome to bring their own device, laptop, tablet, or smart phone and we can help you to access relevant sites for information, give advice on security, setting up emails, filling in online forms etc, or simply just getting to grips with your mobile phone. Alternatively, we also have two laptops provided by the Herefordshire Community Fund which would be available for your use.

Talk Community also has a presence at the monthly Good Neighbour Coffee mornings and can provide digital help if required.

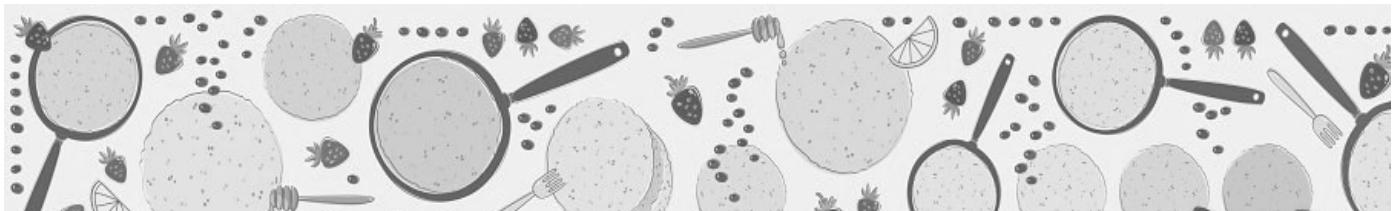
If you would like more information, please leave a message, or text, 07889285657 and we will get back to you. Alternatively, you may email:

janettepudsey@burghillparishcouncil.gov.uk

PANCAKE DAY

“SHROVE TUESDAY”

Tue, 4 Mar 2025



Shrove Tuesday is a day of preparation for Lent, a 40-day period of fasting and prayer that precedes Easter. The name comes from the word "shrive," which means to confess sins and receive absolution.

Pancake Ingredients

You likely already have everything you need to make this pancake recipe. If not, here's what to add to your grocery list:

- **Flour:** This homemade pancake recipe starts with all-purpose flour.
- **Baking powder:** Baking powder, a leavener, is the secret to fluffy pancakes.
- **Sugar:** Just a tablespoon of white sugar is all you'll need for subtly sweet pancakes.
- **Salt:** A pinch of salt will enhance the overall flavor without making your pancakes taste salty.
- **Milk and butter:** Milk and butter add moisture and richness to the pancakes.
- **Egg:** A whole egg lends even more moisture. Plus, it helps bind the pancake batter together.

How to Make Pancakes From Scratch

It's not hard to make homemade pancakes — you just need a good recipe. That's where we come in! You'll find the step-by-step recipe below, but here's a brief overview of what you can expect:

1. Sift the dry ingredients together.
2. Make a well, then add the wet ingredients. Stir to combine.
3. Scoop the batter onto a hot griddle or pan.
4. Cook for two to three minutes, then flip.
5. Continue cooking until brown on both sides.

TOVE

Now there's a word for you. But surely, you say, there is no such word as *tove*! And as far as my *Concise Oxford* is concerned you would be right. There is no such word in the dictionary, and therefore, one might presume, no such thing exists either. But hold on! Just because '*tove*' fails to appear in the dictionary it doesn't necessarily follow that there is no such thing as a *tove*; for all I know it might just be that nobody has yet come across one and bothered to name it. Dictionaries tell us which words are currently in circulation, which words are being used and what they mean, and what a word *means* -- assuming a single word can have *meaning* -- is whatever it points to or designates. Then again, since names don't appear in dictionaries, and any word, even a single letter, can be used as a name, perhaps '*Tove*' (with a capital 'T') is a name too. And so it is, as Google informs me, that *Tove* (pronounced toe-vah) is a common Scandinavian name for a girl. I'm also reminded that some names have significance above and beyond whatever it is they designate. For Scandinavians, '*Tove*' *means* beauty, even if *Tove* turns out to be ugly. And then of course there are the fictional names for non-existent things, but even here the names themselves are perfectly real and often totally affecting. There may still be lots of children, for example (not to mention adults) completely in awe of Lewis Carroll's "slithy toves" that "gyre and gimble in the wabe".

Now the very fact that I consult my dictionary, ask Alexa or Google, *means* that I am using words, whether printed or spoken, to verify the *meaning* of another word. Even our inner thoughts, our ideas, are conducted largely in terms of words. We don't *have* to say what we think, but in a real sense, in a distinctively human sense, our thoughts are what we say, even when we only speak inwardly to ourselves. And in the act of denying that something exists -- in virtue of the very act itself -- I cannot help but invoke the thing being denied. I claim there is no such thing as a *Tove*, for example, but in making this claim I create the idea '*Tove*'. All of which brings us to Plato's great question: "Is the holy loved by the gods because it is holy, or is it holy because it is loved?" In concrete terms: Do I say this table is solid because it is solid, or is it solid because I say it is? In this sense, it looks as though I am locked into a circle of language, a circle from which there is no escape. On the other hand, there is no reason to think of this as a vicious circle. After all, entrapment within language is a necessary feature of the human condition, dangerous yes, but delightful too.

Rob Newton

World Day of Prayer 2025

The World Day of Prayer is a women-led, global, ecumenical movement. Each year the materials are prepared by women from different countries. This year has been the turn of the women from the Cook Islands and the theme is 'I made you wonderful'. Within 24 hours, the prayer service will be celebrated all over the world, including Weobley, where it will be held at the **church of St. Thomas of Hereford, Meadow Street, on Friday 7th March at 10:30 am.**

Everyone is welcome (men and women!) There will be refreshments in the parish room after the service.

For more information contact Joanna Helme : joannahelme@gmail.com

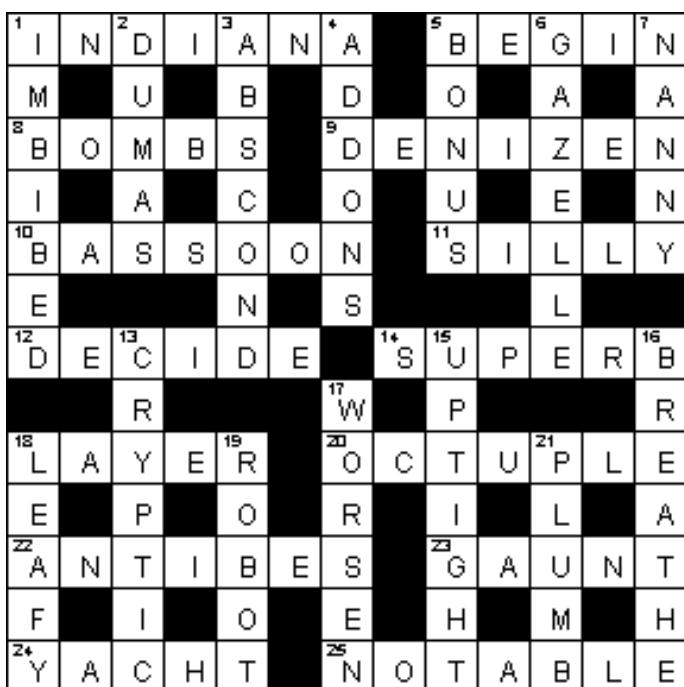
Spring, the sweet spring

By Thomas Nashe

Spring, the sweet spring, is the year's pleasant king,
Then blooms each thing, then maids dance in a ring,
Cold doth not sting, the pretty birds do sing:
Cuckoo, jug-jug, pu-we, to-witta-woo!

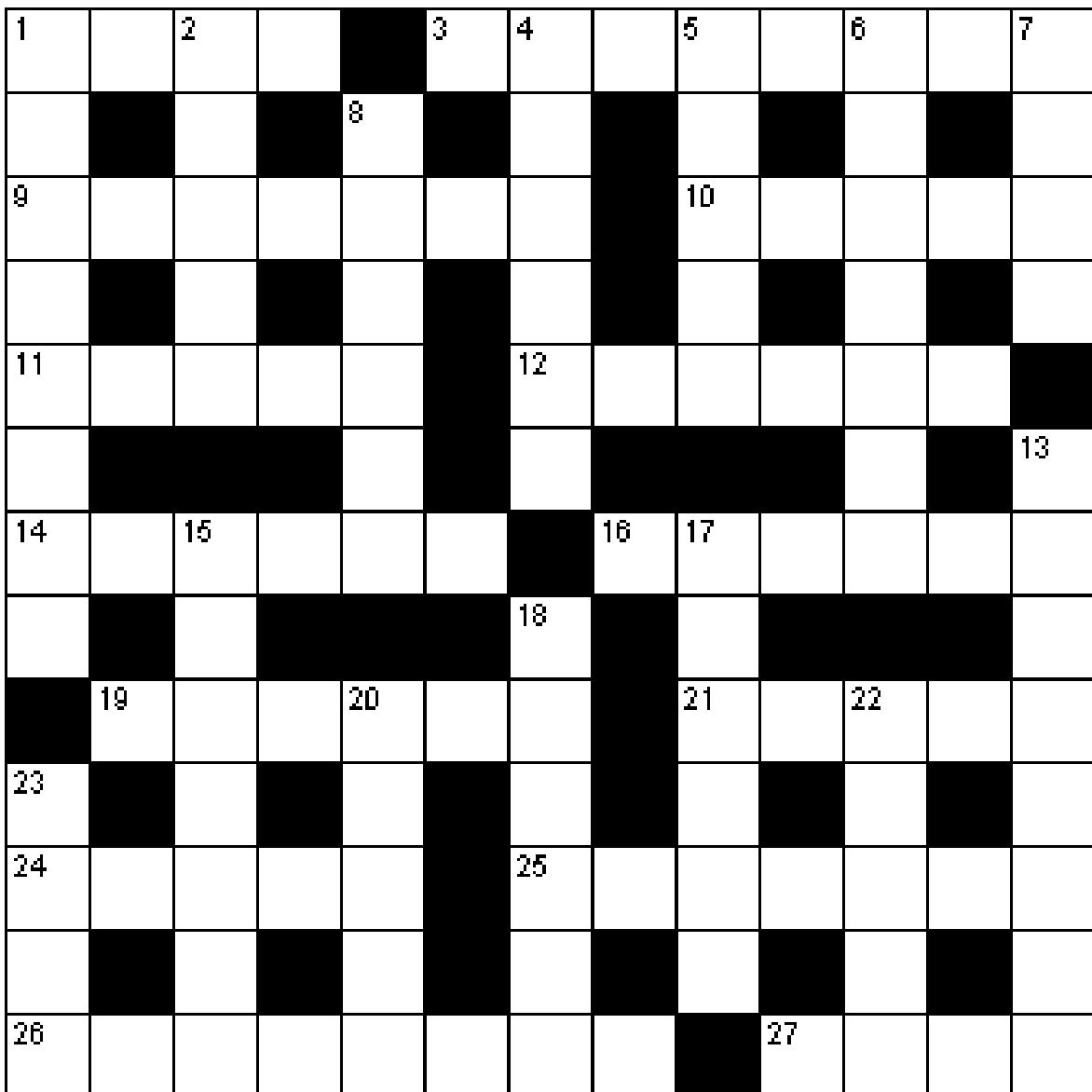
The palm and may make country houses gay,
Lambs frisk and play, the shepherds pipe all day,
And we hear aye birds tune this merry lay:
Cuckoo, jug-jug, pu-we, to-witta-woo!

The fields breathe sweet, the daisies kiss our feet,
Young lovers meet, old wives a-sunning sit,
In every street these tunes our ears do greet:
Cuckoo, jug-jug, pu-we, to witta-woo!
Spring, the sweet spring!



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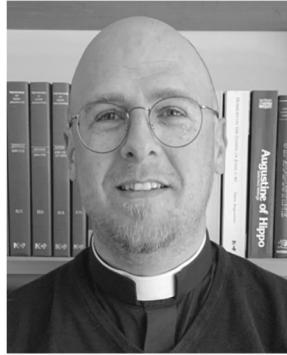


ACROSS

- 1 Cuts the grass (4)
- 3 Italian bread (8)
- 9 Toy bears (7)
- 10 Automaton (5)
- 11 US cattle farm (5)
- 12 Educational establishment (6)
- 14 Reddish-brown hair colour (6)
- 16 Homicide (6)
- 19 Citrus (anag.) (6)
- 21 Conked out (5)
- 24 Reversal of direction (1-4)
- 25 Utter fluently (4,3)
- 26 Blood vessels (8)
- 27 Perceive by touch (4)

DOWN

- 1 Fabric (8)
- 2 Make broader (5)
- 4 Be adamant (6)
- 5 Accommodation on ship (5)
- 6 Popular newspaper size (7)
- 7 Busy little insects (4)
- 8 Shilly-shally (6)
- 13 Veracious (8)
- 15 Bunch of flowers (7)
- 17 Maintenance (6)
- 18 In short supply (6)
- 20 Male singing voice (5)
- 22 Lying face downwards (5)
- 23 Castro's land (4)



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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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