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My dear friends

Well, the Olympics and Paralympics are over for another few years, but how inspiring they have been, more so I think than before.



Why? Because they have been like no other, these were games held in the midst of a global pandemic, having been postponed a year, being held in a country whose Covid rates were high, the vaccine programme not as advanced as that of the UK, with worries and concerns about it being a super spreader and the absence of spectators. Would all these factors play a significant part and impact the games.

Truth to tell, they did, but maybe not in the way we expected, yes, the athletes and those present had to test daily, there wasn't any visitors but that isn't to say there was no support, the level of mutual support from other members of the team and sometimes from seemingly rivals or competition and camaraderie was a joy and inspiration to watch, sportsmanship, respect and more displayed by competing countries was also inspiring and impressive. Not to mention the humbleness of the athletes as they gratefully acknowledged the supporting people there and at home that have helped them be where they were and their overriding conviction that with hard work, commitment and dedication, anyone and everyone could achieve their dream, whatever it happened to be or happens to be. How inspiring is that? It was a joy to watch and lifted the nation and the achievements belonged to us all and we participated in. In front of our very eyes and ears, a harvest of dreams, possibility and reality of what could be was unfolding.



A harvest of what could be, of living, working, caring, encouraging and achieving was right there, it was and is achievable. We witnessed it and it shone as brightly as the Olympic torch but it doesn't need to end, like the torch being extinguished and after the brightness of the sunshine, is closed and eclipsed as the day ends and the night and darkness comes.

It doesn't have to be, the experience I hope, has reawakened hope in us all, hope for our own dreams that they can be realised, hope that we can dare to dream, individually and collectively, dare to dream of what could be in our homes, churches, communities and world. The harvest is possible, we just have to dream it, commit to it and work together to achieve it.



Will we dream, will we believe and will we reap the harvest? Now that is the question?

Til next time...

Yours in Christ

Kathy

From the Registers: Funeral:

'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord'

Service at Emstrey Crematorium Conducted Revd. Kathy Trimby

Friday 4th June

Trevor John Kynaston

Burial of Ashes 29th June.

Service at St Philip & St James Church, Morton. Conducted by

Rev'd Kathy Trimby on Thursday 12th August 2021.

Jean Woodall

followed by burial in Oswestry Cemetery

September 2021		Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel	Sides men	Flowers	Cleaning
5th September		Isaiah 35: 4-7 Mrs Ann Jones	James 2: 1-10, 14 - 17	Mark 7 24 - end	Mr Peter Frank	Mrs I Lewis.	Mrs Judy Richards Mrs A Jones
12th September		Isaiah 50: 4 - 9 Mrs Pam Craig	James 3: 1-12	Mark 8 27 - end	Mrs Pam Craig	Mrs I Lewis	Mrs Judy Richards. Mrs A Jones
19th September		Jeremiah 11: 18 -20 Mrs Janet Brown	James 3-4 7 -8,	Mark 9: 30 - 37	Mr Jeffrey Kendrick	Revd Kathy	Mrs P Craig Mrs Jill Pritchard
26th September		Numbers 11: 4 – 6, 10 – 16, 24 - 29	James 5: 13 - end	Mark 9: 38 - end		Revd Kathy	Mrs P Craig Mrs Jill Pritchard
3rd October		Genesis 2: 18 - 24 Mrs Ann Jones	Hebrews 1: 1 – 4 2: 5 - 12	Mark 10: 2 - 16	Mrs Ann Jones & j Kendrick	Harvest	Mrs Jill Roberts



Sofa Club and Dementia Activities



Our August trip to that well known seaside destination of Llanymynech was enjoyed by all, as we ‘played in the sand’, made and decorated sand art magnets, that have added colour to members fridges across the Benefice.

We enjoyed ‘fish and chips with salt and vinegar’ in newspaper cones, (they may have been the savoury snack variety, but we all tucked in readily and enjoyed

We spent a few minutes, reminiscing times sitting on the seafront, or pier, eating the real thing!), we enjoyed cloudy lemonade and a scoop of ice cream (served in a paper cup bucket with handle, and eaten with our spoon ‘spade’).



A cup of tea and a sea side decorated bun, complete with sand, sea and a parasol, completed our trip down memory lane of bygone trips to the seaside, we were just missing the paddle in the sea!



Of course there was a souvenir to take home in the form of a rainbow fish.



Sofa Club has served a useful purpose during the pandemic by meeting whenever possible and keeping in regular contact and hopefully will continue to meet every few weeks in small groups for the time being and outside wherever and whenever possible and here are our activities over the next few months

9 September – ‘Walking back to Happiness’ activity to mark ‘Ride and Stride’ weekend at 2.30pm in Morton Churchyard if possible

23 September – ‘My tongue will be the pen of a ready writer!’ short service for St Matthew

21 October - ‘Lunacy, all is lunacy!’ activity based on the Full Moon in Trefonen Churchyard if possible

It is a small group that meets and chats and is accessible to any and all we hope, even those who live with or care for those living with dementia, but by no means limited to just that. It is an informal gathering where we enjoy activities, short services, but above all chat and cake!

And it is partly because this group is open to all, we can display our Dementia Friendly church in each of our Benefice churches, and each year we have to renew that status and commit to three things. This year our 3 aims are

To attend an online Zoom training session to refresh and renew

To undertake a memory walk in aid of the Alzheimer's Society, to raise awareness and funds, which Revd Kathy & Lizzie Lawrence are doing at the beginning of September, see pew sheet for more information and of how to support if you would wish to do so



To plant and encourage the planting of a 'Living Memory' garden in the Spring (more details in future magazines)

For further information contact Revd Kathy 07944 504330

Pedal Power and the Power of Prayer, Proves Powerful Combination

Recently, Norma Jones from Trefonen, was determined to do her 'bit' to aid the Trefonen Hill Walk charities (Parkinson's & Clinics in Uganda and Zimbabwe), and considered various options, knowing she can no longer walk very far, she quickly dismissed the idea of a sponsored walk, she loved to swim but swimming would involve someone taking her to the pool, now that she no longer drives. Not being put off by 'What she couldn't do' but refocussing rather on what she could do, she prayed, reflected and came up with the idea of doing a 'Virtual Sponsored Cycle Ride' but not wanting to aimlessly cycle, she wanted somewhere to aim to



approximately 200kms away, as she wanted to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of Trefonen Church as well. When she set off on her trusty exercise bike she had no idea if she could do it or would do, but set herself target each day and plotted it on the map. Each day, she prayed for strength for the day and for those who might benefit from the money she might raise and we are delighted to say...

She did it, she achieved her goal!

Heartiest congratulations to Norma on her achievement, her determination, commitment and trust that she could at least ...try to do something she was capable of, a lesson to us all. What an inspiration! Why don't you look what you too may do for the Hill Walk charities, other good causes, even the church. You can if you think you can!

Taking Bread and Fish and More ..

The song asks the question 'who took fish and bread, hungry people fed?' well, on Sunday 29 August we had a Forest Church type Benefice



Service, outdoors within sight of water and crops, and we were very fortunate that Treflach Farm fitted the bill brilliantly, if it was good enough for Countryfile, it was certainly good enough for us! They kindly agreed for us to meet at the Fish Pool for our act of worship. Luckily, enough to feed us all. It started at 12 noon the worship was informal and used the surrounding area to explore the Story of the Feeding of the 5000 and what we might learn for today about our relationship with God, our environment and with others. Gifts given by God need to be offered in his service no matter how seemingly insignificant, and he will bless them and allow them to feed and sustain

others, whatever their hunger! There was a chance for everyone to have a turn at Fishing, threshing wheat and more besides. Bread and fish shared and with the weather in our favour, the service finished with a bring and share picnic/BBQ. Everyone, agreed it had been memorable, enjoyable and they had been fed in more ways than one, and were keen to repeat the experience again! So with the success of this service, it is hoped we might have other Forest Church type services in the future and plans are already well advanced for a harvest one in October! Watch this space! For more information contact Revd Kathy 07944504330 or kathpant@aol.com



The next Benefice Service is on 31 October at 10.30am in Trefonen – theme ‘All Hallows Eve Service of Praise and Thanksgiving’

All Hopefully Will be Gathered In!...



It hardly seems possible, that we are talking of Harvest already, but we are, farmers have worked around the clock, against some difficult weather issues, but once more the harvest is gathered and time to say thanks to God for his bounty and to those who worked in partnership with him, and to remember too all those who haven't been so fortunate.

It all starts at

Llanyblodwel on Friday 24 September for a very simple Harvest Supper in the Institute (see elsewhere for more details of time, tickets and where to obtain them)



This will be followed by their **Harvest service on Sunday 26 September at 11am**

Llanymynech Harvest Service is on Sunday 26 September at 10am and will be followed by light refreshments in the hall

Trefonen Harvest Service is on Sunday 3 October at 9.30am followed by light refreshments (NB the time of this service may change if Trefonen decide to have a Harvest lunch, more details in October magazine)

Morton Harvest Services on Friday 1 October at 7pm in church followed by refreshments and **Sunday 3 October at 12 noon in Llyncllys Farm Shop** (more details elsewhere and in next month's magazine)



All are subject to our current PCC thinking of Covid restrictions so the details are a little hazy at present but look out for more, on websites, Facebook pages and more)

At each of the service we will receive gifts for the local Foodbank, amongst others, for those in need, more details will be forthcoming.

Moving House (well kind of!)

During lockdowns and more, we have all had a chance to reflect on things, what's important and why. Covid restrictions meant that the Benefice Office could only be accessed at certain times for any and all information and more and more had to be done away from the church.

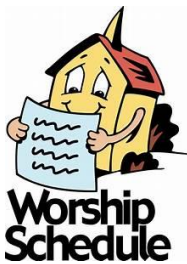
We still managed to function but Revd Kathy found herself more and more having to find other ways of accessing information or taking specific round trips to obtain it and after much soul searching the decision has been taken to



move the Benefice Office to the Rectory at least for the foreseeable future and the phone number listed in the magazine will cease on 3 September. As I write, we are in the process of setting up a new contract and we hope that the Rectory number can be retained but if unsure the e mail for the office or Revd Kathy, or Revd Kathy's mobile number will access the office for you. As soon as we set up the new contract we can confirm the contact details. And would ask for understanding in this transitional period. Many thanks.

Shaping for Mission Plans Brings Possibilities

During June, our Benefice reps came along to each of the churches and had very fruitful discussions about celebrations, regrets and hopes which will form the main basis of our PCC discussions in September. All that feedback then got fed into the Deanery pot, as similar things may and were identified in other parishes too and a plan which looks at the possibility of addressing some of those was to be submitted to the Bishop and Archdeacon in early August, the outcome of which is unknown at time of going to press but hopefully will be known shortly.



One of the things that was identified by each of the parishes in their reviews was the possibility of trying new services to try and attract different people and ages, so from October through to January we are going to have a trail period, so new liturgies, new styles of services and more might be explored and constructively reviewed (hopefully, where people can say what worked, what didn't and why it didn't, and how it might be tweaked a little, what was liked, not liked, what there might be more of etc. All we ask is that people keep an open mind and be constructive. At the end of the 4 month period, we might decide to keep some or extend the period, we will wait and see how things develop.

The plan may also see some changes to times, venues but we will keep Holy Communion the same for the moment and the festivals will also be observed in each of the churches. This will probably evolve further after the meetings in September so there will be more detail in October's magazine, but just giving you a kind of advanced knowledge that this is coming so to speak. One thing definitely we will be doing though is on the 4th Sunday of each month we will be shutting our church doors and holding an on-line service together as far as possible. If you don't do internet, maybe you can buddy up with someone who does! The reason for this is to join the Benefice and each church will take responsibility for organising and leading it, with a little help from their friends



in the Benefice, for those who aren't as confident! By closing our churches, we will be aiding the planet, which we have heard so much about lately, because we will reduce the carbon footprint by not getting in our cars and not heating our buildings either, and that will save some money, again, a win for the churches! Exciting and challenging times ahead, which may not work, but you never know they just might, so we're giving it a try. More details next month!



Bryn Offa CE Primary School

It hardly seems like any length of time, and we are preparing to return to school once more. The summer term was hectic and we crammed an awful lot into a few short weeks including the presentation of the school leavers Bibles at the Year 6 presentation on a gloriously sunny afternoon, we were very lucky for our outdoor performance! Thank you once again for the gifts you give, year on year, it is appreciated by student, parent and by school alike.



The holiday gave a much-needed break for staff and others and we are hoping that come September the school may resemble something closer to normal! We are looking forward to being able to welcome back Revd Kathy and Jane, the Schools Christian Worker to lead assemblies for us in person again! We also hope to welcome back into school our Governing Body for meetings Bubbles and staggered arrival and leaving times may stay in place til half term but gradually, gradually, step by step we are edging our way back.

A new term and a new year always brings new challenges and teething difficulties as we settle back, but within a few days and weeks, it's almost like we haven't been away! Prayers would be welcome as we begin the new term and we look forward to sharing once again with you some happenings and thoughts re our school in future magazines. Til then, thank you for your continued interest and support.



4C's at last on Tuesday 28th September 11.30 am?

It is a long time since we last met up on a regular basis but perhaps now you would feel the time is just right to re-connect with the group? We would, of course, be mindful of any restrictions placed within the Diocese of Lichfield and the meeting of groups at the time of our gathering. Morning Coffee and Cake may tempt you, plus the opportunity to 'catch up' with friends.

It would be helpful if you could let me know if you wish to join us in September in order that I can organise things accordingly....I am somewhat out of practice of organising an event! Also, you may have some ideas for the future meetings. Hope to see you soon. *Janet* (01691 682270)



11th September 2021

This National event is an important occasion. It can raise significant funds for churches & chapels who join in; and it's the biggest fundraiser of the year for Shropshire Historic Churches Trust (SHCT), which provides grants for church buildings. Morton has taken part by being open for many, many years and Churches in our area and Benefice have had grants from SHCT, so please read on ... The objectives are twofold: To have lots of open Churches, ideally with light refreshments for visitors. And ...

To raise funds: ie. a person, or couple(s), or a small team, collects sponsorship to visit some churches by walking or riding, (including car rides for us who are older). The sponsorship is split 50/50 between your church/chapel and SHCT. The Covid news is mixed. At present, local people are free to decide if and how, they are to open, depending on local circumstances. BUT: Even if churches cannot be open, there is nothing to stop you collecting some sponsorship money, using our Sponsorship Form, and then doing a walk, or ride, or car ride on the 11th. (Or in the week if other things are happening on the 11th. You will see earlier in this magazine that SOFA is taking part). You may remember Lizzie took part in 2004 and 2005 in her carriage with her Pony Pippin. Lizzie has decided to repeat this with her pony Krystie. She will start at Morton Church at 11am then to the following churches Maesbrook, Kinnerley, Knockin, Maesbury and finally returning to Morton. If you would like to sponsor Krystie, who will be doing most of the work, then please fill in the sheet you can find on the porch window. Or speak to Lizzie. Should you like to accompany Lizzie on the carriage for a leg between each of the Churches and can raise a sponsorship of £25 you would be very welcome.

If you would like more information please contact Lizzie 01691 656805

If that doesn't float your boat, so to speak, we are planning to have a Natural Heritage trail around the Churchyard for children and families, parents/grandparents could enjoy some refreshments whilst the children wander around the churchyard and answer the questions, learn about the wildlife and about the history and get a little prize on completion. To take part costs £1 per entry and is available from 2-30pm in the church. Again contact Lizzie Lawrence for more information

Canal Towpath Walk and Tea.

On Saturday 21st August Roy Mansell led a walk along the canal towpath, explaining how the restoration of the canal was and had been done. There were two groups, one that walked and one that sat and chatted and had tea; the walking group had tea when they returned. We were all able to see the board of pictures that showed the work in progress below Crickheath. It was just lovely to be able to spend time together. Thanks go to Roy Mansell, Peter Richards and Janet Brown who worked with the walkers and Judy Richards, Joan Insall-Jones and Ann Jones who worked on the teas. We raised £150, which will be split equally between Morton Church and Montgomery Restoration fund.

Congratulations



Morton Parish and Benefice would like congratulate Douglas and Jane Wood on the occasion of their Golden Wedding on the 27th August. We hope they had a lovely day and were able to meet to celebrate with friends and family.

Say it with Flowers

For those of you who are eagle eyed observant and on the alertness ball, you will notice with the dawn of September comes a new step on our journey, the reintroduction of readers, sidespersons and the recommencement of flowers in the church, well fresh ones anyway!

If you have a burning desire to arrange flowers but have never had the opportunity, now is your chance, it doesn't matter if you are a complete novice or have done courses, all we ask is the desire to give of your best to God. You can choose to put your name down just because of that, you could choose a particular date that might have significance eg in memory of a loved one, choosing their birthday, or the Sunday closest to it, or to mark a significant date for someone living eg to mark a wedding anniversary. The church always looks lovely with fresh flowers so even if you would like to do them just for a couple of weeks just because your favourite colour is red and you'd like to see red flowers in the church once in a while then speak to Ann Jones (who does the flower rota) and tell her if you would like a particular date, or just volunteer for a slot. Or failing Ann, then contact Lizzie Lawrence.

If, on the other hand arranging flowers isn't your thing but you would like to have flowers in the church for your loved one or to mark a significant day, then arrange with Ann to either give some money or donate flowers and we can organise someone to arrange them on your behalf.

Flowers are a visible sign of love – love of God, people of significance and events, so if you can help we'd love to hear from you. Let hope spring eternal!

Answers to the last quiz

True or False Questions:

1. False - killed by a group of senators on the Ides of March (15).
2. False - Bay of Bengal.
3. False - a Jewish Festival 28th November to 6th December.
4. True.
5. False - Microwaves cause water molecules in food to vibrate, producing heat.
6. True.
7. True.
8. False - Pyramids also found in Sudan, Italy, Mexico and Cambodia.
9. True.
10. True.

September Quiz

Trivia Questions:

1. The action of which celestial body causes tides?
2. Who is the founder of Apple Computers?
3. Where is Gettysberg?
4. In October in 1872 what almost destroyed Chicago?
5. What is cargo of a spacecraft called?
6. Dr Jonas Salk developed a vaccine for which virus in 1954?
7. Of which country was Greenland a colony until 1981?
8. In 1960 which manuscripts were found hidden in a cave in Jordan?
9. Which political party did Bill Clinton belong to?
10. Lobiya are Indian peas with which colour “eyes”?

Answers in October’s Magazine.

NEWS FROM PANT MEMORIAL HALL

At time of writing (early August) we are delighted to see the hall calendar filling up again. The committee were also able to meet in person for the first time since March 2020, comfortably spaced in the main room on our new padded vinyl chairs. We have been working over zoom, by phone and by email, but there’s nothing like a real meeting to get everyone involved.

We are very pleased to say that we have been awarded another grant from the Tirgwynt Wind Farm community fund. This will allow us to replace the 40 year old children’s chairs with some new ones, plus new child size tables and more new adult sized chairs.

Less happily, we regret to announce the cancellation of the autumn bazaar for a second year. We hope that we’ll be able to hold the event in 2022 as part of our centenary celebrations.

With mandatory restrictions now removed, all facilities in the hall are back in use. This includes our serving kitchen (and our famous green beryl crockery, as well as more modern equivalents). Hirers are now able to make their own decisions about how to run their events. We will continue to help by

providing cleaning materials, hand sanitiser and (most importantly) lots of window keys scattered around to ease ventilation. Hire fee remains at the 'restart rate' of £5 an hour for the rest of 2021.

Even more importantly, there are now no restrictions on the type of event that we can hold. That means family gatherings and parties are now welcome again, and our village hall is now able to host everyone in the community.

Here to help with any queries – lots of information on our website and all contact details are below.

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you can also follow us on facebook @pantmemorialhall, on twitter @pantmemhall, or even leave us a note in the postbox.

The hall is run entirely by volunteers - we will get back to you as soon as we can

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