

PARISH NEWS

OF

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PENCOYD, TRETIRE, MICHAELCHURCH,
HENTLAND AND HOARWITHY

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PARISH NEWS

THE ARCHENFIELD BENEFICE

For enquiries on baptisms, funerals and wedding please contact the Vicar:
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Vicar's Letter

The vicarage has recently been taken over by a large, orange personality called Thomas O'Malley. He arrived with very little interest in introductions and absolutely no sense that he ought to ease himself in gently. Within hours he had made it quite clear that he belonged — on the chair, on the windowsill, on the laptop and on my lap.

He is, as you might imagine, enormous. And cheerful. And just a little bit cheeky. But what has struck me most is his complete confidence in his place in the world. He doesn't seem to spend any time wondering whether he is welcome, whether he has earned his spot, or whether he ought to be somewhere else. He simply assumes — quite boldly — that he belongs.

And, of course, because he assumes it... he does.

May is a bit like that, I think. It arrives and simply gets on with being itself. The hedgerows fill out, the cow parsley appears almost overnight, gardens are humming with life. No fuss. No apology. It just gets on with growing into itself.

And perhaps there's something in that for us.

Because many of us spend rather a lot of time wondering if we are enough. Productive enough. Helpful enough. Good enough. As though belonging is something to be earned, rather than something to be received. Thomas O'Malley, in all his orange magnificence, would find that a very strange way to live.

There is, at the heart of the Christian story, a gentle but persistent reminder that we are already held in love — not because we have proved ourselves, but simply because we are. We belong. Before we achieve. Before we tidy ourselves up. Before we get it right.

So perhaps this May, as the world around us quietly grows into itself, we might take a small lesson from a large cat: to rest when it is time to rest, to enjoy what is good when it is in front of us, and — just occasionally — to sit exactly where we are, without apology.

And to trust that we belong there.

May you find a warm patch of sunlight this month, and know that you are welcome in it.

Rev Angie x

SERVICE ROTA

For any changes please check the benefice website <https://archenfieldbenefice.org.uk/>

Sunday May 3rd	10.00 am	Tretire Benefice Holy Communion
Sunday May 10th	9.30 am 11.15 am	St Weonards All Age Communion Orcop Holy Communion
Sunday May 17th	10.00 am 6.00 pm	Hoarwithy Holy Communion Pencoyd Evening Prayer
Sunday May 24th	9.15 am 9.30 am 11.15 am	Hentland Holy Communion St Weonards All Age Worship Garway Celtic Service
Sunday May 31st	10.00 am	Pencoyd Benefice Family Communion
Sunday June 7th	10.00 am	Orcop Benefice Holy Communion

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Sunday June 7 <u>Orcop Church</u> Benefice Communion 10.00am All are welcome
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PRESCRIPTION COLLECTION



18th May Lawrence 01981 580548

!!! Magazine News !!!

COPY DATE April 10TH PLEASE 6.00PM

**Grants from advertising profits to the
benefice to support ministry, Dore Transport,
Garway School and St Weonards bowls club.**

VILLAGE PAGES

ST WEONARDS

Last month it seemed that spring was coming gradually, but suddenly for a few days summer arrived! It was amazing to sit outside for meals, to enjoy the warmth and when walking in the woods to admire the carpets of bluebells.

The Palm Sunday walk, shared with our Baptist and Methodist friends proved most convivial with adults, children and dogs enjoying the exercise. As usual some of the dogs joined in with the hymn singing! I am not sure whether they don't like the sound or just want to share in our joy- sadly we shall never know! We are most grateful to Robin Hill for leading us in our worship as we sang familiar hymns and heard the story of Jesus's entrance into Jerusalem.

The Easter Day Communion was such a joyful event beginning with the bells. About one hundred in the congregation, including many families packed our church. Apart from our own parishioners, we were so pleased to welcome friends from other parishes and visitors on holiday in the neighbourhood. I must admit that we quickly ran out of service books, but everyone shared cheerfully and we shall make sure we have enough for next year! (See message below)

Gillie and the flower ladies excelled themselves with the most amazing display all round the church. We are so grateful for all the work done to keep our church looking so welcoming, and thanks to Gillie and the village shop for the Easter Eggs!

We were pleased to welcome Bishop David who took our All Age Communion. He helped us reflect on the way Jesus brought peace to his disciples after the shock of His death, even to Thomas who was so sceptical until he actually saw Jesus. Bishop David suggested that despite the troubles in our world, we can find inner peace through small things that happen. They may feel insignificant at the time but build up a sense of meaning and peace when we look back on them

Please remember to put in your diary the **Open Garden on June 7th afternoon at Treago** where Jim Poyner and friends will be bringing their amazing standing engines. We also hope to have tractors, vintage cars as well as delicious teas. The roses should be at their best, and the wilderness woodland is always worth a stroll. House tours will be held throughout the afternoon. The Grand Draw has some excellent prizes with hampers, plants and a cake and tickets available in the village shop or from PCC members! We hope to see you there.

On behalf of the PCC, Fiona Mynors.

Message from Gillie Hallewell

A big thank you to all who came to celebrate Easter Sunday in Church.

First was the choir with Richard and the beautiful anthem they sang; second the flower ladies, who as usual filled the church with beauty; third St Weonards School for the lovely piece of artwork made especially for the occasion; fourth, Angie with her very active and compelling reflections on how perhaps we should celebrate Christ risen (I'm sure we all got the message and by all I mean a whole church full of mums, dads, children and oldies like myself!!).

Last but not least the chocolate Easter eggs, some kindly donated by Alok and Ishita Patel (from St Weonards Shop) and some from me!

What a lovely way to start Easter Sunday meeting up with family, old friends and new. God be Praised.

Coffee Morning St Weonards Village Hall

Thursday 14th May 10am until 12noon.

Enjoy your coffee, some homemade cake, and a raffle.



Meet up with old friends and make new ones. Just turn up.

Gwyneth Williams

Treago Castle Open Gardens

Tractors, vintage cars, standing engines

Sunday 7th June, 2.00pm

Family day out

Formal rose garden, castle tours, skittles, wilderness wood trail, superb teas, grand draw.

Entrance: £3 adults, children free. Treago-signposted from St Weonards off the A466. HR2 8QB

Proceeds to St Weonards Church. *Assistance dogs only please!*

GARWAY

Garway Church

On Palm Sunday a cheerful band of people and dogs joined a walk from Broad Oak via the Methodist and Baptists chapels to Garway Church. We shared worship, sang hymns and heard the familiar story of Jesus's journey into Jerusalem.

The Tenebrae service on Maundy Thursday in our ancient church, had just the right atmosphere to reflect on the time of trial for Jesus.

Looking forward, on Sunday 26th April we will have our Celtic Services in church at 11.15am and 24th May.
Tracy Somerville, churchwarden.

Garway Coffee Morning in the Village Hall

Tuesday 5th May, 10.30am

Beverages, homemade cakes, good company and a visit from Kelly Brown to talk about and demonstrate the use of essential oils

Garway School

Year 5 and 6 spent a morning in Skenfrith completing their geography fieldtrip project regarding litter pollution in our waterways and they also carried out a community litter pick. Huge thanks to Peter Garratt, who spent Tuesday morning talking to the children about water pollution, nitrates and what we can do to prevent further damage. The pupils really enjoyed his visit.

This poem was inspired by the visit to Skenfrith.

Our Waters Are Ill by Chandra and Kira

Our waters are ill, we're doing nothing about it.
We're leaving in plastic but never doubt it,
It cries all night but still is quiet,
While we're messing around, causing a riot.

The rivers are dying and we're helping it choke,
We're spilling in chemicals and letting it soak,
Our fishermen are fishing but way too much,
Most of the fish are never even touched.

Our oceans are hurt and we're letting it happen,
Whilst we are crying, screaming, smiling, laughing,
Algae is leaving the coral white
As global warming is at its might.

Our waters are ill, let's do something about it,
We should learn how to help it, not to doubt it,
It's the reason that it rains upon crops,
It's time for us to stop starting and stop.

Green Garway Book Group

***Haweswater* by Sarah Hall**

Haweswater, Sarah Hall's 2006 debut novel, is a fictional retelling of the real-life flooding of a rural community in the Lake District to make way for the new Haweswater reservoir to supply the growing population of Manchester.

Set in 1936, the novel brilliantly evokes the slow rhythms of rural life between the wars. But change is very much on the horizon, and the novel immerses the reader in the human consequences of economic progress. In terms of plot and character development, in many ways, the landscape takes central stage here.

This passionate novel brought passionate responses from the group. "Furious", "Epic", "Visceral" and "Hardy-esque" were initial responses. Overall, however, it was felt that the very intensity of the writing ultimately overpowered the underlying story.

Rating 3/5

Thanks to ***Alison James*** for the review

Our next group will be on Monday 11 May to discuss *Playground* by Richard Powers

Set in the world's largest ocean, *Playground* interweaves profound themes of technology and the environment, and a deep exploration of our shared humanity

Julie Hudson



Graham Bevan

GARWAY HERITAGE GROUP

Diary: 15 Sept - The Newport Medieval Ship / Dr Toby Jones www.garwayheritagegroup.co.uk

Archenfield Arts Festival Day

Saturday May 9th, 10am – 5pm

in Garway Church

Free entry for a whole day of music, poetry and fun.

Choirs, ensembles, soloists, poets, harps, fiddles and more – join neighbours and friends to enjoy local talents.

Make a day of it – refreshments on sale – cakes, drinks and filled rolls for lunch.

Details from: Hilary Smallwood 07388 038794 hilarysmallwood5@gmail.com



TUESDAY MAY 12th

7.30pm GARWAY HALL £5.00

HAMNET

I think we, in Herefordshire, are entitled to call *HAMNET* a local film, shot, as it was, in Weobley, Cwmmau Farmhouse near Brilley and at other locations on the Wye. And how glorious the countryside looks as the backdrop for this emotionally wrenching, all-embracing meditation on love, loss and resilience.

It's the imagined story of Agnes (aka Anne Hathaway), and William Shakespeare who are devastated by an all-consuming grief when their eleven-year-old son, Hamnet, dies. Agnes is played by Jesse Buckley who, absolutely deservedly, won the Oscar for best female actor at this year's awards ceremony. She doesn't so much act, as spiritually inhabit the role of the fierce, earthy, independent woman who is every bit the match for her genius playwright husband.

Paul Mescal, as Shakespeare, is also magnificent, torn apart by sorrow and endeavouring to find some kind of resolution in the words he pours onto the page. It's a five-star film with a three-hanky rating but it ends with a billowing and triumphant sense of catharsis.

This is our last show for the current Flicks season so come and celebrate this great film, the wonders of Herefordshire and the beginning of summer with our usual wines, teas, coffees, juice from local orchards and tables full of beautiful cakes. As Shakespeare himself attested, *'tis a consummation devoutly to be wished....'*

Corinne Westacott

Garway Fun Day: Saturday 29th August On Garway Common.

All the stalls and competitions, musical entertainment and food.

And this year for the children a teddy bear theme – bring your teddies to join in the fun!

And in the run-up – make a scarecrow to enter the competition!

Lots to do for all ages – save the date!

ORCOP

The “Final Hour” service on Good Friday was very moving, both for the congregation and the readers. Well done Angie for putting together this rather challenging selection of dramatic readings, from various sources, with appropriate linking narrative. It was stimulating to view the crucifixion through the eyes of various witnesses, and thought provoking in these troubled times, whether or not one believed literally the entire wonderful story.

On a more material note, the Orcop Church bell-tower has finally been cleared of jackdaw nesting materials (some 25 rubble bags of twigs and guano!) and also netted internally to prevent the jackdaws gaining entry. It was done just in time to avoid disturbing this year’s nests. There are many alternative nesting sites nearby and they are clever birds!

Thanks go to Mark Burton (who advertises in the magazine) for a difficult job well done.

Spring seems to have arrived at last, and I hope you are all enjoying the longer, brighter, warmer days.

Margaret Fletcher, Churchwarden

Flower and cleaning rota: Mrs. S. Griffiths.

IT’S A GREAT TIME TO BE WALKING IN ORCOP PARISH!

Orcop Parish has seen major updates to its footpath network thanks to successfully securing two Public Rights of Way grants from Hereford County Council last year. Working with a small team of willing chaps, we’ve replaced 21 wobbly stiles with self-closing gates, installed 18 waymarker signposts, carried out 16 stile repairs, replaced 6 rotten ditch crossings with sturdy planks and handrails and installed new steps with handrails on 5 previously steep and muddy inclines.

Thank you to all the farmers and landowners who gave permission for footpath works to take place. I will be looking for their continued support over the coming year as Hereford County Council have just announced our 2026/27 grant has been approved.

This year I am also delighted to be joined by Ian Garland as the 2nd Footpath Officer for Orcop Parish. Ian has already proved he’s not afraid of hard work and he owns far more tools than me - and actually knows how to use them!

Residents can report any footpath issues by email to orcopfootpaths@gmail.com (attaching photos would be helpful) or call 07747 444 486.

Tracy Pizzanelli, Orcop Parish Footpath Officer

Coffee Mornings Orcop Hall

As the damp, dark days of winter recede, and daylight increases – hopefully with some warmth, we shall return to our summer timetable of monthly coffee mornings from April onwards.

All are welcome: big or small; old or new,
on the THIRD Wednesday of each month from 10.30 – 12.30

May 20th; June 17th.

Do come and join us for some lively conversation and community companionship!

Peta Long

TRETIRE WITH MICHAELCHURCH AND PENCOYD

Our service on Good Friday at Tretire, was greatly enhanced by the accompaniment of a Jenny Wren, who burst into song during silences sending out our meditations and prayers.

Though it was not possible to fit in an Easter Day service in our parish, I gather that many of you joined a packed house at St Weonards which was a joyful service.

It is our turn to host the Benefice group service at Tretire on Sunday 3rd May and hope to see as many as possible there. On the 31st May at Pencoyd we will be hosting on behalf of the Benefice a bonus 5th Sunday opportunity for us to share a celebration of Family Communion.

The PCC has been busy plotting events for the year so please put these dates in your diary. Full details will of course be circulated for each when finalised:

- Sunday June 28th – Annual evening service at Michaelchurch 6.00pm
- Saturday July 11th – Progressive Supper – travel through Pencoyd to Michaelchurch (on foot or by car) to sample and enjoy cuisine through the Parish!
- Sunday August 30th – Cream Teas
- Friday October 2nd – Harvest Drinks at The Old Manor House.

In addition to this, I believe a return of the Parish Tennis Tournament and Barbeque is planned – date to be advised.

John and Kathy Handby very kindly hosted our Lent Lunch at the end of March. It was a lovely gathering in cosy warmth and a huge choice of soups. Thank you for your wonderful hospitality.

See you soon, love,

Elizabeth, Churchwarden

HENTLAND AND HOARWITHY

The Palm Sunday, Pax Service at St Dubricius, Hentland welcomed a wonderful crowd, with new faces and those that are familiar to us. The pop-up choir had been practising with David Phillips and created a beautiful 'noise' – our thanks go to all who gave up their time for practices and putting on such a polished performance.

Following the service, tea and coffee was served which accompanied the wonderful pax cakes which this year were made by Pengethley Farm Shop – they were delicious and our thanks go to Pat at Pengethley for her diligence in making sure they were perfect.

A week later the Easter Day service was held at St Dubricius and again it was lovely to see so many turn out for this early 9.15 slot. The Revd Angie certainly energised the service, which was followed by refreshment and chat.

Work continues to be ongoing with the lychgate, hopefully by mid-summer we should see the scaffolding disappear.

Val Lilwall, Churchwarden

Easter Egg Hunt and Hat Parade



Our thanks to Sarah Devereux and the Friends of Hoarwithy for organising an Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard followed by Hat Parade on Easter Saturday. It was a sunny day and very enjoyable. £87.77 was raised for "We are Farming Minds". If anyone would like to make a donation, please contact Rachel Probert Hoarwithy.

Peter Pember, Churchwarden

Book Review

***The Western Wind* by Samantha Harvey**

This book is both gentle and raw - set in 1491 in the fictional Somerset village of Oakham which is cut off by a broken bridge over its encircling river: *"A village of scraggs and outcasts the only village for tens of miles around that doesn't trade wool, doesn't make cloth, doesn't have the skill to build a bridge."* The people of the village live hard lives of drudgery under the wing of John Reve, their parish priest, who wields both spiritual and administrative power in these Catholic times.

The rawness lies in its evocation of the lives of villagers in the 15th century: the dirt, the poverty, the superstition, the impotence in the face of all-powerful natural forces, uncertain harvests, illness, infant and child mortality – all are depicted with unflinching clarity. Oakham is the poorest of the poor: *"There are goats richer than us,"* John Reve, the priest, ruefully admits.

The gentleness lies in the flawed character of Reve himself in his uncertainty and compassion, his honesty and weak yielding to inevitable subterfuge. After living with his sister for many years, he finds himself alone following her marriage: *"How empty the room, full with emptiness, so brimful with it that it felt there wasn't space enough for me to stand inside its awful fattening hollow..."*

The story centres around the discovery in the river of the body of Thomas Newman, a good man – widowed and with a dead child - on whose generosity everyone depended, and who was a staunch friend to Reve in spite of their gentle side shots over their religious differences, Newman believing that access to their god need does not require a priestly intermediary but could better be attained via the floating notes of his lute: *"The musician plays, and in playing transforms himself into a medium for the divine"* – heretical stuff!

The wild night of storm that preceded the discovery of Newman's body leads to speculation: an accident, or suicide, or murder? There are motives and explanations to be found for all these.

The western wind of the title saved Reve from a fire as a baby, turning the flames in another direction before reaching his home. It serves throughout as a metaphor for a cleansing influence from the sins that Harvey's assorted characters bring to the confessional day in and day out. Much of the narrative is played out in the confessional.

Hovering in the background and harassing Reve with his wheedling ways is the slippery character of the rural dean who is determined to find the culprit (should there be one) for Newman's death. With the bishop in prison in these times of religious intolerance, the dean finds himself out of his depth: "*a man who has outgrown his own shoes and is feeling the pinch.*"

Harvey's prose is a delight and scattered with pithy observations:

"Laziness is a man wasting time, greed is him wasting food or money, anger is him wasting his peace. But envy – envy is him wasting his fellow man. Wasting the solace of other men."

This is a writer to take delight in.

Hilary Smallwood

Garden Notes

A couple of years ago, wanting a spring-flowering clematis and having failed to find the lovely *Clematis macropetala* at the garden centre, I came home with *C. 'Helsingborg'* instead. It is doing well, is healthy and not causing me any problems, but the dangling bell-shaped flowers are too dark a purple to show up against the green leaves. The hunt for a sky-blue *C. macropetala* continues.

Wanting to fill a space at the front of a border by the front door, I have planted several *Saxifraga arendsii* 'Touran Pink'. The whole mix of deep pink saxifrage, yellow primroses, sky blue forget-me-nots, purple aubrieta and bright red tulips has been admired several times by visitors. Because this bed can be seen from the dining room window, I seem to have concentrated all my efforts there and neglected to introduce any colour in the bed on the opposite of the front path. I will have to move some primroses and scatter some forget-me-not seeds to liven it up next spring.

A team of two gardeners has, as promised, spent a whole day 'blitzing' the border by the fence, removing a spiraea, mountains of greater periwinkle, ivy and a few brambles. It has been a great help, and I will enjoy replanting it. However, helpful as it was, I missed getting my hands in the soil, getting up close and personal with the plants and just smelling the flowers, leaves and soil. It's not really the same admiring a border in your own garden that someone else has gardened.



Underneath the *Cornus Mas* tree, the *Erythronium 'Pagoda'* are in full flower. They have clumped up well over the years and we get quite a show now from their beautiful nodding yellow flowers. Every year I admire them and every year I plan to buy more for other shady areas - then every autumn at planting time I forget. It is not just the pretty spring flowers that I love about this time of year. Even the humblest of plants can attract attention. In the shady parts of this garden are the fresh green scalloped leaves of *Tellima grandiflora* – such an understated plant but so lovely in a shady woodland border. The dainty spires of tiny greenish-cream bells are insignificant on their own but a decent-sized group of them is so effective. The leaves darken in summer, and the plant is less noticeable, but I wouldn't be without them in spring. They seed around a bit but that is a bonus rather than a problem.

The leaves are emerging too on my husband's little bonsai trees. We always look forward to seeing the tiny new leaves on the Japanese maple – so dainty and pretty. He has recently added to his collection with a little copse of larch trees and we are looking forward to seeing the soft needle-like leaves emerge. These are young trees but as they age and the trunks thicken, they should look wonderful with their yellow autumn colour and tiny cones.

Julie Davies

Steiner Academy

6th June 10.30am to 4.00pm

Root to Fruit Garden Festival

Hereford Cathedral Events May

Garden Tours: Saturday 2, Wednesday 13 & Saturday 23 May, 2pm. Discover the beauty of the Hereford Cathedral gardens- tours led by our experienced gardeners and guides. Tours-60 and 90 minutes and the gardens are easily accessible, with variations available for visitors with specific mobility requirements. Tickets cost £7.50 adult, £6.50 student and £2 (Aged 8-16) and can be booked in advance via the cathedral website or ticket desk in person or via the telephone (01432 374 202).

Stained Glass Tour: Wednesday 27 May, 1.30 pm Discover more about the beautiful stained glass in Hereford Cathedral. The tour will last around 1.5 hours, ending with an opportunity to view up close a selection of medieval stained glass fragments from the cathedral's Library and Archives in Old Chapel. Tickets cost £10 - Advanced booking essential-limited capacity. Tickets via the cathedral's website.

Lunchtime Organ Concert: Tuesday 5 May, 1.15pm François Cloete, Westminster Abbey. Free with a retiring collection.

Lunchtime Organ Concert: Tuesday 12 May, 1.15pm Roger Judd, Herefordshire. Free with a retiring collection.

Lunchtime Organ Concert: Tuesday 19 May, 1.15pm Shaun Ward, Hereford. Free with a retiring collection.

Lunchtime Organ Concert: Tuesday 26 May, 1.15pm Michael D'Avanzo, Exeter Cathedral. Free with a retiring collection.

I find rhubarb quite a challenging thing to serve as it can be so sour. However, as lots grows here without any effort, I cannot see it go to waste. So I make no apology for including this recipe which I have printed before as I find even rhubarb deniers eat this with relish! It's good to freeze too. On occasions I have also added some tired end of year cooking apples to the rhubarb! Editor

Rhubarb and lemon/orange pudding

750g rhubarb	Grated rind of 2 oranges
75g light or dark muscovado sugar	5 eggs separated
75 softened butter	50g flour
250 white sugar or demerara	1/3 pint of milk
Grated rind and juice of 1 lemon	

1. Roughly chop the rhubarb. Put in overproof dish with muscovado sugar and bake for about 20mins until tender. 180 C (if in a hurry I have also just done it in a saucepan) Leave to cool.
2. Oven at 180 C if it is not yet on.
3. Beat butter and sugar until pale and fluffy. Add grated orange and lemon rinds and lemon juice. Beat in egg yolks one at a time. (Don't panic if it looks a bit odd!) Add flour, beat and add milk last.
4. Whisk egg whites until stiff, fold quickly into the mixture with metal spoon.
5. Pour mixture over rhubarb and bake in 180C until golden brown and firm to the touch. Serve warm or cold. (I much prefer it warm)

Chuck!e Corner

Monty Don giving guidance on how to ensure that plants in pots are ready to go into a flower bed, suggested plunging them into a tank of water until the bubbles appear, 'like a man who has eaten artichokes before his bath!' (*if you have you eaten artichokes you will recognise this dilemma.. we used to call them f..rtichokes....*)

A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows.

How do you fix a broken tomato? Tomato paste!

Dates for the diary:

APRIL

10 Magazine copy deadline

MAY

5 Garway Coffee Morning

9 Archenfield Arts Festival Day

11 Green Garway Book Group to discuss *Playground* by Richard Powers

12 Flicks in the Sticks

14 St Weonards Coffee Morning

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20 Orcop Hall Coffee Morning

JUNE

6 Steiner Academy Garden Festival

7 Orcop Church Benefice Communion

7 Treago Castle Open Gardens

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28 Annual evening service at Michaelchurch

JULY

11 Progressive Supper

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30 Cream Teas

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15 Garway Heritage Group - The Newport Medieval Ship / Dr Toby Jones

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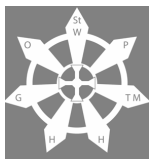
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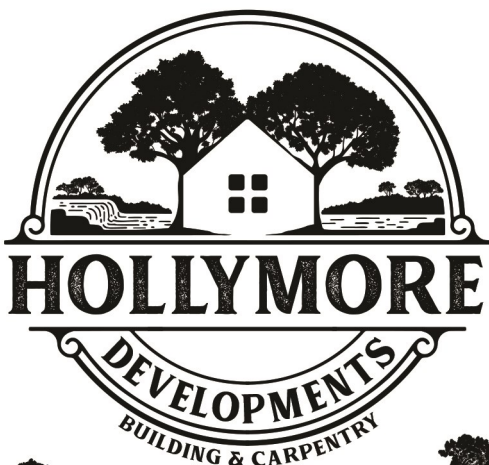
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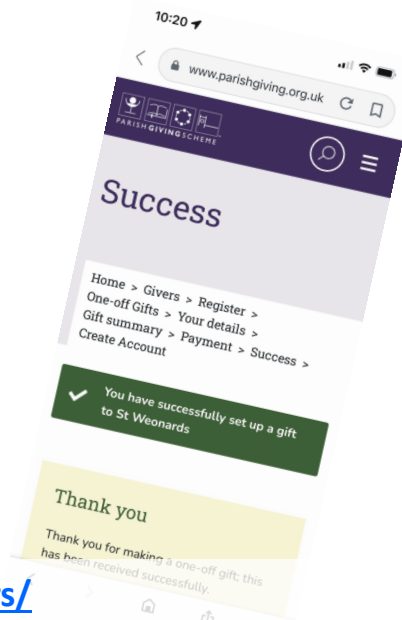
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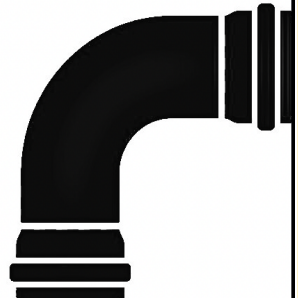
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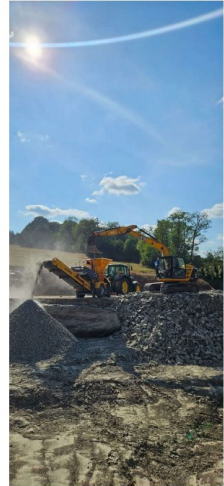
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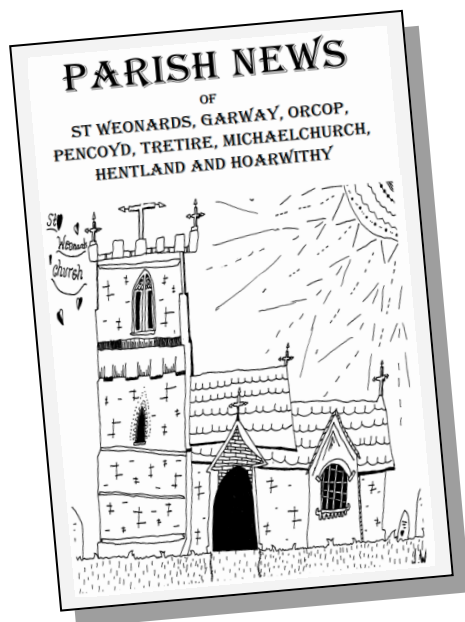
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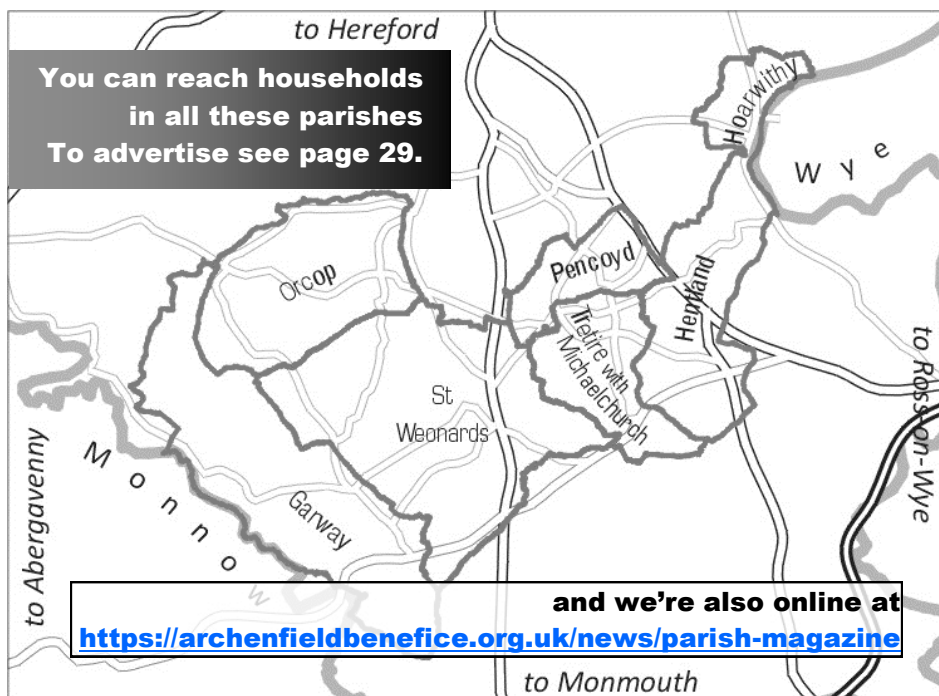
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