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SERVICE SCHEDULE

Date	Service/Officiant	Readings	Readers	Sidesmen
Sunday 6 th April 10.00am <i>3^d of Easter</i>	Family Service		Mrs R Plected Carys Williams	Mr & Mrs A Wright
Sunday 13 th April 10.00am <i>4th of Easter</i>	Parish Communion: CW <i>Revd S Foster</i>	Acts 2. 42 - end 1 Peter 2. 19 - end John 10. 1 - 10	Mr B Fisher Mrs C Fisher Revd S Foster	Mr I MacDonald Mr D Grosvenor
Sunday 20 th April 10.00am <i>5th of Easter</i> 3.00pm	Sung Eucharist: BCP <i>Revd T Surtees</i> Choral Evensong	1 Peter 2. 11 - 17 John 16. 16 - 22	Mrs A Fox Revd T Surtees	Mr & Mrs A Gough
Sunday 27 th April 10.00am <i>6th of Easter</i> <i>Rogation Sunday=</i>	Parish Communion: CW <i>Revd I Williams</i>	Acts 17. 22 - 31 1 Peter 3. 13 - end John 14. 15 - 21	Mrs R Plected Mrs H Mound Revd I Williams	Mrs R Plected Mrs J Cook
Sunday 4 th May 10.00am	Family Service		Mrs P Owens Mrs A Deakin	Mr & Mrs R Owens

Dear Friends,

In last month's magazine Bishop Michael wrote about the Lambeth Conference that will be taking place in Canterbury during July this year. It is the once in a decade opportunity that all the bishops of the Anglican Communion have of being together for prayer, worship, study and discussion. At the meeting of Diocesan Synod in March Bishop Anthony used his presidential address to speak to us all about the Anglican Communion. He reminded us that we are all part of a global family sharing in the mission and ministry of God's church. The bonds of a shared purpose and love for one another should be stronger than disagreements we may have with our neighbours over theological issues.

For many of us the Lambeth Conference and the Anglican Communion may feel a bit removed from our experience of life in the Church. But if we look closely at what we do as a Team we see that we can be really engaged with what it means to be part of a worldwide church. At every service we share in there are intercessions when we pray for the Church and the world. To help us in this task there is the Anglican Cycle of Prayer (available on the Diocesan website www.hereford.anglican.org or included in the Diocesan Prayer Diary available from the Diocesan Office or from me) this is a prayer calendar that ensures that every diocese of the Anglican Communion is prayed for in turn. It is incredible to think that on a particular day people across the whole world are praying for our diocese, our bishops and for us. If you do lead the intercessions on a Sunday please try and include the diocese mentioned in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer because it does make a difference to our sense of belonging to a world family.

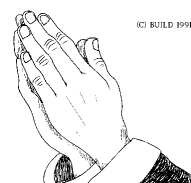
We are very fortunate that we have an overseas link with the people of Maramba Deanery in Tanzania. This friendship also reminds us that we are part of a world family, that we belong to something even bigger than the Tenbury Team. Being involved with our Link and supporting its work are different ways in which we can show that we are pleased that we belong to a world church and a world community.

There are several exciting things taking place soon involving our Link. I will be hosting our third **Tanza-Near Coffee morning on May 17th at The Vicarage**. Put the date in your diaries and please come along and support what is often a wet, but very enjoyable morning! As I mentioned earlier this year, we are very pleased that Revd William Mbuji and Revd Edward Maule will be coming to spend some time with us at the end of May and into June. William is the Area Dean and Parish priest of Maramba and Edward is a priest in another part of the Tanga Diocese. William and Edward are arriving on May 30th and on June 1st we will have a Team Service at St Mary's, Tenbury, to officially welcome our Tanzanian visitors. They will then be attending the Diocesan Conference at Swanwick the following week. On their return they will be with us until June 19th where they will hopefully see many different aspects of life in the Tenbury Team and Hereford Diocese. The Tanzania Link Committee is putting together an itinerary which we hope William and Edward will enjoy. If you would like to accommodate our guests for a couple of nights please contact me as soon as possible.

With all of this good news the Anglican Communion really does feel a lot closer.

Claire

HEALING SERVICE
with the laying on of hands
Tuesday 15th April at 7.30pm
at St Mary's, Tenbury
All welcome



Letter from the Bishop of Hereford

What makes you get out of bed in the morning? Is it just routine? Habit? What you have always done? Duty? Work? Or is it more to do with the joy of a new day? Opportunities? Things you want to do, people you want to meet? May be it's a combination of many different things.

Among all the various reasons, there needs to be hope, something forward looking, positive, drawing us onwards, and (we hope) upwards.

I remember being horrified a few years ago when President Bush was being asked what benefit he thought that democracy would bring Iraq, and he replied that they would be free to go shopping. Not much to hope for! If that is the sum total of our freedoms and our expectations, then it is a sad state of affairs.

Hope is deep and basic to our human living and existence. It is wonderfully and remarkably resilient. It is hope that makes those who are ill or in a desperate plight keep going, the hope of something better.

Hope is one of the three "theological virtues" along with faith and love. It is a fundamental, spiritual quality. It is essential to our living, but surprisingly little spoken about.

We need something worth hoping for in the future. That also means that we need to know where to put our trust in the present if we are to have a chance of getting there! Hoping for good shopping may be enough for some people but certainly is not enough for me.

Our hope needs to involve others and not just ourselves. It needs to look towards something that is big enough to justify our life's energies and existence, something to inspire, to work for, long for.

It is what our Easter hope is all about. The resurrection of Jesus shows a new way, indeed the new way. His new life is the fullest expression of hope, the hope of fullness of life for everyone. It is the way of his self-giving love which nothing, not even death, can kill. That is something to hope for. It is also the energy for our living and hoping.

May you continue to have a joyful and blessed Eastertide - and a hopeful one.

+Anthony

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Hereford Church Singers

40th Anniversary

5th April @ 5.30 Sung Evensong in
Hereford Cathedral

6th April Songs of Praise



at Mary's Church Stretton Sugwas
Where it all started 40 years ago.

DIOCESE OF HEREFORD SWANWICK CONFERENCE

"Sharing the Story" 3rd - 6th June 2008

Exploring different ways of sharing our common story through scripture, worship & word, art, music & poetry, drama, clowning and just living.

Principle speakers include Archbishop Rowan Williams

If you are interested, further information is available at the office or from Claire

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following youngsters in the parish:

Oliver Palethorpe who will be 13 years old on 12th April;

Adam Grosvenor who will be 12 years old on 15th April

NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

ST MICHAELS CHURCH -

Annual Parochial Council Meeting

The St Michael's PCC APCM will be held in the church at 7.30pm on Thursday 17th April 2008.
All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Family Service

Sunday 6th April at 10.00am

“Fairtrade”

Everyone welcome. Refreshments afterwards.

Fairtrade goods, such as coffee & sugar,

will be on sale after the service

Passover Supper at St Michaels

Approx. 46 people enjoyed the Passover Supper in St Michaels Village Hall with a delicious lamb stew meal with fruit and wine, and with the camaraderie of parishioners from all over the Team. I wonder where it will be held next year?

Green Cottage Coffee Morning

Many, many thanks to everyone who supported my coffee morning by donating raffle prizes and items for the Bring & Buy stall.

Grateful thanks to all those who came and spent lots of money, this being most evident when I totalled it all up and discovered £330 had been raised to help subsidise the Birmingham University Singers Sunday lunch when they visit St Michaels again in December.

Special thanks to Ray who manned the door, Trish who organised the Bring & Buy, Dan who folded all the raffle tickets, and to Doreen, Don and Clair who kept everyone supplied with coffee and tea - I couldn't have managed without any of them.

Many thanks again to everyone for making it such a successful event.

Muriel Lanman

Music @ St Michaels

The programmes for Music @ St Michaels 2008 are now available from the back of the church or from Michael Hart on 01568 750544.

Sunday 20th April, 10am & 3pm - Sung Eucharist & Choral Evensong with **Emmanuel Church Choir**, Sutton Coldfield; director Richard Mason, organist Keith Hearnshaw

Saturday 3rd May, 7.30pm - Organ Recital with big screen projection
with concert organist Keith Hearnshaw



CAKE & PRODUCE SALE

10th May, 9.30am
on Regal steps.



Cakes & produce donations will be very gratefully accepted.

Details from Jane Yardley

Proceeds to St Michaels Church

Bonus Ball Lottery

The winners from 1 March to 22 March were Arthur Gough, Angela Deakin, Helen Mound and Anne Fox.

Thank you to all those who are participating.

Jane Jenner

Euripides'

ALCESTIS

in St Michaels Church
Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th April
8.00pm

*Be amazed, amused and
touched by Euripides'
earliest surviving work*



*Dance, drama and song.
Confused kings, beautiful
queens, a fairytale chorus,
drunken demi-gods*

Adapted by Paul Tandler,
with Alex Cook as Admetus, Clare Kerby as Alcestis, Martin Thompson as
Hercules and Jess, Chloe, Alice, Evie & Issy as the fairytale chorus + more

£4 adults / £2 children / £10 family. Tickets at the door.

For further details tel. Paul 07963 805046 or Julie 01584 810291

PRODUCED BY TENBURY TEME VALLEY BAND

Around the Tenbury Team

www.**VALLEY**
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Sat. 5th April, 7pm,
at Burford Village
Hall
Speaker:
GORDON
BAILEY

OPEN DOOR
Thursday 10th
April
2.30pm
Cornwall
Gardens Centre,
ALL
WELCOME

CAB EMERGENCY FOOD RELIEF
Tenbury's CAB are collecting items of non-perishable goods for emergency food relief to help locally, those in genuine need, in times of crisis.
PLEASE HELP by leaving contributions in box at St Mary's Church, Tenbury, at the CAB office in Teme St. or in trolley at Bowkett's (only food bought there please).

LISTENING EAR
In times of loneliness, bereavement, suffering and uncertainty, everyone benefits from someone to listen. There are caring individuals locally who can meet with you. Tel: 07804 928484 or contact one of clergy.

ST MICHAEL'S VILLAGE HALL -

Quiz Night - Friday 7th March

Where is Pomona? No, I didn't know either and our team had chosen "geography" as our "joker" round, but this was just one of the fiendish questions set in the Family Night Quiz on 7th March. (There were some easier ones!). About fifty of us had come to the Hall to see what we knew and remembered about subjects as diverse as "Disasters" and "Languages" (not a lot!) and to test our olfactory (!) powers in identifying various common household substances, such as oven cleaner, damson vodka, and Famous Grouse. In the interval we enjoyed a ploughman's supper and thanks to Ria and Phil the bar was open as well. It was all great fun and generally agreed that Godfrey Pitt had excelled himself with a deal of time and attention devoted to setting the quiz - thank you, Godfrey. The winners by one point were team 'Rhubarb,Rhubarb' (Mounds and Foxes) followed by Mile End Villains, and the event raised over £70 for Village Hall funds.

Q? A!

Dick Fox

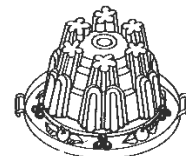
NEXT EVENTS IN THE HALL -

Friday 4 April

PUDDING NIGHT

from 7.30pm

Bring & share puddings



Friday 2 May - SKITTLES NIGHT

Sunday 4 May - Shindig "Happy Jack" by John Godber

For further details of all these events please contact Anne Fox 01584 819845

The Floor

@ St Michaels Village Hall

FRIDAY 11th APRIL

@ 8 pm



FEATURING: Roger Champkin & Cut the Mustard

Mark Townsend, magician & mystifier

Liam Kealey

Tom Durston-Smith



ENTRY £5 (£1 children)

with WELL ESTABLISHED BAR & THE FLOOR BROAD thrown in.

WHAT COULD BE BETTER ON A FRIDAY'S EVENING?

!!!! FLOOR CD is now available!!!!

from The Floor or call Andy & Julie - £5 with the best of The Floor 2006/7

ST MICHAEL'S W. I. -

Our President Anne Dicken welcomed everyone to the 6th March meeting.

Members were reminded of many events. These include The Spring Group meeting hosted by Menith Wood W.I., on April 10th. There will be an Edwardian theme and members are asked to dress in costume. On the 11th April, Tenbury WI have invited us to a quiz night at Burford Village Hall. We have been asked to enter teams of four members.

The craft members, are busy with our entry for the Worcestershire Federation Spring Rally on the 21st April. We are entering the co-operative class "Lets Party". The competition is for an exhibit with two craft items, two food items and one drink.

Three members have put their names forward to attend Denman College at the end of October, for courses on seasonal cooking, craft and garden design.

The speaker for the evening was Bob Bibby of Bridgnorth. He was to talk on Hadrian's Wall, but on arrival, he had only brought literature relating to his walk along part of "Offa's Dyke". Barbara McGrath gave the vote of thanks for a most interesting talk.

The competition "How many words can you make from "Hadrian's Wall" was won by Leslie with 176, second Annabel with 110 and third Angela with 106.

The raffle was won by Barbara Amos and teas served by Ruby and Avril.

On the 12th March, sixteen members attended Martley WI's monthly meeting. For the WI's 90th Birthday Celebrations each WI has been twinned. Our twin is Martley. We received a warm welcome in the lavish residents room at Heaton House, and thoroughly enjoyed the talk by Brian Draper on the route of the River Teme. We have invited Martley to join us on our Summer outing to Abbey-Cum-Hir in June and a Strawberry Tea in July.

Our next meeting will be on the 3rd April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The History of Bowkett's, by Roger Bowkett.

Jill Burton

WHAT'S ON IN ST MICHAELS

APRIL

Thursday 3 rd	7.30pm	W. I.
" "	8.00pm	'Alcestis' in church
Friday 4 th	8.00pm	'Alcestis' in church
" "	7.30pm	Pudding Night in hall
Sunday 6 th	10.00am	Family Service with Fairtrade goods
Friday 11 th	8.00pm	The Floor
Sunday 13 th	10.00am	Parish Communion
Thursday 17 th	7.30pm	PCC APCM in church
Sunday 20 th	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
" "	3.00pm	Choral Evensong
Sunday 27 th	10.00am	Parish Communion

MAY

Thursday 1 st	7.30pm	W. I.
Friday 2 nd	7.30pm	Skittles Night
Saturday 3 rd	7.30pm	Organ Recital with Keith Hearnshaw
Sunday 4 th	10.00am	Family Service
" "		Shindig "Happy Jack" performance
Friday 9 th	8.00pm	The Floor
Sunday 11 th	10.00am	Parish Communion with Baptism
Saturday 17 th	4.30pm	Choral Evensong
Sunday 18 th	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
" "	3.00pm	Choral Evensong
Sunday 25 th	10.00am	Parish Communion

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Puzzle Pages

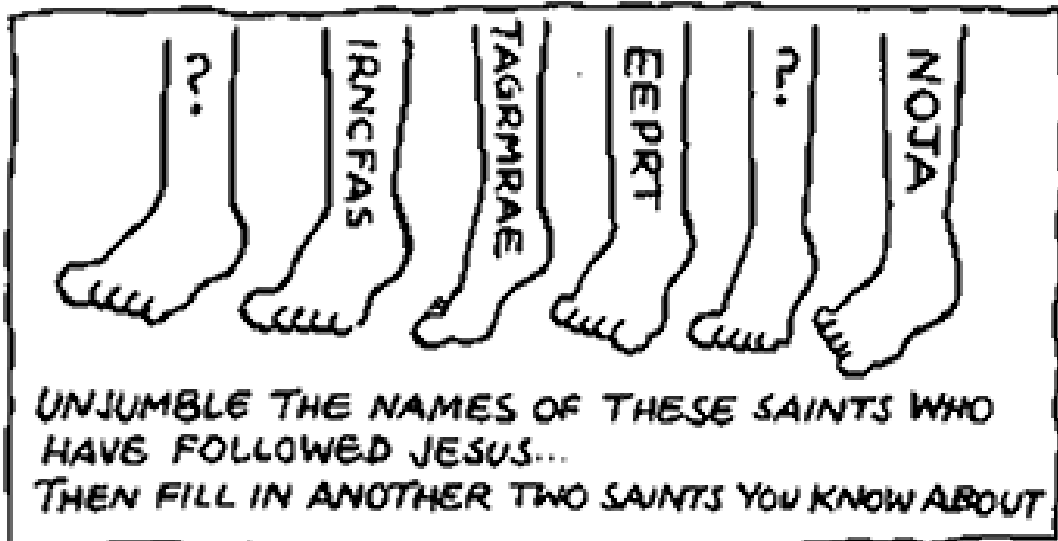
February's Winners: 1st Joseph Murray, 2nd Melissa Powis

This month's competition entries need to be with Clair Wright at The Cote, Upper Berrington, tel. 811017, by 24th April.

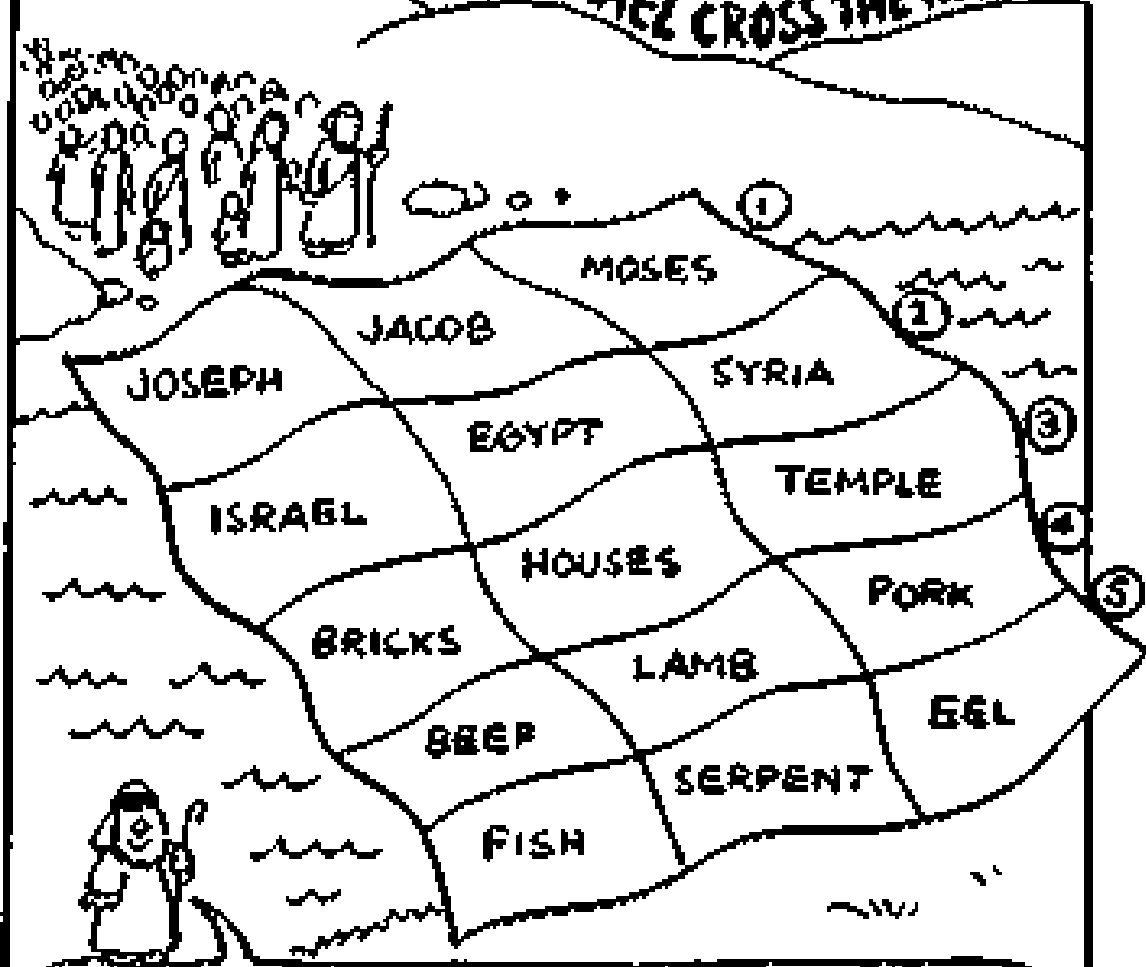
ABRAHAM AND HIS FAMILY SET OUT FROM UR



JOIN THE DOTS, THEN COLOUR THE PICTURE



HELP THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL CROSS THE RED SEA



(You will find the answers in Exodus ch. 5-12.)

COLOUR IN THE CORRECT SQUARES:

- ① Who led them across the Red Sea?
- ② Where had they been living as slaves?
- ③ What had they been forced to make?
- ④ What did they eat at the Passover meal?
- ⑤ What did Moses' rod turn into?

FEET

WHICH FOOT IS

- 1 FOOT----
- 2 FOOT----
- 3 FOOT.
- 4. FOOT----

WHAT KIND OF WORD

- shoes and boots
- a track to walk along
- jump made by an animal
- used in a game of soccer

Solution

- 1 FOOTPAIR
- 2 FOOTPATH
- 3 FOOT JUMP
- 4 FOOTBALL