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SERVICE SCHEDULE

Date	Service/Officiant	Readings	Readers	Sidesmen
Sunday 5 th Oct. 11.00am	Family Harvest Festival Service <i>Revd C Lording</i>	Deuteronomy 8.7-18 Luke 17.11-19	Mrs P Owens Mr C Preece	Mr & Mrs R Owens
Sunday 12 th Oct. 10.00am <i>21st after Trinity</i>	Parish Communion: CW <i>Revd</i>	Exodus 32.1-14 Philippians 4.1-9 Matthew 22.1-14	Mr I MacDonald Mrs P Winton Mrs A Young	Mr I MacDonald Mr D Grosvenor
Sunday 19 th Oct. 10.00am <i>22nd after Trinity</i>	Parish Communion: BCP <i>Revd J Dunkling</i>	1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 Matthew 22.15-22	Mr A Penn Revd J Dunkling	Mr & Mrs A Gough
Sunday 26 th Oct. 10.00am <i>Bible Sunday</i>	Parish Communion: CW <i>Revd</i>	Nehemiah 8.1-4a,8-12 Colossians 3.12-17 Matthew 24.30-35	Mrs R Plested Mr P Mason Mrs C Fisher	Mrs R Plested Mrs J Cook
Sunday 2 nd Nov. 10.00am <i>All Saints Sunday</i>	Family Service		Mrs C Wright Mrs J Jenner	Mr & Mrs A Wright

Dear Friends,

Our hall carpet has dried out quickly after a small amount of floodwater from the 'moat' which gathered around our house seeped under the front door. But I know that some of our neighbours weren't so lucky and their homes were again invaded by filthy, smelly floodwater. Torrential rain has for another year blighted our area and beyond, causing flash flooding and all the misery that goes along with it.

The generally poor wet summer has meant that many farmers have not had suitable opportunities to harvest their cereal crops- wheat has turned black in the fields and probably much of it will end up being ploughed back into the land. And all this comes after the ravages and worry of Foot and Mouth, BSE, the threat of Bird Flu and Blue Tongue, and the floods of last year. There seems little to cheer a farmer's heart at the moment and little to relieve the stress of trying to earn a living from the land. Our thoughts and prayers are with our local farmers; especially at this time of the year when we gather in our churches to give thanks to God for the harvest. We recognise that, although we are lucky enough to have food to eat and water to drink, that our farmers work long and hard to do their best for us all, and we are grateful to them as well as to God for all that God provides.

As we feel the after effects of flooding and know the worry of rising flood waters we are also brought closer to the people of India who this year too have suffered from terrible floods. In England we feel very sad for the families and friends of people who lost their lives in this country because the flooding; we also grieve for the many thousands who died in the Indian floods. And as our farmers struggle with the hardships that our weather brings, it helps us all to understand the even greater hardships of those who try to farm in areas of the world where there is severe drought or profound flooding every year.

So far this seems like quite a sombre letter, so I do want to finish on a brighter note: we, I'm sure, appreciate that we live in a wonderful part of the country. As I travel around each day my heart is warmed by the beauty of the hedgerows, trees, flowers, birds and animals I see. I marvel at the sunsets (I am rarely awake, I confess, to appreciate the sunrise!) and love to watch the clouds. Encountering many, many lovely and loving people cheers each day for me.

During October the churches of our team have a service to celebrate harvest: the dates and times of these services are published in this magazine. This is an opportunity for us all to gather together and to give thanks for everything that God provides for us. There's also a chance to sit together to eat delicious harvest fare!

We do have lots to be grateful for: we have food on our tables each day and plenty of clean water in our taps. Unfortunately many people in our world don't have even this. We can remember these people, and indeed everyone who is finding life tough at the moment, in our prayers, asking God to help them. We can also ask God to show us how we can support and help people who are in need throughout the world so that we can be good neighbours to everyone.

Sue

Tenbury Team - Maramba Deanery Link

Please remember Peter, Jenny, Jill, Kristy, Paul and Delma as they travel to see our friends in Maramba Deanery. We all hope that they have a wonderful and useful time and we look forward to a Tanza-Near Evening on their return so we can hear all the latest news from Maramba.

We recently sent another donation of £1000 to Maramba to support them in the building of a new church. Thank you to everyone who has given to our Link in so many different ways. It is very much appreciated and does make such a difference to William Mbuji and those around him, as his recent email shows: "It is very charming that we are proud of having such a strong friendship, really, I tell you, the people of Maramba are very happy with my visit to UK. They were very impressed with the pictures taken from different areas we visited and for all goodness you have done for us, and mostly, for supporting us in our new church building."

Claire

Letter from the Bishop of Hereford

We could be a great deal better in our congregations at supporting one another in our daily work. While we rightly see the importance of ministry within the gathered communities of our parishes and benefices, in our worship, in groups and other organisations, yet we do not stress anywhere near enough the vital part that ministry plays in our places and areas of work.

Of course work, in one way or another, either paid or voluntary, plays a huge part in our lives, yet how much do we support one another in the issues that can be around that work? Do we know what work others in our congregations are involved in? Do we or they have any opportunities to talk about work, or any aspects of it, with other Christians? Is our area of work or interest referred to at all in the prayers, sermons, teaching of our congregation? Do we see our daily work as part of God's opportunity for us to live out our faith and serve him in his world?

All too often, we can give the impression that being "called" by God means being ordained, or maybe a teacher or doctor! God calls each of us, and he calls each of us to live out our faith in Him in every aspect of our lives, including, crucially, our work.

There can be all manner of issues that arise in connection with our work and faith. For most of us, far more than used to be the case, there are questions of work/life balance. There can be ethical questions, issues of relationships, trust, confidentiality, honesty, integrity - anything and everything. There can be questions that others ask of us if they know that we are Christian, questions about other faiths, environment, world poverty, pain, suffering, death, meaning of life. Nothing is ruled out of court.

Are we supported in this area of our discipleship? Would we like to be able to talk about things more with others? If there is a desire or need to have more opportunity for support, then speak to others in your own congregation or within your benefice, including, of course, your own parish priest.

Many of our congregations are greatly blessed by the presence of self-supporting (NSM) clergy, those who are Ministers in Secular Employment (MSE), and Readers, all of whom are in an excellent position to encourage and lead exactly the kind of support that is needed.

When you come to your Harvest Thanksgiving this year, make sure that you include thanks to God for your own work, perhaps in many different areas and in different ways, and also thanks for the work of all those around you. Giving thanks may also lead to more support!

+Anthony Hereford

www.hereford.anglican.org

SERVICE OF
HEALING &
WHOLENESS

Tuesday 14th

October

7.30pm

St Mary's Church,

Tenbury

ALL WELCOME

Have YOU!! got your tickets yet?

RED HOT AND BLUE

2008 Concert

Saturday 25th October, 7.30pm

St Mary's Church, Tenbury Wells

Tickets £7.00 (to include glass of wine)

available from Books Books Books

or by telephoning Ron & Elaine on 810681

or on the door.

3.30pm Evensong

at the Cathedral

Sunday 12th

October

on the retirement of

Her Majesty's Lord-

Lieutenant for

Herefordshire,

Sir Thomas Dunne

All welcome

Children's Page

LAST MONTH'S WINNERS: 1st Melissa Powis 2nd Joseph Murray

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



Thank you, Lord, for the harvest!

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

Ryan Fish who will be 3 years old on 1st October;
Oliver Davey who will be 17 years old on 13th October;
Alexander Mason who will be 16 years old on 16th October;
Samantha Jenner who will be 11 years old on 28th October;
William Powis who will be 9 years old on 29th October;
Carys Williams who will be 15 years old on 30th October;
Bethan Williams who will be 15 years old on 30th October;
Kerry Wright who will be 13 years old on 30th October.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH

ST MICHAELS CHURCH -

From the Parish Register:

Wedding:

Charles James & Stephanie Dunn, on 6th September
We wish them all the best in their married life.

Funeral:

George Loynd, on 8th September
Our sincere condolences go to the Loynd family.

Bishop of Derby visiting St Michaels

The Bishop of Derby, The Rt Revd Dr Alastair Redfern, will be preaching at the Patronal Festival Eucharist on Sunday 28th September at 10am. This comes in the St Michaels College Society reunion weekend.

New Hymn Books

Our new hymn book Common Praise was 'christened' at the Team Service on 31st August. If anyone would like to contribute to the cost by sponsoring a book or having one dedicated in memory of someone, please contact John Swindells (01905 426998). A suitable calligraphy note can be placed inside your hymn book to record your donation.

Family Harvest Festival Service

Sunday 5th October at 11.00am

Harvest gifts will be taken up during the service and will be taken to St Pauls hostel for the homeless in Worcester. Everything is greatly appreciated but non-perishable items are preferable. Help to decorate the church would also be appreciated on Saturday 4th at 9.30am.

Followed by Harvest Lunch in the hall at 12.30pm

Adult £5/child £2

Everyone welcome.

Music @ St Michaels

Saturday 25th October at 7.30pm - Concert by the Bromyard and District Choral Society (to include the Durufle Requiem). Director: Sir Richard Mynors Bt.

Sunday 9th November, 10am - Sung Eucharist for Remembrance Sunday with The Hereford Church Singers.

Wheelchair Available

A wheelchair has been made available for anyone to use for a day out, for holidays, etc. Please contact the churchwardens, Ray Phillips or Arthur Gough, if you would like to borrow it.

Bonus Ball Lottery

Many thanks to all those who have joined again for another year or are newcomers to the Bonus Ball. We will soon be paying out the winners since beginning of August so look out for a cheque on your doorstep! If you would like to join in there is one number still spare - for further details speak to Julie Cook on 810291. The Bonus Ball is a fun way of contributing to the upkeep of our magnificent church - you may even win £20, some people have won several times!

Annual Treasure Hunt

This year's winners, on a tie break question, were the Baxter/Owens team - Ria & Phil, Rod & James - so congratulations to them. Fortunately for them it was decided rather than the winners having to set next year's course, the organising team name would be drawn from the hat. Many thanks to Diana and Steve Gough who set this year's course, mainly on the road I believe, very considerate with the weather conditions around the time!

Summer Supper

Many thanks are due to Ros and Stuart Plested, Jenny Wellings and Iris Cooper for the 'Summer Supper' held in the Plested's garden on 19th July last. Jenny's exotic cuisine and Iris' wonderful puddings were greatly appreciated by us all, and Ros' warm and welcoming hospitality was second to none.

Stuart did a sterling job with the wine raffle, and made sure that everyone was happy, even to the extent of providing a selection of golfing sweaters when the temperature plummeted towards the end of the evening, helping many of the ladies to avoid the chill factor!

Ros and Stuart have a lovely garden and the marquee was beautifully arranged for the evening, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Many thanks from the PCC for the donation of £150 to church funds. As Tony Penn remarked, 'it is great for our small village community that these efforts continue, long live the spirit of St Michaels.'

Operation Christmas Shoeboxes

The annual Christmas shoebox appeal is starting again. Boxes filled with Christmas treats for children in eastern Europe will once again be sent from the Tenbury area including St Michaels. For more details including ideas of suitable items to include speak to Gwen Arnold on 811956. The leaflets will also be available at the back of the church. The filled boxes will need to be with Gwen in early November.

Around the Tenbury Team ...

www. VALLE Y WORSHI P.co.uk Sat. 4 th Oct, 7pm, at
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OPEN DOOR Thursday 9 th October 2.30pm Cornwall Gardens Centre, ALLWELCOME

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, or at the CAB office in Teme St.
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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 -

Opera Dudes - "Licensed to Trill"
Saturday 4th October, St Michael's Village Hall
Performance starts 7.30pm (Bar open 7pm.)

In their new show, "*Licensed To Trill*", our two intrepid Singing Agents are back from their travels and, once again, the fearless pair meet their evil nemesis, Donald Duck, who is hell-bent on stealing their credibility in his quest for word domination! Expect the unexpected - opera, swing, showstoppers and impressions that make Mike Yarwood blush - yes, that good! There will even be an opportunity for the audience to flex its own vocal muscles. As well as their terrific singing, the show includes funny stories, singalongs, a concert piano solo and another silly piano duet in the style of Morecombe and Wise!

This is a family show and all ages are welcome. Tickets £7 advance, £8 on the door. £20 family tickets and on sale from Anne Fox. Please telephone 01584 819845 for details.

November Family Night is Italian Night - bring along pizza or pasta to share - on Friday 7th November at 7.30pm

The floor

St Michaels Village Hall

Friday 10th October

8 pm

FEATURING:

Back Road Home

- new local band with original folk, blues & beyond

Hannah Bailey

- Tenbury teenager with attitude! What a voice.

Monjo

- Mexican jazz & more?!

Liverpool Ken

- resident poet with own spot

Entry: £5 on the door (£1 child)

Excellent bar & The Floor Broad thrown in.

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007 and The Floor

James Bond observed the Louis Quinze portico clock across the polished mahogany desk. 'God, another three hours before my first drink,' he groaned inwardly.

It wasn't his fault he had been stuck behind his desk at "Universal Export" for the past three months. Rather it had been the concerted effort of others to put a halt to his "individualist streak".

It had been years since the double O prefix had been removed from his rank. Age had taken its toll. He had made some mistakes. 'That damn Kousnetskova woman' he reflected ruefully. But for a man of war this office work was torture. He looked at his in-tray and pulled the first document towards him. It was a thick brown folder, bound with a sash, headed "The Floor, 12/9/08", with the legend "Eyes only".

Bond lit his fifth cigarette of the morning and gazed out of the window overlooking Regent's Park. Traffic hummed beneath him and his head throbbed dully. He inhaled the smoke luxuriantly and flipped open the folder.

Jim and Andy opened the evening with 'All the bad times'. A zesty beginning with the audience singing along, followed by a mandolin instrumental. A jokey song came next giving a mention to Monopoly. They closed their set with 'You ain't going nowhere' (Bond smiled grimly to himself), with the audience coming in on the 'Whew - ee, ride me high, tomorrow's gonna be...' chorus.

Next to take the stage were Liv, a two-piece consisting of John Bryan on electric guitar and Richard Jay on drums. They opened with a funky 'I hear you knocking', interpreted in a '70s shuffle beat, followed by the Beatles 'You won't see me', with the crowd coming in on the choral 'la-la-la-las' and a Ringoesque flourish on the cymbals.

'See you again' was a self-penned composition about unrequited lurve, achieving quite a full sound with just drums and guitar with a phaser ('flange' coughed Bond who had done the research).

Steven Roberts took to the stage with bounce and a bucketful of musical brio. Sporting leather-jacketed cool, his quavering voice ran through several distinct musical styles. 'Watching the clock' was only one of these, with the chorus 'tick tock goes the clock' producing a masterly rhythm and the guitarist clearly enjoying himself. 'Leaving you behind' followed, and then 'See what my momma says', cementing the impression that he is endowed with the attitude and flourish necessary to wow a crowd.

Nerys Clark needed a lot of shush to tune her cello up. Condensation on the inside of the hall vied with the rain falling softly outside to dampen the audience one way or another. Spirits were running high however. Nerys was accompanied by Jan Holloway on the piano and they opened with 'The Swan', a piece from 'The Carnival of the Animals' by Saint-Saens, creating a sense of rolling momentum.

An improvised piece transposed to cello that very day followed. The notes moved back and forth vivaciously as the refrain 'My heart will go on' struck up. Bach's 3^d suite came next with the bass notes from the cello speaking eloquently across the village hall.

Dripping wet, Bond rode the lift to the top floor. He tucked the Walther into the waistband of his trousers. The cool gunmetal felt somehow comforting against his naked flesh. That fight with the hammerhead had been close, he reflected, watching the blood ooze from his trouser leg. If it hadn't been for Q Branch's new fish repellent... He wondered what awaited him on the top floor. He gritted his teeth, waiting for the lift to stop.

Bond snapped out of his reverie. He had been dreaming about his younger days. Now he was just an old fool put out to seed by the service. Impatiently he turned over another page of the brown folder

in front of him. The sound of traffic far below was starting to increase in intensity. He continued reading.

Martin Blake opened with 'Carrying you away to London town - with the earthy refrain - 'Comin' to catch you baby.' The jokey 'How can I miss you when you won't go away?' came on its heels, followed by Woody Guthrie's 'Deportees', telling a poignant tale of Mexican migrant labour desired for the fruit-picking season in the US but ignominiously ejected afterwards.

'Goodbye Rosalita

Adios mis amigos Jesus and Maria,

You won't have a name when you ride the big aeroplane,

All they will call you will be deportees.'

A rumbling 'Mona' by Bo Diddley followed, freighted with rhythmic menace. Martin continued to show utter musical integrity in choice of material. Whether a Steve Earle song, Ray Charles' 'Hallelujah I just love her so', 'Freaking at the Freakers' ball', a Jack Teagarden number or Hank Williams' 'Hey good lookin' (I'm free and I'm ready, how about goin' steady) it was all delivered in a gritty tone with a countenance that he describes himself as 'looking like all the Rolling Stones rolled into one'.

Joined by a guitarist called Jilly, he took to his banjo. 'Silver dagger', done by Joan Baez and Dolly Parton, 'Cherokee Shuffle' spliced with 'It's a goldrush' showed sharp soloing chops on his chosen instrument. Calls for the beloved 'Bogie song' briefly appeared in the audience but were thwarted. Martin knew what he wanted to play, inviting the audience to yodel at one point ("Arkansas you hear me callin'" - you get the idea).

Brought back for an encore after 'Wild horses', he gave us 'Do ray mi', telling us first of how oil magnates in the thirties had removed the fences and thus the top soil could be ripped away by the wind, creating the Dust Bowl phenomenon in the Western United States. Farmers headed out to California were rejected because they didn't have the requisite funds (the 'Do ray mi') to stay. Woody Guthrie rules, but hey, so does Martin Blake.

Bond pressed up against the girl in the train. It wasn't purposefully. The train's rocking had pushed them into each other. She looked up at him playfully. Her long, dark hair fell over her shoulder. She looked into the quizzical blue-grey eyes of the spy in front of her. Perhaps he could be kind...

Bond came to his senses. Dreaming again. Another life. He stood up from his desk, closing the brown file firmly. Reaching into the drawer he pulled out a bottle of Haig and Haig. He poured himself a stiff measure and let the amber liquor warm him inside. Standing by the window of his musty brown office he surveyed the exquisite architectural ruins of his life.

Destouches

ST MICHAELS SINGERS -

The St Michaels Singers are taking part in the British Legion Poppy Appeal Concert at St Mary's Church, Tenbury, on Friday 31st October. Tickets will be available on the door. All welcome.

The Christmas Concert is on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th December and this year the St Michaels Singers will be presenting an Old Tyme Music Hall for your delight and delectation. As an audience, you could add to the atmosphere by donning any items of clothing which suggest Edwardian times.

We would also like to borrow period decorations such as aspidistras for the performances. Please contact Caroline Belfield on 810032 if you can help us out.

W. I. NEWS -

On Thursday 21st June, 20 members and 11 guests attended the outing to Abbey-Cum-Hir. We had a splendid day, with warm sunny weather. We left "Dr Oliver's" end of the Common by coach at 9.00am. When we arrived at 10.30am, Paul Humperston gave us a tour of his home, 52 rooms restored and decorated by his wife Victoria. Perhaps, in some rooms a little too decorative for many of our members. A tasty finger buffet and tea followed. In the afternoon, we looked around the recently completed walled garden, village church and walked around the woodland area. At 3.00pm, a complimentary cup of tea was served before our journey home.

The hall at Abbey Cum-Hir is the home of Paul and Victoria Humperston. We all looked for signs of them living there. Every room was immaculate, no ornament seemed out of place, no clutter, no unmade beds, no washing up, neatly folded towels in the bathrooms, tied with corresponding ribbons etc. "I bet Bill wished we had visitors very day, to see our house so tidy".

The 3rd July meeting was our Garden Meeting to Arrow Cottage Garden, Ledgemoor, Herefordshire. Twenty members and nine guests attended. The weather had been showery and dull for several days, but on the evening of the visit, we were fortunate for it to be dry. Arriving by cars, we viewed the garden of Mr and Mrs Martin and finished the evening with tea and cakes.

A big thank you for the successful Strawberry Tea on Sunday 13th July. Eleven guests from Martley WI attended for this twinning event. Thank you Jean for organising the garden quiz, committee for setting up, members for donating cakes, scones, sandwiches, draw prizes etc., Maureen for the draw and Anne and Dick for allowing the WI to enjoy their lovely home and delightful garden.

On Saturday 2nd August, the craft members entered the Club Exhibit at Tenbury Show. The title was "The Town in the Orchard" and we came third. Six items were judged, two cookery, two handicraft, one flower arrangement and one homemade drink. Annabel created a cross stitch picture of "Tenbury", Beryl embroidered a serviette and ring with apples and blossom, Gill P - damson brulee, Jill B - apple flan, Anne Dicken - plum wine and Maureen the floral arrangement. A huge thank you to Jean who has mentored the craft members. Jean and David allow us to take over their home in the weeks running up to an event and finally the members whose enthusiasm and hard work create the exhibit.

Our 7th August Meeting was held in the Village Hall. The speaker for the evening was Derek Kelly, from the Department of Transport, with a talk on Road Safety to all Ages. There was an opportunity to ask questions and Vicky gave the vote of thanks for his talk. The competition "Who has held a full driving licence the longest", was a tie between Barbara McGrath and Betty Boffey with 64 years. The raffle was won by Anne Fox and teas served by Marjorie.

On the 14th August, eight members attended a Mad Hatters Tea Party at Great Witley Village Hall. We all arrived in hats and a delightful afternoon was enjoyed by us all. David Barbie of "Flog It" was the guest speaker, with a very interesting talk of his youth and his interest of antiques.

At the 4th September Meeting, many members attended and we welcomed Marilyn as a guest. The speaker was Alf Jenkins. Barbara Mc Grath gave the vote of thanks for his talk on the local history of Clee Hill, shown via slides of photographs.

Finally, at the craft afternoons, members have started knitting jumpers for the Pitt family to take with them next summer to Ghana with the Village by Village project.

Guests and new members are very welcome.

ST MICHAELS CRICKET TEAM

On 10th of August the St Michaels Cricket Team came to victory against Knighton-on-Teme. The final score was 171/172~9. Knighton won the toss and chose to bat. St Michaels had a brilliant first over with Tom Mason. However the second over was even better with Steve Griffiths bowling out, at middle stump with his first ball and challenging all Knighton's batsmen with a low scoring first four overs. The next batsman was caught out through good high pitched bowling and a well positioned field. The catch of the day went to Richard Grosvenor as wicketkeeper who made a huge left handed dive to send out the third batsmen. All the way through Knighton's innings there was good bowling from Tom Mason, Robert Sheers, Dave Born, Steve Griffiths, Julian Wright, Phil Hipkiss, Tom and Adam Grosvenor, forcing Knighton all out for 171.

Richard Grosvenor and Warwick Pitt came in to bat first for St Michaels, followed by Tom Mason. Tom and Richard had the best partnership of the game. Julian Wright, Tom Wright and Steve Griffiths did extremely well with the bat and held in for many overs. Then the final over came with St Michaels 169~9. Richard Grosvenor and Tom Grosvenor managed to scrape out a stunning victory for the whole St Michaels team!!!!!!

Adam Grosvenor

Well done Adam, both on winning and for writing this article.

Clair's Acorns Run

I did it!! I ran the Shrewsbury Seven Bridges 10K race in under an hour.

All of the training paid off and I completed the course in 57 minutes and 46 seconds!

It was a lovely setting for a run. The start was at the Quarry and then along the river bank as far as the Castle Bridge. And then back again via the English Bridge, Greyfriars Bridge, Kingsland Bridge, Porthill Bridge, Welsh Bridge and the Riverside Footbridge. Negotiating the bridges was tricky as it entailed either running up steps or steep slopes to get on and off the bridge. I didn't much care for the hill up to the finish line either! But I felt great when I'd exceeded my time challenge and that I'd burned off 636 calories.

Thank you to everyone who has given me sponsor money for Acorns so far. If you would still like to give a donation, please either give me a ring on 811017 and I will come and collect it or go to my webpage on the Just Giving website http://www.justgiving.com/clair_wright to donate online.

Clair Wright

Applefest is in Tenbury on Saturday 18th October. Look out for information on everything that is going on. St Mary's Church, Tenbury, is doing its bit with an Apple Cake & Coffee Morning in the church.

Clocks Change

Don't forget at the end of the month, the clocks go back to winter time - those dark evenings again!

WHAT'S ON IN ST MICHAELS

OCTOBER

Thursday 2 nd	7.30pm	W. I.
Saturday 4 th	9.30am	Decorating church for harvest
" "	7.30pm	'Opera Dudes' at village hall
Sunday 5 th	11.00am	Family Harvest Festival Service
" "	12.30pm	Harvest Festival Lunch
Friday 10 th	8.00pm	The Floor
Sunday 12 th	10.00am	Parish Communion
Tuesday 14 th	7.30pm	Healing Service in Tenbury
Saturday 18 th	all day	Applefest in Tenbury
Sunday 19 th	10.00am	Parish Communion
Saturday 25 th	7.30pm	Bromyard Choral Society Concert
Sunday 26 th	1.00am	Clocks change
" "	10.00am	Parish Communion
Friday 31 st	7.30pm	RBL Poppy Appeal Concert at St Mary's

NOVEMBER

Sunday 2 nd	10.00am	Family Service
Thursday 6 th	7.30pm	W. I.
Sunday 9 th	10.00am	Sung Eucharist for Remembrance Sunday
Friday 14 th	8.00pm	The Floor
Sunday 16 th	10.00am	Parish Communion
Sunday 23 rd	10.00am	Parish Communion
Sunday 30 th	10.00am	Team Confirmation Service at Tenbury

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