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Message from the Editor

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All copy for the May issue must be sent over by:

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Dear Readers,

As we start to see some form of normality return and the evenings grow lighter, it is with hope we move into the next part of the year. Seeing the daffodils out on the roads whilst walking to a beautiful sunset, makes me realise how lucky I am to live in such a great place, surrounded by such wonderful people.

Thank you to everyone who has supported and assisted me in this position. Your feedback and assistance has really helped this publication to evolve in a time when there has not been as much happening in the world.

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...If Christians live in "The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil" and decide to read the Bible every day because it is a good thing to do, they can easily become arrogant about it. Then, when they meet someone who does not read their Bible every day, they inform that person that he or she are not being a good Christian.

Reading the Bible from "The Tree of Life" perspective is totally different because those people who do will say to other people, "I love reading the Bible every chance I get because the life of God flows into me as I read it. It makes me want to pray more - so I pray more, and it makes me want to read my Bible more - and so I do. I tell you what - the Bible is the greatest thing I have found. It tells you how to have a great marriage, a good business, a successful career, how to treat people and how to forgive." Living in "The Tree of Life" makes Christians live in a way that brings life to them and to other people. They do what the Bible says, and they serve other people with joy. They have an attitude of gratefulness because they understand what God has done for them in Jesus Christ.

Choosing to live in "The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil" makes people filter everything through a value system of judging what is good and what is evil. Christian disciples cannot find life in knowing what is good and what is evil, as Adam and Eve found to their cost. If someone is an expert on what is good, they will judge themselves and others so harshly that they will die. If a Christian is an expert on evil, corruption will creep into their heart and kill them. Knowledge of good and evil always has the same result: death. That is why Jesus wants his disciples to choose life.

All Christians are "Arborites" with a choice to make every day. Life or death. If you are a disciple of Jesus Christ, which tree do you live in?

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If the current instructions concerning public gathering remain in place it is hoped that services will begin again on the first Sunday in July.

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A message from the Elders.

Many Christians will have used a Lent Course of some kind to prepare themselves for Easter, the traditional time for welcoming Jesus into their lives afresh. When their Lent Course has been completed and the celebrations of Easter are over – what then?

With the uncertainty of when church services and fellowship groups will begin again, where will the spiritual stimulation to maintain an Easter-renewed life come from? What follows may provide an answer.

If someone who lives in a cave is called a “troglodyte” what is someone who lives in a tree called? Perhaps it is something like an “Arborite.” It may just be a “Tree-Dweller” but whatever it is, have you considered that all Christians are “Arborites?”

Christians live in one of two trees. “The Tree of Life” or “The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil”. These trees are mentioned in Genesis 2:16-17 & 3:1-24 and played a large part in the story of Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve chose to live in “The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil” rather than in “The Tree of Life”. They chose separation from God, and death, rather than life with God, and you can do the same if you choose to live in the wrong tree.

It can easily happen! People can read the Bible from a “Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil” perspective, become legalistic and condemn everyone who does not agree with them. In doing so they miss the point of the Bible and use God’s words as a vicious weapon in their own lives and in the lives of those around them...

**The Benefice of Myddle and Broughton,
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April Services

Sunday 4th

Easter Day

10.30 am Family Service, Loppington.
11.00 am Holy Communion, Myddle.

Readings: Acts 10:34-43 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Mark 16:1-8

Sunday 11th

Easter 2

09.45 am Holy Communion, Loppington.
11.00 am Parish Worship, Myddle.
11.15 am Holy Communion, Newtown.
03.00 pm Evensong, Broughton.

Readings: Acts 4:32-35 1 John 1:1-2.2 John 20:19-31

Sunday 18th

Easter 3

08.30 am Holy Communion, Broughton.
09.45 am Holy Communion, Burlton.
10.30 am Matins, Loppington.
11.00 am Holy Communion, Myddle

Readings: Acts 3: 12-19 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48

Sunday 25th

Easter 4

08.30 am Matins, Broughton.
09.45 am Harvest Communion, Loppington
11.15 am Holy Communion, Newtown
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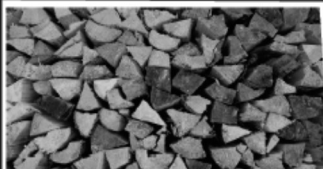
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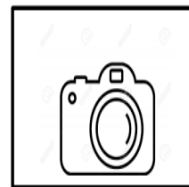
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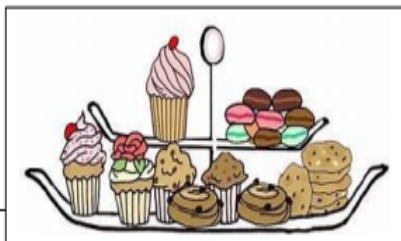
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And what better reminder than the arrival of Spring with golden daffodil trumpets all around us and nesting birds filling the air with joyful song, God's magnificent creation showing us that He is the God of new beginnings, the God of new life and the God of new hope.

Spring brings more opportunities to get out and about in the countryside, and many studies show that enjoying the beauties of nature is especially important for our mental health. These studies never seem to mention that being amongst our Maker's creation brings us closer to Him, drawing our hearts nearer to where they are meant to be, which I believe is why being outside in green spaces is so good for our general well-being.

This month we celebrate Easter, an opportunity to turn our hearts towards God, to remember that Jesus died for us and rose again – bringing joy out of pain and hope out of darkness. Jesus' death and resurrection displays God's healing love in all its power, a love poured out upon us to put an end to all that divides us from one another and from God...



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Next Meeting

The next Council meeting is planned for May 13th and will be the first meeting of the new Council. Maybe there will be some new faces in the team and nearer the time it will be decided if the meeting can be held in a face-to-face situation or whether we shall need to continue with Zoom.

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...I pray that we never lose sight of our shared humanity and the power of Jesus' resurrection, which makes all things new, and I am pleased to say that we will be celebrating on Easter Sunday with services inside and outside:

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Myddle

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THANK YOU, MRS SERGEANT

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Village Halls

It was unanimously agreed that an emergency grant of £1,000 should be given to each of the Village Halls to help them deal with the loss of income because of the lockdowns during the pandemic crisis. The halls provide an essential part of community life in both villages and in normal circumstances are well used for a whole range of activities for residents of all ages.

Charities

Each year the Council has a budget to enable it to make small grants to worthwhile charities and this year it was decided to support the Severn Hospice; Hope House and Crane Counselling. All these organisations do exceptional work in the community and exist mainly through voluntary help and sponsored activities all of which have been severely curtailed during the past year.

Planning Applications

Members felt able to support a wide range of applications across the area, all of which were related to extensions or improvements to existing properties but noted that applications for development at the Old Rectory in Myddle and at Harmer Hill Reservoir had been refused by Shropshire Council's planning Department.

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As has become the norm, this month's Council meeting was accessed by Members online using Zoom and a full range of issues were considered, including the acknowledgement that this was the last meeting of the current Council.

Parish Council elections are planned for May 6th and current Members have to stand for election alongside any other residents who feel that they would like to serve the community. With very few exceptions anyone in the Parish over eighteen years of age can stand for election, so if you have plenty of energy and enthusiasm, this is your chance. If you are interested look out for information in the press or give the Parish Clerk a call and he will advise you what you need to do.

During the meeting the following topics were considered:

Highways

There was disappointment that requests for pavements in Harmer Hill on the Wem Road and by the car park of the old Red Castle Public House had not been progressed further by Shropshire Council but Members welcomed the news that a buffer 40mph zone was to be created on the Ellesmere Road travelling into Harmer Hill from the direction of Myddle.

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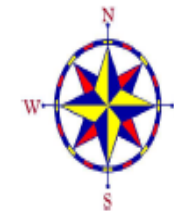
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Teddy bears in bloom at Myddle festival

A floral look at life in a North Shropshire parish is on display this weekend.

Among the flowers and fruit decorating St Peter's Church, Myddle, are such varied things as teddy bears and pushchairs, brown owls and toadstools and jam and Jerusalem.

All the clubs and organisations have played a part in the harvest weekend at the church, designed to bring community spirit to the scattered parish.

Yesterday a mass of flowers, fruit and vegetables were scattered throughout the church as bands of willing helpers assembled the decorations.

Children's toys now take pride of place in the Mums and Toddlers stand, brightly painted butterflies in the playground corner, and brownie emblems for the local brownie pack.

England's green and pleasant land is the theme of Myddle WI's contribution, complete with the hill at Jerusalem and, of course, pots of jam.

The highlight of the weekend will be a visit by the Ellesmere College choir on Sunday evening.

The church will be open on Saturday and Sunday. Any money raised from the venture will go towards the church's repair fund.

Credit - Russell Purslow



Harmer Hill Football Team
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- Tony Smith

A Message from the PCC

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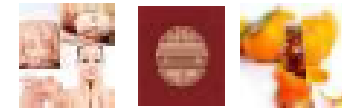
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