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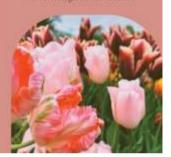
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Jess's Ramblings

As there was half a page left over in this edition of the Messenger I was invited to fill it. My Great Uncle Jack used to have a regular column here many years ago. He filled it with the trivia of the life of a



typical dog. I think it was mostly about chasing squirrels and eating ice cream with the occasional public service announcement to remind owners to pick up their dog's waste. I am sure that Great Uncle Jack would have been delighted to see the dog waste bag dispensers positioned strategically around the parish to put paid to the lame excuse "I haven't got a bag".

Finally, we come to the reason I suspect I was given the opportunity to fill this space. If you wish to be spared more drivel from me in the next issue of the Messenger the answer is simple. You just need to write a short piece, half a page of A5 (or more if you feel so inclined), and send it to messen-gerads@btinternet.com by 18th November at the latest. It could be about some adventure you have had or a hobby you enjoy or your reflections on life in this beautiful part of North Shropshire.



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Note from the Temporary Editor

Dear Readers,

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of the Messenger. There is a glimmer of hope on finding a proper replacement for Danielle but in the meantime you will have to make do with me.

Allowing me access to Danielle's editor's e-mail address has proved to be more difficult than Danielle had anticipated. So if you wish to submit material for the December/January edition please send it to messengerads@btinternet.com.

As the cover proclaims this is a church and **community** newsletter and so I would welcome material from the community for publication. If you would like to write a few words about an adventure you have had that you think might interest readers of the Messenger please send it to messengerads@btinternet.com no later than 18th November. Better still include a colour photograph of your adventure for the front cover.

Photographs for the front cover would be particularly welcome. You will have seen that I had to dig out a photograph taken fifteen years ago for this edition

Yours sincerely

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Teams4U was founded by Dave Cooke and last September we were privileged to hear Dave speak movingly of his life helping the marginalised and vulnerable. Dave first took shoe boxes packed with toys and other small gifts for children on a lorry load of Romanian aid 25 years ago, and the idea of Christmas shoe boxes was born.

It's not Christmas yet but it's never too early to think about vulnerable children who have nothing to call their own. Packing a shoe box with simple gifts is a wonderful way to let a child who may never have received a present know they are not forgotten, and someone does care. It's hands-on and personal, sending love and bringing colour into a drab existence.

If you would like to transform the life of a vulnerable child by packing a shoe box with small gifts, you can find out more on the charity website www.teams4u.com. There are You tube videos showing boxes being filled with lots of ideas of what to put in (@teams4Utube). It's such fun shopping around for shoe box treasures!

It's amazing how many small gifts can fit into a shoe box, each one a special treat for the recipient, things we take for granted but they may never have owned before like: a simple wash kit (soap& flannel, toothbrush & paste), stationery (school set, notebook, pencil case, pens, crayons, colouring book), warm outdoor clothing (hat, scarf, gloves) so they can play in the snow, everyday toys (cuddly toy, ball, doll, cars, animals), a book with few words (where the pictures tell the story), a basic game or puzzle needing no instructions (snap, dominoes, small jigsaw)...

To pack a box the first thing to do is to find an empty shoe box and cover box and lid separately with colourful paper. (If you don't have a box, a flat-pack box can be collected from the Rectory, Myddle.) Next decide whether you'd like to pack a girl or a boy's box and for what age. There are three categories to choose from: 3-5, 6-11 or 12+ years. Age labels can be downloaded to stick on your box lid, or you can use labels found in a printed leaflet collected from church.

There is always a shortage of boxes for teenage boys. It's not too difficult to fill a teenage boy box though; I usually pack wash kit, school supplies, warm hat, gloves & scarf, small soft toy, plus other basic items our teens may think very ordinary such as a tennis ball, yoyo, playing cards, Rubiks cube, travel chess, drawing book, small cars, marbles, badge, bracelet...

If you'd rather send practical household items, you can pack a 'home' box instead to be given to a mother for the home. Useful things like candles, tea towel, dish cloth, wooden spoon, clothes pegs, wind-up torch, headscarf foldable shopping bag, can be included.

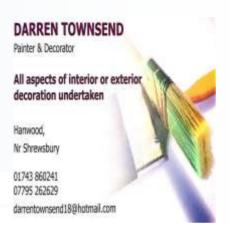
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will be taken to the Teams4U Wrexham warehouse in time for Christmas delivery to those who need them most. Last year our boxes went to Ukraine where homes and everything in them had been destroyed.

With the cost of living going up, if packing a whole box is too much, just one small gift can be used to help fill a shared box. Any gifts you can spare for these boxes I am packing would be welcome, as soon as possible please to allow time to include them. Scarves are short so if you have a spare scarf, please consider donating it.

I'm particularly grateful to those who are busily knitting warm hats and scarves. Please don't stop! If you would like a flat-pack box, or to donate knitting or wool for knitters, or other gifts, or have any other queries, please contact me on 01939 291390 or jothevicarswife@hotmail.com.

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Dear Friends.

The seasons come and go in the cycle of nature, now the nights are drawing in, trees are looking decidedly more autumnal, there is a nip in the air, and grass is once again green. There is much change all around, The church year has its seasons too, in October we give thanks to God during our Harvest Festival celebrations. We thanked God for his overflowing generosity and goodness but we are also left wondering, why when we have so much are there so many places in our world where provision and abundance seem lacking.

As we enter November the church begins a season of remembering, we celebrate All Saints and All Souls; when we remember those who have died amongst our own families, friends and in our community. We all have our own memories and remember in different ways; it can be a difficult time for many as they remember those they have loved and lost. November also brings Remembrance Sunday, this year Sunday 12th November, where we remember those who have given their lives in the World Wars and all the subsequent conflicts for our freedom and for peace in the world.

As we approach the coming months with all the changes and challenges we may face, let us remember that we do so together as a church and a community, as friends and neighbours. May we also give thanks to God that we do not approach them in our own strength, but in knowing that the ever present and loving God is there beside us and walking with us as we journey together, and as we face the changes and challenges given to us.

Over the summer months we have seen the many fields in and around our villages harvested for their grains and fruits. It is usual for Harvest Festivals to take place in churches too, thanking God for the land, for its richness and for those who work the land. Harvest should remind us that we 'have' so much and therefore so much for which to give thanks to God.

In doing that it should help us to remember that harvest is also a time for remembering to 'share' the fruits of the earth with those who have so much less than us. Because if we can extract the word 'have' from harvest, sad to say, we can also extract the word 'starve'. Jesus often talked about the perils of having too much, and keeping for oneself what which

should be shared with others. He told a parable of a rich man whose crops were so abundant, that he planned to build more barns in order to store them. He didn't sell or 'share' his abundant harvest; but then he died, and wasn't able to enjoy the results of his wealth. It's a parable that reminds us that being greedy and hoarding are not virtues in God's eyes.

At harvest time, and indeed as we enter into the difficult winter months as living and fuel costs rise we all need to think about those in need around us and the organisations that strive to help. There is much in the world of today which can actively encourage self-interest and the pursuit of personal advantage above all else. So maybe this harvest time is an opportunity for trying afresh to get the balance right between providing for ourselves and our loved ones, and building a world based on mutual support and help for those in genuine need, rather than on materialism and greed.

Finally, 'harvest' time is also a time for remembering that God sows spiritual seeds in our hearts. Seeds that He wants to bear an abundant harvest. Jesus reminded us that earthly food comes and goes, and that we should seek instead the food that lasts forever; the spiritual food which He offers to those who believe in Him, and who follow His ways forever.

Adam.

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Readings: Ezekiel 18: 1-4,25-32 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32

Sunday 8th Trinity 18

09.45am Holy Communion, Loppington
11.00am Parish Worship, Myddle
11.15am Harvest Festival, Newtown
3.00pm Evensong, Broughton

Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46

Sunday 15th Trinity 19 09.45am Harvest Festival, Burlton

10.30am Matins, Loppington

11.00am Holy Communion, Myddle

Readings: Isaiah 25:1-9 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday 22nd Trinity 20

09.45am Holy Communion, Loppington 11.00am Family Worship, Myddle 11.15am Holy Communion, Newtown 3.00pm Harvest Festival, Broughton

Readings: Isaiah 45:1-7 1Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday 29th Last Sunday after Trinity

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November

Sunday 5th All Saints

09.45am Family Communion, Burlton 10.00am All Age Worship, Newtown 10.30am Family Service, Loppington 11.00am Holy Communion, Myddle

3.00pm Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, Myddle Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, Newtown

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Readings: Amos 5:18-24 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-

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Sunday 19th 2nd Before Advent

09.45am Holy Communion, Burlton 10.30am Matins, Loppington 11.00am Holy Communion, Myddle

Readings: Zephaniah 1:7,12-18 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday 26th
09.45am
Holy Communion, Loppington
Family Worship, Myddle
Holy Communion, Newtown
Holy Communion, Broughton

Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24 Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46



HARVEST LUNCH

Sunday 8th October in

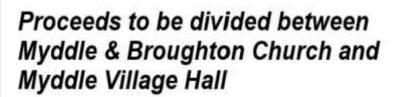
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St Peter's, Myddle: Readers & Other Duties				
			Reader	Music
1 st Oct	11.00am	HC HARVEST	Bob Millington	Organist
8 th Oct	11.00am	Lay Worship	Sarah Davies	Chris
15 th	11.00am	HC	Linda Savage	Greg
Oct 22 nd Oct	11.00am	Family Service	to be arranged	
29 th Oct	10.30am	Group Service	to be arranged	
5 th	11.00am	HC	Margaret Parson	Greg
12 th	11.00am	REMEMBRANCE	Greg Miller	Organist
Nov 19 th Nov	11.00am	HC	Nigel Jones	Margaret
26 th Nov	11.00am	Family Service	to be arranged	

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HARMER HILL CHAPEL

When you read this, it will be October. This is the time of year when the nights get shorter and darker. If we go out at night, we have to depend on street lights or torches to be able to see.

Thinking of torches reminded me of something I read recently comparing people to torches.

"I liked this comparison between people and torches: all our batteries run low from time to time. Torches use AA batteries, or AAA or C or D. We can't physically change peoples' power packs, but when their light is low, we can give them AA, or attention and affection; AAA, or attention and affection with acceptance; C for compassion; or D for direction. If those don't work, we can sit with them and be a light in their darkness until they feel a bit brighter."

During the coming months of winter let's all try to be batteries for those whose life has run down.

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER ALL SERVICES ARE AT 10 A.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE ANNOUNCED.

Sunday 1st October: Mr. R. Purslow – All Age Worship Sunday 8th October: Mrs. J. Slim – Morning Worship Sunday 15th October: Revd. D.A. Slim – Holy Communion Sunday 22th October: Mr. R. Purslow – Morning Worship Sunday 29th October: Mrs. J. Slim – Holy Communion

Sunday 5th November: Revd. D. A. Slim – All Age Worship

Sunday 12th November: Mr. R. Purslow – Remembrance Service

Sunday 19th November: Mrs. J. Slim – Holy Communion Sunday 26th November: Revd. D. A. Slim – Morning Worship

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Colin Ruck



BRIAN WILLIAMS



Councillor for Myddle, Harmer Hill and Yorton on Shropshire Council.

I am always pleased to hear from any resident who has a matter of concern which they think that it is appropriate for their Councillor to deal with.

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Pastoral Visitors

Some of you may be unaware that there are two pastoral visitors in the parishes of Myddle and Broughton - Mrs Rosemary Narburgh and myself. Our task is to assist Adam, our Rector, by visiting anyone in need of a listening ear.

Sadly, in these times the job of the local parish priest is vastly different from years ago, in that much of his work is carried out behind a desk.

A vast quantity of admin has to be done and many meetings have to be attended and, of course, Adam is also responsible for 5 churches in 3 parishes. The role of a pastoral visitor is therefore vital, and we will be happy to visit anyone who is sick, sad, or just needs to talk to someone.

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Parish Council News

The autumn meeting of the Council took place in Myddle Village Hall on Wednesday $30^{\rm th}$. August when as usual there was a wide range of agenda items for Members to consider and action. However as has been pointed out in previous reports much of the Council work takes place outside of the planned meetings.

This summer has been no exception and Councillors have been asked to review a range of Council policy documents including Standing Orders; Financial Regulations and Risk Management. The revised documents were approved and details can be found on the Councils web site. The Council were also asked by Shropshire Council to review the Parish element of the Shropshire Place Plan. This resulted in a request for some items to be removed as they had been actioned, whilst the following items should be included – urgent work to improve the road safety at Myddle School; a 40mph buffer zone entering Myddle on the Baschurch Road and improved safety measures on a section of the A528.

Items considered at the meeting included:

Road Safety Measures:

As always this featured highly with many complaints received from residents including the speed of traffic on Wem Road; Safety at Myddle School; access and exit at Hillcrest View on the A528 and large tractor units using The Hollow as a short cut.

A police representative had met Councillors to discuss the Wem Road problem and a covert speed check was carried out over a period of several days, which identified that the majority of the traffic was keeping to the limit of 40mph. Changing to a 30mph limit would be the responsibility of Shropshire Council and would involve a number of expensive measures. However the Council would consider a proposal to install more effective VAS units. It was agreed that the area Road Safety Officer should be invited to an urgent meeting to discuss these and other issues.

Affordable Housing Development:

Members agreed to relinquish the lease on land in Godings Lane used as a recreation ground, to allow a small housing development to take place and approved the appointment of Mr. Harfitt (Solicitor) to act on behalf of the Council. It was essential that there was agreement by Shropshire Council to lease back part of the land and re-site the play equipment at the same time and before any further development was undertaken.

Harmer Hill Reservoir:

Unlawful development continues at this site, including the storage of noxious materials, and has been continuing now for several years, in spite of an enforcement order being placed on the developer. The Council continues to press for action but the latest report from Shropshire Council said action was delayed because of a staff shortage. The Clerk has been asked to write to Shropshire Council's Leader and C.E.O and seek urgent ac-

tion with a copy being sent to Helen Morgan the local M.P.

Mid-Year Financial Statement:

The Clerk provided Members with an up to date statement which showed that the Council was in a healthy financial state. He pointed out that there was a considerable sum of Community Infrastructure Levy grant available for approved projects. Suggestions for new developments in the Parish are welcome.

Full minutes of the meeting will be available on the Councils web site early in September.

ST PETER'S CHURCH MYDDLE REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

12th November 11.00am

As in previous years we invite everyone to gather at the War Memorial in the Churchyard for our Act of Remembrance and two minutes silence at 11.00am. All groups, families and individuals in the Parish are welcome to lay wreaths and crosses at the foot of the Memorial. Following the Act of Remembrance there will be a Service of Remembrance in Church. There will be coffee and biscuits following the service to which everyone is welcome.

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Wed 15th Nov - 7.30 pm Myddle Village Hall

Admission: Adults: £5 Child: £2.50 Enquiries: 07706 450075

Doors open at 7pm. Drinks and snacks available before the film starts and during the interval.

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Harmer Hill Village Hall Show Trophy Winners 2023

Shrops Horticultural Society Cup for Best in Show	Chris Oldham (for Photography)	
Eric Jones Memorial Cup (Produce)	Nigel Pritchard	
Mary Austin Challenge Cup	Nigel Pritchard	
NJ Dandy Perpetual Challenge Cup (Produce & Flowers)	Nigel Pritchard	
Alf Davies Challenge Cup (Floral Art)	Erica Martin	
Ellen Ellis Memorial Cup (cookery)	Pattie McLoughlin	
Harmer Hill Craft Award	Sue Young	
R Lea- Howarth Cup (Literature)	Margaret Parson	
Higgins Trophy (Photography)	Chris Oldham	
HH Horticultural Show Challenge Shield (Geranium)	Lynda Oldham	
Martin Junior cup (4 years & under)	Maisie Savage	
Walter Evans Challenge Cup (age 5-8)	Tessa Sadler	
Most points age 9-12	Blake Savage	
Kenny Cank Shield (Biggest Onion)	Nigel Pritchard	
JJ Sergeant Memorial Plate (Plants)	Pauline Mead, Lynda Oldham, Veronica Jones, Erica Martin	
John Everall memorial Plate (Best Vase)	Nigel Pritchard	

A Man Called Otto

Cert: 15 - 121 mins



Wed 18th Oct - 7.30 pm Myddle Village Hall

Admission: Adults: £5 Child: £2.50 Enquiries: 07706 450075

Doors open at 7pm. Drinks and snacks available before the film starts and during the interval.

Otto is a grump who's given up on life following the loss of his wife and wants to end it all. When a young family moves in nearby, he meets his match in quick-witted Marisol, leading to a friendship that will turn his world around.

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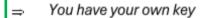
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