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**September 2023**



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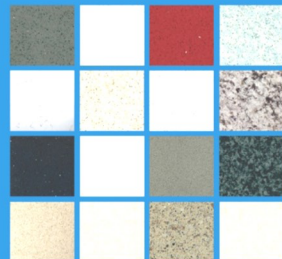


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## DANIELLE – A SINCERE WORD OF THANKS



This is the last edition of the Messenger that Danielle will be editing. When the late Liz Hodge had to step down as editor for health reasons we were very lucky to find Danielle as a replacement. As readers may know Danielle has a background in journalism. She walked from Harmer Hill to Myddle during the pandemic for an open-air discussion about the editor's role. It was clear that she was the ideal candidate. Once she took on the role she began to introduce small improvements to make the Messenger a better magazine without offending those who are less comfortable with change. Last year she introduced colour which has proved popular with readers and, interestingly, another local parish magazine has recently followed her lead. Danielle's move out of the parish clearly made it more difficult for her to continue in the role and she deserves our gratitude for continuing as editor so long after her move. So **THANK YOU DANIELLE** for all you have done in making the Messenger a parish magazine of which we can all be proud.

## THE FUTURE OF THE MESSENGER ..... UNCERTAIN

We are still looking for a new editor. This is the very last edition that Danielle will be editing. If you think you might be interested and would like to know more about the editor's role please give Danielle a call on 07453-676303. We have put in place temporary arrangements that will allow the magazine to continue for a few more months at least. However, from October we will be publishing the magazine every other month and so the next issue will be an October/November edition and there will be no separate November edition. The long-term future of the magazine remains in doubt if we cannot find a new editor.



### £11m available to help lift Shropshire homes out of fuel poverty

Shropshire Council has £11 million for its Sustainable Warmth Programme to assist local people to improve their homes and reduce harm caused by fuel poverty. The funding will be used to help retrofit the homes of residents living off-gas. Fully funded works will include insulation, heat pumps, first-time double glazing, and solar panels. Expressions of interest are now being invited from residents and landlords to the Sustainable Warmth Programme. Qualifying residents will receive a free assessment to identify the types of measures that will be most effective for their home. All works will be delivered by accredited and council-approved contractors.

The scheme follows a whole house approach - this means considering fabric measures (i.e. windows, doors, insulation) before changing or improving heating systems. It is not a crisis/emergency scheme. The grant process does take time. Applicants must have lived in their property for a minimum of 6 months and properties must be occupied. The scheme is not intended to support large-scale home renovation projects or refurbishments. Private tenants can apply, but landlords will need to consent to all works and will be expected to make a financial contribution. Social Housing Tenants cannot apply. Landlords that rent out more than four properties do not qualify.

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Route 2 - Households not in receipt of government benefits can still qualify for grants if their gross annual household income is below £31,000 per year.

Route 3 - Flexible eligibility for households in receipt of a council tax rebate (excluding the single person rebates) or with a long-term health condition and or disability that is affected by a cold home or in receipt of free school meals.

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Sun. 10th Sept 11.00am	Lay Worship Myddle	Bob Millington	Greg
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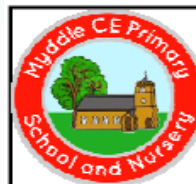
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Sadly, in these times the job of the local parish priest is vastly different from years ago, in that much of his work is carried out behind a desk.

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. The problem is, we do not know who you are unless you contact us.

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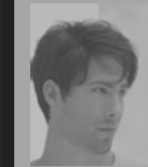


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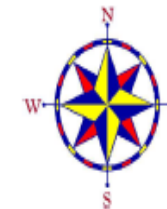
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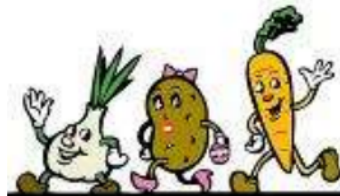
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Our WI Institute enters an annual craft, produce and flower arranging competition organised by the Shropshire WI Federation. We have been successful over a number of years in gaining major trophies in competitions organised by the county Federation.

Our next meeting is Thursday 14th September @ Harmer Hill Village Hall. This is our Open Meeting (Open to non members, all welcome)



Our speaker is Melanie Latham. Chutney & Cheer, homemade Chutney and humorous anecdotes.

Every one welcome, you don't have to be a member, just pop in and give us a try you may be pleasantly surprised!!

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"Peter, wait until we say grace," insisted his embarrassed father.

"I don't have to," the five year old replied.

"Of course you do, Peter," his mother insisted rather forcefully.

"We always say a prayer before eating at our house."

"That's at our house," Peter explained, "but this is Mrs. Wilson's house, and she knows how to cook."





### **Harmer Hill Presbyterian Church**

A woman came out of her house and saw three old men sitting in front of her house. She did not recognize them but decided to be hospitable anyway. She said, "I don't think I know you, but you must be hungry. Please come in and have something to eat." "Is the man of the house home?" they asked. "No," she said, "He's out." "Then we cannot come in," they replied.

Later that evening when her husband came home, the wife told him what had happened. "Go tell them I am home and invite them in." The woman went out and invited the men in, "We do not go into a house together," they replied. "Why is that?" she asked. One of the old men explained: "His name is Wealth," one man said pointing to his friend, "and he is Success and I am Love. Now go in and discuss with your husband which one of us you want in your home."

The woman went in and told her husband what was said. Her husband was overjoyed, "Let's invite Wealth in so he can come and fill our home with wealth." His wife disagreed, "My dear, why don't we invite Success instead" Their daughter-in-law was listening from the other corner of the house. She jumped in with her own suggestion: 'Would it not be better to invite Love so our home will be filled with love.'

The husband and wife decided she was right. The woman went out and asked Love to come in to be their guest. Love got up and started walking toward the house, and the other two also got up and followed him. Surprised, the lady asked, "We only invited Love, why are you all coming in?" The old men replied together: "If you had invited Wealth or Success the other two of us would've stayed out. Since you invited in Love, wherever he goes we go with him. Wherever there is love there is also wealth and success."

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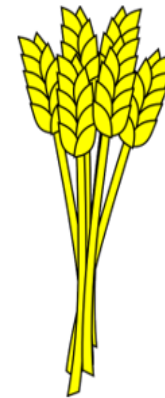
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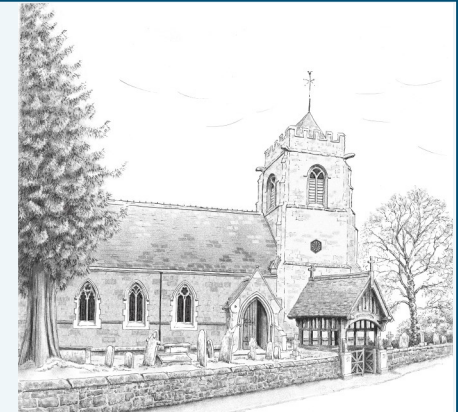
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Christmas is a long way off but it's never too early to think about vulnerable children who have nothing to call their own. Packing a shoe box with simple gifts is a wonderful way to let a child who may never have received a present know they are not 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](http://www.teams4u.com). There are YouTube videos showing boxes being filled with lots of ideas of what to put in (@teams4Utube).

It's amazing how many 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 it with colourful wrapping 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, Rubik's 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, foldable shopping bag, small toiletries, wind-up torch can be included. When your box is full, add the transport costs (details in the leaflet, or pay online), secure the box lid with an elastic band and bring to the Rectory, Myddle during the **week after half term**. Boxes will be taken to the Teams4U Wrexham warehouse in time for Christmas delivery to those who need them most.

With the cost of living going up, packing a whole box may be too much but 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, hopefully **before the end of September** to allow time to include them. I'm particularly grateful to those who are busily knitting warm hats and scarves, or sewing. Please don't stop! If you would like a flat-pack box, or to donate knitting or wool for knitters, or have any other queries, please contact me on 01939 291390 or [jothevicarswife@hotmail.com](mailto:jothevicarswife@hotmail.com).

Thank you. Happy shoe-boxing!  
Jo Clayton, Rector of Myddle

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### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Trinity 13

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

Readings: Jeremiah 15:15-21  
Romans 12:9-21 Matthew  
16:21-28

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Trinity 14

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

Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-11  
Romans 13:8-14 Matthew  
18:15-20

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Trinity 15

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

Readings: Genesis 50:15-21  
Romans 14:1-12 Matthew  
18:21-35

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Trinity 16

09.45am  
Holy Communion,  
Loppington  
11.00am  
Family Worship, Myddle  
11.15am  
Holy Communion, Newtown  
3.00pm  
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Readings: Jonah 3:10-4.11  
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