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Rector's letter

Some of you will have heard by now that at the beginning of July I announced in the churches of the Arrowvale Group that my time as your priest is drawing to a close. My last Sunday will be 25th September. It has been an immense privilege and honour for me, to serve you as your rector or vicar over the last almost 8 years. I feel that I have been welcomed in the heart of these communities and have shared many of your joys and sorrows. The task of keeping the light of the Christian Faith burning bright is always a challenge for every generation, and I thank you for sharing that with me here.

I will finish my duties here at the end of September and the responsibility will then lie with the Rev Preb Stephen Hollinghurst, the rural dean, to oversee the general running of the parishes until a new vicar is appointed. The next magazine will have more details of that, but if in any doubt please contact the church wardens of your parish for help.

The bishop would like to come to a service for the group of parishes before I leave and has given me the date of September 11th, so there will be a group service in Pembridge Church at 4pm. I hope as many of you as able will come and join me for that. Please put the date in your diaries! I don't have any exciting new appointment to announce to you..... Nick is starting a new job in August working for the Bulmer Foundation in Hereford, he will continue to minister as a priest in the Hereford Diocese, but no longer to be paid by them – his preaching gifts will not be lost. I have been ordained now for 10 years, and before I take on any new challenges it is time for a sabbatical for me, and then a further conversation with the Bishop.

For those of you with whom I have shared special times together, those I will treasure, they will not be lost and I hope you will make some time for me in the next couple of months before I leave.

I don't know how you experience God's leading – but I know that I am being pushed onwards, even though I would prefer to stay in the safety of a place and with people I know. I trust that God will show me the way to go, and I trust that God will provide for you and for this group of parishes. Jesus said "I am the way, the truth and the life" let us put our hands into his to find our way through this amazing and yet difficult journey of life. In Jesus' name. Amen

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Byton News

Everything moves so rapidly in 21st century Herefordshire! We are now mid summer & can only look back fondly to the Duck Race at Middlemoor Barn on the 11 June. Over £700 was raised – thanks to all who supported in any way & especially to hosts Steve & Liz Weaver.

The traditional Byton Church BBQ on Sunday 14 August will be held at a new venue – The Orchard, Coombes Moor (signed on the B4362), the home of Bob & Mandy Naylor, & sons Alex & Louis. This follows the Group Service at St Mary's Church – hopefully lots of hungry worshippers will come on for a delicious lunch.

On Saturday 10 September Peter Mackay-Lewis & Claire Delaney are to be married at St Mary's, Byton. We send them our love & wish them every future happiness.

You are cordially invited to visit Byton Church on Sunday 11 September or shortly afterwards to admire the wedding flowers.

Did you hear /see Byton Churchwarden, Simon Edwards, interviewed on 13 July about the vagaries & joys of sheep farming on BBC Hereford & Worcester & on Midlands Today – form an orderly queue for autographs at the BBQ please : proceeds for Church funds!

The PCC & all people of Byton who know our Rector, Julie, are sad she is moving on & leaving the Group. We wish her & her husband, Nick, who is also moving into a challenging new job, every success & happiness.

Flowers & Cleaning:

August Everyone for Group Service
September Mrs D.Stephenson
Everyone for Peter & Claire's Wedding

History Snippet - Norman Byton

Byton is clearly an Anglo Saxon farming community, near the River Lugg, ("Bright River" in old Celtic) & surrounded by virgin forest. Edward the Confessor's death in January 1066 precipitated a festering dispute between William the Bastard of Normandy & Harold Godwinson of Wessex – William said he was morally entitled to be King. The Conquest in October 1066 changed the political, cultural & social face of Saxon England – an upheaval that could be equated to a Nazi takeover of Britain in 1940, & no less thorough. The land became the King's by conquest, & allocated to William's trusted Norman supporters – though Byton was already held of the King by Osbern fitz Richard, son of Richard Scrob, the Confessor's Norman kinsman, who built Richard's Castle about 1052.

The wattle & daub Saxon Church was subsequently rebuilt, doubtless to the Glory of God but also to remind the locals of the Norman power that could reach into even their quiet lives. The font & Agnes Dei lintel over the priest's door both date from around 1100 & bear witness to this.

Byton prospered under Norman authority. Farming was productive, the river yielded fish & the forest wood & game. Rabbits were introduced by the Normans for fur & meat (Wapley became an officially managed "Warren"), & dogs were "lawed" (crippled) to prevent them chasing the King's deer.

Peace & prosperity meant that the value of "Boctune" Manor increased from 12 shillings in 1065 to 20 shillings in 1087. But the peace & prosperity under Norman rule was to change when threats from Wales and the Black Death came from the West and East respectively.

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Macmillan Coffee Morning

This year's Coffee Morning is on Friday, September 30th from 10.00 am at Lyonshall Memorial Hall. Please come along and support this very worthy cause.

Lyonshall Village Fete And Dog Show

At Castle Weir (by kind invitation of Andrew and Anto Morley) On Saturday, September 3rd at 2.00 pm.

Dog Show

Entries from 2.00 pm. Judging starts at 2.30 pm

£1 per class. Rosettes to 4th place

1. Prettiest Birch
2. Handsomest Dog
3. Best Kept Dog
4. Waggiest Tail
5. Best Trick
6. Veteran in Best Condition (8 years and over)
7. Best Child Handler 14 years and under
8. Dog the judge would most like to take home.

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Friends of Lyonshall Church Draw

Prizewinners in the June Draw were as follows:-

Lizzie Thomas
Brian Gill
Mew Davies
Andrew Watson
Laura Rowlatt

From the Bellringers

The month of June found the

bellringers retaining the Ken Smith Shield for another year. This is the trophy awarded in our annual district striking competition which took place at Dilwyn this year. Judges John and Jan Turney came from the Marches Teaching Belfry at Hopton Heath and were very generous with their time and comments. It was an altogether friendly and enjoyable evening, true to the spirit of the event. Fundraising for the refurbishment of the bells is continuing with several generous donations received from local individuals and businesses to add to the events being organised. Various further functions are planned.

Whist Drive at Lyonshall

As part of the fundraising for the refurbishment of Lyonshall bells, the ringers are holding a Whist Drive at Lyonshall Village Hall on Monday, 15th August. Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start Admission is £2 on the door and this will include supper. There will be a raffle and an auction of cakes at the end of the evening. Donations of raffle prizes and cakes will be most welcomed. We look forward to seeing all those enthusiastic Whist players whose clubs are taking a summer break! Pat Key 01544 34029

Coffee Mornings

Join us at the Memorial Hall for our monthly Coffee Mornings every second Friday, between 10 and 12 noon. The next two dates for your diaries are Friday August 12th and Friday September 9th.

Fundraising news.....the June get-together raised £100 which was donated to the Churches Housing Trust and in July we raised £90 which was split for two more deserving causes. Crisis UK received £50 and £40 was donated to Oxfam, towards the East African Appeal. Thank you to everyone for their generous support. Come along to our monthly social get-together and meet some old friends and new. Enjoy refreshments, stalls and good company in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere (and support a good cause at the same time)
Everyone welcome.
For further details, or to arrange transport, please contact Kathy Thompson on 01544 340386.

Lyonshall Parish Council Update

Each of the new Councillors on Lyonshall Parish Council has undertaken to research and develop an area of responsibility. The identified areas so far are highways (including lengthsman scheme), footpaths, finance, services, playground, heritage/historic sites, village upkeep and village website. All Councillors will be responsible for planning matters and parish improvements. If you have any ideas or inspiration in any of these areas or any additions please let us know. Kate Lomax, Lyonshall Parish Clerk, 01544 340092, Lyonshallcouncil@tiscali.co.uk
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Lyonshall Memorial Hall – Jumble Sale

This year's date for the jumble sale in aid of the Memorial Hall is Saturday 17th September in Kington Market Hall at 10.00 a.m. We would welcome any donations of clothing, Bric a brac, books, plants, cakes and preserves. If you have any articles to donate, please ring Pat Addis on 340261, Alison Smith on 340456 or Sally Boyce on 340026, to arrange for collection or receipt. Thank You. Pat Addis

Pembridge News

Allpay Broadband

Pembridge PCC has expressed an interest in housing an Allpay Broadband antenna at the church. Allpay are committed to bringing a fast and reliable wireless broadband service up to 35Mb to Herefordshire. At present Pembridge has not been identified as an access point in the next 12 months. However allpay welcome early expressions of interest and seek to deliver a service where there is a demand. Members of the community can get more information and are encouraged to register their interest at www.allpaybroadband.com/availability/interest or by calling 0844 5578322

Ride and Stride in aid of Historic Churches and Chapels.

This national event takes place on Saturday, September 10th, 2011. Cycle or walk between the churches in your area. You ask friends/relations/colleagues to sponsor you with an agreed sum of money for each church or chapel you visit between 10am and 6pm, by bicycle or on foot. You take part for as long or short a time within the day as is convenient. You plan your own route, go at your own pace and churches and chapels throughout Herefordshire and neighbouring counties are open for you to "sign in", usually with someone there to welcome you and often with an offer of refreshment. Half of the sponsorship you raise goes to the Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust, half to the church of your choice. To find out more go to www.herefordhistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/events. To participate call your local organiser for Pembridge – Meryl Griffith on 01544 340381 or e mail porthcelyn@btinternet.com. Or

Mr and Morley 01568708470 or Ben Sladen 01568702424

Pembridge Christian Aid

This year's total collected from the people of Pembridge Parish during Christian Aid Week was £324.58p. It's well down on previous years, but still enough to make a terrific difference to people's lives or even save a few. Many thanks to all who gave or collected and to Yasmin for letting us use The Chapel Gallery as a drop off point for people missed by the collectors. If you still have an envelope, Yasmin is still willing to take it. As you will know, there is famine in Africa threatening lives at the moment, so please look up www.christianaid.org.uk to see how to make a donation or send a cheque payable to Christian Aid, PO Box 100, London, SE1 7RT. You can even give it to Julie who will either post it or pass it on to me for posting. While I'm in thanks mode, I would like to thank all involved in Women's World Day of Prayer. Although I do the paperwork and phone round for readers, this is very much a joint effort. For several years we've used Bearwood Chapel, sometimes for music practice as well as the service, and found it ready and welcoming. This involves work for the Methodists whose chapel it is. Morag and Kate have been our musicians for years now, and Monica, our new committee member doesn't do things by halves. She got decorations from the Chilean Embassy this year, and all the committee members provided refreshments. Thanks must also go to every single reader. Without you our efforts would be wasted.

Yours sincerely,
Janice Moore

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From the Registers

Baptism

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Thomas Llewellyn Evans	Pembridge
Jack Thomas Williams	Pembridge
Crystal May Beryl Perkins	Pembridge
Hollie Rose Peruffo	Shobdon
Joshua Pietro Peruffo	Shobdon

We welcome you into the Lord's family

Marriage

James Smith and Charlotte Hack	Moorcourt
Katie Aldridge and William Brown	Pembridge
Michael and Lucy Chapman (Blessing)	Lyonshall
Mark Carvill and Kristin Harris	Shobdon (at Pembridge)
Adam Low and Helen Parry	Pembridge
Philip and Ruth Boundy (Blessing)	Pembridge

We wish them every happiness in the future

Funerals

Lilian Mary Lewis	Lyonshall
David William Lewis	Pembridge
John (Johnnie) Williams	Lyonshall
Edward Samuel Butler (Burial)	Shobdon
Hilda Muriel Carter	Pembridge

Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends

Moorcourt Harvest

This service will be held on Thursday 29th September at 7pm in Moorcourt Church. It will be followed by the auction of produce by Mr Eric Price in the Vestry Room and then a harvest repast at Moorcourt Farm by kind invitation of Clare and Eric Price. All are welcome.

Shobdon Services

With Shobdon Church closed for a few

months, there is a new timetable of services for Shobdon down at the Chapel. These include the midweek service on the first Thursday of the Month, it already happens but I'm hoping that more of us will gather there to stay in touch with each other and God! The dates of the next services are Thursday 4th August, Thursday 1st September and Thursday 6th October all at 10.30am in the Methodist Chapel in Shobdon.

Sunday Readings

7th August – Trinity 7 Psalm 85 v 8 – 13 Romans 10 v 5 – 15 Matthew 14 v 22 – 33	11th September – Trinity 12 School Service – special readings Genesis 50 v 15 – 21 Psalm 103 Romans 14 v 1 – 12 Matthew 18 v 21 – 35
14th August – Blessed Virgin Mary Psalm 45 verses 10 – end Galatians 4 v 4-7 Luke 1 verses 46 – 55	18th September – Trinity 13 Psalm 145 v 1 – 8 Philippians 1 v 21 – end Matthew 20 v 1 – 16
21st August – Trinity 9 Romans 12 v 1 – 8 Matthew 16 v 13 – 20	25th September – Trinity 14 Psalm 25 v 1 – 8 Philippians 2 v 1 – 13 Matthew 21 v 23 – 32
28th August – St Bartholomew Acts 5 verses 12 – 16 Luke 22 v 24 – 30	29th September – Moorcourt Harvest Psalm 65 Genesis 28 v 10 – 17 Matthew 6 v 25 - 33
4th September – Trinity 10 Psalm 149 Romans 13 v 8 – end Matthew 18 v 15 – 20	

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A competition for all children: a painting or a story about a playground for up to 11 years of age and 12+ years any art work. A prize for each section will be awarded. To be handed in on the day at the playground at 2.30pm judging will take place and prizes awarded at 3-15pm, refreshments available.

To be followed at 4.00pm by rounders courtesy of the Royal George. Please notify the landlady of teams of 7.

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Dates for your diary

(MU,WI and Sunshine Club)

The Sunshine Club continues to meet in the village hall at 2.30pm on third Tuesday of the month.

MU

In the last two months, we have been fortunate in having interesting and well illustrated talks. On 9th June, James Smith spoke to us about the work he does with the Peace and Hope Trust in Nicaragua: for him, this means giving basic dental care under very difficult conditions, for which his patients are extremely grateful. On 14th July, we were much nearer to home when John Beesley came to give an illustrated talk about Rome. As always, his slides were first class and his talk extensive, and it was good to welcome John back to Shobdon.

We have no meeting in August, and, in September, we shall be "out to lunch". On 13th October, we shall be attending the Deanery service in Weobley church, and therefore there will not be a meeting in the Methodist chapel until November.

WI

Shobdon's WI members have enjoyed an interesting and varied programme of events over the past few months. The clay workshop in June was a success, with everyone contributing to the creation of a beautiful clay bowl which has now been sent off for firing and glazing. July's event was a joint picnic with the Eye WI in the Arboretum at Shobdon Court, by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Richard Corbett.

August is our holiday month, and so there will be no meeting. However, we start again in September with a jewelry workshop, and this is also an open meeting at which non-members are welcome. This is a good opportunity to come along and find out what we are like, and possibly join: that's Thursday, 15th September at 7pm in the village hall. Other meetings of the WI are on the third Thursday of the month, and if you are interested and would like to get involved, come along, or phone our secretary, Hazel Hinson on 708194, for further information.

Spotlight

After two terms out of action, Peter Dennis has been back in action, and there have been sixteen enthusiastic members of the club this term. Most afternoons, the weather has allowed us to start with games outside, and then activities and teaching inside. We ended term with a barbecue at Ael-y-Bryn, thanks to Mrs Morgan, when, under a bright and sunny sky, there was a treasure hunt organised by Mrs Morley, and then burgers and hot dogs, thanks to Mr Gilliat, and ice cream, cakes, fruit and squash. Then we said goodbye to James and Fern, who are moving to Weobley school next term, with our best wishes. The club will start again in the autumn term, and notices will be sent out by the school. (Wednesday after school).

Bible Study

The study group meets in Pembridge at the home of Stuart and Amanda Cooper on alternate Mondays at 7.30pm. We are studying the first of John's letters to his friends and brothers, a very moving and profound letter, but well worth the effort. If you would like to join the study, and you would like a lift or directions to Stuart and Amanda's, call John Andrews, 708277.

Prayer Group

Meetings of the prayer group are held on the first and the third Tuesdays of the month between 11am and noon in the Methodist Chapel. Prayer usually focuses on the needs of people and organisations within the parish. If you need prayer, or you know of someone who needs prayer, please let me know. Prayers are entirely confidential, and they are not the source of gossip. Those who take part come from Pembridge and Shobdon. John Andrews, 708277.

The Salt of the Earth charity, fronted by Anne Walker, will hold its annual fundraiser at Wildflower House on Saturday, 20th August, between 10.30am and 4.30pm. There will be all the usual stalls, and wonderful cakes.

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Christian Aid Collection'

During mid-May, a Christian Aid Envelope Collection took place in the village. The proceeds amounted to £397 - 20p, including a generous individual gift, and the contents of a collection tin left in the Bateman Arms. Some of the money will be used to pay for mosquito nets which will protect families from malaria, which kills one child every 45 seconds in Africa. This is just one example amongst many other good causes. Very many thanks to all those who helped collect the envelopes, and those who contributed.
Morag Morley'

Staunton-on-Arrow News

Events

The Hog Roast at Highland arranged by Mr. and Mrs Thorpe was a great success in spite of terrible weather. Everyone congregated in the big barns and the food, music, competition etc etc were all excellent. Over £1000 was raised and this was divided between Staunton-on-Arrow Church and Air Ambulance. A cheque for the church for £777 was received. Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs Thorpe for their generosity and all the work they put in, and to all those who went and were so generous.

The Fete on July 2nd was again at Staunton Park by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs Fode. This year a falconry display was a new attraction, (company based at Hagley, Birmingham). Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the show. A special mention to Michael Burleigh for rowing families continuously on the beautiful lake the whole afternoon. The fete made a total profit of £2137 and this will be divided between the Church and the Village Hall.

Future Events

The Church will be open for the Ride and Stride day on Saturday 10th September. Anyone wishing to get sponsors and do this themselves, please contact Peter Laing. 01544 388 873.

Saturday 8th October is the date for the Grand Race Meeting. Details and publicity later. Be sure to keep this date free; it is sure to be a real fun event.

W.I. dates: On Wed 21st September the subject will be the Princes Trust, and 14th October will be the Harvest supper. Details from Barbara Morgan, 01544 388 368

Village Hall Officers

Peter Laing is retiring as secretary and letting officer, and Mrs. Shirley Percy is warmly thanked for volunteering to take on this commitment.

Similarly Mrs. Annabel Woolmer has had to resign as treasurer because her husband has been posted to Cyprus, and warm thanks are given to Mrs. Heather Owens for taking on this important job. The next meeting of Village Hall Trustees will be on Wed. 12th October at 7pm.

Note: It seems strange to the secretary that some volunteers have objected to their telephone numbers being given in magazine entries, as all these numbers are circulated on the village-residents list supplied by the Neighbourhood Watch group.

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Shobdon Festival I I

I hope those of you that came to see us will agree that the 2011 Shobdon Food Festival was the best yet. We were inundated with visitors able to enjoy the largest number and range of exhibitors and demonstrators we've ever had. Despite the deluge of rain on the Friday night the weather we ordered from the vicar arrived on cue – apparently there was some confusion because the farmers had ordered rain, but it worked out perfectly in the end.

There are numerous behind the scenes anecdotes from the weekend: Clamping the car whose inhabitants refused to pay the entry fee for a church fundraiser on the grounds they were atheists was particularly memorable (as a point of order, they were clamped because they didn't pay, not because they were atheists!) For me, Sunday morning was the best time: With the weather set fair, the producers were preparing for another day's trading. One had his treacle-cured bacon sizzling and the coffee pot bubbling away for breakfast. You could smell the fresh bread as it was lifted out of the bakers van while our French patisserie chef, carried over another tray of cream-filled pastries he'd spent all night baking. The amazing display of fresh Herefordshire fruit and vegetables was being replenished and everyone was nodding at each other and sharing a 'good morning' as they passed. In the midst of it all, Julie was administering Communion in the Refreshment Marquee. She led prayers in front of the fantastic church-inspired artwork created by pupils from Shobdon Primary. All that was needed for one of the most enjoyable services I've ever

been to was a trestle table and a small congregation, some of whom had bacon sandwiches in one hand and prayer books in the other. At one point during the service I even heard someone order two cups of tea and enquire about the lemon drizzle cake. Truly memorable!

There are, as ever, lots of people to thank, without whom we really couldn't carry on hosting an event of this size. First and foremost, thanks to Penny and Richard Corbett for opening up parts of their home for us to use and enjoy and to Shobdon Cricket Club for allowing us to commandeer their pitch. Also, all the residents and businesses near the church that put up with the disruption we try hard to minimise. To our sponsors who support us so generously: D.S. Fabrications, Pearl Lake Leisure Park, Capps and Capps Ltd., Cargill Meats Ltd., Bellwood Lodges, Anne Walker, Breedon Aggregates and our main sponsor this year, Henmans of Herefordshire - a huge thank-you. Also, thanks to the many local businesses that donated prizes for our auction.

We couldn't continue without the dozens of people who give up their time to volunteer throughout the weekend, whether that be taking money on the gate, manning the car parking or the refreshments or donating cakes. A very special mention to Dave Hawkins and his family who were an amazing help throughout the weekend, turning their hand to whatever was needed from transporting steel drums to clearing up the site to building the demonstration kitchen. The Stokes family also deserves special mention for the amazing vintage display they put together for us as well as all the other help throughout the weekend.

Similarly, the committee who've worked tirelessly all year: Billy Stokes, Anne Walker, Hazel Hinson, June Howden, Marcia Lynch-Staunton and Katie and Glyn Johnson who looked after the demonstrations. All have put in so much work.

So, the all-important figure. Well, with one or two more beans to count, it looks as though we are approaching the £8,000 mark this year, which is an amazing effort in such tight times. It's almost as much as we made last year, which, being a flower festival year, was a three-day event. It also means we've now raised nearly £40,000 for various local and national charities and good causes. The bulk of the money this year is going towards the upkeep of the church. The major renovations are ongoing which means the church will remain closed for most of the year and despite there being no income from services etc, it still costs around £14,000 a year to keep the church operating.

Which brings us finally, to next year. Although it's not due to be a Flower Festival year, 2012 will be. We'll be celebrating not only the reopening of the church, but will also be marking our 30th year of Flower Festivals. We already have grand plans taking shape, that we aren't ready to reveal, but it will be bigger and better than ever with more music, more food and more family entertainment. We hope you can join us on the weekend of the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of June 2012. In the meantime, check our website for photos from this year and announcements about next. www.shobdonfestival.co.uk.

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Dates for the diary.

August 20th 2.30pm.

Church Fete.

September 4th 3.00pm

Organ Recital and Cream Teas

September 10th 10.00am - mid

day - Pembridge Church Gift

Day.

September 11th 10.30am

Joint church - school service to

celebrate the start of the new

school year.

Church Fete.

The fete will take place in the church on August 20th at 2.30pm. There will be all the usual stalls - cakes, bottles, books, crafts, plants plus a variety of other activities and entertainment for all the family. Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon and the winning tickets will be selected for the Grand Draw. *We would love to see you.*

We would also be grateful if you could buy or sell the enclosed book of draw tickets and return to a PCC member or put in a sealed envelope and place in the pillar safe inside the church. Please do NOT post back to Julie Mifflin. We have also enclosed a carrier bag into which we would hope you would place any items which could be donated to the fete e.g. Bottles cakes, plants, books. The bags can be left in the church during the week before the fete or brought to the church on the morning from 10.00am.

Pembridge Church Gift Day

Pembridge Church Gift Day will take place on September 10th, 10.00am to 12.00pm.

The Rector and churchwardens

will be present to receive your gifts. Enclosed with this magazine is a planned giving form which may be returned on Gift Day or returned at a later date to Mrs Jacqui Thomas.

The following information, supplied by the Pembridge PCC treasurer, hopefully will highlight the fact that we are very reliant on additional financial support to enable us to provide ministry from our church and also to help maintain the building itself.

“The church stands at the centre of our village, and is an important focal point in our lives. It is there for christenings, weddings and funerals. It is there for weekly worship, and is open every day for private prayer. For it to remain, it needs to be maintained, and it costs a lot of money to keep going each year. The typical cost of running the church is almost forty thousand pounds a year. Our insurance bill alone is over £4000.

We need your help to keep the church running. If we can all manage a small contribution each month we will ensure the continued running of the church. Please fill in the attached standing order mandate and return it to Mrs Jacqui Thomas, Pitfield Farm. Remember, if you are a taxpayer the amount you give can be gift-aided so we can claim 25p extra for every pound you donate.

£25 a month would cover the electricity bill £10 a month would pay for the organ to be tuned annually £5 a month would cover the oil needed to heat the church for a winter service

£1 a month would pay for the gift-aid envelopes to enable others to gift-aid their donations.

We will be holding a gift day on 11th September 10.00am - 12.00pm. You can bring your standing order mandate along to the church on that day, or if you would like to make a one off donation you can do so then.”

Thanking you in anticipation.

Organ Recital

Tim Hollinghurst will be playing the organ during the cream teas on September 4th at 3.00pm. Entry will be £5.00 to include cream tea. Please come and fill the church to hear Tim's wonderful playing of our organ. *Thank you.*

A Thank You to all who attended our recent fund-raising events - The Pudding & Pimms at Broxwood Court and the Don Pasquale concert at the church. Both were really enjoyable events so thank you also to the helpers who helped organise these.

A Big Thank You also to Mr & Mrs M Allen and Mr R Sneed-Cox for the use of the gardens at Broxwood Court and also to Mrs Sheers for her invaluable help on the day.

Reading Rota.

August 7th Group Service.

Clare Price

Sept 4th. Communion.

Elizabeth Lynch. Roland Scott

Sept 11th. Family Service.

Amanda Cooper

Sept 18th. Communion.

Mrs S Pim. Mrs Trish Lloyd

Oct 2nd. Communion.

Mrs J Pace. Mrs Gill Smith

Oct 9th. Family Service.

Emma Hardy.

	Pembridge	Lyonshall	Shobdon	Staunton	Byton	Moorcourt
PLEASE NOTE: Shobdon services are in Shobdon Methodist Chapel whilst the Church is shut						
7 August Trinity 7	10.30am Group Service at PEMBRIDGE - FAMILY COMMUNION					
14 August St Mary	11.00am Group Service at BYTON - SONGS OF PRAISE followed by BBQ Please note the later time as lunch is to follow!					
21 August Trinity 9	10.30am Group Service at STAUNTON - HOLY COMMUNION					
28 August St Bartholomew	10.30am Group Service at PEMBRIDGE - FAMILY SERVICE					
4 September Trinity 11	10.30am HCA & SS	10.30am FS	—	6.00pm EP	—	—
11 September Trinity 12	10.30am Pembridge School will be joining the Family Service at Pembridge at the beginning of a new school year 4.00pm GROUP SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION AT PEMBRIDGE CHURCH with Bishop Anthony. There will be refreshments after this service and an opportunity to talk with both the bishop and the Read Family.					
18 September Trinity 13	10.30am HCA & SS	6.00pm EP	10.30am FS	—	9.00am HCB	—
25 September Trinity 14	10.30am SS & SP	—	6.00pm EP	10.30am HCB	—	9.00am HCB
Key: HCA = Holy Communion(Modern Service) HCB = Holy Communion (Prayer Book) EP = Evening Prayer FS = Family Service FC = Family Communion MP = Morning Prayer SS = Sunday School SP = Sunday Papers						

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