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## Dear Villagers

What do you do when someone “bad mouths” you or makes unfair allegations? Our natural response is to dispute what is being said and to try and put the record straight. But that wasn’t Jesus’ way. When on trial, all kinds of half truths and twisted stories were levelled against Him. His response was to keep quiet. He trusted that ultimately truth would prevail. It did, even though the half truths and twisted stories took him to the Cross. The resurrection on Easter day showed that the false allegations were false and that the half truths were lies.

It’s not easy to follow that example. I remember in the parish where I was curate there were all sorts of foul allegations about the vicar – my training incumbent. In one conversation with a very earnest member of the church I was asked, “But if they’re all untrue, why doesn’t he just deny them?” My reply, “Perhaps he’s behaving like Jesus” wasn’t greatly appreciated!

The good news of Easter is that (ultimately) truth overcomes half truth and lies, love overcomes hate, light overcomes darkness and life overcomes death. And that gives us reason to be people of truth, love, light and life as we wait for the “ultimately” to take place.

That’s not easy. It wasn’t easy for Jesus with the events of Good Friday. But it’s better than responding any other way.

Best wishes,

*Robert*

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# From the Rectory

## Condolences

To the friends and family of Seymour "Sym" Beddoes, formerly of Eastham. His funeral took place on 18th March in Eastham church followed by burial in the churchyard in the grave of his wife, Linda. Condolences to their children, Steve Sue and Shirl, their "other halves" and the six grandchildren.

Also to Ann Prosser on the death of her sister in law, Pat Frostick whose funeral will take place in Tenbury Church on 4th April.

## Thank you

For all the messages of support following the death of my father. They came by card, phone call, facebook, email and in person. I was most touched by the number of people who said they were thinking of me, praying for me (and him), reminded me of God's love for him and me and offered practical support – indeed one such offer came from a farming couple up to the eyes with lambing, but still offering support. There are some amazingly caring people about.

## Germinate Enterprise

The six week course on how to set up a business has come to an end. Inevitably there were a couple of people who dropped out of the course, but the group was stimulating. Arising from it there are plans for a computer support business, doggy day-care, gemstone necklaces and home delivered meals. Thanks to Celia Adams for her role in leading it. What has business to do with church? God is interested in the whole of life and thriving livelihoods is part of the "fullness of life" that Jesus said he had come to bring.

## Lent Group

At the time of writing we are halfway through looking at Archbishop Justin's Lent Book, *De-throning Mammon*. In it he looks at our attitudes towards money and what drives our behaviour towards it. As a former group treasurer of an oil company Justin writes with great credibility and insight. The Group continues on Thursday evenings in Lent. All welcome.

## Year of the Tree

We welcomed Jonathan Kimber, Diocesan Director of Ministry and Discipleship, to preach at the Ash Wednesday Service at Stanford to launch the Year of the Tree. Trees, he reminded us, feature in the bible as pictures of our relationship with God. To flourish we need to be rooted in those things that nourish our spirituality and we need to enjoy the sunshine of God's love.

As part of the service we sang the medieval carol (but to a familiar tune), "Jesus Christ, the apple tree".

The next event as part of Year of the Tree will be Café Church on Sunday 30th April when we will be in Andrew and Jenny Barbe's orchard. And of course there will be the usual bacon rolls, coffee, tea ...

## Tenebrae Service

What's that, I hear you ask. Why are we having one? "Tenebrae" is from the Latin word for "shadows" or "darkness". The service on Good Friday evening at Kyre will be an entering in to the darkness that the disciples felt that first Good Friday as all their hopes had been crushed. Tenebrae is a most moving service and an excellent preparation to make Easter joyful.

*Robert*

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## Saturday Winners

Feb 18th	No 4	Mrs Coats
Feb 25th	No 26	Carol Powell
March 4th	No 21	Andrew Keysall
March 11th	No 46	Not Sold

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## Teme Valley Tote

March's prize draw of the Tote (the last in this series) was decided when Rev'd Robert Barlow rolled the dice on 2nd March to select the set of random numbers. The prize winners are:

£50 – **Catherine Campbell** of Stanford  
(No 485)

£30 – **Heather Lewis** of Knighton (No 694)

£20 – **Mrs V Moreton** of Knighton (No 614)

A new series starts in April – see details on page 12. Please contact your local coordinator or Robin Dean on 01886 853295 or by email at [robin.c.dean@gmail.com](mailto:robin.c.dean@gmail.com) if you wish to join.

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## Easter in Rochford

The year is flying by and Easter is almost here. We have a communion service on Easter Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. If you wish to donate chocolate Easter eggs at this service they will be passed on to needy children. The church will be decorated with lilies and also flowers from Easter Saturday when there is a wedding. If you would like to donate towards the lilies please let Ann or Jennifer have your money before 5th April.

## Questionnaires

We have received a good number of completed village questionnaires but if you still have yours please let us have it as soon as possible. If you have volunteered to help with anything we will be in touch very shortly.

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## Teme Valley South APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting of Teme Valley South Parish will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 27th April in Rochford Village Hall. Everyone is welcome.

## Condolences

We send our condolences and prayers to Robert Barlow on the death of his father and to Ann Prosser on the death of her sister-in-law Pat.

## Neighbourhood lunches

Neighbourhood lunches are on 25th April and 30th May at 12.30 pm in Rochford Village Hall.

## Don't forget ...

Don't forget the diary dates –  
**Rochford Rocks** on 15th July  
**Rochford Fête** on 13th August (we're still looking for a venue – please let us know if you can help).

*Jennifer Gledhill*

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# Stoke Bliss and Kyre

## Thanks

Katrina and Jan again made mini Christmas cakes which were sold at the Christmas Coffee Morning and Pub Night. £34.50 was made and donated to St Michael's Hospice.

## Dates for your diary

### Open Gardens

Stoke Bliss and Kyre

Sunday 18th June

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### Fête and Fun Dog Show

Saturday 15th July

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Maggie Downes, 01885 410462

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### Pub Nights

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Friday 28th April

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Please phone Maggie for more details or to book a place on 01885 410431.

## Still Waters Quiet Garden

at St Mary's Kyre

**Theme: Transition**

We will be holding reflective Quiet Garden sessions at St Mary's Kyre on the following dates:

**Sunday 23rd April**

5 to 6pm (welcome from 4.30pm)  
followed by a 6.30 evening service

**Wednesday 17th May**

7 to 8pm (welcome from 6.30pm)

**Sunday 25th June**

5 to 6pm (welcome from 4.30pm)

**Wednesday 19th July**

7 to 8pm (welcome from 6.30pm)

**Sunday 24th September**

5 to 6pm (welcome from 4.30pm)

For more information ring

**Maggie Kingston, 01885 410431**

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St Mary's is halfway between Bromyard and Tenbury off B4214, follow signs for Kyre Park

## Stoke Bliss and Kyre Coffee Morning



at Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall  
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# Eastham Jottings

## Teme Valley Tote

Your £10 stake for the next 12 draws for prizes of £50, £30 or £20 per month is due on 1st April. Please drop the cash in to Celia Adams as soon as possible.

## A new TemeTalk reader!



**Caitlin May Wyse**  
born on 21st February 2017  
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## Church spring clean

We'll be spring cleaning the church in the afternoon of Saturday 22nd April between 2 and 4pm. Time to get together and get all the jobs done as a group. Many hands make light work! All are welcome, tea and cakes at 4pm.

## Dates for your diary

17th June – Eastham Barbecue  
20th August – Eastham Fête, Flower Show and Fun Dog Show

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**Pub Night**  
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## Keeping Hanley tidy!

On Saturday 4th March the parish of Hanley was registered for a national event to Keep Britain Tidy.

A grand total of eight local people with a dog, and two visitors from Bristol, gathered at Hanley Village Hall. We collected litter from all three hamlets of the parish. Six heavy duty plastic rubbish bags were filled almost to the brim. Needless to say endless crisp packets, chocolate bar wrappers, empty beer cans and cigarette packets were gathered, together with used blue latex gloves. One of the largest bags was collected from the cul-de-sac off the lane leading to Hanley Childe. Sadly, I estimate the lanes would be free from litter for all of six minutes, but we did our bit. Homemade roasted beetroot soup or wild vegetable soup was served for lunch.

A thankless task, but a big thank you to those who dedicated a morning to clear the lanes where we live.

T S-Allen

**TemeTalk deadline 18th April**

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The Friday Market moved from Sapey Village Hall to Hanley about four years ago. It's run by Carole and her friends – there's no committee or formal structure, she explained, "it's just friends doing things together". Maureen opens the hall and gets the tables ready, as well as collecting the eggs from Stanford. Liz collects the bread from Lamings in Bromyard. Paddy

runs the lottery. Carole looks after the money and they all help out where needed.

The stalls are groaning with good things to eat – as well as bread there are scrumptious cakes by Sue of Sue's Bespoke Cakes, jams and marmalades, sausages and ham from Gladwins in Bromyard and patés and pies by Liz Cheney from Clifton. Jill has plants and vegetables and there are secondhand books and a couple of tables of bric-a-brac – donated items which are sold in aid of the Air Ambulance.

Carole said that in their first year they raised £900 for the Air Ambulance and in each the last two years have reached a grand total of £1,500, thanks in part to the famous Christmas Fair held in early December every year.

There's a lovely warm atmosphere in the Village Hall, and a buzz of conversation. Maureen told me that they see it as a community service – a place "just around the corner" where you can buy fresh bread and vegetables or just go to catch up with friends and have a chat over a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit.

And on Good Friday, 14th April, the Easter Eggstravaganza will be all things Easter – hot cross buns, Easter cakes, Easter eggs and a tombola! So if you've never been to the Friday Market before, that would be an excellent day for your first visit! You can be sure of a warm welcome – I'll certainly be back.

From 10 to 11.30am, every Friday at Hanley Village Hall. If you would like to make a donation or have a table, call Carole on 01886 853654.

SG

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**Good Friday, 14th April**

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## Maundy Thursday

On Maundy Thursday, 13th April, at 7.30pm at St Mary's there will be a series of dramatic readings around the Passion. We already have several volunteers to take part but we need more. Please try to come for an interesting evening even if you don't want to take part.

## Sunrise Service

Welcome Easter Day with this special service at 6 am on 16th April. We will have a lit brazier to warm ourselves before entering a dark church with candles lit from the brazier (provided the wind does not blow them out!).

After the service we will have a traditional English breakfast at The Bridge costing £7.50 per person. **Please book breakfast with Robin (on 01886 853295) by Wednesday 12th April so that The Bridge can cater for us.**

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

All members of the parish on the civil electoral roll are invited to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for Teme Valley South Parish on Thursday 27th April at 7.30pm at Rochford Village Hall. Light refreshments will be available. Please try to attend this meeting.

## Dates for your diaries

- **Friday 30th June**, a welcome return for the second year running for the Volante Strings.
- We hope to repeat the successful local walk organised by Sue Softly in the spring – watch here for the date.
- Sue is organising a **Great Village Bake Off** – watch here for the date and the details of classes to enter.
- We hope to have another musical event in the church during the summer. We are hoping to organise six monthly concerts during the summer of 2018 – if you have any ideas or would like to join the organising committee, please contact David Evington (07766 350212).
- **Saturday 4th November** – Jumper Party at the Village Hall. Get your Christmas Presents in good time!

## Rural Reels in Stanford

No interest shown!

## WI in the parish

"Is this thing on?" The answer to my £5 question last month was the singer Pink. Nobody managed to submit an answer so I can only assume no-one read it – unless you were all asleep by then.

Anyway, for the last time of asking, are you interested in having a WI group in Stanford? If you would like to be involved in setting up a local one, please contact Sue Softly on 01584 881342.

## Teme Valley Tote

If you have not subscribed and would like to, please contact Alexandra Winnington or Robin Dean. The first draw will be in early April. As they say somewhere else, "You must be in it to win it"!

Full details are on page 12.

*Robin Dean*

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The local co-ordinators are:

Eastham	Celia Adams
Knighton	Sheila Hardiman and Duane Hubbard
Lindridge	Mary Walker
Pensax	Val Grainger
Stanford	Alexandra Winnington
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Stoke Bliss & Kyre	Margaret Yarnold

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You are encouraged to set up standing orders either on paper or via the internet. Those who have existing standing orders need do nothing further – Robin will contact you should there be any problem with the payment. Standing order forms are available on the two parishes' websites. Robin can supply you with paper copies or email you the form. You can use the account details on the form to set up a payment electronically.

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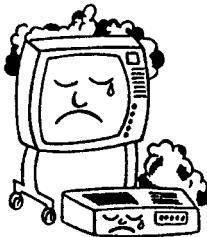
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Saturday 20th May 7.30pm

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# I blame the Victorians!

*Some of you know the magazine "Country Way". Some of you also know that I occasionally contribute to it. Following a recent edition I was approached by a vicar from elsewhere in the country asking if he could reproduce my article in his parishes' magazine. Of course I agreed. But it occurred to me that if he thought people in those parishes might find it helpful, perhaps people here would do too. So here it is.*

The Victorians may have been intrepid explorers and wonderful engineers, but when it came to church I think they made big mistakes.

Church services in the pre-Victorian age were often poorly performed. Often led by the (lay) Parish Clerk, the music was accompanied by the village band. These ragbag musicians were paid for playing and as their fee for the morning service might well be spent in the local pub at lunch time, the music for the evening service was often even more unpredictable! But as Anthony Russell observes in *The Country Parson*, the worship was 'the offering of the whole community, many of whom participated in different ways'. (*The Country Parson*, London SPCK, 1993.)

Faced with the poor quality, Victorian clergy 'improved' services. Parish clerks were sacked. Village bands were dispensed with and replaced with organs, often played by the (supposedly)

more controllable vicar's wife or daughter. Pews were put in to keep the congregation in nice orderly rows. Services were modelled on cathedrals and lecture halls. Organised and performed by the vicar, worship, as Russell observes, became 'a professional service offered to the village by a qualified practitioner'.

With this change in worship came an additional, more subtle, change. Churchgoers were no longer participants in worship but, as Russell puts it, 'merely ... "consumers" of a service provided by professional personnel'.

This shift continues to shape the Church today and is entirely consistent with broader contemporary consumer society. That is not simply to say that we consume lots of 'stuff'. Rather it is to say that our culture encourages us to make choices. Our culture assumes that by making choices about what goods and services to consume we improve society. If, the unwritten assumption goes, we choose the best foods/clothes/cars/education/healthcare then the best flourishes, the second rate improves (or goes out of business) and society gets ever better.

Applied to the Church – and probably beyond it – this kind of thinking is destructive. As Christians we consume: in the Eucharist we eat bread and drink wine; in worship we feed on God. But God sets limits to our consumption and our Christian calling is to service. In being part of a church it's not a question of whether a church is providing what we like. What matters is whether we can be part of a community in which we contribute. Can we, as the pre-Victorians did, have worship which is the offering of the whole community to God? If it's occasionally a bit scruffy I don't suppose God will mind.

*Robert*

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- Lesley Dean (Stanford Bridge) 01886 853295 les2dean@googlemail.com
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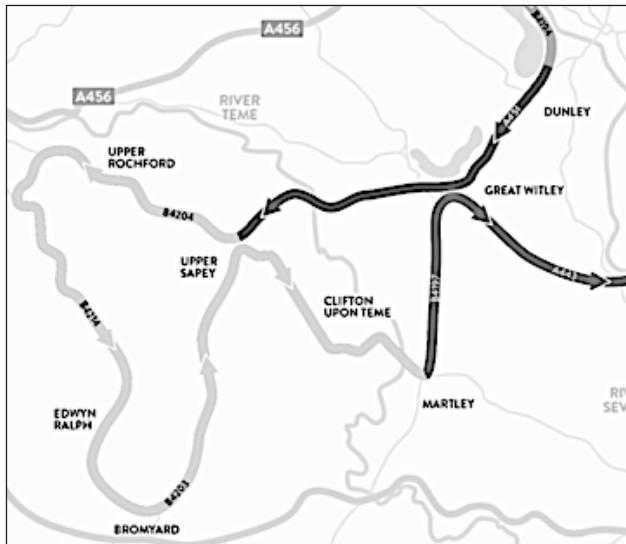
# A nightmare in Teme Valley South

On Sunday 24th September, 15,000 cyclists will be taking part in Vélo Birmingham.

The event will take a circular route from Birmingham City Centre via Bewdley, Great Witley, Stanford, Upper Sapey, Rochford, Sutton, Kyre, Stoke Bliss, through Bromyard, back to Upper Sapey and through Clifton to Martley.

On the day the road from Great Witley to Upper Sapey will be closed from 6am until 1.30pm. The B4204 from Upper Sapey to Upper Rochford, Sutton Lane, the B2414 from Sutton to Bromyard through Kyre and Stoke Bliss, the B4203 from Bromyard to Upper Sapey and the road from Upper Sapey to Martley via Clifton will all be closed from 6.30am until 3.30pm.

According to the organisers, "it will be necessary to implement road closures across the full route to facilitate the safe passage of the participants ... The route has been carefully considered and selected through a partnership of



all local authorities, emergency services and transport operators to minimise the inconvenience of the necessary road closures. Emergency Services will be operating as usual ...."

As we hope you can see from the map, a large part of Teme Valley South is completely enclosed by roads which will apparently be closed for a very large part of the day. We understand that these closures have the support of the various county councils concerned.

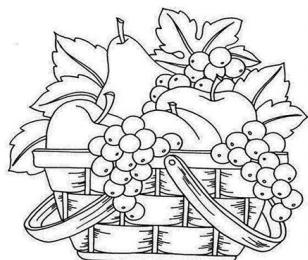
If you live within this loop you won't be able to go out for a Sunday paper or for Sunday lunch. If you're expecting visitors or carers they won't be able to get to you. If your business is along the route your customers won't be able to reach you. Pubs offering Sunday lunch, golf clubs, bed and breakfast establishments, caravan parks, farms, shops in Bromyard and Clifton ... all cut off from the rest of the world.

We understand that any cars parked on the closed roads will be removed and fines will be levied. And if you drive on the roads you will also be fined.

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## Lime and dark chocolate cheesecake



This delicious cheesecake is based on the classic American key lime pie, updated with the addition of dark chocolate. This is really quick and easy to make and looks stunning.

Serves 8

### Ingredients

#### Base:

85g (3oz) butter  
250g (9oz) shortbread biscuits, crushed

#### Filling:

2 x 200g tubs full fat soft cheese  
397g can Carnation Condensed Milk  
finely grated zest and juice of 4 limes

#### To finish:

55g (2oz) dark chocolate (70% cocoa solids)  
melted  
8 thin lime slices  
55g (2oz) icing sugar (optional)

#### Method

- In a large saucepan, melt the butter, then stir in the crushed biscuits.
- Press onto the base of a 23 cm (9 in) cake tin. Chill for 10 to 15 minutes.
- In a large bowl whisk together the soft cheese, condensed milk, lime zest and juice for 5 minutes until thick and glossy.
- Spoon the mixture over the biscuit base and chill for at least one hour, preferably overnight.
- Remove the cheesecake from the tin and place on a serving plate. Drizzle the melted chocolate over the top and sides, then leave to set.
- To finish, gently simmer the lime slices in a saucepan to which you have added the icing sugar and water – there should be barely enough water to cover the slices. The syrup will reduce to a sticky coating on the limes, and you need to make sure you remove the saucepan from the heat before the lime slices colour or brown.
- Transfer the lime slices to baking parchment to set before placing on the cheesecake.

*Note: I usually omit the lime slices and concentrate on indulging my inner Jackson Pollock with the drizzled chocolate.*

*The cheesecake freezes well so you could make two smaller ones and keep one for another day.*

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When the society was first founded, horses were still being used to plough, and the modern-day tractor then pulled a one, two or three furrow plough. In 1959 John Gwilliam represented Stoke Bliss at the National Ploughing Competitions where he came first. He went on to compete at the World Ploughing Competitions in Rome in 1960, where he was crowned World Champion Ploughman. The John Gwilliam Memorial Cup is awarded each year in honour of his achievements.

The Society is still very active and will be celebrating 70 years of ploughing in September.

The match is held at different farms each year, all within a ten mile radius of Stoke Bliss church. This year it will be at Underley Farm, Stoke Bliss, which is where the 50th and 60th

matches were held, just a couple of fields away from Hall Farm.

Sadly the sheepdog trials and hedge laying no longer take place but the others are still thriving. In 1967, not to be left out, the wives and daughters of the farmers involved formed the ladies committee and staged their own homecraft competitions – baking, preserves, flower arranging, handicraft, the list goes on.

This is well supported each year and goes from strength to strength with huge competitiveness for the coveted first prize card.

The match now has a local craft fair, face painting and bouncy castle for the children and a dog show is usually run by the Animal Rescue Centre. So this year come along and see what has kept people interested for 70 years, watch the horses and all manner of tractors tilling our wonderful soil, browse the stalls and sample the great food provided by the local caterers.

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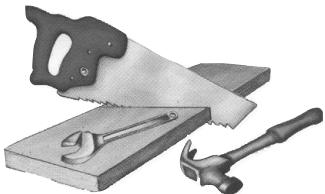
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The first of the six races will be at 2pm, possibly preceded by pony races for local children, depending on how many entries are received.

There will be a good variety of trade stands as well as a fun fair and bouncy castle for younger guests. Quench your thirst at the fully

licensed bar and enjoy the top quality food outlets – which this year include, for the first time, fish and chips.

Entry is £12.50 per adult (in line with other area meetings). Children under 16 and course-side parking and viewing are free.

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The meetings will normally be on the 4th Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the summer. However the first one in April will be on the 4th Wednesday because we have a clash of parish meetings which we can avoid in the future.

The dates are as follows:

Wednesday 26th April, Eastham

Monday 22nd May, the Hanleys

Monday 26th June, Stanford

Monday 24th July, Stoke Bliss & Kyre

Monday 25th September, Rochford

There will be no formal meeting in August.

We ask for blessings on our gatherings and a fruitful outcome. If you would like prayers for yourself or for others please let me know, in confidence. Concerns can be shared or remain confidential.

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# Teme Valley Wildlife



*Wild daffodils in Frog Meadow, Stoke Bliss*

*"Daff-a-down-dill has now come to town,  
In a yellow petticoat and a green gown."*

What better evocation of spring than the appearance of the sunny yellow daffodil? Sometimes called the Lent lily or Easter lily, the daffodil takes its name from the Ancient Greek word meaning lily, *asphodelos*.

Although Wordsworth's famous poem celebrating a "host of golden daffodils ... fluttering and dancing in the breeze" was inspired by Lake District flowers, it is not necessary to travel so far to see the beautiful wild daffodil in all its glory. Here in Worcestershire, in the Welsh borders, in Herefordshire and in Gloucestershire they are still to be found in woods, along hedgerows and in old meadows. Questionably native, they like to grow in damp ground and are fewer in number now than in times past, possibly because of improved land drainage. Some say that they were brought to Britain by the Romans, who believed that their sap could heal wounds. In fact the sap contains crystals of calcium oxalate, a known skin-irritant, which causes other flowers to wilt when placed in a vase alongside them. It also deters rabbits from eating the foliage.

The wild daffodil is shorter than the typical cultivated varieties grown in gardens and the stems lean forward at an angle to the ground. The flower has two distinct hues of yellow, the central trumpet being bright yellow whilst the surrounding petals are much paler. Seen en masse they have a very striking appearance. In the early part of the last century they were seen as a catch-crop by farmers in areas where they were abundant, and were picked and sent in bunches for sale in towns. From Gloucestershire there was great demand from towns in South Wales, where it was the custom to dress family graves on Mothering and Palm Sundays.

The area of Gloucestershire famous for its daffodils has been dubbed the Daffodil Triangle and through Kemble and Dymock there is a ten-mile way-marked circular path known as the Daffodil Way. Although the flowering times vary from year to year, usually the first week in April is a good time to see the blooms. Picking is, of course, no longer allowed! Locally our best show of wild daffodils is at Stoke Bliss where they grow in a wet meadow known as Frog Meadow, confirming their liking for damp ground. There are also wild daf-

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-fodils in churchyards – Stanford and Leysters spring to mind.

Last year one of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group's walks took in Leysters, where we found not only daffodils but a stone carved with Wordsworth's initials. A visitor to the spot where the stone stood, from which lovely views of the Teme valley could be had, he clearly appreciated our area just as much as he did that of the Cumbrian lakes. What a discerning man!

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group is on Thursday 13th April when we welcome Tony Bostock who will be talking about the Severn Rivers Trust. The meeting is at Rochford Village Hall at 7.30pm and as always it is just £2 on the door where everybody is most welcome.

*Stephanie Mocroft*

*For up-to-date information on what wildlife is being seen in the area, or to give us your sightings visit our Facebook page. The group normally holds meetings on the second Thursday of the month. All are welcome. Telephone 01584 881397 or email zeunie@hotmail.com*

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# Rooted in ... awareness

*The sixth in our series of articles offering thoughts on trust, communication etc in which our churches should be rooted ...*

In the year of the tree we continue looking at what we are rooted in. The original picture had, as one thing to be rooted in, "awareness of other churches in the group". What might that mean?

All the villages and all the church communities and church buildings of the villages are different. Each has a different story. Each has had different characters who have shaped, for better or worse, the characteristics

of the villages and churches. I remember one minister telling me that one of the most influential women in the church she served was the widow of a former minister. If that widow wouldn't have approved, whatever was suggested didn't happen, even though she had been dead for over 20 years! Our past stories shape us.

But for all that our different villages and church have different stories, they are all part

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of a bigger story, the story of God's love we find in the bible. (That is why previous generations would record family events, births, marriages and deaths, in a family bible. It was a way of saying that their own stories were part of that larger story.) So with individual different stories within an overarching story we need to recognise both the uniqueness of each village (and its church) and the things we have in common. We need to respect individual church/community identity and we need to value group identity. Or, to use "churchy" language, we must value that the churches are both congregational (local) and catholic (part of something larger).

What might that look like in practice? I would suggest that each village/church would benefit from looking at neighbouring villages and asking what they are doing that works that might be adapted for their own community. What can be learnt from looking at neighbours? What mistakes can be avoided?

Looking at neighbouring villages/churches could lead to seeing common issues that could be tackled if resources are shared. Seeing what's going on elsewhere can allow individual churches/communities to develop in a way that is right for them, that fits with their story. Knowing what's happening in the neighbouring village allows participation in events that may not be feasible in every village. We don't all have to be the same.

If, as we look at neighbouring villages, we try to see them as Christ sees them then we look with compassion. That leads to help and support. I am pleased that in these churches one church has looked at the finances of another and has offered to help in a way that should reduce parish share next year. I am pleased that by cooperating churches have been able to reduce insurance premiums.

We're part of a group, and as a group we can be aware of the other churches and both maintain our own identities and also support each other.

*Robert*

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# WHAT'S ON IN TEME VALLEY SOUTH

## April

3rd	Monday	Coffee Morning, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 10.30am
5th	Wednesday	Eastham Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall 10.30 am
8th	Saturday	Easter Egg Trail, Clifton-on-Teme Village, 2 to 4pm
13th	Thursday	Neighbourhood Lunch, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 12.30pm
14th	Friday	Readings around the Passion, St Mary's Stanford, 7.30pm
15th	Saturday	Hanley Friday Market Easter Eggstravaganza, Hanley Village Hall, 10am
16th	Sunday	Film Night, <i>My Life as a Dog</i> , Hanley Village Hall, 7.30pm
22nd	Saturday	The Woolpack Knitters Easter Sale, Leysters Village Hall, 10am
23rd	Sunday	Easter Day Sunrise Service, Stanford, 6am
25th	Tuesday	Eastham church and churchyard spring clean from 10am
26th	Wednesday	Clifton-on-Teme Point to Point, Upper Sapey, 2pm
27th	Thursday	Still Waters Quiet Garden, St Mary's Kyre, 5 to 6pm
28th	Friday	Rochford Neighbourhood Lunch, Rochford Village Hall, 12.30pm
		TVS Prayer Group, Eastham, 7.30pm
		Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Rochford Village Hall, 7.30pm
		Pub Night, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall

## May

1st	Monday	Coffee Morning, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 10.30am
3rd	Wednesday	Eastham Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall 10.30 am
6th	Saturday	Teme Valley South Quiet Day, Kyre Park, 10am
7th	Sunday	Stoke Bliss & Kyre AIS Sunday Lunch, Stoke Bliss Village Hall, 12.30pm
11th	Thursday	Neighbourhood Lunch, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 12.30pm
17th	Wednesday	Still Waters Quiet Garden, St Mary's Kyre, 7 to 8pm
20th	Saturday	Film Night, <i>Eye in the Sky</i> , Hanley Village Hall, 7.30pm
22nd	Monday	TVS Prayer Group, The Hanleys, 7.30pm
26th	Friday	Pub Night, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall
30th	Tuesday	Rochford Neighbourhood Lunch, Rochford Village Hall, 12.30pm

## June

5th	Monday	Coffee Morning, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 10.30am
7th	Wednesday	Eastham Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall 10.30 am
8th	Thursday	Neighbourhood Lunch, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 12.30pm
15th	Thursday	Rochford Rocks
17th	Saturday	Eastham Barbecue
18th	Sunday	Open Gardens, Stoke Bliss & Kyre, 2 to 6pm
25th	Sunday	Still Waters Quiet Garden, St Mary's Kyre, 5 to 6pm
26th	Monday	TVS Prayer Group, Stanford, 7.30pm
30th	Friday	Pub Night, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall
		Volante Strings, St Mary's Stanford

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# Services

April/May 2017

## Sunday 2nd April

9.00am	Eastham	Communion
10.30 am	Stanford	Communion
6.30pm	Stoke Bliss	Evening Worship

## Sunday 9th April

9.00am	Stanford	Palm Sunday
10.30am	Hanley William	Communion
6.30pm	Rochford	All Age Service
		Evening Worship

## Thursday 13th April

7.30pm	Stanford	Maundy Thursday
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## Maundy Thursday

Communion

## Friday 14th April

10 to 12 noon	Eastham church	Children's Activity Morning
2 to 3pm	Hanley William	Last hour at the Cross
8.00pm	Kyre	Tenebrae Service

## Sunday 16th April

6.00am	Stanford	Easter Day
9.00am	Stoke Bliss	Easter Dawn Service
9.30am	Rochford	Communion
10.30am	Eastham	Communion with hymns
6.30pm	Hanley Childe	All Age Service
		Evening Worship

## Sunday 23rd April

9.00am	Hanley William	Communion
10.30am	Rochford	All Age Service and Communion
4.30 for 5pm	Kyre	Quiet Gardens, followed by
6.30pm		Celtic Communion

## Sunday 30th April

9.30am	Andrew and Jenny Barbé's Orchard	Café Church Year of the Tree
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## Sunday 7th May

9.00am	Eastham	Communion
10.30am	Stanford	Communion with hymns
6.30pm	Stoke Bliss	Evening Worship

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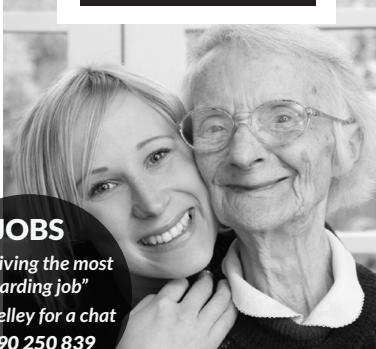
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