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## Coventry Cathedral – 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

On the 25 May 1962, the new Coventry Cathedral opened its doors for the first time and in a service attended by the Queen and led by Michael Ramsey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the building was consecrated for worship. 'A cathedral for the space age' said the headlines, and its design was striking and innovative. Muriel Griffith, whose husband Michael was vicar of Barford until they retired to Tredington, shared with me recently the experience of having been at that service as a clergy wife. She remarked especially that the smell of the new Cathedral was what struck her – of new concrete, instead of the usual dust-and-sunlight of centuries of so many Cathedrals and old churches. Muriel's memories of that day are clear and it was an exciting time to be there. All of my wife Barbara's family were there too, her brother one of the boys in the choir who followed the shining 1962 pennies set in the floor to keep their procession straight, and Barbara herself as a (very young!) school child in the stands set up in the ruined Cathedral. Fifty years later the Bishop kindly asked me to become a Canon of the Cathedral, and it is a special place for us.

One of the things I love about it as a building is the way it unites old and new, and seeks to reconcile past and present, while also looking to the future. It would have been easy, after the old Cathedral was bombed in 1940, simply to rebuild or to knock the ruins down and start again. But the vision was to keep the ruins as a sign of what humans can do to each other, and build a new Cathedral linked to it as a sign that God is still there despite what humans do to each other. The watchword of the Cathedral from 1940 onwards has been the simple phrase 'Father Forgive'. It was chalked on the ruined altar of the old Cathedral the day after the bombing and even then, in the darkest days of the war, Coventry Cathedral stood as a place of peace and forgiveness. Much of the reconstruction of both the Cathedral and the city of Coventry after 1945 was done with voluntary labour from young Germans.

Parallels with our world today are not hard to find, and I won't labour the point. But you might like to take advantage of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to visit what the Dean always rightly calls '*Your Cathedral*'. It's well worth a visit, and it's a good place to pray for peace in our own troubled world.

### Coventry Cathedral's Diamond Jubilee – Wed. 25 May at 11.00am

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, former Canon for Reconciliation at Coventry, will be celebrating the Cathedral's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of consecration with us at 11.00am on 25 May. Please be seated by 10.45am if attending.

Tickets are free, but must be booked through <https://ht8tdcx57c3.typeform.com/to/LwWGL8rt>. More information from [ted.day@coventry.anglican.org](mailto:ted.day@coventry.anglican.org).

Keep up to date with everything that is happening, including the current issue of the Six Parishes Magazine on the church website <https://fosseway6churches.weebly.com>. The Church of England continues to produce services that are free to hear on the telephone simply dial 0800 804 8044. It is easiest accessed through the Church of England "a church near you" site <https://www.achurchnearyou.com>, where each church has its own page. If there is anything you would like put up on the site do email it directly to [revfletcher24@gmail.com](mailto:revfletcher24@gmail.com). Have a look! It is regularly updated in these changing times. There are lots of useful links to see!

**Deadline for the June issue is 21 May. Copy and advertising enquiries to Susan Brock [s.brock9@btinternet.com](mailto:s.brock9@btinternet.com); 01608 682409.**

### From the Registers

**Banns of Marriage:** called at Tredington on 3, 10 and 17 April for

Barnaby Fontaine and Hepzibah Pemberton of Tredington (wedding 14 May at Edgton in Shropshire)

Henry Cozon and Joanna Davis, of Hanwell, Banbury (wedding 14 May at Tredington)

Peter Martin Emm and Emily Rose Lyth, of Tredington (wedding 26 May at Chipping Campden in Glos.)

**Wedding:** at Tredington on 8 April: Will Douglas and Gilly Wall

**Funeral** :at Tredington on 5 April: Cynthia (Pip) Prideaux-Selby

### Nature Notes May 2022

A carpet of bluebells in woodland is one of the most spectacular sights to see with their blue/purple flowers there is nothing like it. Almost half the world's bluebells are in the UK. Our bluebell has suffered in some places from the more vigorous introduced Spanish varieties/hybrids out competing our variety. Native bluebells are a distinctive deep-blue colour, Spanish varieties/hybrids are often pale blue or pink. Native bluebell flowers curl back at the petal tips, Spanish varieties/hybrids are splayed. Where can we see these beautiful flowers in May? Nearby Whichford Woods, Long Compton Woods, Dover's Hill Chipping Campden and Oversley Wood, Alcester are a few places. Footfall damage crushes the leaves meaning they cannot photosynthesise and die back from a lack of food so please be careful of where you tread, keeping on the footpaths to protect them. Matthew 6:30 Jesus said that God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers, he will certainly care for us.

### **PRESTON**

#### Preston-on-Stour Village Hall

**Film Night: Friday 27th May** as usual doors open 7pm for 7.30 start. Our next film is an award winning film based on a true story. **King Richard** is a 2021 American biographical sports drama film which follows the life of Richard Williams, the father and coach of famed tennis players Venus and Serena Williams, who are executive producers of the film. It stars Oscar winner Will Smith in the title role.

**May Day: 2.30 pm Monday 2nd May** the parade will be starting from the village hall car park at 2.30. The theme is in support of Ukraine, so please wear blue and yellow and be prepared to join in the new Preston May Dance in procession with Donald and friends up the Main Street before our May Queen is crowned on the village green. There will be all the usual May Day children's games, teas and cake, a plant stall, bric-a-brac, tombola and beer and wine tent. Finishing with the infamous 'tug o war'. Please do come and support this festive occasion.

**Platinum Jubilee: Thursday 2nd June 6pm 'PrestFest'**. Bring a picnic and drinks to the village green and listen to the local musical talent. There will be an open mike opportunity so let us know if you would like to join in.

**1pm Sunday 5th June: Village BBQ** a chance to catch up with friends old and new. Always a popular summer event brought forward to celebrate the Jubilee in a friendly village atmosphere.

Any information or questions please contact Margaret on 450710 or email [prestonbrocks@gmail.com](mailto:prestonbrocks@gmail.com).

### **TREDINGTON**

#### Neighbourhood Plan: The Story so Far May 2022

The Regulation 14 Consultation was held during the period 10<sup>th</sup> January to 21<sup>st</sup> February. The response across the Parish was not strong but we ended up with 61 members of the Parish completing the questionnaire. The Steering Group have examined all the comments from those residents and the Plan has been amended

where appropriate. In addition to residents, we had to consult some 140 organisations, some of whom replied with no comment, while others offered constructive criticism. Stratford District Council and Warwickshire County Council have also commented in detail and their comments have been analysed and the Plan amended in the light of those comments.

The next stage is for us to finalise the Plan and the supporting documentation before submitting it to the District Council. Once approved the Council will conduct a further consultation before submitting it to the Planning Inspector for final approval. The last stage in the process will be a Parish wide referendum when the Plan will be put to the vote. If you are interested, all the details and supporting documents are, or will be, placed on our web site: [www.TredingtonNP.co.uk](http://www.TredingtonNP.co.uk). Please view the documents so that you are aware of the work being done on your behalf. Planning is crucial in rural communities and, once the Plan is finalised, it will reflect your views and the District Council will be mandated to consult it when considering planning applications in our communities.

### **Tredington and Newbold C of E School**

We recently held a sponsored reading event where children completed activities at home, such as reading to a pet. We raised £263 which was shared between the four classes and children voted for the books they wanted to purchase. If you would like to donate a book, please contact us by emailing the address below. Sapphire Class performed 'Waterbugs and Dragonflies' and children at Tredington took home a palm cross as a reminder about the meaning of Easter. A huge well done to three more children who collected all five SHINE stickers and received the SHINE award.

Our nursery is taking bookings for any child who turns three between September 2022 and July 2023. Children can start as soon as they are three and can access 15 hours free funding the term after their third birthday. Please contact [admin3214@welearn365.com](mailto:admin3214@welearn365.com) to make a booking as spaces are limited.

### **Village Jubilee Lunch Sunday 5th June 12.00 Noon in St Gregory's Church**

To celebrate the Queen's Jubilee we are holding a lunch in the church on the 5 June at 12.00. You will be greeted at the door with a glass of Pimms and there will be tables and chairs with plenty of room in the church to circulate AND it will not matter if it rains. We ask anyone interested in coming to sign your name on a list just inside the church and if you can bring a salad, cold meat or a pudding that would be great - but its not essential. This lunch is open to everyone in Tredington - the more the merrier. You do not have to attend the service beforehand but if you would like to, we will be very pleased to see you. No charge for the help yourself meal but donations to a good cause would be appreciated. Please bring your own alcoholic drink if you would like - soft drinks and water will be provided. This will be a fun event and children will be most welcome. Come and join us - let's party for the Queen. Further information Marilyn Payne 666206 or Jenny Plenderleith 664278.

### **Save the Children**

Thank you to everyone who supported my Coffee Morning. It was lovely to see everyone enjoying meeting friends old and new, but importantly thanks to your generosity I have raised over £1,500 for the children in Ukraine and those who have fled to other countries. I am still receiving donations. So a huge thank you. Marilyn Payne, Save the Children, Volunteer Supporter, SW Region.

### **Tredington Film Club**

Our next film night will be on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Booking is now open for members and for non-members from 14<sup>th</sup> May. For more details, or to book places, either email [gillgoodlad@hotmail.com](mailto:gillgoodlad@hotmail.com) or text to 07789810877.

### **Tredington & District Garden Club**

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May in the WI Hall our speakers will be Dr Richard & Mavis Gulliver, who will tell us about their experience foraging on Islay in The Hebrides for the botanicals in The Botanist Gin. Tasting samples will be included. We open at 7.00pm and the bar will be open until 7.30pm when the meeting begins. We close with the raffle draw and light refreshments. Please bring items for the new Garden Swap Shop, for free exchange of plants, seeds and gardening items. Non-members are welcome. See our website for more information: [www.tredingtongardenclub.weebly.com](http://www.tredingtongardenclub.weebly.com).

### **Craft and Chatter**

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00pm in the WI Hall. We are still knitting for the yarn bomb for the Jubilee Celebrations in Tredington. We have lots more to do, so if you enjoy an afternoon of chatting and knitting, do come and join us, you will be very welcome.

### **Tredington and Blackwell WI**

The next WI meeting will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 in Tredington and Blackwell WI Hall, Armscote Road, Tredington, CV36 4NP, commencing at 7.30pm. Our speaker will be Anne Watts whose talk is entitled 'Nursing: My passport to the world'. If you would like to attend this meeting, please contact Patricia Macpherson, Secretary, telephone 01608 682102 or email [secretary@tredingtonandblackwellwi.co.uk](mailto:secretary@tredingtonandblackwellwi.co.uk). Visitors are always welcome at this friendly WI. Please see our website: <https://tredingtonandblackwellwi.co.uk> and Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/tredingtonandblackwellwi> for further information.

## **ILMINGTON**

### **Ilmington C of E Primary School**

We had a real drive on becoming a more environmentally friendly school this term with our fabulous Eco-committee coming up with some great ideas for recycling. World Book Day is a firm favourite in schools nationally and this year we rung the changes by dressing all in one colour of the children's choosing and celebrating colour themed books. On Red Nose Day we came to school dressed in red or as a superhero where we considered the work of the charity and had great fun raising money towards their work and our Toy Sale Swap to raise funds for refugees was a great success too with approximately £200 raised going to the Red Cross. As I write, this term is rapidly coming to a close and as the new headteacher, I'd love to make contact with the village community. If you're passing, please pop in, I'd love to meet you. Paul Crouch, Headteacher

### **Ilmington Community Shop and Café: May Days!**

Come over to our place this spring, as our beautiful café evolves into the community hub it was designed to be! We continue with our friendly events programme and hope you'll support us by joining in. Book Club @thecafe continues on the first Tuesday of the month at 2pm; Knit & Natter on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 2pm and Parent & Baby Group every Wednesday from 10am. All groups are informal – you don't have to read the book or knit to join in. Also for your May diaries:

- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> **Farmers' Market** in Ilmington Village Hall, 6-8pm. Hot food (to order) and cash bar
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> **Marketplace @thecafe 10am-2pm.** (Take away drinks available)
- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> **Ilmington Open Gardens**, We're doing the tea and homemade cake!

If you'd like to join our weekly email list with stories and pictures about shop and café life, please email Michele on [office@ilmingtonshop.co.uk](mailto:office@ilmingtonshop.co.uk)

### The Coven

May 18th! Hold the date - we have something to celebrate!!

### Jubilee Jamboree- the Details!

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June there will be a wonderful evening of village togetherness and laughter at The Red Lion. Entry is absolutely FREE and EVERYONE is extremely welcome. It will start at 7pm with Morris Dancing in front of the pub. Then we will go round the back into the spacious pub gardens for lots of brilliant music, comedy, singing, monologues, poetry, competitions, prizes and an amazing patriotic singalong! There are marquees and gazebos so we'll be fine whatever the weather.... We can also announce that, for those who wish to eat, Dee is preparing a special menu of Jubilee meals and snacks. So please save the date, tell EVERYONE and COME ALONG – let's make this an Ilmington night to remember!!! Dave Raeburn (07932 886782), Mark Currey (07733 010931), Jules Harris (07949 107432).

### Free Poetry Workshop on May 11th

As part of the Jubilee Jamboree evening, there will be a Poetry Competition – bring along your poem about 'Jubilee' or 'Ilmington' (max 20 lines) and the audience favourite wins a prize. For anyone who would like some help with this, the internationally renowned writer/performer Judge The Poet (aka Ilmington's very own "Poet Dave" Raeburn) is offering a **Free (and Fun) POETRY WORKSHOP, in Ilmington Village Hall on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.30pm**. He promises it will be short, enjoyable and that everyone will leave having written their own brilliant poem. PLEASE COME ALONG! (Any questions: 07932 886782)

### Attention Pudding Lovers

Prepare yourselves for the Ilmington "Jubilee Pudding Party", Saturday 4th June 4.30 pm Ilmington Village Hall. **Food:** Coronation Chicken (or veg option) on a bun and as many puddings as you can eat. **Bar** - Wine- Beer- Pimms -Fruit Punch (non-alcoholic). **Raffle** - with great prizes - Howard Arms vouchers, etc. **Music** - Rob with his Vinyl record collection disco. **Children's Fancy dress competition** - Age 0-5 and 6-1. Entry form from the shop. **Tickets** - Adults £8.00 Children £2.00 available from Ilmington shop, Sheila Lowe [sheila.smslowe@gmail.com](mailto:sheila.smslowe@gmail.com) or Mary Brain [marybrain@gmail.com](mailto:marybrain@gmail.com). Cash only please for bar and raffle. **Pudding donations are very welcome.** All proceeds are to be donated to the people of Ukraine.

" **Ilmington Jubilee Pudding**" Competition sponsored by Ilmington Tennis Club and The Village Hall Committee. Win a bottle of Champagne! Design your very own pudding. Contact Sheila for further information.

### Children's Society Teas – Ilmington Open gardens Sunday 29 May

Yes, were back! After a two year absence, we're delighted to announce we will be offering our usual famous tea and cakes to those visiting the National Open Gardens Scheme. VENUE: The Village Hall from 1pm-5pm. To make this a success we'd love to hear from all those who would like to bake us a cake or tray bake. It's a great way to show your support for our work with the most vulnerable children in our region; their need is even greater at this time of economic hardship and uncertainty. Please call **Wendy Lewis Edwards 01608 682049** or **Karen Gaymond 01608 682152**. Cakes can be delivered to the Village Hall on the day from 12 noon, or we are happy to collect. Thank you in advance for your generosity. **Shipston Deanery Committee.**

## Services for May 2022

	<b>St George's Darlingscott</b>	<b>St Mary's Ilmington</b>	<b>St Mary's Preston-on-Stour</b>	<b>St Peter's Stretton-on-Fosse</b>	<b>St Gregory's Tredington</b>	<b>St Mary's Whitchurch</b>
<b>1 May</b>		Holy Communion 11.00am	Evensong 6pm	Holy Communion 9.00am	Family Service with Baptism 10.30am	Holy Communion 9.30am
<b>8 May</b>	Morning Worship 11.00am	Holy Communion 9.30am	Holy Communion 9.30am	Family Service 11.00am	Holy Communion 10.30am	
<b>15 May</b>		Family Service 11.00am		Evensong 6.00pm	Morning Prayer 10.30am	Morning Prayer 9.30am
<b>22 May</b>	Evening Worship 6.00pm	Evensong 6.00pm	Morning Prayer 11.00am	Holy Communion 9.00am	Holy Communion 10.30am	
<b>29 May</b>		Morning Prayer 11.00am	Holy Communion 9.30am	Holy Communion 9.00am	Morning Prayer 10.30am	

### Ministers:

Rector: The Revd Canon Dr Richard Cooke 07952 544820 (mobile) or 01608 544821 (landline)

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### Churchwardens:

Tredington *Posts vacant – contact the Rector*

Darlingscott Doreen McCarroll 01608 682949 (landline)

Ilmington Jane Downie 01608 682720 (landline) Helen Patrick

Preston-on-Stour Andrew Holman- West 07712 193773 (mobile)

Stretton-on-Fosse *Posts vacant – contact the Rector* 01789 450795 (landline) John Craner 01789 450200 (landline)

Whitchurch Carol Rutter

Enquiries about Weddings or Baptisms are very welcome! Please contact the Rector, Richard Cooke.





### Ilmington Screen on the Green. West Side Story

On Friday 27 May at Ilmington Village Hall we shall be showing a much acclaimed Steven Spielberg version of the musical 'West Side Story', PG13. The classic story of rival gangs in New York. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Licensed bar and soft drinks. Tickets on sale at Ilmington Village Shop beforehand or at door on night. All welcome.

### Ilmington Village Hall

Ask anyone who went to see Giles Shenton in 'Old Herbaceous' at the village hall in October and they will tell what a wonderful evening of entertainment it was. Please do not miss this opportunity to see him again in '**Three Men in a Boat**' on **Saturday 14th May**. Tickets are only £10, available online and from the Community Shop in April.

### Wednesday Club Next Meeting on 11th May, 2pm

At our last meeting, we had a very interesting talk about the Heart of England Forest. A big thank you to Ross who told us how this has become possible through the generosity of Felix Dennis. The month of May brings us a very important birthday! Edith Tuohy will be 100 on 21st May! Edith will be our very first member to reach this great age. To celebrate, the Wednesday Club will be partying with her at our next meeting on 11th. Well done Edith! You are an inspiration to us all. Glynis Cooper and Carmel Greenwood have birthdays too so a very happy birthday to you all ladies. If there are any members who would like to join us on a coach trip to the Back Country Museum on 8th June, then would they please inform me. The price will only be £10! A bargain! See you all in your party clothes on 11th May.

### WHITCHURCH

#### St. Mary's Whitchurch: Millennial Celebrations 11 and 12 June 2022

Join us to commemorate a thousand years of worship in this place.

Lift up your heels: Saturday 11 June. An evening of Song, Story and Dance with The Gospel Bell Collective and The Silver Bough Ceilidh Band at the Millennium Hall, Preston on Stour, 7.00 - 10.00. Bring your own drinks. Donations at the door.

Lift up your hearts: Sunday 12 June. A service of Holy Communion led by Bishop of Coventry, Christopher Cocksworth and Reverend Canon Richard Cook. St. Mary's Whitchurch, 11.00 am followed by plate lunch in the churchyard. All Welcome!

#### St. Mary's Whitchurch Parish Fete

Saturday 13 August 2022 from 2pm. Whitchurch Farm Orchard. Stalls \* Games \* Produce \* Teas \* And More

We'll need helpers! To set up the stalls in the morning and run them in the afternoon. We'll need donations! Books, Bric-a-Brac (deliver to Whitchurch Farm after 24 July). Contact Bidy James: [jweeah@aol.com](mailto:jweeah@aol.com)

#### Notes from a Small Church in the Field

As you approach the oak door to our church down the path between the double set of sentinel yew trees that flank it, raise your eyes above the entry arch. You will see, set in the stone, a carved stone panel, about twenty inches square. It shows a Paschal Lamb, that is, an Agnus Dei. One rather oddly proportioned leg is bent so the lamb appears to be kneeling. Behind the lamb, a staff is raised, ending in a cross: a typical Saxon motif. A circle, decorated with fleur-de-lis, frames the lamb who faces east, traditionally signifying the resurrection. While the lamb and cross regularly appear in painting and stained glass, the Agnus Dei in stone is a rarity. Indeed, there are only three examples in Warwickshire. Our incumbent in 1907 called our stone lamb 'the most interesting thing in the parish'. It must date from about 1020 and has certainly been reset from an original location. How many worshippers across centuries have entered our church passing beneath the sturdy hooves of our Agnus Dei?

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