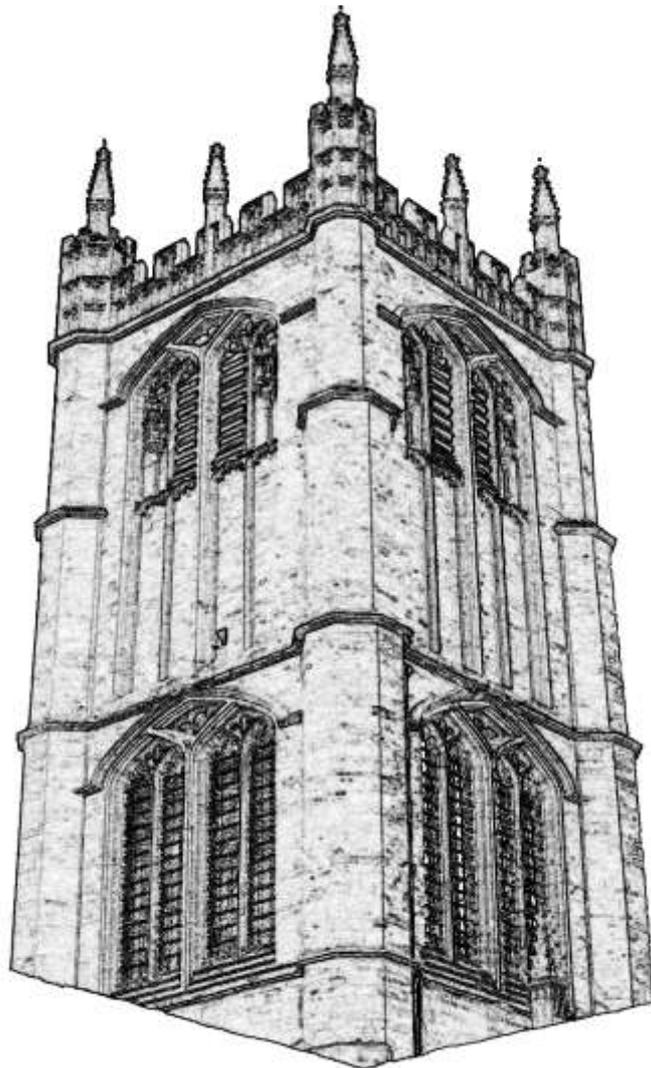


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NORMAL SUNDAY SERVICES

St Laurence	8 am	Holy Communion bcp
	9.30 am	Parish Communion
		2nd Sunday Choral Communion
	11.30 am	2nd and 4th Sunday Choral Matins
	3.30 pm	1st and 3rd Sundays Choral Evensong
		(No 3rd service on the 5th Sunday of the month)
St John	9.30 am	Holy Communion with Hymns
St Giles	11.15 am	Holy Communion
		1st Sunday Family Service
		Last Sunday Godly Play

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CLERGY LETTER

‘Come down, O Love divine...come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire...’

We look forward in hopeful anticipation to the licensing of Colin Williams, our new Team Rector, on 25th July. Colin comes to lead a team of laity and clergy spread across all the fourteen parishes and seventeen churches of our Team Ministry – a team serving the Church of Christ in a great variety of vocations from gardening to leading worship, from bell-ringing to cleaning, from praying intercessions to school governorship, from singing psalms to editing magazines, from playing the organ to clerking the PCC, from visiting the sick to counting the money. In the licensing service Bishop Anthony will pray the collect for the ministry of the Church for Colin and for all who will work with him: *‘...hear our prayer for Colin and for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry each may serve you in holiness and truth...’*

Colin will recall, as every priest does, the day of his ordination and those words of the Bishop: *‘Because you cannot bear the weight of this ministry in your own strength but only by the grace and power of God, pray earnestly for his Holy Spirit.’* Once again in the licensing service Colin will be anointed by Bishop Anthony with the oil of chrism with the words: *‘anoint your servant Colin with the wisdom and power of the Holy Spirit, that in all things he may know your will and be motivated to obey it.’*

In the coming weeks as we prepare for this holy day of solemnity and celebration, may we in humility offer our prayers for the working of the Holy Spirit for Colin and among us all: prayers to be made in word, in silence, and in song; in all our churches, in our homes and at our work.

May God bless us all with his gracious, sustaining, empowering love.

Richard Green and James Stewart, Joint Acting Team Rectors.

REFLECTIONS FROM OUR TEAM RECTOR DESIGNATE

St. James the Great was in the first rank of those chosen by Jesus to be his disciples. He was one of the small number of disciples who were privileged to be with Jesus at the most significant moments of his ministry – the Gospels speak especially of his presence at the Transfiguration and, towards the end, at the Garden of Gethsemane. The Acts of the Apostles tell us that James was also the first of the Apostles to be martyred. According to legend, too, James was also the

disciple who, after the death, resurrection and ascension of Christ and before his own martyrdom, took the Gospel the furthest. From mediaeval times, Christians have made pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in the North West of Spain, where James was alleged to preach and where his remains are said to have been discovered in the ninth century AD.

The day in the Church of England Calendar on which, in common with other Catholic Christians, we remember St. James – July 25 – is also the day which has been chosen for me to be licensed by Bishop Anthony as priest-in-charge and Team Rector Designate of the Ludlow Team Ministry. I have therefore, of course, been reflecting on what significance the choosing of that day holds for me. How am I called to follow in the footsteps of St. James? In these enlightened days, I hope to avoid martyrdom – although I do take very seriously the call of any priest to spend and be spent in the service of her or his people and I pray that I will be given the grace and strength to live that out among you. There is though one central aspect of James' witness which I hope that in the coming years together we can replicate.

Jesus shared with James his glory, revealed on the Mount of Transfiguration and his humility, revealed in his obedience to the Father in the Garden of Gethsemane. Whether or not James did make it as far as Spain, we know from the Scriptures that he spent the rest of the years which remained to him telling others all about what he had learnt from Jesus – taking all that Jesus had revealed to him of his glory and his humility and sharing it with all who would listen.

That is surely the point at which we need to learn from James. We have so much to tell in Ludlow and in the other communities which make up the Ludlow team. So much to tell of the glory of Jesus revealed in creation, in buildings, in worship, in music – and through the beauty too of human lives. We have so much to tell of the humility of Jesus – standing with us in good times and in bad, touching our lives at moments of rejoicing and sadness, celebration and anxiety. James was determined not to keep all that he had discovered to himself, but to share it on as wide a stage as possible. And, following in his footsteps, that too is our calling as followers of Jesus Christ. Always to be aware that we have a good story to tell and to be determined to tell it – through word and through deed.

It is my privilege to share that task of Mission with you in the coming years. Please pray for me that I may be found worthy of the trust which you have placed in me

Let me end with the words of one of the prayers which the Church of England gives us to use at the Eucharist on St. James' Day:

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the Apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the Gospel:

By the power of the same Spirit, strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love

Through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Colin

FROM THE BISHOP

Those who love football will have been having a feast, with quarter-finals, semis and the final of the World Cup still to come. Others will already be longing for everything to return to normal!

So here is a multiple choice question:

- (a) Do ten times more people attend Premier, Championship and League football matches each week of the year than attend church services?
- (b) Is the number the same?
- (c) Do ten times more people attend church services each week of the year than attend Premier, Championship and League football matches?

You might be forgiven, with all the television and media coverage, for thinking that the answer is (a), but actually it's (c). Yes, on average ten times more people attend church every week than attend a football match from one of the four English Leagues.

Why do so many people think it's the other way round? Partly, of course, it's to do with media coverage which hypes up football and often seems to belittle the practice of faith. Is there a hundred times more coverage of football than Christianity? A thousand times? There is definitely not ten times more coverage of church attendance than football!

Plenty of media attention makes us believe something really is important and has a massive following.

So why aren't we Christians better at telling our story, and letting people know that so many go to church and even more believe, even if they don't go to church every week? We need to encourage one another to do just that, to tell our stories, speak of all the ways in which faith is vital to us and others.

Our experiences may be private and personal in many ways, but parts of them can be told. Do you let the local media know what's happening? Does someone in your congregation have an eye out for a good news story? Do you tell your neighbours, family, friends, work colleagues? Do you invite them?

If you do these things, make sure our Diocesan Communications Officer, Anni Holden, knows as well. If you don't do these things, be in touch with your parish priest and Anni to find out how to, or how to do them better.

Communication isn't everything, but as the World Cup reminds us, it makes a difference!

+Anthony

PRAYER INTENTIONS

These intentions are used at public worship in the Ludlow Team Ministry during the week and you are invited to use them as subjects for your own prayers on the appointed days.

JULY 2010

- 1 The government and people of Canada
- 2 Lesley our parish secretary and Susan our administrator
- 3 For those beset with doubts
- 4 Our Team and its parishes
- 5 All who work in the field of organ donation & transplant
- 6 Those who represent the church to government
- 7 All taking part in a visiting the Ludlow Festival
- 8 Parish and church magazine editors and distributors
- 9 All who have recently been made redundant
- 10 All working to contain the Gulf of Mexico oil spill
- 11 Our Team and its parishes
- 12 All seafarers
- 13 The Prime Minister and all ministers in the government
- 14 The government and people of France
- 15 All weather forecasters
- 16 All preparing for the London Olympics in 2012
- 17 The work of the Ludlow Civic Society
- 18 Our Team and its parishes
- 19 Local playgroups and nurseries
- 20 All who work with the poor in Latin America
- 21 All who live in substandard housing
- 22 That we might remain faithful to Christ
- 23 All who work in local veterinary surgeries
- 24 All who serve on village hall committees in our parishes
- 25 Colin Williams being licensed today as Team Rector
- 26 All parents

- 27 All who organise social events in our parishes
- 28 The government and people of Peru
- 29 All who practise the contemplative life
- 30 Victims of piracy off the Somali coast
- 31 The Ludlow Meeting of the Society of Friends

SUNDAY READINGS FROM THE BIBLE

4 July The Fifth Sunday after Trinity Proper 9 Green	Isaiah 66. 10-14 Psalm 66 1-8 Galatians 6: 7-16 Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20
11 July The Sixth Sunday after Trinity Proper 10 Green	Deuteronomy 30. 9-14 Psalm 25 1-10 Colossians 1: 1-14 Luke 10: 25-37
18 July The Seventh Sunday after Trinity Proper 11 Green	Genesis 18. 1-10a Psalm 15 Colossians 1: 15-28 Luke 10: 38-42
25 July James the Apostle Red	Jeremiah 45: 1-5 or Acts 11:27 – 12:2 Psalm 126 Acts 11:27 – 12:2 or 2 Corinthians 4: 7-15 Matthew 20: 20-28



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER:

Jeff Wilcox's Discussion Group meets the 1st Sunday of each month at 11am. Join us!

CHURCHWARDENS' CORNER

July promises to be a very busy month, culminating in the arrival of Colin Williams as our Team Rector Designate on Sunday 25 July; a date and an event to which we are all very much looking forward.

In the meantime there are a number of events and activities where we are looking for support from as many members of our congregations and friends as possible:

St Laurence Mini-fest: This year as part of the Ludlow Festival we shall be including a mini-fest in St Laurence's, in many ways reviving an event which was the brain-child of the much-loved Amy Ormand. This is one of the ways in which we are planning to increase the use of the church for musical events. All four concerts begin at 12 noon with admission £5:

- *Thursday 1 July:* Sebastian Field (Counter tenor), Shaun Ward (Harpsichord)
- *Monday 5 July:* Cyclist duet (they are performing as they cycle the length of England!) – Alice Wood (Soprano), Susie Stranders (Piano)
- *Thursday 8 July:* Shaun Ward (Piano), Bach, Brahms
- *Saturday 10 July:* Simon Hogan (RCM) – Organ recital

Please do support as many of these events as you can.

Summer Fête: The date of the Summer Fête, Saturday 17 July, is fast approaching. Although a good number of people have already volunteered (thank you), we still need many more. So please do offer your services to either Shaun Ward or Brian Thomas (bryndi@btinternet.com). We are determined that this year's event should be even more successful than last year's. That further success depends on your involvement!

Stewarding: We still need more stewards, particularly for Sundays. Even if you only feel able to help once a month, that would be very much welcomed. Stewarding not only helps in supporting St Laurence's, but also offers the opportunity for welcoming people from all sorts of backgrounds from across the globe. If you feel that you could help in this way, please do contact either of us or Pam Latchford (palatchford@btinternet.com).

Update on the Mission Action Plan: The PCC had a most positive and fruitful away day at the beginning of May where we agreed a draft Mission Statement and Mission Goals for St Laurence's. After input from Colin and further discussion at Standing Committee, our Mission Statement and Goals are:

Parish Mission Statement

A welcoming Church with a sustainable building and infrastructure for ministry to support and sustain our mission to the whole community

Mission Goals

- Enabling the people of God to discover and exercise their ministry by nurturing their spiritual and pastoral gifts.
- Celebrating the richness and diversity of our worship and music by encouraging and developing our choral and liturgical tradition.
- Engaging with the local community and the wider world to address issues of social concern.
- Creating a sustainable building and infrastructure for the ministry of the Church.

The next stage will be to agree actions to support the Mission Goals, with the resulting Plan to be adopted by the PCC at its meeting on 22 July.

Do feel free to ask questions of us regarding the Plan or the process by which it is being developed.

Anna Branston and Ewart Carson

MOTHERS UNION NEWS

We, too, would like to offer our warmest greetings to our new Rector, The Ven. Colin Williams. We look forward to his ministry amongst us and will pray for his work in these parishes. We hope that we will form a working partnership with him so that he can look to us for help and support. We hope that our members will be able to be present at his licensing in July.

Amongst the effect that I inherited from past Branch Leaders – I found the enclosed – Please read it and think about it and pray for us to attract new members.

Ludlow. – A meeting was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, March 2nd, with a view to forming a branch of the Mother's Union in Ludlow. The Rector, the Rev. A.E.H. Kenyon, presided, and a most interesting address was given by Mrs. Allen Whitworth, explaining and enlarging upon the threefold objects of the Mother's Union. In spite of a terrible blizzard, about 200 were present, and at the meeting between 60 and 70 women gave in their names as desirous of becoming members at the Mother's Union. Following this, a second meeting was held on March 25th for all intending members, which was addressed by Mrs. Heywood, Diocesan President of the Mother's Union, who welcomed the new branch most warmly and spoke of the duties, joys, and privileges of motherhood. A

service of enrolment was afterwards held in the church, when 71 members and 10 associates were admitted by the Rector, who afterwards gave a short address and ended by wishing the Mother's Union God-speed in Ludlow. [Dated March 1909]

Our closing service is at Stanton Lacy on July 13th (no meeting in August), then we begin our new year on September 14th with Evensong in the Lady Chapel of St Laurence's. All meetings are held on Tuesdays at 2.30 pm at Ludlow Conference Centre.

On Thursday September 16th a great gathering of the M.U. throughout the Diocese at St Laurence's ~ Banners and all!

See you all there!

Shelagh Jenkyns

The Feast of St Mary Magdalene
LUDLOW DEANERY CHORAL EVENSONG

Thursday 22 July 7.30 pm

St Laurence Ludlow

With

The Choir of St Laurence's
Shaun Ward, Director of Music & Organist

Preacher: The Bishop of Hereford

Followed by Supper

ALL ARE WELCOME

FAVOURITE HYMN

When asked to write for the July issue, it wasn't difficult to identify my favourite hymn for I knew immediately that there could be no other choice than *When I survey the wondrous cross* (Isaac Watts 1707). Charles Wesley reportedly said that he would give up all his other hymns to have written this one, and one can understand why. The words remind us that everything we hold dear fades into insignificance as we contemplate Christ's death on this ignominious object – a wooden cross. Pride and boasting have no place and

“my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride”.

Nevertheless, I did have qualms about writing this piece for I thought ‘this is a ‘heart on the sleeve’ moment. To choose a hymn is one thing, to justify one’s

choice is quite another. *When I survey the wondrous cross* will always be associated with some very deeply held personal memories. As a recently bereaved, angry, 12-year old, I first recall really *listening* to the hymn during the Holy Week that I was taking confirmation classes. Our vicar, the lovely Reverend ‘Tommy’ Dart had nicknamed me ‘doubting Thomasina’ for all my rebellion against the unfairness of life. I remained angry for a very long time, but *When I survey the wondrous cross* always ‘brought me back to base’ and reminded me of this, Christ’s death, the greatest of all lessons in humility.

The influence of this hymn was so powerful that I chose it (no doubt to the surprise of the small congregation) for my wedding. It seemed important at that time to remember that whatever the gamut of human emotions from grief, to anger, to great joy, everything fades into insignificance in the face of a “love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.”

Jane Robinson

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

30.5.10	Morgan Green	St Giles
5.6.10	Alexander James Kelly Hill	St Laurence
13.6.10	Maisie Honey Friswell	St Giles
13.6.10	Brooke Jamie Morris	St Laurence

WEDDINGS/BLESSINGS

5.6.10	Tracey & Stephen Hill	St Laurence
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FUNERALS

1.6.10	Charles Hipwell	H/Crem
2.6.10	Rosalind Harris	H/Crem
3.6.10	Roland Hedon	St Laurence
3.6.10	Joan MacPherson	St Laurence
7.6.10	Royston Ormond	H/Crem

ST LAURENCE’S SHOP

Business has been brisk in the shop; our new stock has virtually been flying out the door. Amongst this month’s offerings, you’ll find featured elegant beeswax priory candles as well as a group of adorable candlesnuffers. New book titles this month include the latest book by Archbishop Rowan Williams and a new publication by our conservation architect, Tim Ratcliffe. We were also able

to secure just a few of the last remaining autographed copies of David Lloyd's books.

If you are looking for a bargain, the annual Summer Fête on 17th July brings a 'one-day-only' chance to find the perfect gift at rock-bottom prices. For those who are terrifically organised, this is the chance to pick up those unusual wee items that fill Christmas Stockings. For those who shudder at the thought, come by and take a look regardless. The Shop has something for everyone!

2ND ANNUAL SUMMER FÊTE

Saturday 17 July

Building on last year's brilliant success, this year's event promises to be another delightful gathering, but we still need plenty of help and support.

The PCC asks everyone who is able, to please step forward; we can use any talent, any amount of time, and appreciate all offers of assistance. A rota system on the stalls has been put in place, so the load can be shared across our congregations. Meanwhile, please save the date in your diary and begin to put aside items for the bric a brac table, bottle stall, jams and produce. (Best leave the cake making until closer to the date!) Please contact Shaun Ward, the coordinator, with offers of help.

With your support, the 2010 Fête will be a resounding success!

FUNDRAISING PROJECTS

Attention all undiscovered gourmets and appreciative gourmands: St Laurence's still-to-be-named fundraising cookbook needs you!

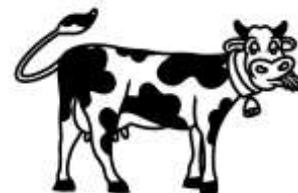
Are you a shy chef who prefers to have your famed pasta praised *in absentia*? Submit that renowned recipe to the cookbook, telling us the story behind your Bolognese. (Perhaps it was given to you by the owner of a bistro on the Italian Riviera while on your honeymoon.)

We need your favourite recipes, and the stories telling us *why* these are your favourites. Whether the first pastry Grandmother helped you roll, or the culinary delight featured in the first restaurant you opened; share those memories as you share the recipes.

For more information, please contact Susan Goble in the Parish Office (872073 or email: susan.goble@stlaurences.org.uk) or pick up a leaflet with more details from the back of the Church.

2 OCTOBER 2010: THE DAY OF THE COW-PAT GAME

By now you will hopefully have received a couple of books of raffle tickets from PCC members. The idea is that we try and sell tickets to people far and wide.



So far there are reports that books of tickets have been sent to family and friends in London, Leeds, Southampton, Crewe, Chester and more. They have been given freepost envelopes pre-addressed to the office for the return of ticket stubs and cheques. Tickets have been sold to friends from Australia and Wales, and some tickets have been even been taken to Crete. Neighbours in Ludlow have taken books to sell to their family and friends as well as buying some tickets for themselves. Those who have been successful in distributing books and selling tickets haven't even had to try hard, they have just mentioned the event and people have been intrigued and have bought some. Visitors to the church have bought tickets and some have taken them to places such as Liverpool. The cows certainly attract a brief attention.

Tickets are on sale in St Laurence's Church and books are available to take to sell elsewhere. If you would like books to send away please just follow the instructions on the table behind the Stewards Desk. Tickets will also be on sale at the Church Fete on Saturday 17 July.

On behalf of the PCC thank you for your support.

E Nixon on behalf of St Laurence's Church PCC

NEWS FROM ST JOHN

St Giles and St John's Concert on Saturday 12th June

We were delighted to host this event at St John's on Saturday evening, when a large and enthusiastic audience packed the church for a concert given by combined voices from the Ludlow Male Voice Choir and the Craven Arms Men's Chorus under their conductors Margaret Davies and Colin Reeves. In addition we had the excitement of witnessing the debut performance of the newly formed Ludlow Concert Band under their leader Amanda Pope. There was a colourful party atmosphere as the combined choir performed a varied programme ranging from lyrical tunes to robust marching songs, rendered with real dynamism, and alternating with some lovely expressive music from the band.

At the interval there were excellent refreshments generously provided by people of St John's and St Giles. Many from the choirs and the audience said how welcomed they had felt and how right St John's building was for such events. It took a lot of work from a lot of people to stage the concert, but they were energized by enthusiasm and mutual regard. Thanks to all involved in this success which has helped to raise substantial funds for both St Giles and St John's.

John French

ST JOHN'S MIDWEEK - JULY 2010

The meeting on Wednesday 9th June on 'Living With Our Neighbours' was very much appreciated by those who attended.

We felt that Rizvan Khalidvery helped us to see both the common heritage of Islam and Christianity and the places where we differ. The discussion was cut short by time, but could have gone on much longer with further benefit to all of us. We hope for an opportunity to explore further.

July Meetings

Wednesday 14th July:

To be arranged – for details contact Don Millington on 01584 878 547.

Wednesday 28th July:

Non-Eucharistic Worship – an exploration of what we have experienced, and what we think it should, or could, be. Led by Don Millington and John Beesley. The intent of these meetings is to provide opportunities for church members, and others who may be interested, to explore and discuss aspects of our church life and our personal faith. They are in St. John's Church, Gravel Hill, Ludlow and are open for everyone to attend some or all, whichever are of interest.

Suggestions of topics for subsequent meetings are very welcome. The starting time is 7.30 pm, with an intention to end with tea/coffee and to finish by 9.30 pm. For further information contact Don Millington on 01584 878 547 or Sheila French on 01584 876 142.

NEWS FROM ST GILES

June and July is a time of special events, as it is for Ludlow Town. We have just enjoyed a combined concert with St. John's Church, where it was performed. The Craven Arms Men's Chorus for several years have sung for the benefit of both of our churches, and this year it was joined by Ludlow Male Voice choir and by the very new Ludlow Town Band, giving their very first performance.

We are very grateful to all of them. The evening was greatly enjoyed by every one.

At the time of writing we are still looking forward to the lecture to be given in St. Laurence' Church by Jonathan Moor on the subject of the Foxe brasses in St. Giles'. This will be followed by a two weeks' exhibition of Brass Rubbings from all over the country, beginning on June 28th and ending on July 4th, including one day when visitors will be able to do their own brass rubbing.

It is never so easy to write about the things which are of the deepest importance in the life of the church. The week by week meeting for worship and fellowship are not so easily described, but there is a strong sense of the movement of the Holy Spirit in the life of St. Giles leading us to reach out in different ways. The services are well attended, new members have joined us and there is amongst us expectation. I am reminded of a notice pinned up in a small cobbler's shop back in the 18th Century. It read:

Expect great things from God

Attempt great things for God

That cobbler became the great missionary to India, William Carey.

Philip Jepps

28 June until 8 July 2010

11 am – 4 pm

Exhibition of Brass Rubbings

at St. Giles Church, Ludford.

Free Entry

Comprehensive Catalogue available.

Saturday 3 July

11 am – 4 pm

Brass Rubbing Workshops.

Make your own brass rubbings! Children and adults welcome.



NEWS FROM THE CONSERVATION TRUST FOR ST LAURENCE, LUDLOW

The Annual meeting of the Trust was held in St Laurence's Tuesday 29 June 2010, and our thanks go to retiring Chairman, Helen Coleman, Treasurer Michael Hunt and Trustees Dr Jen Davies and Claire Wilcox. Retired they may be, but we know they will still support the Trust, and we look forward to working with them on a variety of events over the coming months.

And whilst retaining contact with former colleagues, we welcome a new Treasurer, Michael Page, and three new Trustees: Karole Nicholson, Andrew Pike and Hugh Wood. Bill Lloyd-Kitchen is our Chairman, and we have lots of ideas and plans for the future.

Forthcoming events include:

PIMMS & POEMS at Millichope Park

Wednesday, 14 July 2010 6.00 to 7.30 p.m; Gardens open from 5.00 p.m

By kind permission of Mr & Mrs Lindsay Bury

Enjoy the gardens, which will be open especially for us from 5.00 p.m
Pimms and canapés will be served in the hall from 6.00 p.m

In the Music Room from 6.30pm, Ian Barge, Michael Evans and Antonia O'Kennedy will read poems, Sally Newman Kidd will sing, and Hannah Coleman will play the harp. This promises to be truly a very special occasion!

Millichope Park is at Munslow, SY7 9HA, just 8 miles North East of Craven Arms and 11 miles from Ludlow. Turn left off B4368 0.75 mile out of Munslow. There is plenty of parking.

Tickets (£12.50 per person) are available from St Laurence's Shop; The Wool Shop; Castle Bookshop; and the Visitor Information Centre. Alternatively, email Rosemary Wood at rosemary.wood3@virgin.net or phone 01584 877771

GILBERT AND SULLIVAN 'SING-ALONG'

St Laurence's Church, Ludlow

Saturday 4 September 2010

Plans are under-way for a Gilbert and Sullivan 'Sing-Along', to take place in St Laurence's Church on Saturday 4 September. Trustee Hugh Wood, who is organising the event, promises a highly vocal and enjoyable evening!

Tickets cost £10.00, and can be reserved by contacting Rosemary Wood on rosemary.wood3@virgin.net or phone 01584 877771

THE 'DAVID LLOYD' MEMORIAL

There's still time to contribute to the cost of restoring the mediaeval roundels in the north aisle. David was particularly proud of the stained glass in St Laurence's, and the much needed work on the oldest glass in the church will be undertaken as a memorial to him.

If you wish to make a donation, cheques made payable to Ludlow PCC and marked 'David Lloyd Memorial' should be sent to The Parishes' Office, 2 College Street, Ludlow, SY8 1AN. Or you could hand your contribution to one of the Churchwardens.

If you are able to Gift Aid your donation, we can recover the tax. This increases the value of your gift by nearly 30%. Gift aid forms are available in St Laurence's.

Contact the Trust's Publicity Officer, Rosemary Wood, on 01584 877771 or email rosemary.wood3@virgin.net for further information about the Conservation Trust or any of the planned events.

A-Z of Churchyard Conservation

S is for Slow-worm

The slow worm is not a worm or a snake but a legless lizard. They have a polished, cylindrical appearance and, unlike snakes, have eyelids that can blink. They live in both urban and countryside habitats, liking allotments, waste ground, churchyards and gardens.

Their diet consists of slugs and soft-bodied invertebrates. Being cold blooded they hibernate in the winter so are mostly seen in spring and summer.

Slow worms give birth to 5-10 live young 10cm in length. They grow to about 35 cm. They can live around 15 years in the wild and up to 50 years in captivity! In churchyards the cracks in dry stone walls and old vole holes provide shelter. The Latin name *Anguis fragilis* means 'fragile snake' and refers to the way the slow worm can drop its tail to escape predators.

Caring for God's Acre, the conservation charity for churchyards and burial grounds, 01568 611154, www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk



FORTHCOMING

LUDLOW FESTIVAL – MINIFEST 26 June to 11 July

During the festival there is a range of concerts and events at St Laurence's – Ludlow Minifest – Please tell your family and friends and come and support this series.

All Lunchtime Concerts in the Minifest Programme are £5 at the door

Saturday 3 July at 12 noon

Organ Recital by Roger Judd

Roger Judd MVO, sub-organist at St. Laurence's, will present a program on the famous Snetzler organ (1764). Roger was honoured in the New Year's List 2009 for services to the Crown as organist for 25 years at St. George's Chapel, Windsor

Monday 5 July at 12 noon

Alice Woodbridge, Soprano
Susie Strandens, Piano

Alice and Susie are cycling across the UK giving concerts at many Cathedrals and Greater Churches in aid of Alzheimer's and Multiple Sclerosis

Thursday 8 July at 12 noon

Shaun Ward, Piano

Performing a programme of Bach preludes and fugues interspersed with two intermezzi by Brahms

Saturday 10 July at 12 noon

Organ Recital by Simon Hogan

Simon is a rising star in the field of organ playing and a student at the Royal College of Music





BISYOC

Intercultural Youth Orchestral Exchange

Young people from 10 countries come together for 10 days of rehearsing and cultural activities.

CONCERTS to celebrate 10 YEARS

Thursday 29 July, 12.30pm

INTERNATIONAL TUTORS' CONCERT

St Laurence's Church, Ludlow - Donations

Friday 30 July, 7.30pm

MUSIC FOR A SUMMER'S EVENING

St Andrew's Church, Presteigne - £8, U-14s free

Sat 31 July, 7.30pm

BISYOC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Priory, Leominster - £10

Sunday 1 August, 7.30pm

BISYOC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

St Laurence's Church, Ludlow, £10

Orchestral programme includes J Strauss Die Fledermaus Overture; Mahler Symphony No 1; Mozart Concerto for Flute and Harp K299; John Hymas Fanfare celebrating 10 years of BISYOC

Tickets from:	Supporting:
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Peter Gibbons 01544 260551 <i>(enquiries / tickets)</i>	Friends of Ludlow Hospital

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Shropshire Historic Churches Trust

SPONSORED RIDE AND STRIDE

SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2010

This year's event in Shropshire is the *nineteenth*. For information on the event or if you wish to participate, please refer to the website or contact Linda Savage (01588 673571). www.shropshirerideandstride.org.uk

THE CONSERVATION TRUST FOR
ST LAURENCE, LUDLOW

The Old Ludlovians Stall 2010

Plants, Preserves & Pictures

Sunday 11 July

10.30am – 4.00pm

The Harley Centre, Ludlow College

All Contributions Welcome

Please bring items – especially cakes and plants, to the stall from 10am or leave them at St Laurence's Church or 9, Station Drive during the week.

This will be the 6th year the Jen Davies, Conservation Trust, has organised this stall with her sister Polly Hamilton and Barbara Hall, all Old Ludlovians



Calling all organists ...

...and budding ones!

Are you an organist? Or, do you play the piano or keyboard and have always wanted to have a go on the organ?

The Hereford Diocesan Organists Training Scheme (DOTS) is holding a workshop on Saturday 17 July from 10am – 12.30pm at St Mary's Church, Bromfield. The workshop will be led by Roger Judd, assistant organist at Ludlow, and previously assistant organist at St George's Chapel, Windsor. He will be looking at the basics of organ playing and especially playing hymns effectively. There will be plenty of opportunity for questions and even the chance to have a go.

The workshop is aimed at existing organists who would like to improve their technique or those who can play the piano or keyboard and who might like to help out at their local church – and we are always on the look-out for willing volunteers to fill in when our existing organists are away. With so many churches

in our Team, we can never have too many people on our list who are willing to play the organ.

There is no need to register for the workshop, simply turn up on the day. For more information, please contact the secretary of DOTS, Anne Jardine, on 01432 631445.

Fr Richard Green



‘A Ludlow Lad’

A day conference organised by the Ludlow Historical Research Group
In honour of Dr David Lloyd MBE
Saturday 31 July 2010 Ludlow Assembly Rooms



The late Dr David Lloyd MBE was involved in many aspects of Ludlow life. Born in the Bull Ring (1 Old Street) in 1935; David went to local primary schools, and was Head Boy at Ludlow Grammar School before gaining a Greaves Exhibition to Balliol College, Oxford. His career in education took him to Yorkshire, Rochester, Coventry and Birmingham, before returning to his beloved Ludlow in 1985.

His interests ranged from art and architecture to local politics; he wrote several books and he was active in many organisations, including St Laurence’s, the Ludlow Festival, the Assembly Rooms and the Town Council. But history and historical research were subjects especially dear to his heart.

In 1976, David was a founder member of the Ludlow Historical Research Group, and was its chairman for many years

On Saturday 31 July, the Ludlow Historical Research Society is staging a one-day conference to celebrate David’s life and achievements. The programme comprises a series of illustrated lectures, the launch of a new publication entitled

'St Laurence's Church and People', and an Afternoon Tea guaranteed to have won David's approval!

Speakers include Dr Margaret Clark, Chairman of the LHRG; Prof Michael Rosenbaum; Prof Carter Revard and Dr Susanna Fein; Jonathan Wood, Vice-Chairman, LHRG; Phil Scoggins and Michael Page. Chris Potter, Past Chairman of the LHRG and former Churchwarden of St Laurence's will introduce the Book Launch.

The day starts with registration at 09.00 am and concludes at 4.00 with Tea in the Studio.

Tickets including tea cost £7.50, (£5 for the conference only), and programme/booking forms are available from St Laurence's Church, the VIC, the Library or De Greys Tea Rooms. Or phone Rosemary Wood on 01584 877771 or email rosemary.wood3@virgin.net for a copy.



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By Pamela Pavitt

TUESDAY 29 JUNE - SATURDAY 10 JULY

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Wednesday 30 June 2 pm – 7 pm

Friday 9 July 10 am-3 pm & 5 pm – 7 pm

Entry FREE - donations towards expenses.

Refreshments available on week days in Wesley's Cafe.

For further information please telephone 01584 876480

As already notified in the CTAL Newsletter, there will be a showing during the Ludlow festival of the Westhill Educational Foundation's national collection of embroideries on the theme of creation and the environment, under the title LET THE NEEDLE DO THE TALKING. Ecumenical help with the stewarding (in one hour slots) will be most welcome. Anyone willing and available to help is asked to sign up on the sheet in Wesley's Cafe.



NEWS FROM DIOCESE OF HEREFORD JULY 2010

SAVE OUR HERMITAGE

Fundraising Concert with Martin Roscoe, international concert pianist. Music by Schumann, Chopin and Beethoven Plus two compositions by Karen Markham, our resident hermit.

Tuesday 6th July at 7.30 The Great Hall, The Palace, Hereford Tickets £20 from Rev Richard Shaw, The Vicarage, Vicarage Rd, Clun SY7 8JG & The Communications Office, The Diocesan Office Hereford HR4 9BL
Cheques made Payable to Hermitage of Divine Wisdom

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL PERPETUAL TRUST

JULY

Friday 30 July

Bizet's Carmen performed in the enchanting gardens of Eastnor Castle by Opera Novello. Tickets, priced £30 (under 16s free), available from the Cathedral Shop or The Box Office, 5 College Cloisters, Hereford HR1 2NG (01432 374261) or on the gate of the event. Cheques payable to *Hereford Cathedral Perpetual Trust*. Gardens open 6 pm; performance 7 pm

AUGUST

Sunday 22 August

Palace Art-fest preview evening and exhibition; Great Hall, Bishop's Palace and the Palace garden. Please contact the Perpetual Trust office (01432 374261; perpetual.trust@herefordcathedral.org) for an invitation. 5 pm

Monday 23 – Monday 30 August

Palace Art-fest: over 40 artists exhibiting a wide selection of paintings & sculpture. The Great Hall and garden, The Bishop's Palace. Free entry. 10 am–5 pm (Sunday 11 am–4 pm)

Hereford Cathedral Perpetual Trust, 5 College Cloisters, Hereford HR1 2NG. 01432 374261. Fax 01432 374242 perpetual.trust@herefordcathedral.org
www.herefordcathedral.org

MUSIC AT ST MICHAEL'S 2010

St Michael and All Angels, Tenbury

Saturday, 10th July 7.30 pm

Concert

The St Michael's Singers, Excerpts from Handel's Messiah

Soprano: Sarah Westwood; Contralto: Patricia Nixon;

Tenor: David Barclay; Bass: Paul Mocroft

Director: Bryan Fisher (Tickets £8)

All payable at the door. Proceeds of Concerts and Recitals in aid of St Michaels Church Funds. Organist of St Michael's, John Swindells. Contact 01568 750544

SUMMER ORGAN MUSIC IN DORE ABBEY

Saturday Coffee Concerts (Admission Free)

Coffee from 11.00 am

Music 11.30am to 12.15 pm

July 31st David Thomas (*Llandaff Cathedral*)

August 7th Robert Green (*Formerly Assistant Organist, Hereford Cathedral*)

August 14th John Challenger (*Organ Scholar, St. John's College Cambridge*)

August 21st David Boarder (*Hertford*)

August 28th Ian Ball (*Worcester*)

*Dore Abbey is situated on the B4347 and signed from the A465
midway between Hereford and Abergavenny*



Shropshire Gardens and Churches Open – July 2010

(In aid of Shropshire Historic Churches Trust)



Sunday 4 July

12noon-5pm *

Byeways. Daisy Lane, Whittington SY11 4EN Mrs B Molesworth

Two-thirds of an acre. Mature garden with herbaceous borders planted for long season interest, woodland path, some unusual trees wild flower meadows providing food and habitat for wildlife, fruit and vegetable gardens, pond

Alder Lea, Babbinswood, Whittington. SY11 4PQ Mr & Mrs P Crowe

2 ½ acres, Large shrub borders herbaceous plants, many trees, large fruit and vegetable gardens, three greenhouses, free range hens and water feature.

TPW Church: St John the Baptist Joint Entry £3

Sunday 4 July

2pm-5pm * Colemere Garden Trail

The garden trail will start at the historic St John the Evangelist Church in Colemere overlooking the picturesque mere amid an area of outstanding natural beauty. There are six gardens around the village of Colemere and two in nearby Lyneal. They are varied and interesting and all have unique features. Parking at Mere car park (opposite the church)

Colemere is 2 miles off A528 Ellesmere-Shrewsbury road follow signposts to Colemere Country Park Entry £3.50 TP Church: St John the Evangelist Teas in church

Sunday 11 July

1.30-5.30 Sherriffhales Garden Trail.

Eight varied and interesting gardens around the village and Redhill. Starting point St Mary's Church. Just off A5 east of Telford (map available in church)

Entry £3 TP Church St Mary's Sherriffhales

Sunday 18 July

2pm-5pm Applegarth, Marchamley Shrewsbury SY4 5LE Mr R Anslow.

Third of acre. Various types of garden within it mostly based on shrubs for season long interest. Follow arrows for 20 yards at bus shelter on A422 in Marchamley.

£3 Free for wheelchair uses TPW Church St Luke's Hodnet

Sunday 25 July

1pm-5pm * Two gardens in Shrewsbury:- 11 Elmfield Road: Mrs Nancy Estry Winner of Shropshire Star Gardener of the Year 2008. Under third-of-acre.

Small garden with lots of interesting features, including two patios, pond curving paths leading to secluded seating areas. Planting style is bold and architectural. Off Column roundabout turn into Preston Street, Second left into Belvidere Avenue then first right into Elmfield Road. T Church: St Giles Wenlock Road,

Shrewsbury. Where teas will be served in the fellowship room alongside Esme's Garden Quarter –of-an-acre in a delightful setting adjacent to Holy Trinity Church Meole Brace (access off Church Row). A new garden with mixed plantings of perennials, shrubs and mature trees. Church Holy Trinity.

Joint entry £3.50

KEY: T=TEAS P=PLANT STALL W=PARTS SUITABLE FOR WHEELCHAIRS N/D =No Dogs (except Guide Dogs) If not stated, Dogs allowed on lead. * NEW GARDENS TO LIST



JULY

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>
1	Thurs	12 noon 7.30 pm 11-4 pm	Mini-Fest Lunchtime Concert, Sebastien Field, counter tenor & Shaun Ward, Harpsichord - <i>St Laurence</i> Ludlow Deanery Evensong (venue t.b.c.) St Giles Exhibition of Brass Rubbings
2	Fri	7.30 pm 11-4 pm 7.30 pm	Organ Recital, Paul Carr – <i>All Saints Culmington</i> St Giles Exhibition of Brass Rubbings Festival Concert, Ukulele Orchestra – <i>St Laurence (doors open at 7 pm)</i>
3	Sat	12 noon 11-4 pm 7.30 pm	Summer Lunchtime Concert, Roger Judd organ recital – <i>St Laurence</i> St. Giles Exhibition of Brass Rubbings & Workshop (<i>make your own brass rubbings</i>) No Weddings today Festival Concert, Morriston Orpheus Male Voice Choir – <i>St Laurence (doors open at 7 pm)</i>
4	Sun	Inservice	Fifth Sunday after Trinity Baptism Emily Channon – <i>St John's</i>
5	Mon	12 noon 7.30 pm	Mini-Fest Lunchtime Concert, Cyclist Duet Alice Woodbridge, soprano, and Susie Stranders, piano - <i>St Laurence (In aid of Alzheimers and Multiple Sclerosis research)</i> Festival Concert, James Oxley, tenor, with accompanist Caroline Dowdle performing Schubert's <i>Winterreise</i> – <i>St Laurence (doors open at 7 pm)</i>
6	Tues	10-4 pm 2 pm 7.30 pm	Ashfords Group Retreat Day – <i>Hennor House</i> <i>CTAL Service to be confirmed at Four Rivers</i> PCC Meeting – <i>All Saints Vestry Richards Castle</i>
7	Weds	7.30 pm	Festival Concert, English String Orchestra – <i>St Laurence (doors open at 7 pm)</i>
8	Thurs	10.30 am 12.00 pm	Prayer Group – <i>St Catherine's Chapel – St Laurence</i> Mini-Fest Lunchtime Concert, Shaun Ward, piano, performs Bach & Brahms - <i>St Laurence</i>
9	Fri	7.30 pm	Festival Concert, Scott Brothers Duet – <i>St Laurence (doors open at 7 pm)</i>

10	Sat	12 noon 12.30 pm 12 noon 2.30 pm	Mini-Fest Lunchtime Concert – Young Artists’ Concert , Simon Hogan, Royal College of Music - <i>St Laurence</i> Wedding Phillips/Cordery – <i>St Giles</i> Minifeast Lunch time concert – <i>St Laurence</i> Bell Ringers – Cumberland Youth – <i>St Laurence</i>
11	Sun	11.15 am 12 noon	Sixth Sunday after Trinity Bitterley Pet Service – <i>Bitterley School</i> <i>Onny Fete, featuring a Parade & BBQ & Dog Show – Onny School Grounds</i>
12	Mon	7.30 pm	Ashford Carbonel PCC – <i>Village Hall</i>
13	Tues	2.30 pm	Mothers Union Closing Service – <i>Ludlow Conference Centre</i>
15	Thurs	2.30 pm	Vision Lecture by Shaun Ward St John’s Chapel – <i>St Laurence</i>
16	Fri	11.30 am	Bellringers St Mary’s Barnes London Ringers – <i>St Laurence</i>
17	Sat	11.30 – 4 pm	ST LAURENCE SUMMER FÊTE <i>Blessing Williams & Williams - Onibury</i>
18	Sun	Inservice 3 pm 6.30 pm	Seventh Sunday after Trinity Caynham Grand Summer Fete Baptism Archibald Meredith – <i>Ashford Carbonel</i> Baptism Ellie Marlene Rogers – <i>Knowbury</i> Healing Service – <i>Ashford Carbonel</i>
19	Mon	7 pm	Ashford Bowdler PCC – <i>Church House</i>
20	Tues	5.30 pm	Ludlow PCC Meeting - <i>2 College St</i>
22	Thurs	11 am 7 pm 8 pm	Wedding Herrman/Bonner – <i>St Laurence</i> Ashford Carbonel Patronal Festival Evensong – <i>St Mary Magdalene</i> Deanery Evensong – <i>St Laurence</i>
23	Fri		School Term Ends
24	Sat	1 – 2 pm	Lunchtime Concert with Christopher Allsop – <i>St Laurence</i>
25	Sun	3.30 pm 1 pm	Eighth Sunday after Trinity (James the Apostle) Installation of Team Rector Designate, The Venerable Colin Williams – <i>St Laurence</i> Baptism Tristan Ashley Andrew Cullen – <i>St Laurence</i>

		6.30 pm	Evensong – <i>Ashford Bowdler</i>
29	Thurs	11.30 am	Bisyoc –Tutors Concert – <i>St Laurence</i>
30	Fri	12 noon	Churches Together Lunch & Discussion – <i>The Green Room, Methodist Church, contact Jen Pollard 877834</i>
		7.30 pm	Baptism Preparation Evening – <i>St John</i>
31	Sat	5.30 pm	Derby Singers Week Evensong - <i>St Laurence</i>
		1 pm	Wedding Corfield/Alderson – <i>Onibury</i>
		2 pm	Wedding Bradley & Price – <i>St Laurence</i>
		3 pm	Wedding Sell & Osbourne – <i>Stoke St Milborough</i>
		4 pm	Wedding Davies & Moseley – <i>St Laurence</i>

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