

**The Benefice of Pontesbury
and
The Benefice of Minsterley, Habberley,
Snailbeach, Hope with Shelve**

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**Welcome to Worship
Sunday 3 July 2022**

Trinity 3

Services today

- 9.00am Holy Communion - All Saints, Shelve**
10.30am Morning Worship - St George's, Pontesbury
10.30am Holy Communion - Holy Trinity, Minsterley

The Week Ahead

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| Mon | 4th | 3.30pm
7pm | Youth Café - Holy Trinity, Minsterley
Archdeacon's Visitation - St George's |
| Tues | 5th | 10am
2.30pm
7.00pm | Little Dragons - St George's
Tea Service - St George's
Alpha - The Deanery |
| Wed | 6th | 10am
7pm | Church Café - Holy Trinity, Minsterley
Baptism Preparation - St George's |
| Thur | 7th | 10am | Trinity Tots - Holy Trinity, Minsterley |
| Fri | 8th | 10am
2pm | Coffee - St George's
Funeral of John Lakelin - St George's |
| Sat | 9th | 10-12
9.45am | Repair Shop - St George's
Alpha Away Day - Yockleton |

Today's Collect

God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Habbakuk 2: 1-4

I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts;
I will look to see what he will say to me,
and what answer I am to give to this complaint

Then the LORD replied:

'Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets
so that a herald^l may run with it.

For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end
and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come
and will not delay. See, the enemy is puffed up;
his desires are not upright –
but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness.'

Ephesians 2: 19-22

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Gospel - John 20: 24-29

Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Please pray for: Richard Lonsdale as he starts his ministry as curate in the Benefice

Healing: Heather Ryder, Brian Evans, Naazly Butterworth, Maurice Gibbons, Eileen Daulby, Maxine Hall, Paul Pritchard, Wendy Beesley, Deb Fleet, Katharine Cook

Departed: Arthur Williams, John Lakelin

Notices

Treasurer

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Peter Fergusson as the new Treasurer of St George's, effective as of today. Peter can be contacted at treassgp@gmail.com We remain extremely grateful to Gerald Worrall for his many years of loyal service in the post.

Friends

We are trying to establish a Friends of St George's Churchyard group, a group made up of church and community members to look after the churchyard. If you think you might be interested in this, please let Greg or Stephen Winwood know.

Sponsored Walk

A sponsored walk along the Shropshire Way is planned for Saturday Sept 24th. As last year, half the monies will go to the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust and half to our own churches. Let Greg know if you are interested in walking that day and it would be good to have a couple of drivers to staff a support crew.

Spring Harvest

We now have a viable group to take a party from Pontesbury & Stiperstones to Spring Harvest next Easter, April 10-14 in Minehead. We will be booking this at the end of July. Costs are £160 and up per person (with discounts for children) depending on the type of accommodation. The event provides worship, teaching and fellowship for all ages and has been a joyous and upbuilding time for every church I have attended. If you want to know more, speak to Greg or Fran. It will be possible to book a place later, but the early bird discount will be lost, and you may not be accommodated near others from the church.

Archdeacon's Visitation

Archdeacon Fiona is visiting the Deanery on Monday evening, taking the service at St George's at 7 p.m. This is the occasion when all our wonderful churchwardens are sworn in. Fiona is wanting to see as many of the regular congregations as are able to make it as she brings words of encouragement to us. It would be also good to show your support and appreciation for our churchwardens who work so hard for us.

Richard Lonsdale

Please pray for Richard as he is ordained at Hereford Cathedral on Sunday morning. Next Sunday, July 10th, we will host usual second Sunday services, but at 12.30, there will be a shared lunch at St George's to which the whole family is warmly invited. You should find a list at the back of your church to sign up for attendance. There is also a list to sign up to help with the catering. We would be very grateful to see more names on this.

Repair Shop

St George's is hosting a Repair Shop on Saturday July 9th from 10-2 p.m. If you are bringing items for repair, please come earlier in the day to give the repairers time to work on your items. Refreshments will be served while you wait.

Confirmation

St George's is hosting a confirmation service on Sunday October 16th at 3 p.m. We have two candidates already wanting to be confirmed. Greg would be very pleased to hear from anyone else who would like to pursue this.

Services in the Benefice - 10 July 2022

Trinity 4

9.00am	Morning Prayer	- Hope
10.30am	Holy Communion	- Pontesbury
10.30am	Holy Communion	- Minsterley
5.00pm	Evensong	- Habberley

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