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A community going forward with God

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Dear Readers

22nd October sees the licensing of Julia to the Clifton group of villages in addition to the villages of Teme Valley South. Writing about this in last month's TemeTalk she tells of the birth of her second son which did not lessen her love for her first. Love, she reminds us, comes from God who is infinite.

All absolutely true. *But*, God who is infinite has created a finite world. There are only twenty four hours in a day and seven days in a week. So, as Julia wrote last month, "Routines may change...". What might that look like?

As long ago as the 1990s the author Andrew Bowden writing in *Ministry in the Countryside* describes every village having at its heart a "vicar shaped hole". Lack of vicars and lack of finance have resulted in clergy being stretched to cover more and more villages. The result can be clergy dashing round like headless chickens desperately trying to fill more and more holes. Or villages feeling that their "hole" is empty and God is absent. None of this brings glory to God!

What Bowden suggested is that the "vicar shaped hole" is filled by a team of people, ordained and lay, working together. It can be done. It needs a different kind of thinking from churchgoers who, a generation ago, had only a very limited role. It needs a different way of thinking from villagers to appreciate that just because it isn't the vicar who has visited/been at a social event or meeting/said prayers at/... that God's Church isn't absent. It needs vicars who see their role as enablers and encouragers of others.

So, in these changed times, what abilities might you have to offer to work with others for the glory of God?

Best wishes,

Robert

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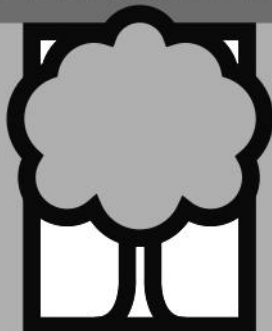
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Parish news

From the Registers

Wedding

Our warmest congratulations to

Joseph Steven Sharpe and Catherine Denise Williams, married at St Peter and St Paul, East-ham on Saturday 9th September.

May they be blessed with a long and happy marriage.

Funerals

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of

Patricia Jane Nott – burial of ashes at St Mary's Church, Stanford on 2nd September.

Margaret Ann Parry – burial of ashes at St Michael's Church, Rochford on 29th August.

May the souls of the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

John and Julia Curtis Celebration

Thank you so much to all those who came along to the lunch and/or service on 17th September. It was a lovely day.

Minutes secretary

Do you have a few hours to spare? Do you enjoy listening and organising?

Then this could be just for you! At the recent meeting of the PCC we decided to see if there was anyone interested in being our minutes secretary. Duties would involve sending agendas, and papers before the meeting, attending our meetings (currently four or five times a year on a Saturday morning), preparing and then circulating the minutes afterwards. If you think you might be able to help please contact Rev'd Julia for a chat.

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Bible study

Our Bible study group continues to delve into the book of Revelation, meeting on Friday mornings. Do get in touch with Rev'd Julia if you would like to join us.

Dave Hughes

If you would like to attend a service of thanksgiving for Dave you will be most welcome to come along to Rochford church at 2pm on 3rd November as we gather to remember him. Hot drinks will be served afterwards in the church.

Teme Valley Tots

Sessions continue in Rochford village hall on Fridays from 10.30am to 12noon during October. All are very welcome.

Service times and openings

You are very welcome to come and spend some time in any of our beautiful churches to reflect, to pray and just to 'be' for a quiet moment. All continue to be open during the day and Kyre church is open daily from 10am to 4pm. It will still be attended on Friday afternoons with 'Take Breath', our silent prayer time, open to all from 4 to 4.30pm.

Rev'd Julia

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Saturday winners

19th August	No 8	Jane Bull
26th August	No 43	Rosemary Ayers
2nd September	No 16	Helen Barlow
9th September	No 56	Not sold
16th September	No 50	Not sold

There are still plenty of numbers available – why not join in? It's just £1 per draw and the profits are split between Rochford church and the village hall – plus you get two chances each week to win £25!

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Teme Valley Tote

September's draw, the sixth in this series, was decided when Rev'd Julia Curtis rolled the dice on 2nd September to select the set of random numbers. Prizewinners are:

£50 – **Mr and Mrs Jude Mahoney** of Knighton
(No 630)

£30 – **Barry Gutteridge** of Eastham (No 250)

£20 – **Janet Mills** of Stanford (No 562)

You can still take part in the tote. If you have any queries please contact Robin Dean on 01886 853295 or email robin.c.dean@gmail.com.

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Rochford News

Harvest in Rochford

Autumn has arrived, "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness" according to John Keats, when we celebrate the harvest and prepare for winter. So please come along on Saturday 7th October at 2.30pm to clean our lovely church and prepare it for harvest.

Harvest festival and supper is on Sunday 8th October. The church service is at 5pm followed by supper at the village hall at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome to either or both – if you can't make the church service just come for supper, just £10. Please book with Ann.

Donations of harvest produce and non-perishables including tins, packets etc will be appreciated and will be passed on to Tenbury Food Bank to support local people in need.

Live music in Rochford village hall

On Saturday 21st October at 7.30pm, back by popular demand – Fix! A talented local three-piece electro-acoustic covers band with a repertoire of well-known songs from across the decades including the Jam, the Beatles, Crowded House, Paul Weller, Tom Petty, Paul Carrack, the Verve, Stereophonics etc. Bring your dancing shoes and enjoy a great evening of popular music. Just £12 to include supper. (Licensed bar applied for.)

Rochford Quiz

On Friday 10th November at 7.30pm at Rochford village hall we are pleased to welcome back the West Midlands Premier Quiz Master, who has arranged a fun quiz for *all* with a great range of rounds including trivia, true or false, sport, music and many more. Please book your place with Ann or Andrew, either in a team of four you can join a team on the night for this ever-popular quiz with supper included.

Neighbourhood lunch

Hopefully Ann will have recovered from her kidney stone operation and will be able to welcome everyone back on 31st October and 28th November for both sit down and takeaway neighbourhood lunches.

Everyone is welcome; booking for lunches is essential and takeaways should be collected between 12.30 and 1pm. Please book with Ann on 01584 781317 at least the previous week.

Remembering Dave Hughes

On 22nd August many of us travelled to St Edburgh's Church in Yardley, Birmingham, for the funeral of Dave Hughes from Cold Green Cottage in Rochford. He had been church warden at this church for 25 years and had been a pillar of the community. Tributes from Jackie and Dave's two grandsons highlighted how important his family and community had been to Dave.

Dave and Jackie have made such a positive impact on Teme Valley South in the relatively short time that they have lived in Rochford and it is very fitting that on Friday 3rd November at 2pm there will be a memorial service for Dave at Rochford church, followed by tea and cake at the church. All welcome.

Church services

There will be no church service at Rochford on Sunday 22nd October: instead all are welcome at Clifton upon Teme church to support Julia at her licensing service where she will take on additional responsibilities as curate in charge of her new churches across the wider mission area.

On Sunday 29th October there is an All Souls service at 3pm followed by tea and cake. Everyone is welcome to this service, where we remember our loved ones who are no longer with us. Please contact Ann if you would like a name read out and a candle lit for a loved one.

Church flower rota for October

Jenny Barbé and harvest volunteers, thank you!

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Andrew on 07809 658484 or through the parish WhatsApp group

Andrew Barbé

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Quiz Night

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Step into the Past Day

The annual Step into the Past Day is on Saturday 7th October from 1.30 to 5.30pm. As usual there will be tea and cakes. The theme is 'Stoke Bliss Church Through the Ages' and donations will be for the roof renovation fund. Sponsor a tile for £5 each. Phone Maggie Kingston on 01885 410431 if you have any queries.

Neighbourhood Lunch



Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall

Thursday 12th October

Thursday 9th November

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Stoke Bliss & Kyre Churches

Saturday 14th October – church and churchyard tidying at St Peter's, Stoke Bliss, 10am to 12.30pm. To clean and decorate ready for harvest the following week. Refreshments provided of course!

22nd October, 4pm – Stoke Bliss Harvest Festival with refreshments to follow

Saturday 4th November – church and churchyard tidying at St Mary's, Kyre, 10.30am to 12.30pm and 1.30 to 3.30pm. Come to help keep Kyre church welcoming to all. Tea and cakes!

12th November at 10.50am – Service of Remembrance at Kyre

Maggie Kingston

Social & Pub Night

Friday 27th October

Friday 24th November

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Eastham Jottings

Church flowers and cleaning

October – Rhiannon Chapman

November – Diana Potter

Thanks to those who have volunteered for the spare months. This is much appreciated.

Eastham Macmillan Coffee Morning

This month's coffee morning is on Wednesday 4th October at 10.30am at Eastham Memorial Hall. Join us to support Macmillan, have a coffee, some cake and a chat. There will be a raffle with special prizes and an "anything for sale" stall so please bring along produce, bric-a-brac suitable for resale (no clothes), books and any other goodies to sell. There will be the usual Macmillan competitions to help the charity raise its amazing total from coffee mornings across the country.

If you can't attend and would like to give a donation to Macmillan, you can give a cash donation to Celia Adams at Eastham Court, ring 01584 781258 or email easthamcourt@icloud.com for details of how to pay online or use the QR code on page 13.

The rota is

1st November – Stella and Tony Wood

6th December – team effort

Eastham Pub Night

Come along for a drink and a catch up on Friday 20th October at 7pm at Eastham Memorial Hall. Everyone welcome. Look out for the usual banner.

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- Kung Fu, Adam on 07720 643524, for youngsters on Saturdays at 9.30am.

Eastham allotment scheme

Subscriptions are available now for 2024/25. Great interest was shown again this summer, so if you want further information for next summer and autumn, please ring Celia Adams on 01584 781258 or email easthamcourt@icloud.com.

Autumn clean of church and churchyard

Please come along on Saturday 21st October from 10am to 1pm with gardening tools to tackle the churchyard. There's lots to be done to straighten everything up for winter. Everyone welcome, whatever your skills. We will also be cleaning the inside of the church and finishing the flower arrangements ready for harvest festival. Please bring dusters and brass cleaning equipment.

Tea and cakes all day with hot dogs and beef burgers to round the day off. Creche available.

Pumpkinfest

On Sunday 15th October at St Peter and St Paul's Church. Entries to the church from 9 to 9.45am for judging on the day. You do not have to live in Eastham to take part – just join in, it is all for fun!

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Celia Adams

The Filling Station

Our next meeting is on Thursday 19th October at Eastham Memorial Hall at 7.15 for a 7.30pm start when Wayne Davies will be speaking to us. Wayne has supported the Filling Station for many years and serves God in the Ludlow and Hereford Diocese as Intergenerational Missioner.

We look forward to your joining us for this evening of fellowship, worship, teaching and refreshments. If you are not on our mailing list and would like further information or details about our meetings please contact me on kate.harley6@gmail.com.

Hanley Happenings

A night at the races

The race night on 6th October, raising money for MND, is nearly fully booked so contact Lexi quickly if you want to join in the fun. She is looking for donations of prizes for the event so please see what you can do – bottles and chocolate preferably, call 07471 192649. The organisers would like to thank all who have already donated prizes for the evening – the Spilsburys, Angel Gardens, Hanley House, the Fountain Inn, Garlands, the Parlour. Perfect Cakes Co and Frank P Matthews.

Hanley Winery

If you haven't already been to Hanley Winery, then please go. The vines are at Hanley Childe but the bistro and wine experiences are at Newnham Bridge. Even if wine is not your thing, the cake and platters are worth the short trip! Well done and good luck with the venture to Steve and Maria.

What's on at the village hall

The village hall committee is providing us with an amazing array of activities and experiences. Keep a look out for all the ads and get booked in.

Well done to all who attended the Thai Chi taster session – a thoroughly relaxing experience.

A Christmas bingo evening is planned for 17th December, look out for details.

Scarecrows in the Hanleys

Strange beings were seen in the Hanleys in September – a guitar playing vicar, a drunken golfer and a pilot among many others!

Well done to Sarah for organising the scarecrow competition and providing the straw and to judges Worzel Gummidge and Aunt Sally (David and Donna). Congratulations to this year's winner Amelia Earhart (Dawn).

Many thanks to Sharon and John at the Fox for all the support they have given to this event and others throughout the year. And well done to everyone who took part – we look forward to even more entries next year!

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Harvest Festival Service at St Mary's (not Noverton as announced last month)

Praise service at 4pm

Sunday 5th November

Holy Communion with hymns at 10am

Praise Service at 4pm

Harvest Festival Service

This will now be at St Mary's church. During the service Nabil Jamous, chairman of the trustees of the Farmers Overseas Action Group (FOAG) will explain their work in Uganda and there will be a collection for them. We will bring the FOAG card reader for people who wish to make their donation using debit or credit cards.

Harvest Lunch

Our harvest lunch will not be after the Harvest Festival service. We hope to have a lunch or supper later in October or in November.

Remembrance tide

Poppies will be available from the usual outlets from 28th October until Remembrance Sunday, 12th November. There will be a joint Teme Valley South Remembrance Service to be held at Kyre Church at 10.50am on 12th November.

Future events

- We hope to have another wine tasting evening.
- The sweater sale returns on 18th November.
- Christmas Tree Festival, 2nd and 3rd December.
- Carol Service at 7pm on Christmas Eve. We are sorry to disappoint those of you looking forward to our usual Crib Service, Chocolate Nativity or a Zoom broadcast from the Bethlehem Broadcasting Corporation.

If you have any other ideas for events, please let me know.

Whist Drives

There will be whist drives at Stanford with Orleton Village Hall at 7.30pm on 17th October and 21st November.

Supporting Tenbury Food Bank

The box in the lobby continues to be used – thank you to all who have contributed. Please keep your donations coming.

St Mary's church

St Mary's is now open every day from dawn to dusk. The front door will be open (please do not shut) and the main door will be closed but unlocked. Please visit and sign the visitors book and leave any donations you wish! We are getting visitors from all over the world and locally, who are delighted to have the church open and comment on its beauty.

Volunteers please – again

We still need volunteers for the area church committee and/or the village hall committee. Robin (01886 853295) is happy to explain what is involved and you are welcome to attend one of our meetings, so that you can see what it is like. We still need people to organise and assist.

Robin is particularly looking for a churchwarden to assist him and take over – dare you volunteer? While it would be great to have a volunteer from Stanford, you can come from anywhere in Teme Valley South. You should be confirmed!

Still no volunteers!

Robin Dean

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A tale of two lunches

Lunch – it’s nearly my favourite word. I love going out for lunch and last week we were planning not one but *two* pub lunches.

First we were taking our friends out to lunch, our treat, their choice of pub, a canal-side pub near Worcester. Table booked for one o’clock, we arrived at a quarter to and found ourselves a table. Only one other table was occupied, plus one or two in the garden.

Margaret and I went to the bar to buy drinks. The very young barman was looking for the white wine The landlady was shouting at him – “it’s cold, it’s in the fridge, look!” she yelled before disappearing. The barman apologised. “I’ve only had this job for twenty minutes.” He managed to pull two pints of beer but took some time to find the mineral water and didn’t know how much anything cost.

Back at our table, we studied the menu and I went to order at the bar. “Two fish and chips, one brie, bacon ...” “I’m sorry,” the barman interrupted me, “but we don’t have any fish. Or bacon.”

I reported this to the others. “No fish?” said Graham. “Like fish and chips no fish?” “No bacon?” wailed Margaret. We chose alternatives and I went back to the bar where the barman was hunting for the lime juice. I ordered. Graham had

chosen a bean burger. Two minutes later the barman appeared at our table. He must have had the job for half an hour by now. “I’m sorry,” he said, “but we don’t have a bean burger. We do have a no beef beefburger. I’m sorry, we didn’t expect to be so busy ...” Still only one other table was occupied.

“No fish? Like fish and chips no fish?”

So we sat and chatted and waited for our food to arrive. At two o’clock Graham, who was anxious and embarrassed because it was their

choice of pub, went to the kitchen door to ask about the food but the landlady, who was also the chef, screamed at him to get out of the kitchen. “Go!” she yelled. “Get out! Get out!” So we did. We went back to our friends’ house and had pizza and rosé in their garden and a very pleasant afternoon.

The next day we called at The Boot in Orleton on our way back from a morning appointment in Ludlow. “Hello!” chorused two smiling barmaids as we went in. “Lunch? Of course!” One of them showed us to a table. We ordered. Our drinks came and then our food, which was delicious. After some excellent coffee we paid and left, very happy – and amazed at how different two pub lunches could be.

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The Rugby World Cup in France looks like tremendous fun – the atmosphere, the multicultural crowds, the banter, the fancy dress, colour, music and drinking – it all acts as a marvellous antidote to the cost of living crisis and all our worries at home.

But rugby has its own problems, with player welfare, especially head injuries, top of the list. There is also a financial problem with top professional teams like Worcester going broke. And at the junior level there's a steep decline in playing numbers.

The problems are quite intractable, as the game invented to work off the excess energies of 19th century schoolboys is not wholly suited to highly trained fully grown athletes who are faster, stronger and possibly twice the weight of those early players. I can understand parents no longer wishing their little ones to play the game.

But I'll go on watching and criticising the players' mistakes and the referees' errors.

In the privacy and comfort of our spare bedroom in my special armchair and with the mute button pressed to prevent ITV commentaries spoiling my appreciation of the play, I leave Mrs

G downstairs in the front room to enjoy her favourite television programmes.

After the match I enjoy the WhatsApp discussion group with my four brothers, who all have different views about the same games. Unfortunately I have recently discovered that two of them self identify as *Welsh!*

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Enhancing Worship

Earlier this year we distributed questionnaires to find out how church services were being experienced. The results were enormously encouraging but, unsurprisingly, there is room for improvement.

So on 25th November we are running an event at Stoke Bliss & Kyre village hall, "Enhancing Worship". It will include workshops on music, on reading lessons, on welcoming people, on arranging flowers and on leading prayers. The line up of presenters is currently being worked on as is the precise timetable for the day, but in the meantime please make a note in your diary and look out for more information nearer the time. Archdeacon Nikki will be joining us and it promises to be an excellent day.

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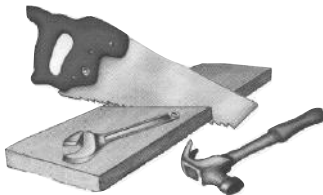
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Brought to you from the same creative team behind last year's rollicking Robin Hood, the traditional story of Aladdin will be presented with an unexpected icy twist that sees our hero travel to the frozen fjords of Norway.

Aladdin opens on Friday 15th December and runs until Sunday 31st December including a relaxed performance on Wednesday 20th December to support those who benefit from a more relaxed environment.

Producer/director Chris Garner says, "A high-

light of the holiday season, the pantomime at the Regal is enjoyed by locals and visitors from miles around. It's great news that we've been able to freeze prices so that everyone can enjoy this spectacular production. There's *Norway* anyone can *afford* to miss it!"

Join the adventure as Aladdin, a wannabe singer from Tenburyania, falls in love with the Princess, discovers an enchanted lamp and, with his hilarious dotty mum Betty Bagwash and a mysterious manic genie, sets out to make a fortune. But hiding in the shadows is the evil Norwegian failed magician, Bjorn Narstee who, with his blond bouffant hair and white flared pantsuit, will stop at nothing to get his hands on that valuable lamp. Boo! Hiss!



Films at Hanley Village Hall

Saturday 4th November, 7.30pm

Little Miss Sunshine

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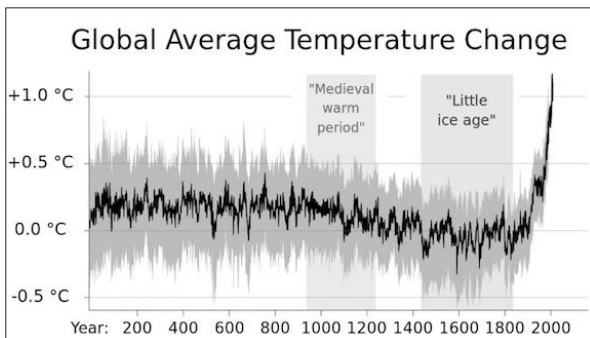
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Climate change – how does it work?

Climate change is in the news almost every day now. Of course fires, floods and droughts have always happened, but records are being broken all the time and climate scientists are in no doubt that this is due to the way that human activity is impacting on planet Earth. We are all contributing to this problem and we will all need to contribute to its solution. This is the first of four short articles in TemeTalk in which we look at climate change, the impact it is likely to have on us here at home and what needs to be done to avoid catastrophic future developments.

Our planet is warmed by the sun and cools by giving off infrared radiation. Its temperature is determined by the balance between these two effects. Carbon dioxide and other “greenhouse gases” in the atmosphere absorb a lot of the infrared radiation before it can escape, so that the Earth warms up. The glass in a greenhouse works in the same way – letting light in but absorbing infrared trying to get out. Hence the name “greenhouse effect” for the resultant warming.

Carbon dioxide is the main culprit. Its concentration in the atmosphere is actually very low (about 400 parts per million) but it has risen by nearly 50% since the industrial revolution, due pri-



marily to the burning of “fossil fuels” – coal, oil and natural gas. Unfortunately, a great deal of the quality of life we have all come to take for granted (warmth, food, travel and a wide variety of goods) have been underpinned by the energy we get from burning fossil fuels. So, as the population of the planet has risen and the standard of living has advanced in more and more countries, the rate at which we pump carbon dioxide into the air has risen too. The challenge now for mankind is to stop doing this, whilst still maintaining a decent quality of life for people on the planet.

The graph above shows how the average temperature of the planet has risen sharply since the industrial revolution. A rise of a degree or so might not sound like much, but we can already see the impact it is starting to have and of course this rise is nowhere near stopping. Predictions for the near future include extension of the Sahara desert up into Spain, sea level rise due to melting ice caps and much more extreme weather events affecting the whole world. In next month’s issue we will look at how this is likely to affect us here in the UK.

Trevor Ponman



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Hallowe'en Pumpkin Cake

With Pumpkinfest in Eastham on 15th October, what better way to use up your pumpkin than this ghoulishly good Hallowe'en cake – a sweet treat that won't trick your guests!

Ingredients

For the cake

- 300g self-raising flour
- 300g light muscovado sugar
- 3 tsp mixed spice
- 2 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 175g sultanas
- ½ tsp salt
- 4 eggs, beaten
- 200g butter, melted
- zest 1 orange
- 1 tbsp orange juice
- 500g (peeled weight) pumpkin or butternut squash flesh, grated

For drenching and frosting

- 200g pack soft cheese
- 85g butter, softened
- 100g icing sugar, sifted
- zest of 1 orange and juice of half

Method

Heat oven to 180C/fan 160C/gas 4. Butter and line a 30 x 20cm baking or small roasting tin with baking parchment. Put the flour, sugar, spice, bicar-

bonate of soda, sultanas and salt into a large bowl and stir to combine.

Beat the eggs into the melted butter, stir in the orange zest and juice, then mix with the dry ingredients till combined. Stir in the pumpkin. Pour the batter into the tin and bake for 30 minutes, or until golden and springy to the touch.

To make the frosting, beat together the cheese, butter, icing sugar, orange zest and 1 tsp of the juice till smooth and creamy, then set aside in the fridge. When the cake is done, cool for 5 mins then turn it onto a cooling rack. Prick it all over with a skewer and drizzle with the rest of the orange juice while still warm. Leave to cool completely.

If you like, trim the edges of the cake. Give the frosting a quick beat to loosen, then, using a palette knife, spread over the top of the cake in peaks and swirls. If you're making the cake ahead, keep it in the fridge then take out as many pieces as you want 30 mins or so before serving. Will keep, covered, for up to 3 days in the fridge.





Richard Haines



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When the tyrannical Squire beats her nephew for stealing a dead rabbit, Annie swears revenge. The Squire forces Annie to work for him, baking

his bread, while she seeks opportunities to avenge her nephew. But Annie's plans do not run as smoothly as she had expected, culminating in a surprising ending to the play.

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Barbara is privileged to have been chairman of Malvern Hills District Council three times and this year she has again chosen Midland Air Ambulance as one of her charities.

Our photograph (above left) shows critical care paramedic Colin Apps. It was taken when Barbara was chairman in 2015/16 and drove her 1962 Massey Ferguson 35 tractor the length of Malvern Hills District, raising £4,000 for the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity.

Malvern Hills is a predominantly rural district, with hundreds of miles of roads and lanes, hard to reach farming areas, rural industrial sites and

villages. Like Barbara, many of you reading this will know someone who has benefited from the important service which the Midlands Air Ambulance provides and hope it will continue for many years.

If you would like to support Barbara, find her on JustGiving – go to www.justgiving.com and type in *Midlands Air Ambulance Charity Wing Walk* – or telephone her on 01886 853377.



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A new school year can put pressure on lots of people's budgets, so you're not alone in your worries. But there is help available.

A good place to start is the Citizens Advice website where you'll find lots of information on the support you might be entitled to for school-related costs.

The help you can get to cover school lunches will vary depending on how old your children are and if you claim benefits. Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 automatically get free school meals. You can apply for free school meals for older children if you claim certain types of benefits, including Universal Credit, Child Tax Credit and Income Support. The full list is available on the Citizens Advice website <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/>

You mentioned concerns about travel costs. If your child can't walk to school because of special educational needs or disabilities they should get

free school transport. You may be able to get help with transport costs from your Local Education Authority if your children can't walk because it's dangerous or too far. Your Local Education Authority is part of your local council that deals with education in your area, you can find yours on GOV.UK. Contact it directly to find out exactly what support it offers.

If you're on a low income, your Local Education Authority may also be able to help you with activity and school uniform costs. You're likely to be considered to be on a low income if you get means-tested benefits like Universal Credit or Housing Benefit. In some places there are also local charitable schemes that can help. A good place to find out about these is the school itself or Parent Teacher Association (PTA) both will usually know if these kinds of schemes exist.

A lot of people are feeling the squeeze at the moment, but it's important to remember that help is available with starting school costs and you're not alone. For more information Citizens Advice website.

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Teme Valley Wildlife

If you set off on a ramble this month don't forget to look out for fungi, because late summer and early autumn are the times of year when many fungi send fruiting bodies up from their vast networks of unseen underground mycelia. Most of us are familiar with field mushrooms and with their larger parasol cousins. We may even have had our attention drawn to more brightly coloured grassland wax-caps, but what about the curiously named earth star? Described as rare but widespread, these striking fungi can pop up in soil or sand-dunes across Britain. There are ten varieties of British earth star and I was lucky enough to find one of them here in the valley late in August.



Under the deep shade of conifer trees lining a lane adjacent to woodland, I spotted a group of small fungi which I knew I had never seen before. They formed a small colony, each in a different stage of development, and from their shape and size I suspected them to be earth stars. Being related to puffballs, it was easy to see that their round central bodies possessed an opening through which spores could be released. Each cen-

tral body was held on a star of five or more spreading rays. They looked like miniature sputniks and their ball-like centres have the capacity to shoot out clouds of smoke-like spores when triggered by falling raindrops or passing animals.

The variety I came across proved to be the fringed earth star, *Geastrum sessile*, sometimes called *G. fimbriatus*. At a few centimetres in diameter, its buff colour reminded the late great botanist Geoffrey Grigson of "a medlar lying rooted in the leafmould". He wrote that earth stars possessed an "oddly artificial look, they are not very common, and they are entirely useless." But he also said that to find them was "one of the rarest pleasures of searching woods in the autumn".

Although I had not encountered any type of earth star before, I had once seen a picture of one when my cousin, who is the groundsman of a municipal cemetery, found one growing in his patch. With the help of smartphone technology and the internet he had managed to identify and record this rarity. He enjoyed many fungi growing in his

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jurisdiction and was dismayed to find commercial gatherers stripping his grass of mushrooms. Top-end restaurants, who pay good money for such things, were, I thought, unlikely to advertise the fact that they had been "sustainably handpicked in your local graveyard" on their eco-friendly menus.

Actually, earth stars are not edible but their cousins, the giant puffballs, certainly are. Eaten at an early stage of development, well before reaching a potential 20 kg in weight, they are a healthy addition to a fried breakfast. Turn a slice in bacon fat and serve with bacon and fried eggs – delicious. But you'll have to give some to friends, they're too big to eat all by yourself.

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group will be at Stoke Bliss and Kyre Village Hall on Thursday 12th October at 7.30pm. Our speaker

is Shropshire Bat Group's excellent Phil Playford whose talk will, unsurprisingly, be about bats. Everyone is most welcome, and it is just £2 on the door.

Stephanie Mcroft

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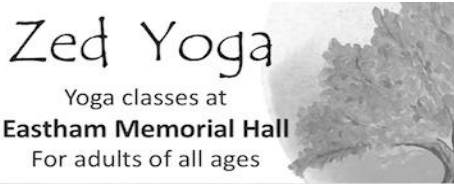
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Art classes are on Wednesday evenings
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if you would like to come

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What's on in Teme Valley South

October

1st	Sunday	Harvest Service and Harvest Lunch, Noverton Farm, Stanford, 11am
4th	Wednesday	Eastham Macmillan Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall, 10.30am
6th	Friday	A Night at the Races, Hanley Village Hall, 7pm
7th	Saturday	Step into the Past Day, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 1.30pm
8th	Sunday	Rochford Harvest Festival, Rochford Church, 5pm, followed by supper, 6pm
12th	Thursday	Neighbourhood Lunch, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 12.30pm
14th	Saturday	Quiz Night, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 7pm
15th	Sunday	Pumpkinfest, Eastham Church, judging 9-9.45am Harvest Festival, Hanley Childe Church, 5pm
17th	Tuesday	Whist Drive, Stanford Village Hall, 7.30pm
19th	Thursday	The Filling Station, Eastham Memorial Hall, 7.15pm
21st	Saturday	Fix! Live music at Rochford Village Hall, 7.30pm
22nd	Sunday	Stoke Bliss & Kyre Harvest Festival, 4pm
27th	Friday	Social and Pub Night, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 7pm
31st	Tuesday	Rochford Neighbourhood Lunch, Rochford Village Hall, 12.30pm

November

1st	Wednesday	Eastham Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall, 10.30am
4th	Saturday	Film Night at Hanley Village Hall, <i>Little Miss Sunshine</i> , 7.30pm
9th	Thursday	Neighbourhood Lunch, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 12.30pm
10th	Friday	Rochford Quiz with supper at 7.30pm
12th	Sunday	Service of Remembrance, St Mary's Kyre, 10.50am
18th	Saturday	Sweater Sale, Stanford Village Hall
21st	Tuesday	Whist Drive, Stanford Village Hall, 7.30pm
24th	Friday	Social and Pub Night, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 7pm
25th	Saturday	Enhancing Worship, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall
28th	Tuesday	Rochford Neighbourhood Lunch, Rochford Village Hall, 12.30pm

December

6th	Wednesday	Eastham Coffee Morning, Eastham Memorial Hall, 10.30am
10th	Sunday	Christmas Lunch, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 1pm
14th	Thursday	Neighbourhood Lunch, Stoke Bliss & Kyre Village Hall, 12.30pm
17th	Sunday	Christmas Bingo Evening, Hanley Village Hall

**Send items for inclusion to Sandra Griffiths by 18th of the previous month
telephone 01568 750665 or email ronsmum@icloud.com**

Deadline for the November issue of TemeTalk is 18th October

**Don't forget – the sooner you send in your copy,
the more likely it is to be included**

Services

October/November 2023

Daily prayer continues at 9am and 7pm on Zoom, please contact Rev'd Julia if you would like to join us.

The blessings group meets regularly and is co-ordinated by Richard Skerrett who can be contacted on 01886 853099 for details.

The Church of England has a pre-recorded weekly on-line service which can be found by searching 'Church of England Weekly Services' or accessed on their website www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online/weekly-online-services

Services Schedule

Sunday 1st October

8.30am	Stanford	Said Holy Communion
11.00am	Stanford	Harvest Festival in church
4.00pm	Stanford	Praise Service
6.30pm	Worcester Cathedral	Diocesan Harvest Service

Sunday 8th October

10.00am	Hanley William	Holy Communion
5.00pm	Rochford	Harvest Festival followed by
6.30pm	Rochford Village Hall	Harvest Supper

Sunday 15th October

10.00am	Eastham	Family Harvest Festival
2.00pm		Walking Church
5.00pm	Hanley Childe	Harvest Festival followed by refreshments and auction

Sunday 22nd October

10.30am	Clifton upon Teme	Licensing of Rev'd Julia Curtis – Clifton upon Teme, the Shelsleys, Harpley
4.00pm	Stoke Bliss	Harvest Festival

Sunday 29th October

9.30am	Hanley Village Hall	Café Church
3.00pm	Rochford	All Souls Service

Sunday 5th November

10.00am	Stanford	Holy Communion with hymns
4.00pm	Stanford	Praise Service

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