

# Footprints

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Copy by 15<sup>th</sup> of month, please.

## We're holding another Nearly New & Table - top Sale

on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September  
at 11am-2pm

at Broadwas Village Hall,  
Stoney Ley, Broadwas, Worcester WR6 5N

**CLOTHING, ACCESSORIES,  
BOOKS, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS  
AND MUCH MORE.**

Come and bag a bargain whilst helping us raise money  
towards the new extension to the village hall.

Contacts below for more information.  
Yvonne 01886 822023 Sharon 01886 821415  
Parking available

In order to protect visitors, a one-way system will be in operation  
together with hand cleaning stations. Payment will be in a separate  
area, so please have the correct money if possible. **Cash Only.**

**The wearing of face masks will be required.**

*Contact: [broadwas-cotheridge.com/village-hall](http://broadwas-cotheridge.com/village-hall) for updates*

# **Church Words**

**by Rev. Jennifer Whittaker**

If your experience of living through this period when Coronavirus has dominated is anything like mine it will have seemed like being on a roller coaster! Sometimes enjoying the ride - perhaps not having to travel so much; having more time to do things you want to around the house and garden, or to read, to make phone calls and catch up with old friends; being able to get more exercise and fresh air walking round this beautiful area and blessed by the warm, sunny weather. Simply having more time to spend with one another, and if you have a young family, with your children.

At other times, feeling that the ride is too unpredictable, too scary and too lonely. How difficult for those still in full or part-time employment with families to feed and to care for; for those who had a loved one who became ill and had to go to hospital and who could not be visited; those who work as key workers and put themselves at risk because of the nature of their calling and those who sit at home worrying about them. There are also those in an abusive or dangerous household or those whose mental health is unable to cope with the restrictions imposed, feeling frustrated at not being able to help others in the usual ways.

Many different situations, many different experiences. Remembering that we are still in the middle of it all, how do we go forward? It can be difficult not to be concerned, feel really low or even afraid but it seems to me that it's important to look back over the past 6 months and focus on all the positives we've seen, to be aware of all we've learned and to realise how much better prepared we are if the situation were to deteriorate. We know there are friends and neighbours who are willing to help; we have perhaps mastered a little bit more of the computer technology so that communicating with family and friends is easier and more wide ranging. The maxim of one day at a time still holds true.

Christians can find many verses of hope in the Bible which give comfort and strength and these words are there for everyone. Jesus said that he came that we might have life, life in all its fullness. The Apostle John wrote that “there is no fear in love but perfect love casts out fear” (1John 4,18). John also says, “God is love” thereby encouraging Christian believers to let their love of God and their trust in his promises to believe that his love for them is so deep and true that it takes away their worries and concerns, and allows them to live lives which are based on hope, hope for life now and in the life to come - a love shown in the self-giving sacrifice of the death of Jesus on the Cross. From that death came new life breathed into his Disciples through whose ministry that love of God is still seen in the world, in the compassion and comfort of God; is still felt in the world when the going is tough, and inspires the hope of new life which generates that deep sense of God’s peace which is beyond all understanding.

Life is for living even when we are not able or don’t feel comfortable doing some of the things we used to. We must each make our own decisions as to how far we engage with life after the lockdown but remember we are never alone, for God in Christ walks with us, is there to guide us and to take away our fear. May I encourage you to become aware of his presence and not be afraid. God is the loving Father who runs, to enfold in his arms, each one who comes towards him just as he welcomed home the son who had left home and had wasted all his money and possessions. Are you ready to welcome him?

Stay safe, keep well and God bless you,

Jennifer

Church Services planned for September in the L.T.V.

Sept 6th	10.30am	Morning Worship
Sept 20th	10.30am	CW Holy Communion

Churches Together in The Teme Valley invite you to...

## Virtual Video Evenings with Charlie Mackesy

Author of "The Boy, the mole, the fox and the Horse"

[www.charliemackesy.com](http://www.charliemackesy.com)



### 4 video talks by Charlie Mackesy

From Atheism to Faith

9th September—Introduction

16th September—Come as you are

23rd September—Bullets & Hugs

30th September—What is the gift?

7th October—What's so Good about  
Friday?

Wednesdays, 7-9pm

Led by Rev Becky Elliott

To register for Zoom please email

[revrebeccaelliott@btinternet.com](mailto:revrebeccaelliott@btinternet.com)

before Sunday 6th September

If you have any problems with internet

access please call Becky on

07961053860



## From your Editor :

Lets hope there will be more to report about by next month. Things are slowly starting to happen, but everyone I know and do work with is very reluctant to initiate anything.

We are hoping, assuming there is more copy coming forward to resume a paper edition soon, with an updated Green pages.

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Someone recently tried claiming this for crossing the Teme from Cotheridge to Leigh, but close inspection of the roof-scape above the “lady” definitely fits with that of Broadwas Court. So we have here a rather precarious means of crossing the river. An early document from the Hive talks of repairs to a bridge from Lulsley to the Broadwas Mill, which would have been just out of view to the right.. The river is quite shallow here and a 1777 map of the parish also shows a ford from Lulsley below the mill, though the banks are now too steep to really see where this might have exited on the Lulsley side, and there is no road approaching from that side.

# Village Information

## **Church Officials:**

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## **Parish Councils**

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Knightwick & Doddenham

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