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St. Peter's Church News



First World War Evening

featuring:-

- a talk on the Herefordshire Regiment by Colonel Andy Taylor
- specialists on hand to identify and interpret family military objects/pictures/medals.

Find out more about your ancestor's military service.

Themed Supper

Bar

19th November 2016 7.30pm

Withington Village Hall

£10 (in advance) £12 (on the door)

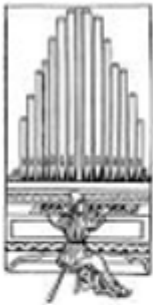
including Supper

Tickets from Kevin Hewison 01432 850074

DEADLINE FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY EDITION - 30TH NOVEMBER 2016

St. Peter's Church News

Withington Church Organ Restoration.



By the time you read this the **Organ restoration** will be finished. The work has so far gone without any major unexpected problems and David Gallichan, his son Luke and David Kemp have done a superb job in repair, replacement, cleaning and polishing. We are very grateful to them and to everyone who so generously Sponsored an Organ Pipe. A list of Sponsors is displayed in the church and a more permanent display is planned for later. The sound is magnificent!

The Inaugural Organ Concert by Liam Cartwright, director of music at All Saints' parish church High Wycombe was on October 24th in the church.

Whilst the Organ was being repaired a small group of volunteers put on a '**Pop up Cafe**' in the church every Thursday morning which was warmly received by local people as well as one couple passing by from Tenbury Wells! We would like to know if you would like the cafe to become an annual summer event?



Our request for a bookcase for the '**Take a Book, Bring a Book**' facility resulted in us being offered three! Sadly we had to decline two as there would not have been room for them all. The 'Take a Book' (for £1) part is working well but the 'Bring a Book' not so well and the stock is already depleted. The church is now open again every day so please feel free to Bring or Take (or preferably both!) a book.

The Moonfleet Ensemble concert was/will be on October 29th at 7pm in the Church. Ticket £10 with refreshments. See posters for details.

Carol Singing! Last year for the first time in many years a group of local people sang carols around the Village. It was very well received, some children and adults saying they had never heard carol singers before. We would like to be able to spread ourselves wider this year so that more people are able to hear the singing, and in addition extend our repertoire of carols. If you would like to join us please contact me, Marcia 850933 Date yet to be arranged but it will be in December!!

St. Peter's Church News

The Food Larder has not been available for donations during the Organ Restoration so apologies to anyone who found the church closed when they brought food, toiletries or other essentials for distribution among those finding themselves in financial need. The box for donations is next to the book case in the church. All donated items are taken to Aubrey Street collection point in Hereford every 3 to 4 weeks. All people receiving food and other essential items are referred by external agencies. Many thanks to all who regularly leave donated items in the church.

And Now For Something Completely Different

Do you wish that you could ask real questions about life and religion? Then this might be just the thing for you. Over the next few months on the first Sunday afternoon of each month, instead of the normal morning worship we are holding a series of discussion groups and informal worship sessions. We meet in church at 4.00pm and start with a cup of tea and a piece of cake and take a topic that we want to share. So in September October and November, we are thinking about:

A series of 3 “W”s:

Worrying (what things concern us in our daily lives - and how can our faith help us) (discussed on the 4 September)

Wanting (what we do really want in life - and how can we achieve contentment) (discussed on the 2 October)

Waiting (why do we get impatient and fretful - and how do we learn to cope with that) (6 November)

and then in the New Year:

A series of “F”s:

Finding (what is the most important thing in life?)

Following - (what does it mean to be called a Christian?)

Fearing - (what frightens us, and how do we cope when we are scared?)

The intention is to try to start where people are, with some sort of existential realities, and allow the opportunity to “think out loud” in a safe group about the authenticity of our beliefs and the extent to which it affects/impinges on our daily lives.

Each of these “Refresh” sessions will end with a short time of quiet or prayer and a hymn or two.

St. Peter's Church News

Next Messy ChurchThursday 1st December

In the Village Hall 3.30 – 5.15pm



Lots of activities, games and crafts as usual. New friends welcome!

Children up to top juniors with their adults.

Activities and celebration praise followed by eating together.

We would welcome more adult help at these lively sessions..... especially from mums and mum-aged adults! Many of us are more the grandma/ grandad age! If interested, talk to Margaret or Ruth.

01432 850448, 01432 850074. You do not have to be a member of our congregation.

Fundraising Programme for Charities and Church 2016 – still to come!

We welcome everybody to join these events. They are good social gatherings as well as fund raisers!

We aim to raise money for various Charities as well as for St Peter's Church, which needs money for both routine maintenance and to update its facilities. Venues vary, and include the Church, the Village Hall and individuals' homes. Look for posters nearer the event dates.

Harvest Service followed by refreshments (Church).....Sun 23rd October,
Moonfleet Ensemble & Guest Players Concert (Church).....Sat 29th October, 7pm
WW1 & the Herefordshire Regiment + supper (VH).....Sat 19th November,
7.30pm
Quiz Night (VH).....Fri 25th November, 7.30pm
Carol Singing round the Village..... date to be confirmed

The organ recital was magnificent, and well supported. More about this elsewhere in the magazine.

Ruth and Kevin cycled about 20 plus miles, visiting 13 churches for the Sponsored **Ride & Stride**.

We are still collecting our sponsor money, which is split between Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust and St Peter's Withington.

Macmillan Coffee Morning, Thank you everyone, We raised £372 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

More information from Ruth/Kevin 01432 850074, Margaret 01432 850448

St Peter's Church News

St Peter's Church, Withington - Graveyard

IMPORTANT NOTICE

There are only about 15 spaces left in the current section of the churchyard at St Peter's. There seem to be three options as to the way forward after those spaces are filled-

1. Close the churchyard
2. Close the churchyard and find another suitable piece of land in the village to create a village graveyard away from the church
3. Re-use the oldest part of the churchyard on the south side where there have been no burials for about 150 years and where the gravestones were removed long ago. The Parochial Church Council prefers the third option but this is the village burial ground and so we don't want to make a decision before consulting members of the community.

If you have an opinion on this matter then please contact the Rector, Jane Davies, on 01432 850244 or, one of the churchwardens—Kevin Hewison 01432 850074 or Margaret Soutar 01432 850448

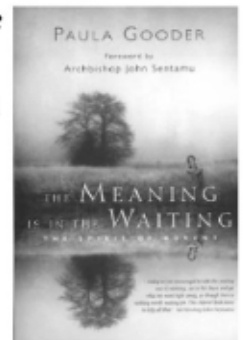
New House Group

Would you like to get together to discuss faith, life and the world and pray together?

At the Bartestree Cross Group of Churches we are hoping to start a House Group which would meet regularly in someone's home to explore together, to pray together and see how faith relates to world and life issues.

We hope to meet weekly in Advent to read and discuss Paula Gooder's book *The Meaning is in the Waiting*. In the new year we would meet once a month.

If you are interested please contact Revd Paul Roberts on 01432 850484 or revdpaulroberts@gmail.com



CHRISTMAS IN WESTHIDE



Thursday 22nd
6.30 pm



Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Day
10.30 am

Christmas Communion

CHRISTMAS IN WITHINGTON

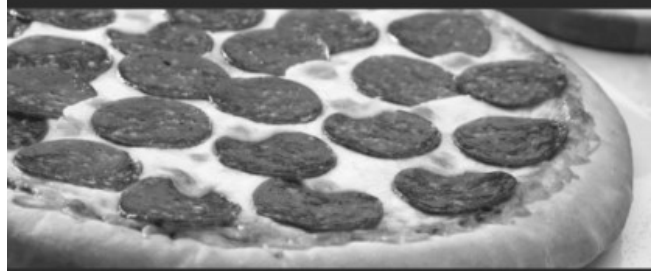
Christmas Eve
3.00 pm
Crib Service



11.30 pm
Midnight Mass



PIZZA CLUB



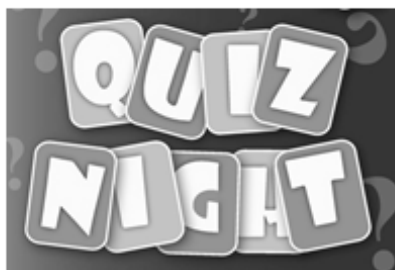
COMING THIS AUTUMN...

A chance for young people to meet together to talk about God, life and suitable pizza toppings and, of course, to eat scrumptious pizza. Aimed at those between 9–14.

Fridays between 6.30pm and 8pm.
Hosted by Revd Paul and Rosie Roberts
The Beeches, Withington, HR1 3PX
(opposite Withington Stores)

First Friday of each month
To book a place or for more details phone 850484

St. Peter's Church News



Withington Village Hall

Friday 25th November 7.30 start

With quiz masters Alan & Carole

- Get a team together for a fantastic fun evening.
 - Up to 6 per team
 - Teams can be pre-booked or made up on the night
- Family teams welcome – under 16s £3

Tickets £6 each – to include ploughman's supper
Bring Your Own Drinks

*Contact Ruth/Kevin on 01432 850074 or Margaret on 01432 850448
to enter your team, or just come & make up a team on the night*

Elizabeth Byworth Charity

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Do you know?

- We give GRANTS towards your EDUCATION

Who can apply?

- Anyone under 25 who lives in Withington, Westhide or Eau Withington

What for? perhaps:

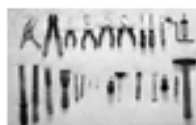
- Books



- Equipment



- Tools



- Educational Visits



- Uniforms



Who do I contact?

- Margaret Soutar, 3 Duke St., Withington HR1 3QD or Margaret.soutar@btinternet.com
- Give your name and age plus details of request & cost

When?

- Any time. The Trustees meet quarterly (March, June, September, December)

Withington Village Hall

Chairman: Kevin Hewison Tel: 850074

Booking Secretary: Kathy Fields Tel: 851001

Treasurer: Paula Highley Tel: 851570

200 CLUB WINNERS

August Draw

1st No 85 Sarah Rowberry
2nd No 43 Ben Soutar
3rd No 6 Lyndon Williams
4th No 170 Will Howes

September Draw

1st No 26 Jess Harold
2nd No 124 Aaron Stokes
3rd No 109 Mr & Mrs Wilesmith
4th No 139 Martin Kirk

Withington Gardening Club



We all had a very enjoyable evening attempting to weave a circle of willow (you think it would be easy!!) we left the above 'Willow Christmas Trees' to the expert 'Elaine Shears' If anyone is interested we are trying to fix a workshop 'Willow Weaving – anyone interested please contact below secretary.

Future meetings

October 19th Choice Plants of the Season – Paul Green from Green Leaves, Newent.
He will bring lots of plants to purchase

November 16th Flowers on the Queen's Barge by Brenda Crump

December 21st Xmas meal to be held at Aylestone Court - £29.95 per person 3 courses including tea/coffee and mince pies contact Kathy Fields 01432 851001

Happy New Year to you all

2017 January 18th Talk and demonstration by David Griffiths on Herbaceous Borders

February 15th Winter in the Garden – Talk by Mark Moir Newent Plant Centre

All the above meetings start at 7.30pm – Hope you can join us. Contact – Secretary 01432 850371

Memories by Bryan Davies

Siani Pob Man



Siani was a rather unusual character who lived in my village during my early childhood. Siani Pob Man, the direct translation of which is Siani (her name) and Pob Man meaning everywhere. I assume that she was named this as during her life she had moved around quite a lot, living in various locations or would pop up everywhere in local events! Siani lived in a rather dilapidated old cottage on the beach at Cei Bach (Little Quay) a mile or so from my village; the easiest way to access Cei Bach being along a beach called Traeth Gwyn (White Beach) at low tide. Should the tide be in, then the road must be used as access to the village is denied.

Siani lived a little before my time, probably around the end of the 19th. century, but during my childhood the ruins of her cottage were still on the beach and as children we would occasionally play in them. It was rather a poor cottage in its day. The smoke from Siani's fire would escape through a hole in the thatch. Some of the panes of glass in her windows were missing, the holes being covered with cardboard or newspaper. Her whole family consisted of a cockerel or two and a few chickens.

I gather that her proper name was Jane Leonard and at one time she had lived with a family of gypsies. According to local history, Siani's boyfriend left her for another girl. This was a huge blow for Siani. Later she left the gypsies and went to live alone in the old cottage on the beach where she stayed for the rest of her life.

At high tide the sea would sometimes reach the cottage door and would encroach on that part of the cottage where Siani kept her chickens, which meant that on those occasions Siani would share her side of the house with her little friends. On stormy nights during very high tides, Siani and her little friends would evacuate the cottage entirely, moving back in only when the tide had turned and the storm abated.

Siani's chickens had the run of the whole cottage and it wasn't unusual for the chickens to lay their eggs in Siani's bed. She would walk the mile or so to the village along the beach to sell her eggs whatever the weather, but she found quite often that the locals didn't enjoy them as they tasted of fish, the chickens having scoured for the odd fish or crab in the rock pools on the beach. However, Siani always found custom with the unsuspecting holiday maker who visited in the summer and bought her lovely, brown eggs. Siani was once asked by a friend what she fed the chickens on to get such lovely, brown eggs. Swearing her friend to secrecy, Siani showed her a large dish containing a brown liquid which sat on the sideboard. "This is cold tea", said Siani. "I soak the eggs in this overnight. People always prefer nice, brown eggs."

On most Sundays, rain or shine, Siani, clutching her precious Welsh Bible, would walk either the mile along the beach or the two miles by road (depending on the tide) to her chapel in the village. She particularly enjoyed listening to the sermon and could be quite critical if the minister failed to achieve the standards sought by Siani. On more than one occasion she had been heard to say that it was not worth the long walk to chapel to hear such a poor sermon. She also knew her scriptures, so ministers, particularly visiting ones, had to be careful.

Holiday makers would call her, 'Siani'r Ieir' meaning Siani of the chickens. She had a name for most of her family. The best cockerel was called Jonathan. Some of the chickens were named Bidi, Ruth and Charlotte. On weekdays Siani would wear a red and yellow handkerchief around her head, tied under her chin. She always wore a shawl of black and red squares around her shoulders, presumably a gift from someone.

Although it must have been quite difficult for her to make ends meet, she was quite skilled at making a few pennies here and there. To everyone's surprise, when she died she left £120 (quite a substantial sum in those days) to a nearby hospital.

Even though she probably lived in the late 1800s – early 1900s, and I, having played so often in the ruins of her cottage as a child, sometimes think of this old lady who experienced such disappointment so early in her life and who, with just a few chickens for company, dwelt in such a poor, dilapidated cottage on the beach, just out of range of regular incoming tides. How frightened would she have been on those

Memories by Bryan Davies Cont.

stormy nights when the surf thundered up to her front door and the pouring rain would come through the thatch and the broken windows.

Siani is now long gone as is her little cottage which the angry seas of Cardigan Bay gradually, but surely, engulfed and destroyed. Her memory however, lives on and long may it do so.

How easy it is for someone who is older, to hold open the door of memories and look back through the days of childhood on a sea of adventure, each breaking, foaming wave bringing with it a memory from the past.

Bryan

Have Your Say



I have safely returned back from my amazing 2 week expedition to south India-Kerala-Fort Kochi. The trip consisted of a 4 day trek, walking up to 8 hours each day. We trekked through the jungle and tea plantations and then camped out in the wilderness. It was challenging at times, with some really steep peaks, however we all encouraged one another and successfully completed it. We then spent 3 days in a local village where we worked with a school to help build a roof and plaster and refurbish the outside of the school. We had lots of time playing with the children and local families teaching each other games, sports and dance. It was such a humbling experience, seeing how happy everyone was with what little that they had. For our final day we decided to kayak through the river of kochi which was lots of fun. Overall I had an amazing and humbling experience. It made me really appreciate all the luxuries of life that I would normally take for granted such as clean water, toilet paper, clean accommodation. I would recommend going on a expedition with world challenge or just go to another country and embrace the different culture.

Thanks for all your support

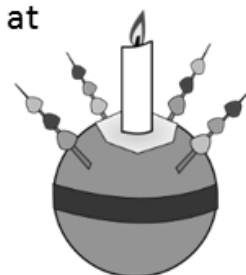
Abi Francis :)

Withington Primary School



WITHINGTON
Primary School

The seasons are changing, the nights are drawing in, but the children at Withington Primary are still working hard and having fun!! It has been lovely to see the children settle into their new classes and great to meet new families joining our school. The autumn term is packed full of exciting events including a trip to Hereford Courtyard, Harvest Festival, Christingle and much more!



BREAKFAST CLUB

The autumn term sees our breakfast club continue. This club has been hugely popular so far this term. It allows parents to drop their children off at 8.00am each morning. Children enjoy breakfast whilst catching up with their friends around the breakfast table.

FILLING UP FAST!

We only have a few spaces left in our nursery for 2016 /2017! Our Foundation class takes children once they turn 3. If you are interested in your child joining our Foundation Class, please pop into school or give us a ring on 01432 853089 and ask to speak to Sarah Houchen or Linda Goodson.

RECEPTION INTAKE SEPTEMBER 2017

If you have a son / daughter who will be starting school in September, why not pay us a visit. We have been rated 'GOOD' by OFSTED and this year our Year 6 children achieved amazing results, in the new style national SAT tests. Ring the school office on 01432 850289 and arrange a visit.



TWITTER

Remember you can follow us on Twitter @Withington_hfds and FACEBOOK to keep up to date with everything that is happening at Withington Primary School.

Poetry Corner

Snow Day

It happened while we were all asleep,
Snow had fallen - six feet deep.
The temperature was ten below.
All the roads were blocked with snow.
'No school today', the radio said
'Stay at home in your cozy bed'.
So I quickly dressed
And jumped on my sled.



- Caryn Yacowitz -

High above,
on clouds' soft bed,
the angels shake their wings . . .
To shed the shroud
of wint'ry sleep
that peaceful dreaming brings.
A quiet hush
of gossamer
floats gently all around . . .
As downy snow
from angel wings
falls softly to the ground.

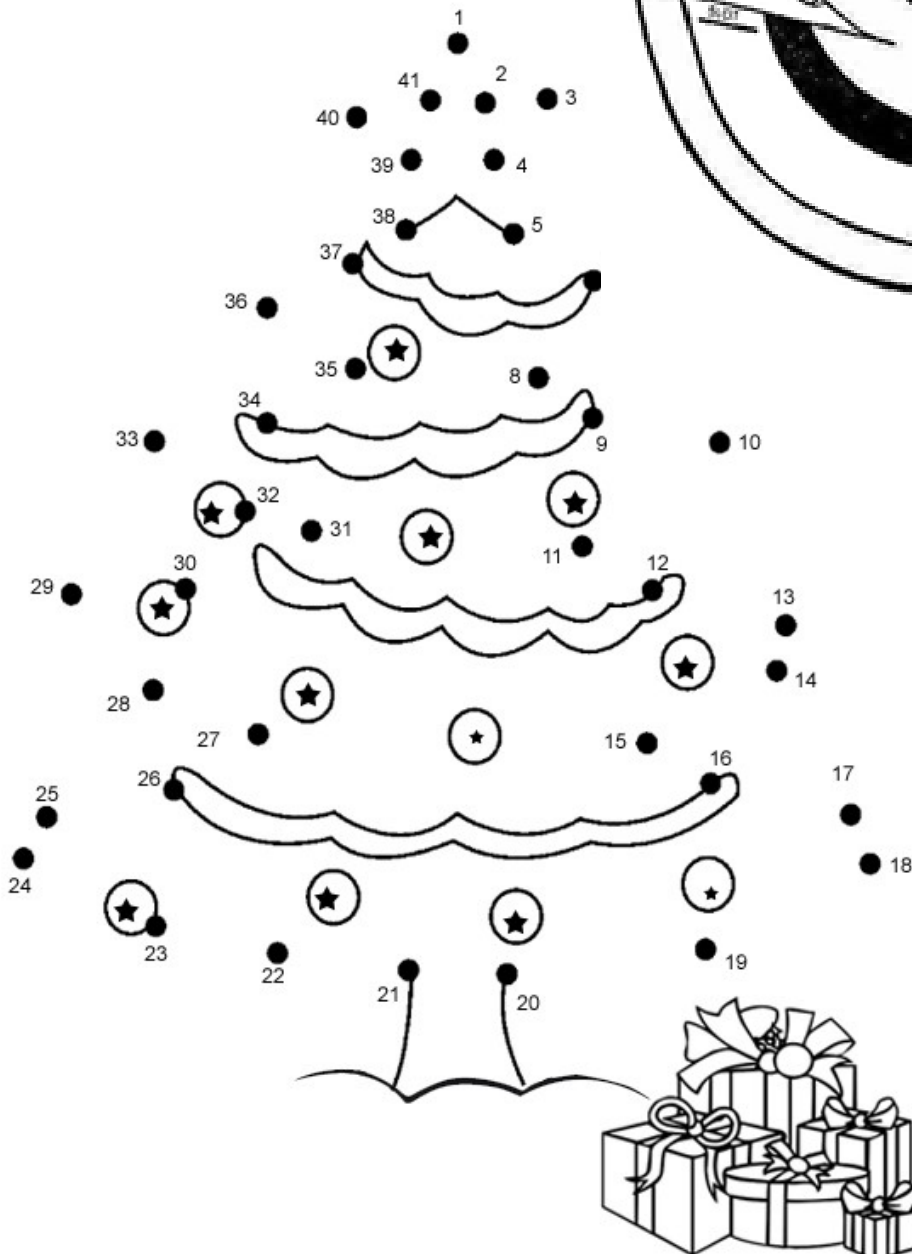


Torrey Miller

Kiddies Corner



*Make your own
decorations*



Join the dots

Withington Football Club



Withington Junior FC

U11 Training sessions Mon 6pm
U12 Training sessions Weds 6pm
U13 Training Sessions Thurs 6pm
Adult Training Sessions TBC



Contact: Ray: 850669 / 07974 583093
or Steve: 851857 / 07837 984377

Withington FC currently has three teams playing in the Herefordshire Junior Leagues. We are now also running an adult team in the HFA County League. Being an experienced player is not a criteria of joining our teams as we will develop players to play in and become part of the team. Players that want an opportunity to play get an opportunity regardless of experience.

Funding. We are always looking for local businesses to sponsor and support the club and teams. As with all clubs funds are critical to the development of the club and children within it. Children grow at a rapid pace and we are always looking towards the future starting new teams and the supply of kits and training gear. If you can help please get in touch.

Developments: We have a new ISO container on the field, which we are hoping to convert into a mini clubhouse. This has been donated from Denco and was installed by a group of volunteers all free of charge. A big thank you to all those involved.

We have been very lucky over the past year to successfully be awarded a financial grant for field drainage work from Sport England. This work is now complete and we have the best local parish council supported pitch in Hereford. We are very proud of it.

New Age Group: The club is looking to start up younger age groups in the New Year. We are looking for boys and girls ages 6/7 to start development teams and then progress through the years filling the gap left behind by the current age groups. If there are any youngsters out there interested then please get in touch. The catchment is not just the Withington area so we are happy to take youngsters from all over Hereford.

New Coaches Required: With the proposal for the new age groups we will be looking for adult volunteers to take up the coaching roles. You don't have to be a current qualified coach as the club will help support you through your Qualification, an FA enhanced CRC will be required again we will help with this. Again if interested please get in touch.

Nature



The robin is the UK's favourite bird - with its bright red breast is familiar throughout the year and especially at Christmas! Males and females look identical, and young birds have no red breast and are spotted with golden brown. Robins sing nearly all year round and despite their cute appearance, they are aggressively territorial and are quick to drive away intruders. They will sing at night next to street lights.

Recipe for bird cake:

Horace's Hanging Bird Cake

Ingredients:

Old yoghurt pots or a plant pot
String
Scissors
Lard or other solid fat
Food scraps (cheese, dried fruit, peanuts)
Saucepan
Spoon
Bowl

Method:

1. Pierce the bottom of the yoghurt pot. Thread through some string and tie a knot at the bottom, so it hangs upside down like a bell.
2. Break up food into small pieces and mix together in a bowl.
3. Melt 150g of fat in a saucepan until it is runny and pour over your mixture until all the food is coated with fat.
4. Fill the yoghurt pot with the mixture and press it down well. Leave it in the fridge for about 1 hour to set. Repeat with other pots.
Hang your bird cakes outside, out of reach of cats.

NB. Do not use margarine or oil. Food scraps should not be salty, mouldy or alcoholic

Make a Christmas Wreath



Natural Ingredients

Twigs and pinecones were used to craft this unique square wreath – both free, courtesy of the great outdoors.

Westhide

News from Westhide

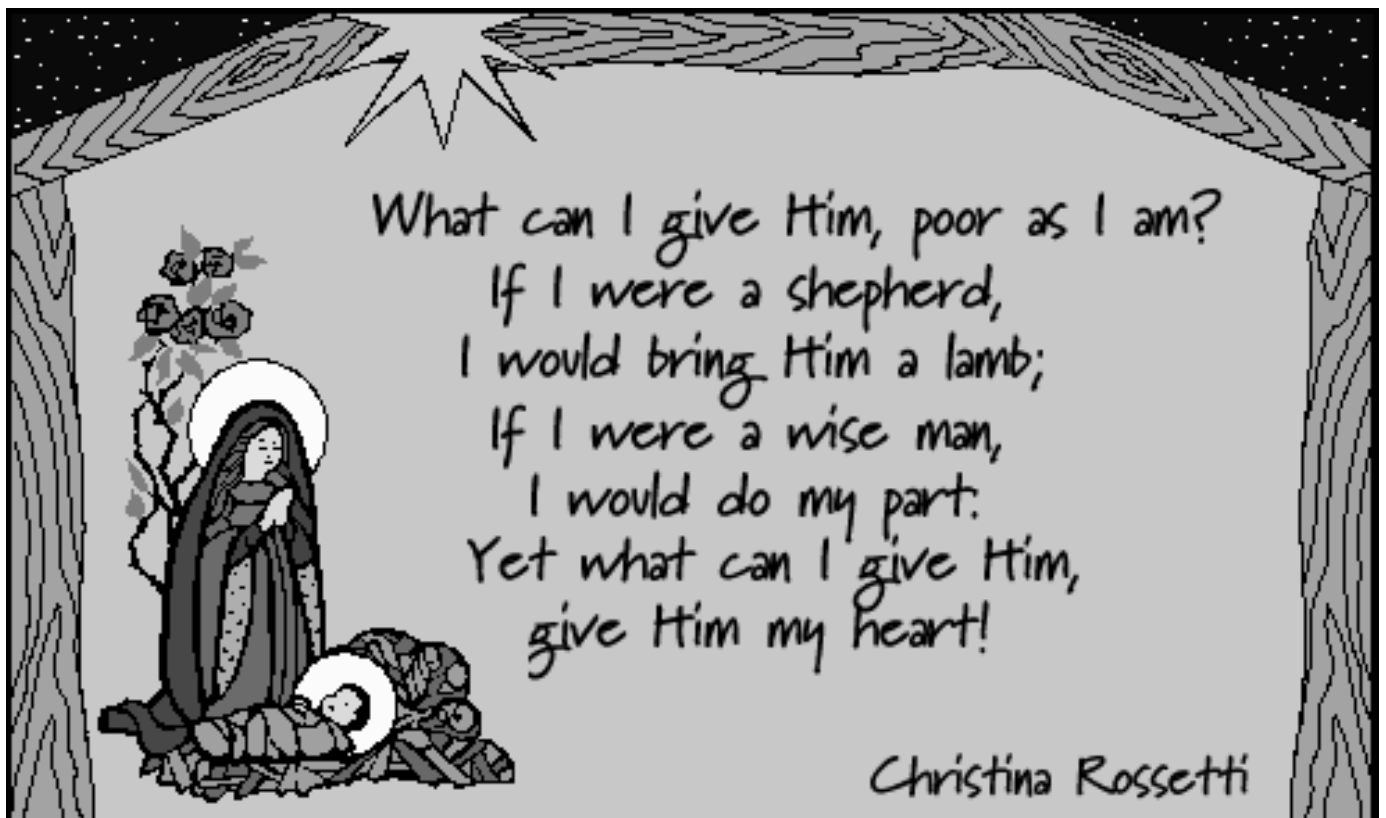
September saw our now traditional H.Art week and concert/silent auction. All these were a resounding success, collectively raising over £1000 for church funds. Well done and many thanks to all concerned, especially to those who freely and generously donated the many varied auction lots; and to Robin and Sheila, who put so much time and energy into all the proceedings.

Looking ahead, Sunday October 23rd will see our Harvest Thanksgiving and Lunch (service at 11 am, lunch to follow). Open of course to everybody, so if you want a rest from cooking Sunday lunch come along. We will be decorating the Church for the harvest on the preceding Saturday from 10 am, all help appreciated.

Further ahead, Christmas beckons and we are planning our Carol Service on Thursday December 22nd at 6.30 pm. Watch out for further details of this highlight of our Church year – and expect calls from myself regarding reading volunteers.

That's all for now,

Judith



Preston Wynne

Hello Everyone,

Most things are now safely gathered in and the Harvest Festival Service in our Church celebrated this last Sunday. The Church looked especially lovely enhanced by the 9.30 a.m start –it was a brilliant blue and gold morning and the sun streams in on the eastern side of the church at that time of day. Harvest Lunch will be next Sunday, a traditional roast dinner – more on that next “News”.

Talking of traditions, hop picking went well this year over just two weekends so that friends and family can all pitch in. There’s something reassuring about these events which have gone on in pretty much the same manner over decades. A full English breakfast at 10 and then a proper roast dinner at 1.00 complete with obligatory cider. This year, as last, some of us sat outside Court Farm for our lunch in the sunshine, the spectacular view and the cider, more conducive to an afternoon nap than work it has to be said! Another ongoing saga – some of you may remember when Margery used to write the “News” she would mention a family of ducks which hatched in her garden every year. Chatting over the leaf belt (a lot of chatting goes on during hop-picking) Ann who now lives at the Pentre mentioned that a family of ducks had resided there this year too. Between us we discovered that Mother duck leads her ducklings down the road to the pond by the side of Court Farm when they are old enough to make the journey, and that twice a day she walks them from there down the middle of the road round the corner to the barn for a feed and back again stopping any traffic that comes along. This has to be an intuitive generation thing too as the ducks of Margery’s day must be long gone.....

Best get on (too much chatting again!)

Church News

Nov. 13 th	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE	3.00 pm
27 th	Holy Communion	9.30 am
Dec. 11 th	Holy Communion	8.00 am
18 th	CAROL SERVICE	11.15 am (with mulled wine and mince pies)
25 th		9.00 am

The 100 Club draw took place at the W.I. meeting held on the 10th August lucky winners as follows:

1st £50.00 - No.22 Pauline **2nd** £25.00 - 101 Robbie Dent **3rd** £12.50 - 75 Theo Hawkins

Hall News

Sunday 20th November CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 10.30 – 2.00 PM

Sunday 4th December CHRISTMAS LUNCH 12.30 FOR 1.00 (PLEASE BOOK EARLY AS THIS IS VERY POPULAR AND OFTEN OVER SUBSCRIBED – PHONE TRICIA ON 820650)

Finally, we are sorry to lose Preston Wynnians Sylvia and David Fletcher who have moved into Hereford but hopefully will continue to come along to village events as we shall miss them. We welcome though the new residents of the School House we do hope they will be very happy in their new home.

That’s about it for now, have a lovely Christmas and very best wishes for a great 2017.

Love Hilary and Tricia

Contact Names and Telephone Numbers

Byworth Trust Clerk	Margaret Soutar	850448
Cross Keys	Chris Corbin	820616
Gateway Bridge Club	Adrian Lunt	359463
Music Tots	Gemma Griffiths	07890 1780 99

Police

Community Support	Dean Wall/Elena Ekanite	101
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St. Peters Church

Rector	Jane Davies	850244
Church Warden	Kevin Hewison	850074

PCC Secretary	Marcia Hopkins	850933
Bell Ringing	Kevin Hewison	850074

Village Hall

Chairman	Kevin Hewison	850074
Booking Secretary	Kathy Fields	851001

WG Parish Council

Clerk	Sophie Glover	270499
Chairman	Paul Bainbridge	850655
Vice-Chairman	Ralph Barber	853068

<u>Whitestone Chapel</u>	Ian Porter	01981 540388
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Withington Football Club

Chairman	Steve Caine	851857
Secretary	Ray Rice	850669

Withington Post Office		850356
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Withington Primary School		850289
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Withington Parish Magazine	Margaret Thompson	850182
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