

Christ Church Hilderstone Parish Magazine



November 2019

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EDITORIAL

We have a lot going on in the next few months. You will find the details below and or in the rest of the magazine. Everyone is welcome.



Dates for Diary 2019

3rd Nov. All Saints Day service.

10th Nov Remembrance Day.

22nd November The W.I. invite everyone to an exhibition of work by the late Doreen Boulton, who was born and lived all her life in Hilderstone. More in this magazine.

1st Dec Advent Sunday Evening service.

3rd December W.I. Christmas Party

17th December Village Christmas Party 7pm for 7.30 start. £10 per ticket. Hot meal plus entertainment. Everyone is welcome to have a great night.

All bookings should be made through the Bookings Secretary: Debbie Britton, Tel: 07810332559 Monday to Friday or email :- hilderstonevhbookings@gmail.com

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COUNTRYSIDE WATCHER BLEAK NOVEMBER

November can be a deep, dark month. There are often sharp winds, dark, low clouds and morning mists. It can be very damp and cold. It is not difficult to feel dreary. On the other hand, around the middle of November, there can often be a sunny, bright and warm short time.

I love seeing birds in the November lane. Blackbirds hop in and out of tree branches and peck in the verge. They love fat, juicy worms but, unfortunately, the chilly November days and the frosty nights make the worms dig themselves deeper into the earth so the Blackbirds cannot reach them. So then, the resourceful Blackbirds join the Thrushes to eat the red Holly berries and Haws in the hedgerow. Sadly, berries do not last for ever and so the birds are often hungry.

There are always many noisy flocks of Starlings to be seen but at this time of the year their numbers are increased by millions more that come to us from the Continent to enjoy our milder climate. One flock flew alternately up to the telephone wires to roost and down to the field to peck. They gathered to chatter on barn roofs. On a sunny, breezy day, I heard a very loud twittering. On the bare branches of an Ash tree was a cloud of black Starlings. Every now and then a group flew off and another cluster returned to roost. Suddenly, a fluttering, whispering, silver-black cloud of Starlings flew just over my head. They were so close that I ducked!

Another day, a flock of Starlings suddenly flew out of the mist, black dots against a grey sky. So close above me they were that I heard their wings flap as they flew overhead. It disappeared as quickly as it had appeared. I only had time to turn my head to watch the black, speckled cloud disappear. Starlings are also great bird mimics. They are very good at twittering like Sparrows.

One sunny November day a Sparrowhawk with its short, rounded wings and long tail, was circling round and round above me. I shielded my eyes from the sunshine as I watched it. It was as if it was drawing a complicated pattern on the blue sky.

I watched for some time but the Sparrowhawk did not appear to be stalking any small birds. There was no sudden flurry, nor any alarm calls from prospective victims. Perhaps it had already eaten and was just enjoying the sunshine as I was. Sheila Harvey

Hilderstone WI

Invitation

Do come along to the Village Hall
on
Friday 22nd November 2019
from 2pm – 4 pm

We will be holding a small exhibition of
Paintings, handicrafts & literary work
of late dear friend
Mrs Doreen Boulton



Tea & cakes

Everyone will be most welcome

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A builder's vision

The Bishop of Stafford's final Pastoral Letter - November 2019

Add tasks to create hope

A tourist visiting Italy came across a construction site. "What are you doing?" the tourist asked the three stonemasons.

"I'm cutting the stone," answered the first.

“I’m cutting stone for 1,000 lire a day,” the second said.

“I’m helping to build a cathedral,” said the third.

I like this anecdote because it speaks to me of the importance of vision. The third stonemason was able to lift his eyes above the daily routine of his work to envisage the final result. His contribution was a part of something much bigger and together all of those involved in the project would produce something tremendous and beautiful – a cathedral dedicated to the Glory of God.

I was reminded of this when I read recently that the Sagrada Familia Cathedral in Barcelona is finally due to be finished in 2026. The first stone was laid in 1882 and its architect, Antoni Gaudi died in 1926 and is buried in the crypt. His vision has been ‘caught’ by others who have continued his work and taken his ideas forward.

For ‘vision’ to be successful it has to be shared by others. That is why a good Mission Action Plan needs to evolve out of a Parish Away Day where all have had the opportunity to contribute their ideas and suggestions.

Our Nation at this time is lacking in a clear shared vision. Consequently people want to go in their own direction and are critical and ungenerous about other possibilities. We have to be honest and say that wherever we are in the continuing BREXIT saga, our Nation has been torn into shreds and it will take time before we have a sense of being reunited.

As a Church we have a role to play in serving our communities by bringing people together to share their vision for the future and to help identify common threads. For example, as a grandfather I want my grandchildren to grow up safely, have a roof over their heads, food on their plates and an education that

will enable them to do what they want to later in life. Surely,
this unites me with all other grandparents?

Once shared vision is established there needs to be discussion
as to how this vision can be turned into a reality. A vision
without a task is a dream. A task without vision is drudgery. But
the two together are the hope of the world. We need to think
and pray about the specific roles that we can play in this
process. Perhaps too many of us are content to 'cut the stone'
rather than 'build the cathedral'.

This is going to be a long process but a journey of 1,000 miles
begins with a single step and I would encourage every
worshipping congregation in our Diocese to pray about the
contribution that you are going to make in this process of
reconciliation.

We are working on a shared vision for our Diocese to guide us
during the coming decade. This 'Direction of Travel' is a work in
progress and there is much consultation, reflection and prayer
still to happen but it is already exciting and offers all sorts of
possibilities.

As Ann and I move on to the next phase of our ministry, we are
thrilled that we are leaving a Diocese that is in such good heart
and positive about future growth. We are less thrilled at leaving
so many wonderful friends but are really grateful for the
privilege of being able to be part of the journey and can only
thank you for your love, support and prayers.

May God bless you as your vision enables you to build not a
cathedral but God's Kingdom!

+Geoff
*Rt Revd Geoff Annas,
Bishop of Stafford*

A HARVEST CELEBRATION



As the nights start to draw in and the beautiful Autumn colours slowly appear on the trees, the community of Hilderstone gathered to celebrate Harvest, starting with our annual Harvest Festival in Christ Church on 15th September and finishing, in style, with our usual Harvest Supper in the Village Hall on 17th September.

The start of our Harvest was marked with the decoration of Christ Church by a cheerful team of volunteers, creating stunning displays of fruit, vegetables and flowers around the church. This produced a beautiful, celebratory backdrop for the Harvest Festival, showing just how much we have to be grateful for in our rural community.

The Harvest Festival itself took on a slightly unusual turn when the Rev. Marion Reynolds produced, in turn, pizza bread bases, tomato puree, ham, onion and cheese – all the ingredients for a pizza – marking all the different foods for which we should be grateful in one simple dish, from the wheat and vegetables, to the meat we eat. Pizzas duly made, several members of the congregation took them home and baked them to complete their celebration of this harvest season and reported that they tasted excellent!



Following the Harvest Festival, the bountiful array of flowers, fruit and vegetables were transported to the Village Hall, ready for the annual Harvest Auction at the

supper on Tuesday. Auctioneer, Bill Parry, ably assisted by Jenny Davies, did an excellent job on the night, selling an array of bouquets, boxes and cakes – no-one, it seemed, left empty-handed. The event, which raises funds for Christ Church and the Hilderstone Village Christmas Party, made a total of £525 on the night.



As with all our village events, the Harvest Festival and Harvest Supper would not be possible without the team of volunteers who help ensure the events run smoothly, from the making of trifles, preparing the hall for the supper, and setting up the striking displays in both the church and Village Hall. We would also like to thank Ian Parry for making the auction such an enjoyable event. A very merry celebration was had by all.

The Harvest celebrations concluded with a visit to Hilderstone Hall by Rev. Marion Reynolds for a special Harvest Service for the residents, many of whom are unable to attend services at Christ Church.

Above: Ian and Jenny getting the auction underway.

Left: Christ Church adorned with fruit, flower and vegetable displays.

Right: Rev. Marion Reynolds with residents at Hilderstone Hall.



Hilderstone Parish Council

Best Kept Village Competition 2019

Thanks are extended to all who worked hard and contributed towards the Best Kept Village competition 2019, including all those who gave their time to keep their frontages looking good, picked up litter and looked after and maintained beautiful gardens. Particular thanks are extended to Bill Holmes and the Churchyard Tidy Team, along with the residents at Eastholme.

The Judges stated that 'Hilderstone was a generally well-kept pleasant village to visit' and clearly some hard work had been put into the Best Kept Village competition. They extended their congratulations on the Highly Commended award in the closely fought Stafford Area Small Village Category.

Although the village wasn't in the top three placings; entering the competition helps to keep the village well maintained and fosters a sense of community pride. The judges' report has been received and highlights areas of focus for future years.

Tree Planting Memorial for WW1

The Tree Planting event to commemorate the seven fallen soldiers from World War One will take place on the 10th November at 12:30pm near the children's play area in Dingle Lane. It was agreed to purchase one Golden Beech Tree rather than the seven silver birch trees originally considered. A plaque will be purchased to mark the occasion.

Everyone is welcome to attend and the Parish Council would like to encourage local residents, children and families to come along and help make the event extra special.

Overgrown Hedges

Following the report in last month's magazine a number of hedgerows in the village have been cut back. The Parish Council extend thanks to the homeowners for the swift action taken. Regrettably one or two hedgerows bordering properties remain significantly overgrown and have become an obstruction to the safe use of footpaths and pavements. Home owners are responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of hedgerows bordering their property and the Parish Council would urge homeowners to help keep local residents safe by ensuring these hedges are cut back and well maintained.

Blocked Gullies and Drains

As we move into Autumn and the volume of rainfall increases, the issue of blocked gullies and drains can lead to localised flooding. Any flooding or large areas of standing water caused by blocked drains should be photographed and either reported on line to Staffordshire County Council Highways at <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/transport/staffshighways/Roads-and-highways.aspx> or emailed to the Parish Clerk at clerk@hilderstone.staffslc.gov.uk

Cooks Tips

Homemade Toffee Apples

Ingredients

- 15 Apples
- 400g Golden Caster Sugar
- 350g Golden Syrup
- 350ml water
- 15 Lollipop Sticks
- 8 drops red food colouring (optional)

Method

Lightly grease a few baking trays. Insert lollipop sticks into the whole, stemmed apples

In a medium saucepan over medium-high heat, combine sugar, golden syrup and water. Heat to 149 to 154 degrees C or until a small amount of syrup dropped into cold water forms hard, brittle threads. Remove from heat and stir in food colouring.

Holding the apple by its stick, dip in syrup and remove and turn to coat evenly. Place on prepared trays to harden.





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In Flanders Fields, by John McRae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

My Boy Jack, by Rudyard Kipling

"Have you news of my boy Jack?"
Not this tide.
"When d'you think that he'll come back?"
Not with this wind blowing, and this tide.

"Has any one else had word of him?"
Not this tide.
For what is sunk will hardly swim,
Not with this wind blowing, and this tide.

"Oh, dear, what comfort can I find?"
None this tide,
Nor any tide,
Except he did not shame his kind —
Not even with that wind blowing, and that tide.

Then hold your head up all the more,
This tide,
And every tide;
Because he was the son you bore,
And gave to that wind blowing and that tide!

Dulce et Decorum Est, by Wilfred Owen

Bent double, like old beggars under sacks,
Knock-kneed, coughing like hags, we cursed through sludge,
Till on the haunting flares we turned our backs
And towards our distant rest began to trudge.
Men marched asleep. Many had lost their boots
But limped on, blood-shod. All went lame; all blind;
Drunk with fatigue; deaf even to the hoots
Of tired, outstripped Five-Nines that dropped behind.

Gas! GAS! Quick, boys! - An ecstasy of fumbling,
Fitting the clumsy helmets just in time;
But someone still was yelling out and stumbling
And flound'ring like a man in fire or lime ...
Dim, through the misty panes and thick green light,
As under a green sea, I saw him drowning.

In all my dreams, before my helpless sight,
He plunges at me, guttering, choking, drowning.

If in some smothering dreams you too could pace
Behind the wagon that we flung him in,
And watch the white eyes writhing in his face,
His hanging face, like a devil's sick of sin;
If you could hear, at every jolt, the blood
Come gargling from the froth-corrupted lungs,
Obscene as cancer, bitter as the cud
Of vile, incurable sores on innocent tongues, --
My friend, you would not tell with such high zest
To children ardent for some desperate glory,

Christ Church Hilderstone
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From the Vicar

A couple of years ago Paul and I went to a day conference we'd signed up for several months earlier. The title of the day caught my eye and we both thought it sounded really interesting so went along with some anticipation. When we got there, the speaker (who, by the way was excellent) started talking about what we all thought we were there to hear but after about five minutes the subject matter changed and we spent the rest of the first session thoroughly enthralled but also wondering when we were going to get back on topic. The answer was easy – we didn't. The whole day ended up totally different to the advertised topic BUT we came away with a "wow factor" having listened to such an inspiring person.

And isn't living the Christin life a bit like that? So often we think we're going steadily along knowing what God wants us to do and just getting on with it when suddenly, life takes on a different tack. At other times we feel as if we're floundering around completely at a loss as to what we should be doing, having no idea what and where we should be and wondering if God has any plan for us. That's the wonder of God – He is so aptly named "the God of surprises". St Paul knew all about this. Read Acts and Paul's letters and so often he says things like "when I come to you" or "but the Spirit compelled us to" meaning that he was laying plans which he genuinely thought were in God's plan for him but then realising that God was leading him in a totally different direction. The thing about Paul (and so many countless other Christians down the ages) was that metaphorical shrug of the shoulders and being willing to change plans/ideas/actions to fit into God's plans.

And how much are we open to what God is saying to each one of us? How set in our ways are we that we take it for granted that this must be God's way? In our own lives and in the life of the church we MUST not fall into the habit of complacency – the one thing God isn't, is complacent.

We are fast approaching Advent, a good time to re-examine who we are and where we are in our faith; a time to reflect, to pray to ask God afresh to lead us in the way he wants us to go. As our speaker said to us, we don't always get it right, we do sometimes misread/mishear/misinterpret what God is saying but that is no excuse to stand still; God can even use our mistakes and make a blessing out of them! Now that is a "wow factor thought"!



Marion

Services at Christ Church

November 2019

3 rd Nov	11:15am	Common Worship Communion
10 th Nov	10:45am	Remembrance Service
17 th Nov	11:15am	Common Worship Communion
24 th Nov	11:15am	BCP Holy Communion
1 st Dec	11:15am	Common Worship Communion

Readings – November 2019

3 rd November	Eph 1: 11 - end
(All Saints)	Luke 6: 20 - 31
10 th November	2Thess 2: 1 – 5, 13 - end
(Remembrance)	Luke 20: 27 - 38
17 th November	2Thess 3: 6 - 13
(2 nd before Advent)	Luke 21: 5 - 19
24 th November	Col 1: 11 - 20
(Christ the King)	Luke 23: 33 - 43
1 st December	Rom 13: 11 - end
(Advent Sunday)	Matt 24: 36 - 44

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Fr Kazimierz Stefek: 01782 313734

Rev'd Trevor Borthwick

Prayers

We pray for the Church, for all who are ill, bereaved, troubled or confused. If you cannot get to church and would like a visit and/or Holy Communion, contact the Vicar (397073) or Shirley Rawlings (01538 724392).

What's On

3rd Sunday Children's Crafty Sunday

The 11:15am service on the 3rd Sunday of the month includes special time for children to have time together to do a variety of craft based projects (recently making and maintaining a bug hotel in the churchyard for example). All children are welcome to join in. Please contact Lisa Norwood or Rev Marion for more details.

Remembrance

Sunday 10th November 2019 10:45am Remembrance Day service in church to mark the end of WW1

+Geoff

+Geoff, bishop of Stafford, retires in November this year; he will be greatly missed in our diocese. His last service will be at 4pm on 24th November at Stoke Minster. All are welcome to attend.

Advance notices

Advent Evening Service

Sunday, 1st December at 6pm at Christ Church Hilderstone, a service of readings and hymns for Advent

Advent lunch & stations of the nativity service

On 11th December at 12noon we will be holding a cold lunch followed by a service of Stations of the Nativity at St Nicholas, Fulford. All are welcome to attend

From the registers:

Holy Matrimony:

12th October Charles Gordon-Creed & Rebecca Proud

19th October Steven Topping & Madeleine Greatbatch

We wish Charles & Rebecca and Steven & Madeleine a long and happy life together

RiP:

26th October David John Mason interment of ashes

Hilderstone Heritage, Part Twenty-Eight

Seven years after the 'The Staffordshire Weekly Sentinel' article of 1954, the 'Advertiser' of Thursday August 17th 1961 presented "Geraldine goes to Hilderstone". The article began:

"Happy Hilderstone I call it. I was in the village two days and never heard a grumble. Almost from every garden the eye catches the sweep of gently wooded countryside surrounding it for many miles.

It's early to bed and early to rise in Hilderstone for it is as yet completely unspoilt despite its sprinkling of new houses, and all the solid worth of country living is maintained.

When I arrived before 9.30 in the morning the post office wore a sleepy air and I thought, in my foolishness, that there was no-one astir. But Mrs C Meddings was already attending to the business of the day. She has been postmistress for 31 years. "My husband's father had it in the first place, and then my husband – and he would be 80 if he were living. The post office used to be down the village before he took it on and bought this house in 1925.

The post office house is quite 200 years old she was telling me. Her husband was born at the old Toll House in Hilderstone, "between the school and the school house turning for Longton – but the old toll house has been gone now for about 70 years or so. It's true most of the interesting old people have died" said Mrs Meddings, as I prepared to leave, "and the young people like to go in the big works in Stafford and Stone – that's why so many farm labourers are being lost to agriculture".

Every village has its coterie of inhabitants upon whom others depend for 'live' music and drama and Hilderstone is no exception. Mrs D M Atkin of 2 Eastholme has been organist at the Methodist Church "since I was 11. I used to play for Sunday school and all the services when I was a very little girl".

She is now a charming young matron with three boys - Robert (14), Kenneth (9) and John (4) – "all keen attenders at chapel. Yes I have lived here all my life – and my parents before me. My grandparents farmed Mill Farm in the village – my husband now works in Stafford". The chapel celebrated its jubilee 16 years ago and is serviced by the Rev R Wharton. There is a thriving Sunday school "and we all work hard together organising events to keep it going".

Mrs Atkin sets a good example of industry to her three boys, for besides making all her own dresses she knits ceaselessly for their comfort, and somehow she finds time to embroider and I was charmed by her many framed 'pictures' in this colourful craft. Having admired some pleasant water colours in the living room, I learned that they had been painted by her sister-in-law, Mrs K Boulton of Glenroyd.

I found Mrs Boulton busy about the house. Young Nigel (8 months) smiled at me from his pram in the garden while Peter (8 years) presented himself for the role of Marshall – self-appointed – according to Western custom of which he is an authority. Mr Boulton works at the Nursery firm of John Hill and Sons, Spotacre, and her father was schoolmaster in the village, now in the same role at Mow Cop.

Mrs Boulton is also a Hilderstone girl born and bred. Her mother teaches at Stone Secondary Modern School. Mrs

Boulton attended St Dominic's Priory School there. Her father is part time organist at Hilderstone Church and People's Warden. Inside, Glenroyd's modern décor is further enhanced by many of her paintings, and what gives her added pleasure is that her son, Peter, shows a penchant for that particular branch of creative art.

Hist! Careful how you go along the Stone Road from Hilderstone just about dusk. The footpath is narrowish but that mustn't stop you from stepping smartly to one side and giving whatever you might see the right of way. You might see a "yellowish figure with flowing skirts to his tightly buttoner coat, and two very bright eyes – like twin electric lights they were" said Mr Albert Thomas Harris, verger of Hilderstone Church, in whose small, snug kitchen I was sitting chatting to him and his wife.

"I stood to one side and said 'Good Evening' which as you know, is the way of country folk,...but it didn't speak.... and (here Mr Harris' voice dropped to a whisper) I noticed something else as I looked back....I couldn't hear him walking!". "A ghost?" I murmured with dry lips, watching the fur on Boco's back (their pet black cat) rise at the sound. "Well there were a lot of battles fought round these parts about Cromwell's time, you know and I must tell you that I've always been a man to stick to my rights, and there was no call for me to give that – well, whatever it was – the right of way. But wasn't I glad that I had stepped to one side. I don't know what I should have done if it had walked right through me." I murmured sympathetic noises."

Mr Harris came as a boy of 15 to Hilderstone, and has lived there over 60 years. His connection with the church began in

the choir, then he became sexton and verger. "I've lived under six vicars." I must add that he's also the People's Warden and a pillar of the church, although he has just relinquished the role of verger.

They have lived in their present cottage since their marriage and between whiles Mr Harris has assumed the role of auxiliary postman during 28 years. His wife was a member of the Women's Institute, and they met when she was cook to Mrs Masefield, wife of a former vicar, and he was gardener.

Mr Harris is too level headed – even at 76 – to be easily frightened. He saw service in India – Northwest Frontier – during the war years and afterwards as he remarked, "When the old vicar died, turned to anything". They are both well-loved throughout the village, and for all his 76 years Mr Harris can still ring a bell with vigour. "I enjoy bell-ringing" he confessed."

[The cottage referred to above, home to Mr and Mrs Harris, stood where Hilderstone Cottage and grounds now stand. Mrs and Mr Harris died in 1968 and 1970 respectively and the cottage was demolished circa 1971/72. An excellent photograph of the cottage can be found on the Staffordshire Past Track website. Unusually, the cottage lay side on to the road. This is one of only a handful of properties demolished in the village since the Second World War.]

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Access for All takes a step forward at Christ Church.

Parishioners were pleasantly surprised when they arrived for morning service on October 6th to find the access ramp had been built allowing easy entry to the church from the car park through the belfry door.

It was much appreciated on a blustery day with intermittent showers!!!!

