

Upper Sapey Church

a quick update 28th April 2016

- On 24th April our Rector - Revd David Howell - announced he will be leaving our Parish of Greater Whitbourne at the end the summer, moving to the benefice of Ariconium (near Ross) to be nearer his sons. We should keep 31st July free for his farewell service at Whitbourne Church.
- Our annual Rogation Walk takes place (weather permitting) on Sunday 1st May, leaving Upper Sapey churchyard at 10am, proceeding across country via the churches at Wolferlow, Edwin Loach, Tedstone Delamere, and finally Whitbourne at about 4.30pm for tea & cake. Do join us if you can. There will be a free "taxi" waiting at each church to take to back home if/when you've had enough!
- Building work proceeds apace. The Picture Gallery page on our website is worth a look. See <http://www.whitbourne.org.uk/files/USRescuePictureGallery.shtml>
- "Rescue" fundraising has reached £242,000 raised or promised, but a further funds still need to be raised to finish the work. Our Saturday coffee

mornings help, of course, but our project fundraiser can't relax quite yet!

- The church remains out of action while the work is in progress, but church services are held somewhere nearby - look for signs.
- Do come and join us celebrating the **Queen's 90th Birthday** at Whitbourne Village Hall on **Sunday 12th June, from 3 - 6pm**, at a Community Bring and Share **tea party**. All welcome - and it's Free! (Tea and coffee available for a small donation.) When you know you are coming, it would help with planning if you contact either Annie Giddings (821980) or Kate Lack (821978).
- Trip to the **National Memorial Arboretum** on **Saturday 21st May. Tickets £12.**

Coach leaves at 9 am from Whitbourne Village Hall re-turning at around 5.30 pm. For booking, contact Brenda Allan: 01886 821450 or the Rector: 01886 821285

- We are grateful for our churchwardens, Ian and Carol Evans-Fisher, and Church Treasurer, Carol Wilde, agreeing to continue in post for another year.

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