



PARISH OF GREATER WHITBOURNE

SPRING 2015 NEWS

Message from the Rector: Look out for Christian Aid envelopes, which should be in the next magazine. It is well worth supporting this charity, which does excellent work throughout the world.

Also look out for details in the May magazine of the Rogation Walk on 10th May, starting at Upper Sapey church at 10 am.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.
(Proverbs 3: 5-6)

There is good news from all our churches.

EDVIN LOACH have had drawings done for their stained glass inserts in the porch (photo, right, of two of the four panels. These represent, I think, birds nesting by water, and grass growing for cattle).

TEDSTONE DELEMERE Plans are progressing with the new lighting scheme. They have been promised a new carpet runner for the aisle.

UPPER SAPEY

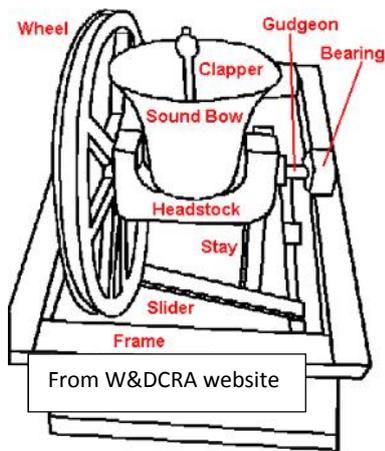
There is good news, but we are not allowed to say much yet! Watch this space. However, they are preparing detailed plans and have started fund-raising in earnest.

LENT LUNCHES Many thanks to those who provided Lent Lunches and those who came and supported them. There was some delicious food and good company. Charities which benefitted were: Bromyard Christmas Lights, Whitbourne Church, Macmillan Nurses, Tanga in Touch, the Ollie Roberts Memorial Trust and the Food Bank.



Two photos from Edvin Loach: the Easter Vigil service, where candles were lit to signify the coming of new life, and Mothering Sunday.

WHITBOURNE... were not successful in their application for funding for the roof – but there is now more money available and we will try again.



The bells also need attention; they last had a major refit in 1908, and are well overdue for another. At present they are not ringable, the bearings having failed on the treble last year. At a recent inspection, it was strongly recommended that we have the headstocks of five bells done – the Fifth was done a couple of years ago. This would give us a ringable set of bells, but would not be a major refit – that is planned for 2016/7 and would include building in a ringing gallery. This would result in the bells being easier to ring; it would be safer, taking the ringers out of the clergy vestry; and it would and create more storage space on the ground floor.

(Bearings – headstocks – gudgeons; when a bell is being rung, it swings through 360°. The bell is fixed to the headstock. The points of contact between headstock and frame suffer a lot of stress. The gudgeons are the pins, attached to the headstock, which sit in the bearings. Clear?)

LMDG (Local Ministry Development Group – Lay Team for short.)



Our new LMDG. Members of the Lay Team shown above are John Bland, William North, John Daniels (Diocesan Companion), Jackie Evans, Susan Wyatt, David Howell (Rector), Sylvia Bland, Brenda Allan, Chris Evans. Unfortunately Jackie has had to withdraw.

John Daniels is Diocesan Local Ministry Officer. Part of his job is to oversee the formation of new teams; he will be attending most of our meetings this year. We have at least one person from each of our four churches.

The Team will be commissioned by the Bishop at a Confirmation Service at Whitbourne, on Sunday 7th June. Please come and support us!

We will be starting a short course on Leading Worship, probably mid-June. The purpose of this is to enable the Team to provide extra services for churches which may want them (the smaller churches, for example, have only one service each month), and to provide backup for David and Doiran should they be on holiday or ill.

Brenda Allan, PCC Secretary. April 2015