

# SEVERN STOKE AND CROOME D'ABITOT

## NEWSLETTER

JULY/AUGUST 2010

The Rector's Message Reverend Peter Holzapfel

40 Pence

### Forthcoming Events

#### Severn Stoke & Environs

#### Friends of St Denys

**Saturday 17th July,  
THE JULY EVENT!!  
SCALEXTRIC RACING  
in St Denys' Church**

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**Sunday 25th July  
11.00 a.m.  
Annual Church  
Service and Picnic  
CROOME CHURCH**

**Sunday 12th September  
12.30 p.m.  
Annual Barbecue  
Wall Cottage, Severn  
Stoke**

**3 Counties Showground  
Diocesan Service  
29th AUGUST 11.00 a.m.**

See inside for details

#### Kempsey

**St Mary's Parish Fete  
Saturday, 3rd July  
at 2.00 p.m.**

**All welcome to this  
Traditional Fete in St  
Mary's House and  
Churchyard**

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**Please submit Copy by 2nd  
Monday next month**

The Rector will have returned from his sabbatical in early July, but a member of the Pastoral Team has provided this letter.

Dear Friends,

It is interesting listening to 'Thought for the Day' on Radio 4 each morning, as those of different faiths reflect on ethical, spiritual or religious issues. Some of the thoughts challenge and question our personal beliefs and behaviour, some are reassuring and comforting, while others are memorable, as they speak straight to the heart.

One such thought, based on a true story of an expedition in Nepal, has stayed with me for a long time. The wonderful Sherpas, supporting the expedition, set up camp each night, awaking early each morning to prepare for the day ahead. This continued day after gruelling day, often in treacherous mountain terrain, until one morning - there was stillness, one morning - there was silence. The leader of the exhibition awoke and troubled by the inactivity, hurried to the Sherpas' tents. 'What is happening', he shouted. 'Nothing is happening,' came the reply. 'We are simply sitting still and waiting. We are waiting for our souls to catch up with our bodies.'

For us, that is quite an unusual way of putting things, but I expect that all who were listening that morning, knew exactly what was meant. Our lives are so busy, so complicated, so hectic or cluttered, so fast, that our souls are anywhere and everywhere, except calm and still within us.

The Sherpas, probably Hindus, have a lesson for us all. The spirit of God is within all of us, the spirit of God is at the heart of all of us and we need to be still, to know His presence and His peace. Then our lives will find meaning and order.

It is so easy to pack our lives with such a multiplicity of interests and responsibilities that there is no time, or energy, left for God. The more complicated our lives become, the more necessary it is to see that our priorities are right, because there are so many things which seek to push God to the sidelines and how easy it is for us to make excuses for doing so.

We don't have to look up to find God. His spirit is here, down to earth, with us and within us. So let us use this holiday season as a time to come into God's presence, because being with Him, gives a peace beyond our understanding.

Whatever your plans this summer, whether you are travelling far and wide, or staying at home, may you have a very blessed and refreshing time and may you find your peace.

With every blessing for this holiday season, and always,

Libby James (Lay Reader)



**CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAUX**

**I have seen adverts for companies who say they offer free benefits advice and who say they can help you claim backdated benefits on a no win no fee basis. How do they work and are they a good idea?**

With more than £16 billion in means-tested benefits and tax credits currently going unclaimed every year, it is definitely worth checking you are receiving everything you are entitled to. You can get a free, independent, benefits check from your local CAB. However there are companies you can pay for the same service.

Depending on the amount of back pay you receive this could be as much as £1,500. So if you are thinking about approaching one of these companies make sure you read the small print. They often describe themselves as offering 'free' benefits advice, but if they help you claim back any backdated benefits they will take up to a hefty 45 per cent out of any back pay that would have otherwise gone straight to you.

What they are doing isn't illegal, but the service they are offering is available free from independent advice sources such as your local CAB.

If you are unsure about what benefits you are entitled to or whether a company is going to charge you a fee or a percentage of any money you get back, you can contact your local CAB for a free benefits check or go to [www.adviceguide.org.uk](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk).

Malvern CAB is open:

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 10 am - 4 pm Wed (Specialist Debt Advice - by appointment) Tel: 01684 563611

**CHURCH SERVICES at St MARY'S, KEMPSEY**

Every Thursday 10.30 a.m.: Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel  
Every Friday 11.00 a.m.: "Little Angels" for Mothers, babes and toddlers on Friday, 9th and 16th July.

**JULY**

Sunday 4th 5th after Trinity 8.00 a.m.: Morning Prayer BCP, 9.00 a.m.: Holy Communion BCP at Kerswell Green, 10.30 a.m.: Family Service, 6.00 p.m.: Holy Communion BCP  
Sunday 11th 6th after Trinity 8.00 a.m.: Holy Communion BCP, 10.30 a.m.: Informal Communion ASB  
6.00 p.m.: Evensong BCP.  
Sunday 18th 7th after Trinity 8.00 a.m.: Morning Prayer BCP, 10.30am: Family Worship, 6.00 p.m.: Holy Communion BCP.  
Sunday 25th James the Apostle 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion BCP, 11.00 a.m.; Service and Picnic at Croome, 6.00 p.m.: Service at The Firs.

**AUGUST**

Sunday 1st 9th after Trinity 8.00 a.m.: Morning Prayer BCP, 9.00 a.m.: Holy Communion BCP at Kerswell Green, 10.30 a.m.: Family Service, 6.00 p.m.: Holy Communion BCP.  
Sunday 8th 10th after Trinity 8.00 a.m.: Holy Communion BCP, 10.30 a.m.: Informal Communion ASB  
6.00 p.m.: Evensong BCP.  
Sunday 15th BVM 8.00 a.m.: Morning Prayer BCP, 10.30am: Family Worship, 6.00 p.m.: Holy Communion BCP.  
Sunday 22nd 12th after Trinity 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion BCP, 10.30 a.m.; Parish Communion, 6.00 p.m.: Film "Can Atheism save Europe?"  
Sunday 29th 13th after Trinity 8.00 a.m.: Holy Communion BCP, 10.30am: UNITED BENEFICE COMMUNION at Severn Stoke, 6.00 p.m.: No Evening Service.

**SEPTEMBER**

Sunday 5th 14th after Trinity 8.00 a.m.: Morning Prayer BCP, 9.00 a.m.: Holy Communion BCP at Kerswell Green, 10.30 a.m.: Family Service, 6.00 p.m.: Holy Communion BCP

## **United Benefice of Kempsey and Severn Stoke with Croome d'Abitot Church News**

**United Benefice Prayer Meetings** – Welcome to our meetings (usually every other Monday) for an hour, **from 8.00 p.m. on Monday, 12th and 26th July, 9th and 23rd August and 6th September.** We meet each fortnight at the homes of those taking part. Contact John and Cara (W/ 371 218) for the next ensuing venue. We give thought and prayer for people and projects around us and for the health and enhancement of the Churches' work. You don't have to say a word unless you wish, but just be with us.

**St Denys' Bible Study and Fellowship Group: Thursday, 8th and 22nd July and 9th September at 2.30 p.m.** All welcome. Please contact John Henderson (W 371 218) for the next venue.

**29th August at 11.00 a.m. —Diocesan Celebration Service** for all at the Three Counties Showground.

### **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK**

The House to House Collection round Severn Stoke and Croome in May raised **£560.00**, which Christian Aid has acknowledged with great thanks to all who gave so generously. This total was a little down on last year's collection.

### **St GEORGE'S FLAGS for St Denys' Church, Severn Stoke**

If any one has large plain St George's Flags, measuring not less than 6ft x 4ft with no writing on them, left over after the World Cup, to donate for hanging from the Church Tower on festive occasions, we should be very pleased to receive them. Our present one a little tattered!

**Please contact John Henderson on W/ 371 218**

### **THE ROSE & CROWN, SEVERN STOKE**

**Jane and Rob welcome you to the re-opened ROSE & CROWN, open all day, every day with food served from Noon to 9.00p.m. on Mondays to Saturdays and on Sundays Noon to 2.00 p.m.**

**Come and enjoy locally sourced TRADITIONAL PUB FAYRE! All the best to Jane and Rob!**

### **HAPPENINGS at KEMPSEY**

**St Mary's Parish Fete—Saturday, 3rd July at 2.00 p.m.**

**All the fun of the Fete, loads of Stalls and delicious refreshments. It's a must!**

**The Cornflower Club** meets every other Wednesday at 2.30 p.m., 7th, 21st July and 7th August in The Parish Hall. Everyone most welcome to come and join this very active and enjoyable club that meets every other week. A warm welcome assured and a good time promised.

**Age Concern Coffee Morning** - meets every Thursday at 11.30 a.m. at St Mary's House.

**Women's Fellowship** meets in St Mary's House on Wednesday, 14th July, outing to Orleton House at 1.00 p.m. and 11th August—Tea Party at 2.30 p.m. at Kath Padden's.

**“Coming together”** meets on Monday 12th July and 9th August at 10.30a.m. in St. Mary's House.

### **SPONSORED ABSEIL for WORCESTER & DISTRICT BRANCH of MS (MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS)**

On 17th July at Noon, **Duncan and James Smith of Kempsey will bravely abseil 120 feet down The Fort Dunlop Building** to raise money for the local branch for MS sufferers and their families.

**Please support this worthwhile cause by sending donations to Duncan at 8, Falcon Close, St Peter's, Worcester, WR5 3HJ. Tel. No. W/ 350 138 GOOD LUCK, DUNCAN AND JAMES!**

## **FRIENDS OF ST. DENYS**

**Ponty's Sponsored Walk** in May raised some **£510** in sponsorship AND it was fun with some 18 people including children and dogs and beautiful weather. Thank you to the walkers and sponsors!



Photo shows type of layout

**Saturday 17th July,  
THE JULY EVENT!!  
SCALEXTRIC RACING  
in St Denys' Church, Severn Stoke**

Come and enjoy the excitement of this mega race track.

**TRIAL RACING 2.00 to 5.00 p.m.**

Free entry for spectators.

Racing - 50p entry per 5 circuit Races.

All cars provided, but if you have a special at home,  
bring it along and try it out!  
Certificates for all Winners!

## **EVENING KNOCKOUT TEAM RACING 7.00 to 10.00 p.m.**

**Ticket Entry - Adults: £2.00 each in advance or on the door,  
£1.00 for Children under 15. It's essential to encourage the Teams by cheering!**

**Each Race Entry at the event- £1.00 per Driver.**

**Make up a team of 4 or 8 Drivers in advance  
and dream up a catchy name to appear on the Race Card –  
Singles can join a scratch team, so don't feel left out!  
What about some youngster's teams to beat the grown ups!**

Teams will have competitive Racing over 10 Circuits, with Race and lap times recorded.  
**We hope to hold at least 4 Races per Driver and then Race-offs**

**Prizes for – The Winning Team, Fastest Race Winner and Race-off  
for the Fastest Driver.**

**For more information  
Contact John Henderson, Tel. No. W/ 371 218.**

**Bring your own Booze and remember that the Rose & Crown is open too!  
Soft Drinks, tea, coffee and light refreshments will be on sale in Church.**

