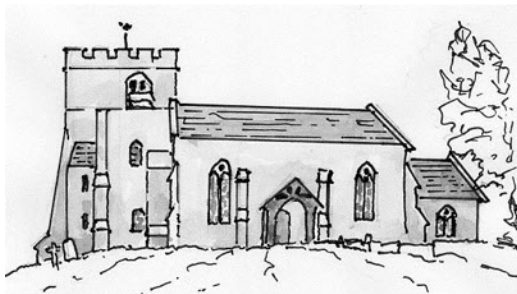
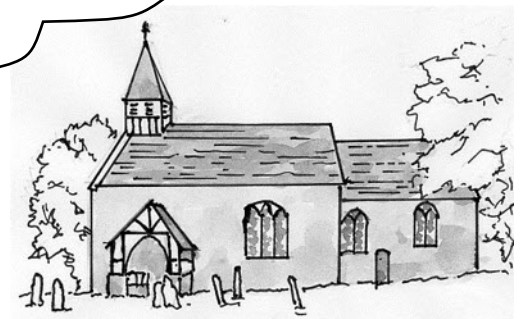


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The Parish Magazine for Acton Beauchamp, Bishops Frome, Castle Frome,
Evesbatch, Fromes Hill, Much Cowarne, Ocle Pychard & Stanford Bishop.



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Lots of information re help available on pages 3 & 4 and this is kept updated on the website and Bishops Frome Facebook page. If you lose your paper copy of the newsletter it's always available on the website where it can be seen in full colour. It can also be emailed to you.

Many Thanks to all the advertisers who have renewed their space with us.

I always acknowledge receipt of emails - if I don't please send to Parish office as I have had some email issues.

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September 2020 ISSUE

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Vicar's Letter

It was wonderful to see so many people in Church in Bishops Frome on our first Sunday back worshipping together at the beginning of July. As human beings we are social creatures and the idea of being isolated from each other is not something we find easy or natural. When God created the first man, Adam, he noted, "It is not good for the man to be alone." And he was right about that, isolation leads to loneliness and loneliness can lead to depression, it's not good for us, we are social creatures.



Our return to church has however not been a return to normality. We continue to try and keep 2 metres apart and every other pew has a notice saying, 'please do not use this pew' on it. We refrain from any physical contact, no shaking hands or sharing the peace, and the priest delivers a communion wafer at arms length without the customary words 'the body of Christ' being said to us individually. There is no communion wine for the people and no coffee and tea after the service, indeed everyone is encouraged to leave in a timely manner. This certainly doesn't seem normal to me! Yet compared to what we have been experiencing it is in many ways a breath of fresh air and a first step towards normality. As I've already said elsewhere, if I never have to produce another internet service again it will be too soon. I really didn't enjoy spending all my time recording and editing video clips, it's not what I ever imagined I would be doing as part of priestly ministry. Yet it was of course necessary and very much needed at the time as many of you have told me.

There are of course a lot of Churches for whom streaming services over the internet has resulted in more participation than usual and many of these churches are now reluctant to stop their internet services. For me though it all comes back to the need for us to physically congregate and be present together as the body of Christ. The simple action of getting up in the morning with the intention of attending public worship is an offering to God in itself. Being able to partake in the sacrament alongside other Christians is a wonderful privilege, especially after 12 weeks of lockdown. These things we once took for granted we now realise are so precious.

For the time being we may be limited to one service a week in just one place where we can safely maintain social distancing and proper sanitisation but this is surely better than sitting alone and watching things happen on a screen. I really have no idea when restrictions will be lifted enough for us to leave churches open each day, or when we can get back to the usual Sunday routine, taking communion in full and singing hymns in all our churches. Maybe this won't be possible for a long time but I pray that we can continue to gather for worship safely each week even if it is in a somewhat restricted capacity.

For those who are unable to join us in church who are continuing to shield or self isolate please do let me know if you would like us to send you a pew sheet either by email or post. Also, do let me know if you have any concerns or prayer requests at this time.

Blessings
Steven

Here are the results for the April and May 2020, this will complete the lottery year for which the subscription has already been paid. For the foreseeable future we will suspend the lottery, the money may not be collected until next June 2021, We are keen to get back to the new normal as soon as the necessary precautions can be implemented, please take care all. Diana

Friends of Frome churches Lottery

April 2020

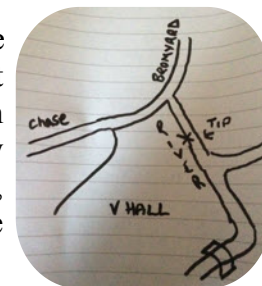
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FLY TIPPING IN BISHOPS FROME - DON'T LITTER - USE THE COUNCIL TIP

Hi, I am a regular walker around Bishops Frome and I have recently seen fly tipping in the river, it has been going on at the same place since last week. They have thrown a white toilet and cistern over the hedge as detailed in my little map as well as bags and rubble. The reason I am emailing you is it may be worth mentioning in your magazine as I think it is probably a toilet removed in the locality and maybe someone might know a house having a refurb, anyway it may put this awful person off dumping in your lovely village. Many thanks. Sue



Frome Valley Pastoral Group

The Pastoral Group are all very actively engaged in emailing and telephoning people through out this difficult time. If you have any concerns or would just like to speak to someone please call one of the group;

Rev'd Steven Baggs	01885 490582	stevenbaggs@me.com
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Mrs Judy Orgee	01531 640525	
Mrs Angela Lewis	01885 490203	

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Waller butchers in Ledbury are happy to continue delivering to us twice a week, or more if needed, which means we can add in some meat if required, ideally we'd get about 3 days' notice on this.

Frozen ready meals made at the Hop Pocket are available - at the moment beef lasagne, veg lasagne, Chicken casserole, Cauli cheese, and soups

The Foodhall will remain open Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 5pm and at the moment 11am until 4pm Sunday. We of course also offer cakes, biscuits, chocolate, beer, cider, wine, gin, maybe not essential, but we all need a treat!

Orders can go straight to The Hop Pocket 01531 640 323, or through the Bishops Frome Local Support Group 01905 691 373, perhaps better if the Bishops Frome Local Support Group could take the orders for the deliveries to those who cannot leave the house, and the Hop Pocket handles those who are happy to collect. We can do payment over the phone, contactless in store and we will take cheques (we do need a name, phone number and any card guarantee details on the back) or cash.

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Bishops Frome Support Group

The support group, set up by the Village Centre, is now suspended having completed its purpose during the lockdown. The number of requests began to diminish towards the end of June and the small number of people with a continuing need have been taken on by a support group in Bromyard.

The group of volunteers were busy delivering food and medication around the Frome Valley benefice and no request was refused. They eagerly offered their services direct to me or through the Talk Community set up by the District Council. All the deliveries were made at the volunteer's own cost and we should all be so grateful that we have such exceptionally willing people in our community who are prepared to help and support people in need.

In the event that restrictions are reapplied to deal with any further covid19 outbreaks the group will become active again.

As a community we owe the volunteers, whether they carried out deliveries or manned the phone, our thanks for all their efforts and I am hoping that when the Village Centre opens again, we can have some sort of event to show our gratitude.

Tony Davis

HELP IS STILL AT HAND

There is a Bromyard Support Group number - 07824 660480
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ST MARY'S CHURCH, MUCH COWARNE

For the first time since our Church was closed because of the danger of Covid19 infection spreading through close contact during services, it is good to report that St Mary's is now open for private prayer on Sundays from 11am – 2pm and on Wednesdays from 2pm – 5pm. Only some of the pews can be accessed, some other areas are out of bounds and visitors are required to follow a one way route through the Church so things are very different but at least it is now possible for anyone who wishes to spend some time in the Church to do so in what we believe is a low risk environment. This is obviously only a first step and we very much hope that it won't be too long before our St Mary's Church, like our sister church in Bishops Frome, will be able to host services again; all will depend on how safe these first steps back to normality prove to be. As a beginning it would be good to be able to look forward to our Harvest and Christmas services.

Unfortunately it is also still not possible to say when we shall be able to move on to plan social and fundraising events, not only because the country as a whole is only just beginning to do so but also because some of the people who plan these events are still either shielding or only beginning to be able to meet with their families. It may well be next year before we can begin to plan with confidence. In the meantime it would be good to hear from our parishioners what events they would like to see and also to hear from anyone who is willing and able to help with this side of our work. As always the Churchwardens (Martin Hewitt, 01432 820 820282, email: pnaksbridge@hotmail.co.uk) and Jean Parkes, 01432 820402, email: jeanparkes@btinternet.com or any member of the PCC will be pleased to hear from you.

Let us hope that the current slow progress of enabling us all to begin to move towards contact with family and friends and eventually to feel we can take part in the normal activities of community life, will continue without any need for backwards steps due to increased cases of infection.

Stanford Bishop

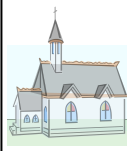
Dear All,

August it's the height of summer, combines & balers are in full swing, but already preparations for next years harvest start as ploughing and cultivation begins for the next batch of cereal crop.

Blackberries & hips can be found in abundance along the hedge row. The countryside colour palette is changing to browns & golds, hare's become more visible in the harvested fields, and yellowhammers can still be heard singing. Dahlias and fuchias give a colourful display in the garden. Late August brings hazelnuts and crab apples.

Harvest Service - weekend of 2nd October Outside service TBC.





Castle Frome August 2020 News, Views & Muse



Communion Service

Sunday 9th August
8.00am
To Be Confirmed



Family Service

Sunday 23rd August
10.00am
To be Confirmed

This is a reverent and informal service for the family of the Church. All are welcome. Coffee, tea and squash served at the close of the service, offering a time to socialise.



Hilary's Nature Diary

Going Batty Again !!



Two more bat species!

Following the news of Natterer's bats roosting in the church porch, we are also seeing a nightly display of Noctule bats around the churchyard. Noctules predominantly roost in trees and are one of our largest bat species. Look out for them in the early evening light, often flying with swifts and swallows.

I can also report a sighting of a roosting rare Lesser Horseshoe Bat not far from the church. Horseshoe bats are the only British bat species to hang freely from structures, held by their delicate legs. Hanging with their wings cloaked round their bodies, they look rather like a plum! If you know of a horseshoe roost locally, I would love to hear about it.

Hilaryx

Coronavirus Lockdown & Social Distancing

I have put in the details of the services but **if the Lockdown continues, then these will not be happening.** Please follow the Government Guidelines on Staying Staff and Social Distancing.



LAMMAS DAY



1st August is Lammas Day, and was Thanksgiving time (Harvest time) in Britain. The name comes from an Anglo-Saxon word Hlafmaesse which means Loaf Mass. The festival of Lammas marks the beginning of the harvest, when people go to church to give thanks for the first corn to be cut. This celebration predates our Christian harvest festival.

On Lammas Day farmers made loaves of bread from the new wheat crop and gave them to their local church. They were then used as the Communion bread during a special mass thanking God for the harvest.

The custom ended when Henry VIII broke away from the Catholic Church, and nowadays we have harvest festivals at the end of the season. Michaelmas Day (September 29) is traditionally the last day of the harvest season. Lammas Day used to be a time for foretelling marriages and trying out partners. Two young people would agree to a "trial marriage" lasting the period of the fair (usually 11 days) to see whether they were really suited for wedlock. At the end of the fair, if they didn't get on, the couple could part. Lammas was also the time for farmers to give their farm workers a present of a pair of gloves. In Exeter, a large white glove was put on the end of a long pole which was decorated with flowers and held on high to let people know that the merriment of Lammas Fair was beginning. To bring good luck, farmers would let the first corn bread go stale and then crumble it over the corners of their barns.

Dear all

As I write, and as you are all no doubt aware, our local community is dealing with a serious outbreak of coronavirus on a farm in Mathon. The council has been doing everything it can to support Public Health England as they seek to manage the outbreak and support the ~200 workers who have been asked to quarantine themselves. The outbreak is a reminder that we all need to be rigorous about using health protection measures: frequent hand-washing, social distancing, and wearing masks in enclosed spaces. (I am glad that government guidance has finally caught up with scientific consensus on masks).



The coronavirus crisis is nowhere near over yet.

As lockdown gradually lifts, life can return to some semblance of 'normal' in many ways – but for many people the effects of the crisis have been severe. Many lives and livelihoods have been lost, and my heart goes out to everyone who's been directly affected in these ways.

For the council, there's a dual challenge – we are still involved in crisis response, but we're also doing everything we can to support recovery. We've supported businesses (and local services) to re-open safely, and put in place measures to help people safely get around in town centres while maintaining social distancing. There is also a great deal of long-term work happening eg work to draw up a Town Investment Plan for Hereford (for which we hope central government will give us £25million) and to draw up economic development investment plans for the market towns. As a council we've already committed to investing at least £14 million in market town economic development, because we recognise how important the market towns are – and we want to help them access further central government investment too.

Also on the economic recovery side of things, we've secured £444k to support recovery in the tourism sector, which I believe has an immense amount of potential in our beautiful, spacious county – and it helps support the food & drink economy too.

Other key priorities for me at the moment are pushing forward investment in building affordable, high-environmental-standard housing; developing an ambitious energy efficiency retrofit programme; and creating more apprenticeships to develop local skills and help create new jobs.

There's an enormous amount to do, and these are incredibly challenging times, but I feel really optimistic about Herefordshire's future, and about the work the council is doing to help create a greener, fairer county where everyone can thrive.

If you have any ideas you want to share, or even if you just want to know more, please do get in touch. I have been holding virtual 'surgeries' via Zoom every Thursday evening since March, but since very few people have been coming I have decided to pause these.

I am still available anytime by phone or email!

Phone: 01531 670729 or 07950 714947.

Email: ellie.chowns@herefordshire.gov.uk

Take care, and keep well,

Ellie

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FROM THE HEREFORD DIOCESE

Hello everyone and welcome to this week's video. At the moment the river Wye behind me is flowing fairly gently. Just a few months ago I would have been 20' underwater. The river back then was quite scary, uprooting substantial trees and spreading them downstream. Even now there are hidden currents powerfully at work under the surface where you need to take great care.

Power works like that in human relationships. Sometimes its obvious, coercive and damaging. Other times its more subtle, potentially as dangerous because its not so visible.

Trying to find where power to bring change lies within the Church of England is challenging. When I was a lay person I thought the vicar had it. When I became a curate I still thought the vicar had it, but when I became a vicar I discovered I didn't have it. Then I thought the Bishop must have it, but when I became a suffragan Bishop I realised I didn't have it there either – perhaps the diocesan bishop must have it. Now I have become a diocesan Bishop I spend a lot of time in Diocesan Bishops meetings asking who has it as well! Seriously, I do recognise I have a certain amount of power as a diocesan Bishop. But, quite rightly, there are checks and balances. I, with my senior staff colleagues do have a certain power of appointments and the exercise of clergy discipline, but its not absolute. Parish reps have a right of veto. I suppose we could appoint people willy-nilly, but the Diocesan Board of Finance would not be prepared to pay for them. If I really wanted to I could issue commands and in some cases I might get dutiful compliance, but that wouldn't bring real change. It would more likely to cause angry resentment.

Power in the church of England is elusive, dispersed, accountable and full of checks and balances – its why we change direction like a supertanker. You can turn the wheel and nothing seems to happen for quite a long time.

Not recognising this creates all sort of problems. If you don't understand where the power lies, you think it must lie somewhere. Perhaps it lies in that mysterious organisation – the diocese! Rarely has a word been so misused. Its revealed in phrases like, “what does the diocese want?” or, the diocese takes all our money! Or, what has the diocese ever done for us? But the word diocese used like that is a figment of the imagination. The diocese is us, together, parishes, people, clergy, lay leaders, central administrative staff that support frontline ministry. We bishops and Archdeacons provide (if we're doing our job properly) a permission giving and empowering oversight that helps the whole function as it should. Budgets and parish share are in fact set and approved by democratically accountable bodies like Diocesan Synod and the Board of Finance. And we all operate within legal boundaries that cover appointments, parish boundaries, buildings and the like. That's the diocese – its us, and one of my goals is that we stop using the word to describe an imaginary, disembodied tax collecting authority based in the Palace at Hereford and use it to describe us – a family of believers, seeking to live out the gospel in the diocese of Hereford.

When you use the word diocese in the wrong sense it facilitates a really unhelpful them and us culture. Using the word 'diocese' wrongly conveniently obscures the reality of our mutual interdependence. Its not them and us. Using the word wrongly leads to parishes sitting on substantial reserves reducing offer without thinking it will mean the sacrificial giving of others will have to pay for their provision of ministry instead.

Where then is the power to change things? Its fascinating how Jesus subverts the idea of power itself. When the disciples were having an argument about who should be foreign secretary and who Chancellor of the Exchequer when Jesus came to reign, he said to them that the one who rules should be like the one who serves. He redefined greatness by washing the disciples' feet. In the stories of the crucifixion, on the one hand he is the victim of the power of others, and yet more in control of the situation than anybody. Jesus' leadership was rarely directive. Instead he asked awkward questions. He remorselessly confronted people with uncomfortable reality. He wasn't afraid to call out unacceptable behaviour – you couldn't describe him as polite. But as he held out the offer of the gospel alongside the reality of the human condition an extraordinary thing began to happen. Hearts got changed. Crooked tax collectors gave back what they stole. People owned their situation and found in the way of Jesus forgiveness and a road to life in all its fullness. Jesus changed the culture.

A former Dean of Chichester once told me that Bishops are like bidets. No-one quite knows what they're for but when you have one, it certainly raises the tone. I hope over the next few years of travelling together we'll all play our respective parts in changing the culture and tone of the diocese to be faithful

to God in this generation. From them and us to just us; from fearful to confident in the truth and transforming power of the gospel; from self-reliant to prayerful dependence on the grace of God. Above all from anxiety to joyful hope. Decline is not inevitable. May God give us the courage to change deeply that we are the generation to see growth return to our Church.

Have a good week and may God bless you and keep you ever closer to him.

+Richard

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THE PCC HAVE ALSO CANCELLED ALL THE FUND RAISING EVENTS, FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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Clerk: Mrs Rowan Brooman contact details see below

Bishops Frome Parish Council has a vacancy for the position of : Clerk to the Parish Council.

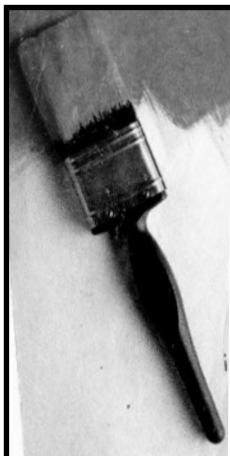
Details of the position and application forms are available from The Chairman, The Vice Chairman or the Clerk.

Please provide a CV with your application to the Clerk

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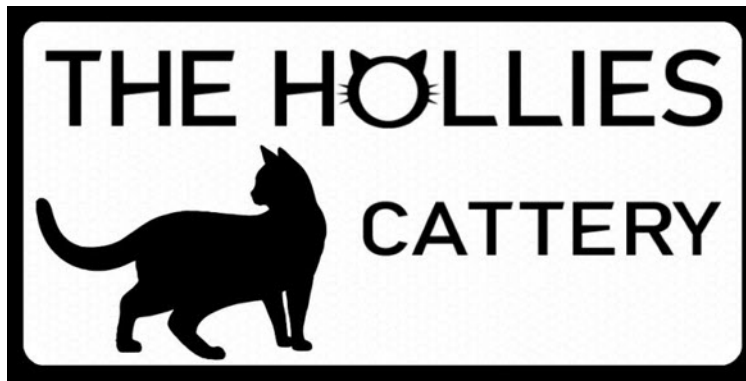
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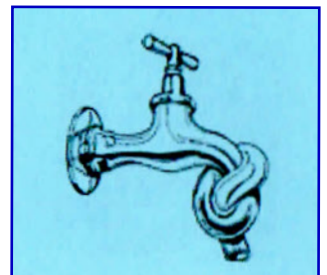
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Our letting rooms have been refurbished and will reopen on the 25th July.

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	3pm	Belly Dance
	6.45pm	Advanced non syllabus Ballet
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THURSDAYS	10am	'FitSteps Fab'
	11.15am	Silver Swans Ballet/over 55's
	12.15pm	Ballet
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The Next Chapter in Our Plan to Rebuild

4-13 JULY

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Leisure and entertainment businesses and facilities reopen.

Beauticians and other close contact services (excluding treatments around the face) reopen.

25 JULY

Gyms and indoor sport facilities reopen.

1 AUGUST

All close contact services reopen.

Give employers more discretion on how they ensure employees can work safely.

Most remaining leisure and entertainment facilities reopen.

Indoor performances restart, subject to the success of pilots that are taking place as soon as possible.

Pilots in venues with a range of sizes of crowds.

Small wedding receptions permitted.

SEPTEMBER

Schools and colleges welcome back pupils.

Universities are also working to reopen as fully as possible.

OCTOBER

Spectators permitted at sporting events.

Conferences and business events restart.

NOVEMBER

If prevalence falls very significantly, we will review the need for outstanding social distancing measures and allow a more significant return to normality.

This timeline represents our ambition to return to normality, however we are ready to apply the handbrake on the plan set out above, if required. We will keep restrictions on social contact under review and ease them when safe to do so.

Diocesan Newsletter for August

It is said we are shaped by our culture. If that is true, then one of the strongest leadership motifs is that of the hero leader. In film we have James Bond, Indiana Jones and Princess Leia; in television we have Doctor Who, Buffy and Danger Mouse: we are surrounded by heroes. (I'm a big action film and sci-fi fan)

However so often they are flawed individuals, some like Bond or The Doctor are anti-heroes just staying the right side of the line but edging on many occasions into the ambiguous middle ground, the grey moral no-man's land of society's values. Some like Batgirl or the Green Arrow seem to have turned to the darkness to right the wrongs of society and they are shaped by a deep inner drive and personal angst.

Many of the old heroes like Captain America and Wonder Woman knew which side of the line they stood, firmly in the light righting wrongs with justice, compassion and fairness. We could always tell the good guy or girl because they wore the white hat (The Lone Ranger) while the bad guys always wore black (Darth Vader).

The problem for the Church is that these heroes and anti-heroes always win the day, good always triumphs and the hero wins the applause and adulation. This is extremely seductive for those who seek or feel called to leadership positions, being the saviour raises us to the standard of hero, it places us at the centre of the action. It creates status, position and power but it also creates problems. There is only one saviour in the Christian story and it isn't us.

In Jesus' temptation in the wilderness Satan offers him the chance to be a super hero, to be adored and feted but instead Jesus chose a different path. He chose the path of servant and constantly refused to be the hero. Not only did he choose a different path he chastised James and John when they sought power and position and Peter was rebuked for refusing to have his feet washed. Those in religious power consistently found Jesus challenged them for abusing their positions. Jesus' challenge is for the leader to be a servant not a hero, to seek the path of service, generosity, hospitality, compassion and self-giving.

Even in the business world it is now widely recognized that the hero leader or heroic CEO is more hindrance than help.

As Jim Collins, the author of Good to Great, says:

Virtually everything our modern culture believes about the type of leadership required to transform our institutions is wrong. It is also dangerous. There is perhaps no more corrosive trend to the health of our organisations than the rise of the celebrity CEO, the rock-star leader whose deepest ambition is first and foremost self-centric.

If you feel a call to leadership in the Church then perhaps you need to stop and ask yourself what is your motivation, do you want to serve or be served? A good friend of mine used to ask prospective ordinands how they'd feel if he asked them to sweep up the leaves on his drive or to help him wash the dishes at their first meeting, he understood that leadership began and ended with servant-heartedness.

So heroic leaders need not apply! What is wanted here and now in our church as we emerge from COVID are servant-hearted leaders who are ambitious for the Kingdom and not for themselves. They are those who point to Jesus as the one who transforms lives and society, they recognise they are only signposts to a Kingdom that is both here and yet to come.

If you feel you are called to leadership that points to Jesus, then the Church needs you!

Derek (The Ven Derek Chedzey is Archdeacon of Hereford and Ludlow)

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FROM THE REGISTERS

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