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Editorial

The clocks go back one hour at 2.00am on Sunday, as we return to Greenwich Mean Time. This gives you an extra hour in bed to recover from the churchyard tidy-up on Saturday and plenty of time to get to the Benefice Eucharist on Sunday!

The bi-annual change in the clocks used to be accompanied by the tedious task of adjusting numerous timepieces on the Sunday morning. This usually meant that we then spent the next day or two translating between the 'old' and 'new' times, and experienced a feeling of jet lag without ever having left home.

These days, our phones, computers and other devices automatically make the change for us and it is only a few of the more traditional devices that need manual adjustment. This helps the process of resetting our body clocks but even so it can be an unsettling few days.

The switch from BST to GMT is entirely predictable – as are the comments we will all hear over the following days: "The evenings are so dark!" This is always uttered with an air of complete surprise, as if it has never happened before. And we all say it!

It is curious how this annual rearrangement of the clock catches us out every year and even with our devices doing most of the work for us, we are easily confused. No doubt at least one person will turn up for the Benefice Eucharist at 10.30am BST on Sunday and wonder why the church is so empty!

Cuppa & Chat

Wednesday 1st November



by Sue Hermon

Our next Cuppa & Chat will be held on Wednesday 1st November from 3.00pm to 4.30pm in Birlingham Village Hall. The cost is £2.50 per person and everyone is most welcome to come along for tea or coffee plus a cake or two and a chance to win our free Mystery Entry Prize!

For more information, or to request transport, please contact me on 01386 750096 or email sue.hermon@me.com.

Road Closure to Eckington

Saturday 28th October – Sunday 5th November



Eckington Bridge is now open again following the recent flooding.

However, the road beyond the bridge is due to be closed from Saturday 28th October until Sunday 5th November. This is to allow for carriageway resurfacing and to provide access to the new housing development. Access to Eckington village from Birlingham will be via Great Comberton.

Birlingham Churchyard – Autumn Tidy-Up

Saturday 28th October

by Pat Chinneck

Calling all villagers! The churchyard is in need of an autumn tidy-up. There are lots of jobs to be done so, if you would like to join us, please assemble in the churchyard on Saturday 28th October at 10.30am armed with secateurs, loppers etc. Depending on the number of volunteers, it shouldn't take more than a couple of hours, less hopefully. We want it looking at its best for the Benefice Service being held the following day, where we will be hosting visitors from Pershore Abbey, Pinvin and Wick.

Tea and coffee will be available, together with homemade cake!

For further information and registering your interest, please e-mail me on: patchinneck02@gmail.com.

St James' Church



Churchwarden: Adrianne Woodward (Tel. 01386 750936)

Future services at St James' Church are as follows:

* **Sunday 29th October** at 10.30am: St James' will be hosting the **Benefice Eucharist**. Pershore Abbey choir will sing and its new Interim Director of Music, Paul Trept, will be the organist.

  Also, we are hoping to have some of the Abbey bellringers, plus some of the Birlingham bellringers, to ring prior to the service. Canon Claire Lording will lead the service and Peter Stansbie will preach. It would be good to have as many Birlingham villagers as possible to swell the congregation.

* **Saturday 11th November** at 10.50am: An outside service, around the War Memorial, led by Peter Stansbie to commemorate **Remembrance Day**. Please be in place by 10.50am. Refreshments will be served in the church after the service. There will be **no service in St James' on Remembrance Sunday** but services will be held in Eckington and at Pershore Abbey.

Opening and closing the church

Nick Baskerville has kindly volunteered to open the church **daily from 9.30am until 4.30pm**. It is a big commitment for which I am extremely grateful.

For any general queries about church access, please contact me on 01386 750936.



(Left) Sunset over the Malverns, viewed from Gravelly Hill, 22nd October
(Photo: June Hiden)

(Below) View of the floods from Gravelly Hill, 21st October
(Photo: Nikki Hollier)





Views of the floods from Gravelly Hill, 21st October
(Photos: Nikki Hollier)



A Christmas Spectacular by Pershore Operatic & Dramatic Society (PODS)

Expect a non-stop extravaganza of song, dance, music, humour and variety. From Bing, Barlow and Bublé, Rod Stewart, Elvis and Ariana Grande. Alongside newer gems from Polar Express, Elf and A Christmas Story, there's something for everyone.

Discounts are available for group bookings.



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Dates for your diary

October

Sat 28	Churchyard Tidy-up, 10.30am, St James' Church
Sun 29	Benefice Eucharist, 10.30am, St James' Church

November

Wed 1	Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Sat 11	Remembrance Day Service, 10.50am, Village Green
Sun 12	Remembrance services at Eckington and Pershore Abbey
Wed 15	Birlingham Parish Council, 7.00pm, Birlingham Village Hall
Thu 16	Birlingham IW, 7.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall

December

Wed 6	Cuppa & Chat, 3.00–4.30pm, Birlingham Village Hall

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