

# CAYNHAM NEWS

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## Contact details (area code 01584 except where noted)

### \*Caynham Ashford Women's Institute (<https://sites.google.com/site/caynhamashfordwi/>)

Meets monthly 7.30pm 2nd Wednesday at alternate village halls

President	Mrs Christine King	876819	
Secretary	Mrs Jane van Duijvenvoorde	891396	janevanduij@gmail.com
Treasurer	Mrs Ann Morris	831692	

### \*Caynham & District Gardening Society (<http://caynhamgardening.blogspot.co.uk>)

Meets monthly 7.30pm 1st Tuesday Caynham Village Hall

Chairman	Mrs Christine King	876819	
Secretary	Mrs Jean Faulkner	879515	jeanmfaulkner@btinternet.com
Treasurer	Mrs Ann Morris	831692	

### \*Caynham Book Exchange

Meets monthly 11am 1st Monday Caynham Village Hall

Contact	Mrs Paula Spencer	875419	
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### Ashford & Caynham Butterflies Pre-school Playgroup

Every weekday in term time, 9am to 3pm Bishop Hooper CE Primary School

Committee Chair	Ms Julia Harmen		
Leader	Ms Leigh Turner	07779171674	

### \*Caynham Parish Council (<http://www.caynhampc.org.uk>)

Meets bimonthly 7pm 1st Monday usually Knowbury Memorial Hall, occasionally Caynham or Clee Hill Village Hall

Caynham Councillor	Mrs Barbara Ashford (Chairman)	874402	
County Councillor	Mr Richard Huffer	891215	richard.huffer@shropshire.gov.uk
Clerk	Mr Eric Williams	874661	cewilliams1@btinternet.com

### Caynham Walking Group

Meets monthly 2nd Saturday: walks are 4 to 6 miles starting about 10am. For details please contact Catherine Newcombe (891225 or [cathnewcombe@btinternet.com](mailto:cathnewcombe@btinternet.com)).

### \*Caynham Village Hall Committee (<http://www.caynham.eclipse.co.uk/vhall.html>)

Chairman	Dr David Faulkner	879515	davidjfaulkner@btinternet.com
Hall Bookings	Mrs Jean Faulkner	879515	jeanmfaulkner@btinternet.com

### St Mary's Church Caynham

Rector	Revd Lynn Money	831203	ashfordsrector@gmail.com
Churchwardens	Mrs Ann Reid	875519	
	Mr Stephen Ashford	874402	sjashford@hotmail.com

### Caynham Methodist Church

Minister in Charge	Revd Frances Biseker	01568 612406	
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### Friends of Bishop Hooper CE Primary School

Contact	Mrs Anna Gittins (Headmistress)	831110	
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\* currently Village Hall meetings are suspended due to Covid-19

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If you are organising anything and would like it to be listed here,  
please contact David Faulkner at least one month in advance.

## Village Hall status update

Under steps 1 and 2 of the government's Roadmap out of Lockdown, we are not allowed to host indoor events, so the Hall is currently closed. Step 3, due on May 17<sup>th</sup> if all the indicators are positive, will allow village halls to reopen, but the number of attendees will be limited – in our case to about 20. Strict hygiene and social distancing protocols will need to be in place. The Committee has only 4 members, two of whom are in the vulnerable category, so are unable to commit to the level of supervision this would entail. Regrettably, therefore, the Hall will remain closed during step 3. Step 4 is planned for June 21<sup>st</sup>, when restrictions will be eased further but it's not yet known what the new rules will be. We will keep the situation under review and hopefully will be able to reopen then.

## Road closures – advance notice

1. **Caynham Road between the Greete turn off and the Church** will be closed for surface dressing during April and May:

6 - 7 April 09.30 to 16.00 for preparatory work

29 April - 4 May 09.30 to 16.00 for surface dressing

20 - 24 May 09.00 to 16.00 for white line painting

Diversions will be in place via the A4117.

Shropshire Highways have issued the following advice to motorists:

- Drive carefully over the new surface to prevent damage to vehicles:
    - DRIVE AT LESS THAN 20MPH
    - KEEP YOUR DISTANCE
    - DO NOT OVERTAKE
  - A proprietary tar remover may remove accidental soiling on vehicles.
2. **Caynham Road between the A49 and the Ashford Carbonell turn off** from 11<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> May 09.30 to 14.30 "working days only".

Diversions will be in place via Sheet Road.

## The Ashfords Benefice Rector's Annual Report 2020

Well, what a year 2020 was! Our Benefice has survived and I think some of our Churches have become even more important to their local communities than ever. Many of our usual Church events have not been able to happen during the year, especially our fundraising events and the covid 19 Pandemic has seriously affected the finances of all of our Churches and the wider Diocese. However, having said that I am grateful to all those who have continued to support their local Churches and whilst most of our churches made a loss during the year, the deficit was not as great as we thought it might be.

During the first lockdown from March 2020 all of our Churches had to close and were not able to be open for Private Prayer or for services. When we were able to open again we had to put in place stringent covid 19 procedures and I am extremely grateful to all those who helped with this. 3 of our Churches, Caynham, Knowbury and Richards Castle, decided not to re-open, mainly due to small size and age of congregation. St Paul's Church Knowbury has since voted at its APCM in October 2020 to apply to the Diocese for closure and the process for that has now begun. All Saints Richards Castle also considered closure but has opted instead to become a Festival Church, which means that they have to have a minimum of 6 services per year (although it is likely that they will have more than that) and there will be a considerable emphasis on community involvement for those services. All Saints did open for services from September – December 2020. It is likely that St Mary's Caynham will also become a Festival Church during 2021.

St Andrews, Ashford Bowdler, St Mary Magdalene, Ashford Carbonel and St Giles Ludford churches did re-open for services (although these were initially reduced in number) and Ashford Carbonel and Ludford Churches were also open for private prayer. A second lockdown In November 2020 meant that all of our Churches had to close again for worship services.

I am extremely grateful to our Associate Minister, Nick Helm, our Readers Stephen Ashford and Stephen Treasure, our retired Priests and our Lay Leaders of Worship who have all helped to take services and occasional offices during the year, especially during the first part of 2020 when I was off sick for several weeks and then had to self isolate for the duration of the first lockdown. Sadly Stephen Treasure became unwell towards the end of the year but we understand that his treatment is going well and we continue to send him our love and prayers at this time.

In March 2020 we were delighted to welcome the new Bishop of Hereford Rt Revd Richard Jackson to the Diocese, although sadly the welcome celebrations that had been planned were not able to take place due to the Pandemic. We were also not

able to say goodbye in quite the way we would have wanted to, to the Bishop of Ludlow, Rt Revd Alistair Magowan, who retired in 2020. After a consultation process took place within the Diocese it was agreed that the Bishop of Ludlow would not be replaced but instead a full time Archdeacon of Ludlow would be appointed and Revd Fiona Gibson will be taking up this post from April 2021.

Most of our weddings and baptisms were postponed in 2020, although 1 wedding went ahead at St Giles in August. It is hoped that all of the events that had to be postponed will be able to take place in 2021.

Whilst our Churches were closed for Worship services we were able to produce an order of Service and a sermon each week that were emailed out to a large number of people and one of our churches encouraged it's members to say the service at the same time each week, so that they could feel that they were worshipping with others.

Our Thrive group has continued to meet although sadly the Diocese decided not to continue the course, as one group had to pull out. We continue to look at ways in which we can be more united as a Benefice, although the number of meetings we have been able to hold have been somewhat curtailed by the Pandemic. The hope is that we will be able to meet more frequently during 2021.

Sadly in November 2020 one of our Church members, Christine Parry lost her fight against cancer and she will be greatly missed not just at Ashford Carbonel Church where she worshipped regularly but throughout the benefice as she supported all of our Churches by attending Benefice services and fundraising events.

Whilst 2020 has been a challenging year, we are grateful to God for the many blessings He has showered upon us as a Benefice and we continue to pray for God's blessing upon us as we seek to further the work of bringing in His Kingdom.

*Lynn Money, March 2021*

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