



June 2025 Elkstonians' Village Newsletter



Margaret's Meanderings...

I was up on the Roaches a couple of weeks ago & was happy to see that the run of glorious weather which we had early in May had enabled a hay field to be mown already, as well as bringing on the may blossom in our own valley.



At the bottom of the clough behind the wall by the bridge, ramsons (wild garlic) are flourishing & if you look hard enough you can see violets as well, at the side of the road nearby. And in the field behind the school, a large patch of increasingly rare white meadow saxifrage is blooming, not to be confused with the pink/lavender-coloured ladysmock, which is flowering nearby, but which is taller & has a multiple petalled head.



Coffee Morning

We had a very pleasant gathering for our coffee morning on Saturday May 10th, enjoying a good natter & a lovely selection cakes & goodies *BUT* there were only five of us (!) so we're thinking that maybe this is not the sort of event that people want.

If so, we would really welcome your ideas for the sort of event that you would like to see happening in the future.

Diary Dates—St John's Church

This month's service will be the Flower Festival Service on Sunday 15th at 7.00pm.

Cleaning & Flowers for June – Myrtle Alcock



Flower Festival "Old Sayings" 13th-15th June

The Flower festival will take place over three days, Friday to Sunday, 10.30am to 5.00pm, with refreshments, a raffle & a tombola. On the final evening, the Flower Festival Service at 7.00pm will be accompanied by Ashbourne Town Band, following which there will be the usual band concert in church, with refreshments outside. It's always a very enjoyable evening with friends & neighbours and all are most welcome.



Myrtle Alcock will welcome prizes for both the raffle & tombola, which can be left in the front porch of Townhead House, Lower Elkstone, or please ring her if you need them to be collected.

THIS YEAR WE NEED EXTRA HELP—PLEASE!!

Owing to ill health among our usual stalwart team of helpers, we are going to be very short-handed over the weekend, so we would welcome firm commitments from anyone who is able to give time to help out, by manning the refreshments or tombola or raffle over any or all of the three days of the weekend, during the 10.30 to 12.30; 12.30 to 2.30 and 2.30 to 5.00 slots. We need other people to please step up and give a hand & will be very grateful indeed 😊

Please let Myrtle know if you can fill any of the slots 01538 304225



We were very shocked & saddened to hear of the sudden death on Friday 9th May of the Reverend Prebendary John Baines.

Father John served us well as our vicar during the last few years of his ministry. We will remember him for the thoughtfulness & kindness that he brought to his work among us & we send our deepest sympathy & heartfelt condolences to his family. Father John's funeral service will take place at Longnor Church on Friday 13th June at 1.30pm followed by burial in Sheen churchyard. Any donations will be divided between the churches in the Benefice.

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Read Bishop Michael's
tribute to Father John
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