

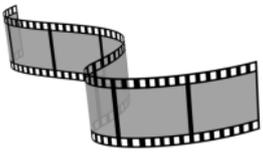


Hop Parishes News

**November
2025**

**The Newsletter for the communities of:
Ashperton | Bosbury | Canon Frome
Munsley | Stretton Grandison
Stoke Edith | Tarrington | Yarkhill**





“MR BURTON” Cert 12A 2025

on Friday November 14th 2025 in Bosbury Parish Hall at 7:30pm



TOBY JONES HARRY LAWTEY LESLEY MANVILLE

MR. BURTON

Biographical Drama

Mr. Burton tells the true story of Port Talbot schoolmaster Philip Burton (Toby Jones) and wild young schoolboy Richard Jenkins (Harry Lawtey), the son of a wayward drunk. Richard dreamed of becoming an actor, but his ambitions were in danger of being derailed by a combination of family trouble, the pressure of war, and his own lack of discipline. Mr. Burton recognised the raw talent in his pupil, becoming his tutor, strict taskmaster and eventually his adoptive father. His own frustrated dreams of the theatre were poured into the bright young miner's son.

The Times..... 'It's a bold movie that tries to find a feelgood drama in the life of Richard Burton, but such is the pitch of this tender biopic.'



Wine & Nibbles available on the night

Entrance £6



Music at Bosbury 2025

Dates for your diary

All concerts feature the legendary Bosbury refreshments!

Saturday November 8th at 7:30pm

Folk at the Fold

present

A Celebration of Winter

Open mic first half - local performers are welcome to share music, song, poetry.....

In Bosbury Parish Hall

Performers please contact Esther Kay 01531 670634

Sunday December 7th at 3:00pm

Vital Spark

We welcome back the renowned West Gallery music choir with instruments to present a Christmas programme in jolly Thomas Hardy style.

BOSBURY CAFÉ CHURCH

Sunday November 16th at 9:45 for coffee and toast etc.

Service at 10:30am

Café Church is a quiet relaxed service, where we sit around the café tables at the back of the church rather than in the pews. If a formal church service isn't for you this might be the answer. It's become a very welcoming space where we can share our news, ponder on the place of faith in today's world and the things that affect our lives.

All of the family are welcome.

We'll be reading a Bible story, sharing our thoughts, singing some songs, saying some prayers.

This week we're making decorations for our festival Christmas Tree.

Hope to see you there!



Join Almost 4,000 People in Legal Claim Over Impacts of River Pollution

Thousands of people have joined a legal claim over negative impacts they have suffered as a result of river pollution.

The claim includes people living in regions near the rivers Wye, Lugg and Usk, who say they have experienced negative effects on their business and/or personal lives due to the deteriorating state of the rivers.

If you feel you have also been impacted, you may be able to join the claim.

Who can join?

The claim is open to people in the region who say they have been impacted by river pollution in a number of ways.

The rivers have historically been popular locations for a variety of riverside hobbies including wild swimming, fishing and canoeing, which residents say have now been disrupted.

Others in the region say they have been impacted financially. These include those with properties near the river which have reduced in value, and people affected by a building ban (moratorium) on properties near the River Lugg – in place due to high nutrient levels in the ground.

It is also argued that businesses such as fisheries, hotels, pubs and car parks have suffered financial setbacks as a result of the river's deteriorated state.

People experiencing these kinds of negative effects can contact Leigh Day to see if they are eligible to join the claim.

Who is the claim against?

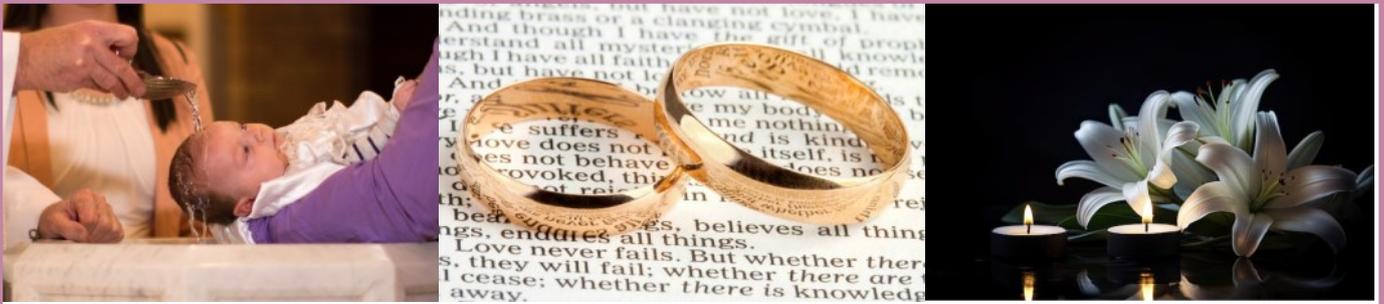
The claim is being brought against the Avara Foods poultry group and Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water.

Avara Foods poultry group manages a majority of the largescale poultry operations in the River Wye region. It is alleged that chicken manure from these operations, which is high in phosphorus, leaches into the river causing algal blooms, which damages the state of the river.

Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water manages sewage for the entire region, and it is alleged that sewage spills have also harmed the condition of rivers across the region.

To join the claim or find out more, visit: www.leighday.co.uk/riverwyeclaim.





WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME ALL OF THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITIES WHO WISH TO MARK LIFE EVENTS IN ANY OF OUR EIGHT HOP CHURCHES

To enquire about baptisms, weddings or funerals

please contact Revd Mandy Williams

07780 586846 or mandy.williams@hopchurches.org.uk

A LETTER FROM LINDE

Dear Friends,

November and darker days seem to have arrived quickly this year. As the days draw in and the nights are longer, it is easy to think of the month as being one for remembering.

After all, we have Remembrance Day, All Saints and All Souls, with prayers for remembering loved ones we have lost. This time of remembrance can bring to the fore deep feelings in our hearts and minds - of past joys as well as the pain of loss. I write this, having just watched the release of Israeli hostages after two years of cruel imprisonment. The joy mingled with grief of those captives released as they hugged their families was indeed moving. It felt almost too intrusive to watch as the cameras focused on them. And of course, our hearts grieve for those who will never come home to their families.

Many churches choose to have a Service of Light at All Souls- surely a better response to celebrating the darkness associated with Hallowe'en. We light candles as a sign of remembering, a sign of God's light. We say a prayer for a special person we have lost, perhaps that they are out of all pain and are now basking in the glorious light of heaven.

In our monthly 'Bringing in the Light' service, we too light candles as a reminder that in God, there is no darkness, as we place our churches, villages and land and indeed, our world, in God's light and in His loving care.

These are dark times when we may well feel our own light is very small or insignificant - but when we share the light with others, the light is doubled. Together, we make a difference!

Every blessing

Linde



You are warmly invited to...

Bosbury Brew Cafe

Every Tuesday
@12:00 – 2:30pm
In Bosbury Church

Homemade Soup with Bread Rolls
Toasted Sandwiches
Cakes and Scones
Tea and Coffee

Everyone Welcome
Donations only!



TREE OF LIGHTS

*Remember a loved one this
Christmas Season, sponsor a
light in their memory.*

**Bosbury Parish Hall
Sunday 30th November
at 4.00pm**

Reserve a light before November 24th and
we will be able to record the names of your
loved ones. The baubles will be blessed
and placed amongst the lights in the trees
outside the Parish Hall.

Contact:
Liz Clutterbuck (01531 640415)



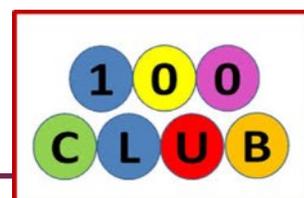
BOSBURY 100+ CLUB

October Prize Winners

1 st	£20	B Brookes	(80)
2 nd	£10	J Croshaw	(57)
3 rd	£5	P Thomas	(54)
	£5	S Sharples	(96)
	£5	C Cooke	(64)

Jeremy Croshaw

Club Organiser



WERNER VON BRAUN'S V-2: THE MISSILE THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

The November of 1944 was during the peak of the Nazi assault on London with its V-2 rocket.

The V-2 rocket, or Vergeltungswaffe 2 (“Vengeance Weapon 2”), was the world’s first long-range guided ballistic missile and a technological marvel of its time. Developed by Nazi Germany during World War II, it marked a pivotal moment in both military history and, later, the dawn of space exploration.

Designed by a team led by Wernher von Braun, the V-2 was powered by a liquid-fuel engine using ethanol and liquid oxygen. It stood 14 meters tall, weighed over 12,000 kilograms, and could deliver a 1,000-kilogram warhead over a range of 320 kilometres. Upon launch, it reached speeds exceeding 5,700 km/h and altitudes up to 88 kilometres, making it the first human-made object to cross into space by breaching the Kármán line in 1944.

The rocket was deployed in retaliation for Allied bombings of German cities. Beginning in September 1944, over 3,000 V-2s were launched against targets including London, Antwerp, and Liège, causing the deaths of approximately 9,000 civilians and military personnel. Its supersonic speed meant it struck, faster than the sound barrier, without warning—no sirens, no defence, just sudden devastation.

Civilians described the experience as deeply unsettling. There were no air raid sirens, no time to seek shelter—just sudden explosions that levelled buildings and lives. As one Londoner recalled, “You never knew if the next step you took would be your last.” Prime Minister Winston Churchill even remarked that the suspense and strain caused by the V-weapons were more intense than during the Blitz.

Despite this, the British public showed remarkable resilience. The government and media worked to maintain morale, often downplaying the effectiveness of the rockets and emphasizing British strength and unity. Public displays, like the postwar exhibition of a captured V-2 in Trafalgar Square, were used to reclaim the narrative and celebrate survival.

Yet the V-2’s legacy is deeply paradoxical. While it was a weapon of terror, its development laid the groundwork for modern rocketry. After the war, both the United States and the Soviet Union raced to capture V-2 technology and personnel. Von Braun and many of his colleagues surrendered to the Americans and were later instrumental in the U.S. space program, including the development of the rocketry that took humans to the Moon.

So while the V-2 was a terrifying weapon, it ultimately failed in its goal to break British morale. If anything, it steeled the resolve of Londoners, who endured the attacks with a mix of stoicism, defiance, and dark humour.

And years later American singer and songwriter Tom Lehrer would write, and sing....

Gather 'round while I sing you of Wernher von Braun

A man whose allegiance

Is ruled by expedience

"Once the rockets are up, who cares where they come down?

That's not my department!" says Wernher von Braun.

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

YARKHILL

SAVE OUR MONUMENT!



The Reverend Francis Stedman was the incumbent here for 47 years in the 17th Century and his son Fabian, 'The Father of Change Ringing' was baptised at St. John the Baptist Yarkhill in 1640.

In 1712 the antiquarian, James Hill, visited Yarkhill and recorded 'In the Churchyard stands a handsome freestone altar monument in memory of Francis Stedman Minister of this parish'

Yarkhill PCC is launching a project to preserve this aged memorial to Francis Stedman before constant weathering causes its wording to disappear for ever.

We are fortunate in having a transcript and translation of this 'handsome stone' and can provide further to information to anyone with an interest.

Contact: The Vicar, Churchwarden or Treasurer for further information.

Yarkhill's Organ

Yarkhill is unique amongst many small rural churches in having a well admired organ, still very much in use since its installation in 1868..... that was until recently.

Anyone in the vicinity of Yarkhill Church during the first week of September may have been startled by space-suited figures at the church removing a wooden box. The box, which had housed the organ blower mechanism since it replaced hand pumping in the 1950s, began to disintegrate. Severe woodworm damage affected the blower mechanism and, of course, the box was lined with asbestos - standard practice when it was manufactured. As a matter of urgency, it was disconnected from the organ and arrangements were made for its safe removal and disposal; thereby followed a large bill.

Fortunately, the blower mechanism itself was able to be saved and, after specialised cleaning to eliminate any possible hazard, it will be housed in a new, asbestos-free replica box.

Normal function was resumed well before our Harvest Service. In the meantime we were full of praise for both Pauline and Vinny who stoically hand pumped the organ continuing to provide music for our services.

But that is not the end of the Organ story.....the organ is beginning to 'move'. Like many of our churches we have a raised wooden floor beneath the pews extending beneath the organ. The extreme weather conditions that we have been experiencing has caused the wooden flooring to contract hence creating movement in the organ. Sadly, this is clear to see.

The Organ Builders who tune the instrument advise that within a very short time period; to avert further damage even ultimate collapse, we will need to dismantle the organ to replace the floor with a solid structure before reassembling the organ. A major project.

It looks as though Yarkhill will need an Organ Restoration fund before too long.

HOLY TRINITY BOSBURY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

We will be inviting all the village groups who took part last time to decorate a tree again, and new participants are very welcome.

Please contact Alison Young 01531 640611 or any PCC member if you would like to be involved.

The trees will be installed and ready to be decorated on Saturday December 13th.

The official opening, with mince pies, mulled wine and carols is at 3pm on Sunday December 14th.

BOSBURY WI

When? 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30pm Where? in Bosbury Parish Hall

Thursday, November 13th at 7:30pm in Bosbury Parish Hall

TALK & DEMONSTRATION: 'Bulb Lasagne – planting indoor bulbs'



Visitors are most welcome

If you would like further information about Bosbury WI,
please contact the Secretary on 01531 641982

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INSPIRING WOMEN

TRUMPET PLOUGHING MATCH 2025

Marking its 80th year the Trumpet and District Ploughing Match took place in October and was held near Bromyard, hosted by David and Sue Watts. A great site with panoramic views of the Malvern Hills the Match was yet again a spectacle. With both horses and tractors ploughing the event was well attended and blessed with good weather prior to storm Amy. As well as 78 Tractors ploughing there was the spectacle of 771 entries in the Domestic Section with classes as diverse as cakes & pastries, handicraft, photography and produce. Children's classes were well supported including entries from schools with four schools attending on the day to add to the vibrant atmosphere. Classes also included: Crop/Grain Samples, Commercial Egg, Hops and the West of England Fruit Show for Apples, Cider Apples and Pears. A Trumpet Ploughing Match would not be complete however without the legendary roast lunch served by Elaine's Kitchen.

On Sunday prior to the Match the Society held a celebratory lunch attended by over 150 people. To further mark the occasion, lunch was preceded by the Annual Plough Service, held in the tent rather than in the local Church. Conducted by Rev. Steven Baggs from the Frome Valley Group and accompanied by Acton Beauchamp Organist Tony Wallis the service included the blessing of the Plough using water taken from the River Frome.

This year we are celebrating our 80th Match. Over the years we have had regular competitors from as far as Aberdeen, Penzance and the Isle of Wight. The match depends entirely on the generosity of donors of which we have been very fortunate. Last year's Tractor Run raised £3,511 for St. Michael's Hospice.

The Trumpet Match is recognised as one of the best one-day ploughing events in the country as witnessed by the number of ploughmen who travel long distances to attend and all say how much they enjoy the day topped by the fantastic meal that Elaine of Elaine's Kitchen, puts on. One annual visitor who comes up from Somerset remarked "How that lady can put on a meal like that as good as my wife in the middle of a muddy field I shall never know".

Christmas Tractor & Car Run

The next Trumpet event is the Christmas Charity Tractor Run on Saturday 13 December starting from Baddy Marsh Farm, Lower Eggleton. Tractors leave at 4.30 pm to travel through Bishops Frome, Bromyard, Stoke Lacy and Burley Gate and back to Baddy Marsh for Fish and Chips. Santa will stop in Bromyard to collect letters and donations can be made along the way which will go to local Charities.

Fish and chip van serving food afterwards

Raffle tickets available



Prize for best decorated vehicle



ST BARTHOLOMEW'S ASHPERTON



November Services

Our regular Sunday services can be found on the centrefold of this newsletter

On Sunday 9 November our regular 9.30 service will have a remembrance theme.

Please come to remember those who gave so much for us in the wars.



CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2025

ASHPERTON VILLAGE HALL 10AM TO 12 NOON

We welcome everyone to support our effort to raise much needed funds for our Church



CHRISTMAS STALLS

CAKES

RAFFLE

AND MUCH MORE



Cleaning

On the second Thursday of each month, at about 10am, we meet in the Church to do some cleaning. This does not take long but it is a job which is better shared. Maybe you could polish some brass or run a duster round the pews.

All help is much appreciated.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 29 November 10am – 12 noon – Christmas Coffee Morning in the Village Hall

Sat 20 December – Christmas decorating in the Church – come and lend a hand

Sunday 21 December 3pm – Carol Service – Everyone Welcome

BOSBURY PLAYERS

Upcoming Production:

Jane Austen's NORTHANGER ABBEY

For this year's production, Bosbury Players is staging *Northanger Abbey*, a play based on the well-known novel by Jane Austen. With a script adapted by Tim Luscombe, the play is a wonderful evocation of life in Regency England.

The play dramatises the dancing and society of life in Bath in the early 19th century together with the gothic setting of Northanger Abbey itself. All told through the story of Catherine Morland, her vivid imagination and her desire to find love. Director Alan Soper said, "The play is a wonderful opportunity to showcase beautiful period costumes and dance scenes as well as the strange mysteries that may lurk behind the shadows and spookiness of the Abbey itself". Live music for the show is in the hands of a trio led by Philip Bellamy, with dance choreography by Karon Earp.

A cast of seventeen will take to the stage in Bosbury Parish Hall for the opening night on Wednesday 26th November with performances running each night until Saturday 29th November, all starting at 7:30pm. Tickets cost £15 and will be available from Jean Colley jean_colley@btinternet.com as well as from The Bell Inn, Bosbury and, of course, members of the cast. Tickets on the door (subject to availability).

This year marks the 250th since the birth of Jane Austen in 1775; a perfect time to bring to the stage the wonderful story of *Northanger Abbey*.



The evening includes a bar and a chance to win prizes in our raffle.

BOSBURY ORGAN NEWS

We had a splendid **Organ Open Day** on Sunday September 7th when we welcomed visitors from all over the Diocese and beyond. People were able to have a go on our unique and historic organ. Roger Allen gave an interesting talk about its capabilities. We were very pleased to hear a recital by Andrew Caskie, Managing Director of Nicholson Organ builders, who look after the instrument for us. The exhibition about the history of the organ is still on display in the church and contains many interesting details. Thank you to the refreshment team, as always!

The day ended with a Choral Evensong sung by Refugium Chamber Choir, directed by Simon Harper and accompanied by Roger Allen.

Donations on the day to the Organ Restoration Fund totalled £500.

THANK YOU to The Bell, Bosbury, for their very generous donation of £150 from their last Quiz Night for the Organ Fund. This is very much appreciated!



A Service of Remembering and Thanksgiving for All Souls' Tide



Holy Trinity Church, Bosbury
Sunday 2nd November 2025 at 3pm



*All are welcome at this service to remember
and give thanks
for the lives of those dear to us.*

We hope everyone will stay for tea and cakes after the service.

The Garden in November

Winter is with us, colder and darker, time to put the garden to bed and think of next year, but still plenty of tidying up to do. As the leaves fall from the trees, gather them up, this not only prevents slugs/snails from overwintering but the leaf mould is also a magic ingredient for the soil. I am told that hornbeam, oak and alder rot down in a year, whilst horse and sweet chestnut, sycamore and beech may take longer. Shredding or mowing helps breakdown.

In the Flower Garden

There are so many bulbs in the gardens centres now; you may have already planted daffodils, but it's still not too late. November is the best month to plant Tulips: find a sunny spot in the garden or in pots and plant twice the bulb depth. Wallflowers can be planted in between for spring colour and scent.

Climbing roses can be pruned in November. Try to trim off much of the annual growth, cut out old, woody stems, (unless there is only one!) then bend down and tie in remaining branches to their wall/framework. The theory is if you bend and stress the stem it will flower better the following year. Other roses can be pruned lightly now to avoid wind rock over winter, which loosens the roots, then again in late winter.

How were your sweet peas this year? Mine were dismal (too hot?) but I do love their colour and fragrance so I will try again, sowing them in good compost in the greenhouse, then into the cold frame until spring. Tender Cannas were better; as with Dahlias, I will be lifting Dahlias and drying off the Cannas in their pots and storing frost free until spring.

In the Fruit Garden

Weren't the strawberries and raspberries good this year? Now is time to tidy up; cut off old strawberry leaves and runners and weed well; cut back old canes of summer fruiting raspberries and tie in the new ones which will fruit next year. **Mulching the base and a sprinkle of potash fertiliser will give more fruit next year. New bare-root raspberry and currant plants can also be planted.**

Apple and pears can now start to be pruned, removing any dead or crossing branches, cutting neatly where branches have broken to avoid disease. Do not prune any stone fruit now, this should only be done in midsummer.

For next year, put grease bands around the trunks of fruit trees to combat the crawling female winter moth; these hatch this month and crawl up fruit trees to mate with males. The caterpillars hatch in spring to eat flower buds and leaves. If you have stored some fruit, check over regularly for rotting.

In the Vegetable Garden

Plenty to do!! Pull up climbing Runner and French beans, store cleaned canes in the dry or they deteriorate; sow hardy Broad beans e.g. Aquadulche; check Potatoes in store for rotting caused by blight; plant Garlic, as it needs a spell of cold to grow well in Spring.

I also like to inspect brassica now for whitefly and spray with soap solution, re-stake if needed and tidy away old leaves and of course it's time to start winter digging, incorporating well rotted manure if you can get some.

A thought for next year: if you are new to 'grow your own', next November you could be picking spinach & chard, cabbage & kale, pulling leeks, parsnips, carrots, beetroot, baking squash from store - what a feast! So much to enjoy and be thankful for!

BOSBURY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

On **Sunday November 2nd** we meet at 3pm for our **All Souls Day Service** to name and remember loved ones and to light candles.

Contact Rev. Nicky Seabright with names 01531 640252.

Tea & Cake to follow.

Saturday November 8th FOLK FROM THE FOLD at Bosbury Parish Hall at 7.30pm.
Tickets £10 to include refreshments.

Presenting a Celebration of Winter. The first half of the evening is an open mic session for any local performers to sing/play/share a poem.

Contact Esther Kay 01531 670634.

Sunday November 9th REMEMBRANCE DAY

BCP Communion at 9.30am

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE 10.45am

Saturday November 15th Pre Christmas COFFEE MORNING 10am - 12 noon
Bosbury Parish Hall

Sunday November 16th Café Church 09,45 for 10,30

Making decorations for our Café Church Christmas Tree. All welcome.

Sunday November 30th TREE OF LIGHTS at Bosbury Parish Hall 4pm

Sunday December 14th CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL LAUNCH 3pm

BOSBURY CHURCH CHOIR

Do you love to sing?

New members of all ages are always welcome to our small and friendly choir. We sing at services in Bosbury Church most weeks and on special occasions. We are preparing for Remembrance, Advent and Christmas with lots of wonderful music.

Choir Practice takes place every Wednesday
in church at 6.30pm.

Contact Esther Kay 01531 670634



NOVEMBER 2025 SERVICES

	2 nd November	9 th November
	All Saints Day	Remembrance Sunday
Readings	Daniel 7.1-3,15-18 Ephesians 1.11-23 Luke 6.20-31 Psalm 149	Job 19.23-27a 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5,13-17 Luke 20.27-38 Psalm 17.1-9
Ashperton	Joint service with Stretton Grandison	9:30 Remembrance Communion
Bosbury	3:00pm All Souls	9:30 BCP Parish Communion 10:45 Act of Remembrance
Canon Frome	11:00 CW Parish Communion	
Munsley		10:45 Remembrance Service
Stoke Edith	Joint Service with Yarkhill	
Stretton Grandison	9:30 BCP Parish Communion (joined by Ashperton)	
Tarrington	Joint Service with Yarkhill	10:45 Remembrance Service
Yarkhill	11:00 CW Parish Communion (joined by Stoke Edith and Tarrington)	

Bosbury Sunday Services

Our regular pattern of church services:

- 1st Sunday Evening Prayer (often sung Evensong) at 6pm
- 2nd Sunday Parish Communion at 11am
- 3rd Sunday Café Church at 9.45 for 10.30am
- 4th Sunday Sung Parish Communion at 9.30am

Thursday Weekday CW Morning Prayer

9:00am in Bosbury



BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

Our next service will be at
Ashperton on
Thursday 6th November at
6pm

*Do come and
join us for a
time of quiet
prayer*

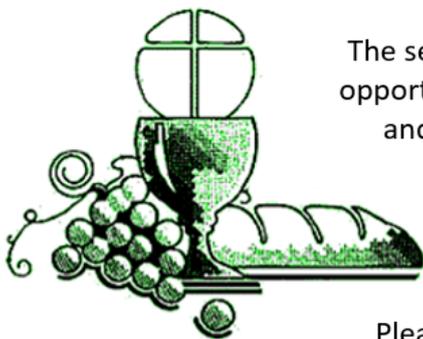


	16 th November	23 rd November	30 th November
	2 nd Sunday before Advent	Christ the King	1 st Sunday of Advent
Readings	Malachi 4.1-2a 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13 Luke 21.5-19 Psalm 98	Jeremiah 23.1-6 Colossians 1.11-20 Luke 23.33-43 Psalm 46	Isaiah 2.1-5 Romans 13.11-14 Matthew 24.36-44 Psalm 122
Ashperton	9:30 CW Parish Communion	9:30 BCP Parish Communion	All Together Yarkhill Parish Communion 9:00am 5th Sunday Service 10:30am
Bosbury	9:45 for 10:30 Café Church	9:30 CW Parish Communion	
Canon Frome			
Munsley		9:30 CW Parish Communion	
Stoke Edith	Joint Service with Yarkhill		
Stretton Grandison			
Tarrington	9:30 Morning Worship	11:00 CW Parish Communion	
Yarkhill	11:00 Morning Worship with memorial (joined by Stoke		

Weekday Communion

The Hop Churches hold a weekday service of Holy Communion in

Tarrington Church
every **Wednesday Morning**
at **10am**



The service is followed by refreshments and an opportunity to spend time together with friends and neighbours from across the benefice.

A warm welcome is extended to everyone

Please get in touch with Revd Mandy Williams if you require further information or assistance.

07780 586846

mandy.williams@hopchurches.org.uk

LOCAL SERVICES

For a future free from Domestic Abuse

West Mercia Women's Aid are here to support you if you are living with domestic abuse

Support for Women:

WMWA 24 hour Helpline: 0800 783 1359

Email: helpline@wmwa.org.uk

LiveChat: Available Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm

Support for Men:

Men's Domestic Abuse 24 hour Helpline: 0800 014 9082

Email: mdas@wmwa.org.uk

LiveChat: Available Monday – Friday 9:00am – 9:00pm

www.westmerciawomensaid.org



Ledbury Food Bank

Unit 1, Homend Trading Estate, Ledbury HR8 1AR (next to Ledbury Train Station)

We are open 10am to 12 noon every Wednesday and Friday and 6pm to 8pm every Thursday evening.

Contacts:

You can telephone us during opening hours on 07851 283092

Email—FOOD@LEDBURYFOODBANK.ORG

www.LEDBURYFOODBANK.ORG

Donate Food and Toiletries:

Donation trolleys are in Tesco, the Co-Op and One Stop. Also Ledbury Food Bank during opening hours, most churches, Halo Leisure Ledbury and Leadon Bank.

Volunteer:

The foodbank is run entirely by unpaid volunteers who passionately believe that no one should go hungry, please email for further information.

Bosbury Post Office

Bosbury Parish Hall, Ledbury HR8 1PX

The mobile Post Office sets up in the foyer of Bosbury Parish Hall every Tuesday afternoon between 15:00 and 16:45 providing the following key services:

Everyday Personal & Business Banking:

Cash Withdrawals; Cash Deposits; Cheque Deposits

Driving:

Vehicle Tax

Travel:

Foreign Currency – Euros Available

Travel Insurance

National Express – Tickets



WE ARE FARMING MINDS



We are Farming Minds registered charity has been set up by farmers for farmers to tackle mental health in the farming community within Herefordshire.

How can we help?

24 Hour Support Line:

We run a **FREE 24 hour Support Line 7 days a week** for farmers and their families within Herefordshire who are feeling distressed and need someone to talk to anonymously.

Counselling:

We provide **fully funded counselling to anyone in the Herefordshire farming community** who may be in emotional distress.

Training:

We offer **FREE mental health awareness training** to anyone living or working in or with the farming community in Herefordshire.

Social Events:

We run a series of **FREE social events throughout the year** to break the isolation often felt by the farming community in Herefordshire.

Befriending:

Befriending volunteers offer companionship and support to people who are isolated and lonely – they may visit you at home and/or phone for a regular chat. A befriender can offer conversation and a listening ear to those that need it.



'Taking the bull by the horns'
to tackle Mental Health in
the farming community

Call our Support Line:

0808 802 0070

Or text:

07786 203 130

General enquiries: wearefarmingminds@gmail.com

www.wearefarmingminds.co.uk

Registered charity number: 1191461

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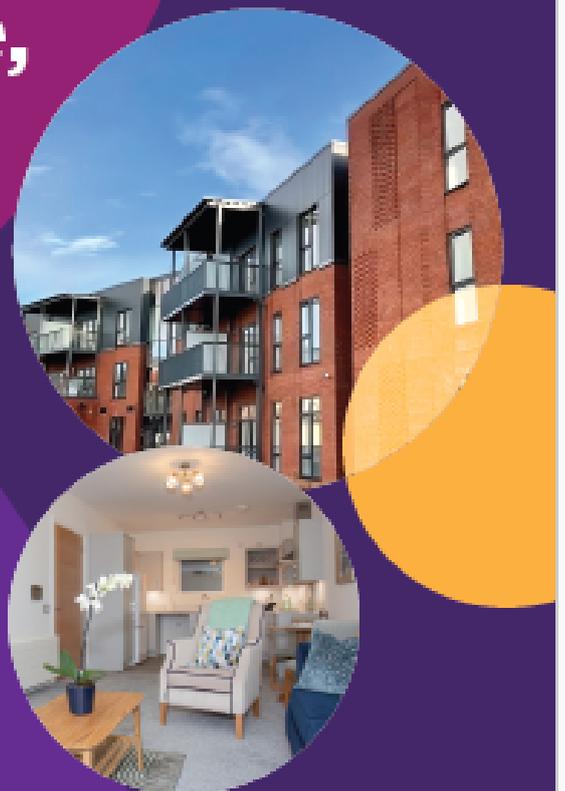
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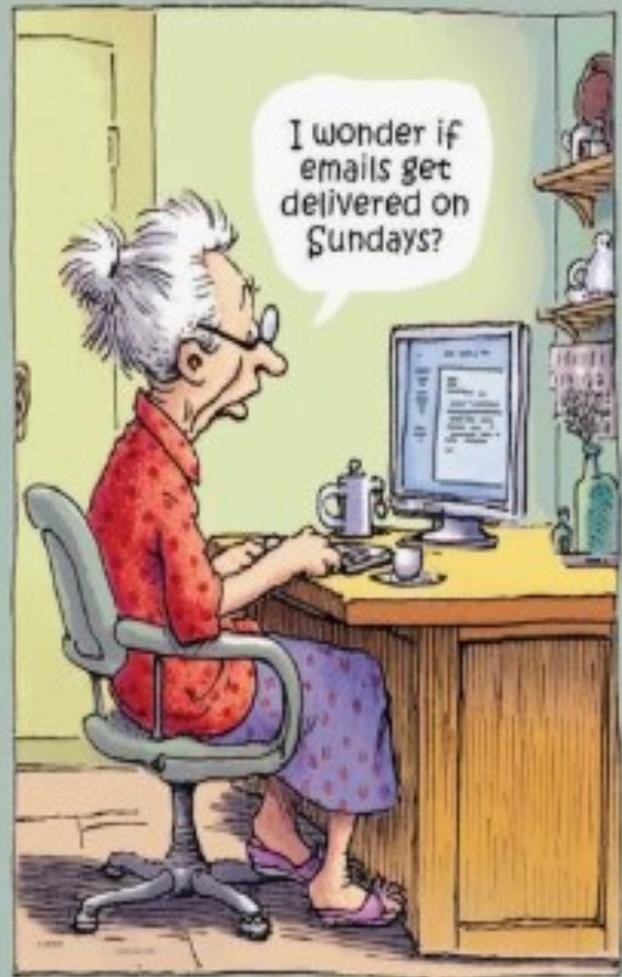
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Bosbury & Coddington	06/11/25	7:30pm	Bosbury Parish Hall	1 st Thursday of each month excluding January and August
Pixley & District incl. Munsley	10/11/25	7:30pm	Munsley Community Hall	Bi-monthly on the second Monday of the month
Stretton Grandison Group incl. Canon Frome	17/11/25	7:30pm	St James Church Canon Frome	Bi-monthly on the third Monday of the month
Stoke Edith	TBC	TBC	Lady Emily Community Hall	Twice yearly or as needed
Tarrington	10/11/25	TBC	Lady Emily Community Hall	Bi-monthly on the second Monday of the month
Yarkhill	Nov TBC	TBC	TBC	Bi-monthly on a Tuesday

A Poem for November

It's wonderful to have this poem by John Freeman celebrating November skies when it is tempting to succumb to the pervasive greyness and ignore "*The loveliest/faint purple flushes of the unvanquished sun.*"

November Skies

Than these November skies
 Is no sky lovelier. The clouds are deep;
 Into their grey the subtle spies
 Of colour creep,
 Changing that high austerity to delight,
 Till ev'n the leaden interfolds are bright.
 And, where the cloud breaks, faint far azure peers
 'Ere a thin flushing cloud again
 Shuts up that loveliness, or shares.
 The huge great clouds move slowly, gently, as
 Reluctant the quick sun should shine in vain,
 Holding in bright caprice their rain.
 And when of colours none,
 Not rose, nor amber, nor the scarce late green,
 Is truly seen, --
 In all the myriad grey,
 In silver height and dusky deep, remain
 The loveliest,
 Faint purple flushes of the unvanquished sun.



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