



Hop Parishes News

December 2025

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



A decorative border of holly leaves and red berries surrounds the text. The leaves are green with white veins, and the berries are bright red.

Christmas 2025

at Holy Trinity Bosbury

SUNDAY 7th at 3:00pm - Vital Spark Concert

SUNDAY 7th at 6:00pm - Evensong

SUNDAY 14th 11:00am - Parish Communion

**SUNDAY 14th at 3:00pm - Christmas Tree
Festival Launch**

FRIDAY 19th at 6:30pm - CAROL SERVICE

**SUNDAY 21st at 9:45am for 10:30am -
Café Church with Christingle Workshop**

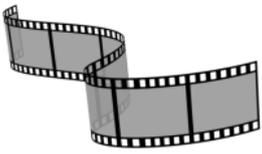
CHRISTMAS EVE at 4:00pm - Christingle Service

CHRISTMAS EVE at 11:30pm - Midnight Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY at 10:00am - Family Service

**SUNDAY 28th at 10:30am - Benefice Parish
Communion**

**BOSBURY BREW - Tuesday 2nd, 9th and 16th,
with Christmas draw on the 16th**



“BLACK BAG” Cert 15 2025

on Friday December 12th 2025 in Bosbury Parish Hall at 7:30pm



Kathryn (Cate Blanchett) and George (Michael Fassbender) are a married couple who work together in the Secret Intelligence Service. Their overall boss Arthur Stieglitz, is played by Pierce Brosnan. George is tasked with discovering who has leaked an important security device to the Russians. He and Kathryn host a dinner party for the suspects, who are to be covertly fed a truth drug in the chana masala.

But what if Kathryn, to whom George is devoted, is the rat?

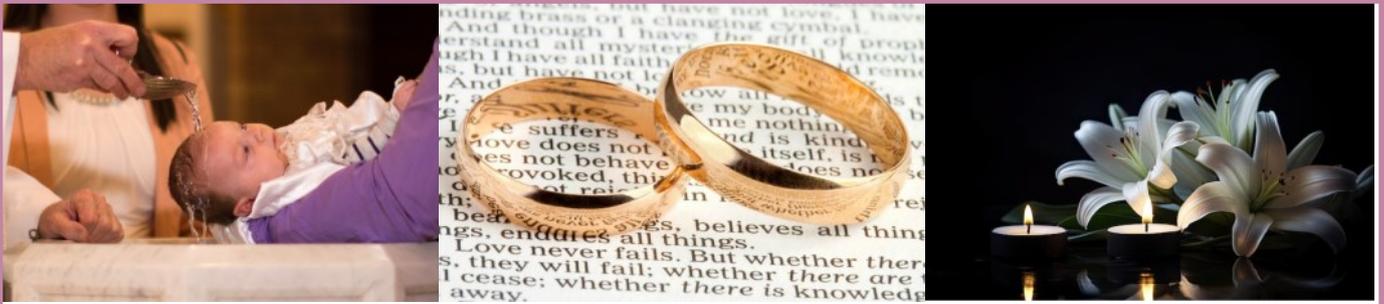
The Independent..... ‘Immensely pleasurable’



Wine & Nibbles available on the night

Entrance £6





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

An Advent and Christmas Message 2025



When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, visitors came from different places to visit him. There were shepherds and people who travelled from faraway places on camels bringing gifts. They all shared the same conviction that Jesus was the special gift of God who would bring healing to our world and our lives.

As Jesus grew up and lived out his short life of about 30 years, he spoke words which have continued to make sense to every generation since. He told people that it was important to love and care for other people.

He understood that it was only by thinking of the needs of others that we would ever be able to find real happiness ourselves. Jesus also said that unless we made a place for God in our lives, then we would still be searching inside our souls, in spite of how many 'things' we might possess.

We know this message to be true today as many people find faith in Jesus to be God's answer to our deepest needs and those of all humankind. Sadly, Christmas is not a time for peace for many people in our world, or perhaps even in our own families and communities. Each day we seem to be surrounded by stories and experiences of real pain and suffering. Yet in the midst of whatever problems we face the message is still true, that following Jesus might just be one of the best discoveries we can make.

I encourage you to come and join us in our churches this Christmas. It can take a bit of an effort to come along to church if you have not been for a while, but Christmas and the New Year is a great time to make a start. I feel sure that you will be glad you did and in all of our benefice churches we look forward very much to offering you a warm welcome.

Every blessing Mandy

Rev Mandy Williams (07780 586846 mandy.williams@hopchurches.org.uk)



BOSBURY CAFÉ CHURCH

CHRISTINGLE WORKSHOP!



Sunday December 21st 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. 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.

Take some time out before the Christmas rush. And breathe.

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 Christingles, ready for our service on Christmas Eve at 4pm. Bring an orange and some sweets or dried fruit. Also red ribbon and cocktail sticks if you can, but we will have some to share if you can't.

Hope to see you there!



BOSBURY CHURCH CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS

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 Christmas now with lots of wonderful music. Our Carol Service is on Friday December 19th and we are also joining Cradley Church Choir for their Carol Service on Wednesday December 17th. Do join us!

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

Contact Esther Kay 01531 670634 for more information.



You are warmly invited to...

Bosbury Brew Cafe

**Tuesday 2nd, 9th and 16th
with Christmas draw on the 16th
@12:00 – 2:30pm
In Bosbury Church**

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

Everyone Welcome
Donations only!

The Three Kings

(also known as the Magi or Wise Men)

While the Bible does not specify their names or that they were kings, tradition has named them as Melchior, Gaspar (or Caspar) and Balthazar. They are famous for bringing gifts of gold (representing Jesus's kingship), frankincense (a resin used in worship) and myrrh (an embalming oil representing Jesus's suffering and death) to Jesus.



BOSBURY 100 + CLUB

November Prize Winners

1 st	£20 (44)	Anna Hamada
2 nd	£10 (81)	O Clutterbuck
3 rd	£5 (62)	Shannon Jones
	£5 (5)	Jackie Boyce
	£5 (149)	Sue Jones

Jeremy Croshaw
Club Organiser



A big "thank you" to all the old members who renewed their memberships for another year and the new members who have just joined the 100 + Club. The membership has increased to 149.

To reflect this increase the prize money pot has been boosted and will be added to the prizes paid out after the December draw. This "Christmas Jackpot" will mean triple prize money - a first prize of £60, a second prize of £30 and 3 third prizes of £15 each.

TRAFALGAR SQUARE—THE NORWAY TREE

Every year since 1947, the people of Norway have gifted a magnificent Christmas tree to the United Kingdom. This tradition is a heartfelt gesture of gratitude for the support and assistance provided by the UK to Norway during World War II.

The tree, typically a Norway spruce, is carefully selected from the forests surrounding Oslo. It is usually around 50 to 60 years old and stands over 20 metres tall. The selection process is meticulous, ensuring that the tree chosen is the “Queen of the Forest,” a term used by Norwegian foresters to describe the most beautiful and majestic tree. The tree is felled in a ceremony attended by dignitaries, including the British Ambassador to Norway, the Mayor of Oslo, and the Lord Mayor of Westminster.

Once cut, the tree embarks on a journey across the North Sea. It is transported by ship and then by lorry to Trafalgar Square in London. The logistics of this operation are complex, involving hydraulic cranes and specialists to ensure the tree is safely erected in its prominent position.

At the base of the tree, a plaque is placed, bearing the words: "This tree is given by the city of Oslo as a token of Norwegian gratitude to the people of London for their assistance during the years 1940-45. A tree has been given annually since 1947".

The tree is decorated in a traditional Norwegian style, with vertical strings of white lights, creating a stunning and festive display. The lighting ceremony, held on the first Thursday in December, is a significant event attended by thousands of people. The ceremony includes performances by a band and choir, and the switching on of the Christmas lights is a moment of great anticipation and joy. This event marks the beginning of the Christmas season for many Londoners and provides a focal point for carol singing and festive celebrations.

The tree remains in Trafalgar Square until just before the Twelfth Night of Christmas, after which it is taken down and recycled. The tree is chipped and composted, contributing to environmental sustainability.

This annual gift is more than just a Christmas tree; it symbolizes the enduring friendship and historical ties between Norway and the UK. And it symbolises peace. It serves as a reminder of the solidarity and support shared during challenging times and continues to be a cherished tradition that brings joy and festive spirit every year.





ST BARTHOLOMEW'S ASHPERTON

Christmas Cards and Jam

If you were unable to make the coffee morning but would like some Ashperton Church Christmas Cards, please let Colleen know. There may still be some available.

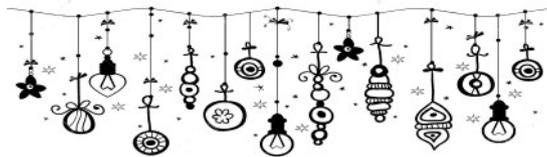
Also, if there is any jam left after the coffee morning I will leave it in the back of the church for you to buy.

Christmas is coming....

Why not come and help us decorate the church for Christmas? We will be decorating the church and our Christmas tree in the morning on Saturday 20 December.

The Carol Service will be on the following day at 3pm on Sunday 21st. There will be mulled wine after the service.

We hope that you will also be joining us on Christmas Day for our morning service starting at 10am.



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.

Bosbury Christmas Fair



Date: Saturday 13th December 2025

Time: 10am - 12pm

Venue: Bosbury Parish Hall



Grand Draw with a chance to win a delicious Food Hamper!

Refreshments available whilst you browse through local stalls for unique gifts.

A Fun, Family and Festive Event!

All proceeds support the upkeep of the Parish Hall.

CHAIRWAY TO HEALTH

INCLUDING: CHAIR YOGA OTHER EXERCISE REGIMES
MEDITATION BREATHING RELAXATION



CLASSES HAVE NOW STARTED

EVERYONE WELCOME

WEDNESDAY MORNING 11:45 – 12:45 IN BOSBURY PARISH HALL

CLASSES ARE GEARED TOWARDS THOSE OF US WHO ARE LESS AGILE THAN WE USED TO BE AND PERHAPS HAVE A NEED TO IMPROVE JOINT AND MUSCLE FUNCTION AND GENERAL MOBILITY.

£5 PER CLASS – PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO OUR CHURCH, ORGAN FUND AND VILLAGE HALL.

PLEASE CONTACT JENNIFER ON:-

01531 640166 / 07855 419001 / 07816 668005

e-mail jenniferbalmain@gmail.com

P.S. HAVE A PEACEFUL and HAPPY CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR.

BEST WISHES TO ALL JENNIFER



A LETTER FROM LINDE

Dear Friends,

As we enter the season of Advent in preparation for Christmas, my thoughts move towards hope. With every year that passes, I think I appreciate more and more this promise of hope as I focus on the promise of Hope and Peace being born anew as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Amidst the troubles of our world, we may feel we can do little but as I think of Christina Rossetti's timeless poem, known to many as a carol, we are reminded that we can give our hearts afresh. Its final stanza concludes:

*" What can I give him,
 poor as I am?
 If I were a shepherd
 I would bring a lamb;
 if I were a wise man
 I would do my part;
 yet what I can I give him –
 give my heart."*

Jesus, 'the reason for the season,' brings both challenge and hope. May you have a blessed Advent and Christmas!

With warm wishes

Linde

Trumpet & District Agricultural Society

Christmas

Tractor & Car Run

Saturday 13th December 2025

We are coming to Bromyard again!

Starting from: Baddy Marsh, Lower Eggleton, HR8 2UH

Registration from: 2:30pm

£20.00 ENTRY

Leaving: 4:30pm



★ Prize for best decorated vehicle ★

Fish and chip van serving food afterwards

Raffle tickets available

IN AID OF LOCAL CHARITIES



We will be out shaking our buckets please come and support

All tractors and vehicles must be insured and road worthy

We will be travelling through

- Bishops Frome along the A4103
- Bromyard town where Santa will stop and collect your letters
 - Then going through Winslow Road
- Turning right by Morrisons past QE School back through
 - Stoke Lacy
 - Burley gate
- Back to the start



More information, please telephone 07813 754873

We look forward to seeing everyone

Music at Bosbury 2025

Dates for your diary

All concerts feature the legendary Bosbury refreshments!

Sunday December 7th at 3:00pm in Bosbury Church

VITAL SPARK

We welcome back the renowned West Gallery music choir with instruments to present a Christmas programme in jolly Thomas Hardy (19th century) style.

West Gallery music flourished from about 1700 - 1840 and preceded church organs. Congregational singing was supported in those days by a band of local amateur singers and musicians, who performed from a gallery erected at the west end of the church. Expect to hear vigorous renditions of traditional psalms, anthems and carols performed with verve.

There will be seasonal refreshments.

This concert is free to attend but donations in aid of Bosbury Church are welcome.

Sunday January 25th at 3:00pm in Bosbury Church

MOZART'S 150th BIRTHDAY CONCERT

Bosbury's annual homage to W.A.Mozart (1756-1791).

Local musicians will present a programme of works by Mozart for a variety of instruments and voices, performed in date order of composition from his earliest pieces (aged 6) to the end of his short life. This is always a moving tribute to one of the world's greatest composers.

Interval refreshments will be available; donations invited.

Tickets on the door £10. Children under 16 free.

Any musicians who would like to take part please contact Esther Kay 01531 670634.

BOSBURY CHURCH COFFEE MORNINGS

The Church Coffee Mornings this year have been a great opportunity to chat and share news, while snapping up some bargains at the stalls. There is no Church Coffee Morning in December but we hope to start again in January.



Watch this space!



SANTA'S REINDEER—CAN YOU NAME THEM?

On December 23, 1823, a poem called "A Visit from Saint Nicholas" was published anonymously in the *Sentinel*, the local newspaper of Troy, New York. This piece gave Santa eight reindeer, and even named them; it described a Santa who could magically sneak in and out of homes via chimneys; and it created the venerated, cheerful, chubby icon that is ever present in holiday cards, movies, television shows, and malls everywhere. Thirteen years after it was published, Clement Clark Moore took credit for its authorship, though his claim to the poem is now in question.; many believe the poem was actually penned by New York writer Henry Livingston.

Dasher	Dancer
Prancer	Vixen
Comet	Cupid
Donder	Blitzen



**St Michael's
Hospice**

**Santa's Grotto & Village of the
Elves**

Kindly sponsored by: Stooke, Hill & Walshe and The Gateway Nursery.

Step into a magical, immersive experience the whole family will love!

For up to an hour, wander through beautifully decorated gardens, meet singing reindeer and real elves, and hop aboard a train to the enchanted wood to visit Santa Claus himself.



When

4th—21st December 2025
(SEN Night and Baby Night tickets available)

Where

St Michael's Hospice, Bartestree,
Hereford HR1 4HA

Prices

From £22.50 per child*
(4-23m £12 / 0-4m free)
*up to 2 adults entry included per booking

<https://www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/how-you-can-help-us/fundraise-for-us/events/santas-grotto-village-of-the-elves-hereford/>

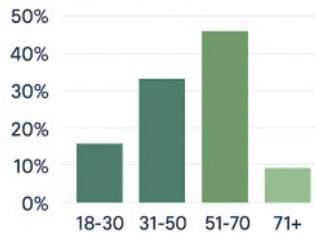
Bosbury Sports Hall Progress and Community Support

Thank you to everyone who completed our recent **Community Sports Hall Survey** — your feedback is helping us shape the next steps. Here's a quick snapshot of what you told us:

Bosbury Sports Hall Community Survey – Key Insights



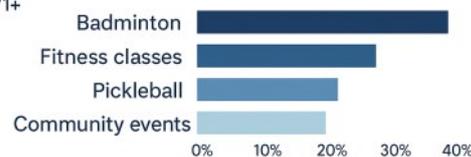
Respondent ages



Importance of reopening



Activities of interest



🏠 Strong Support: 93% of respondents said they'd like to see the Sports Hall brought back into use.

🎯 Top Activities: The most requested activities were **badminton, pickleball, indoor fitness classes, and youth basketball**, with many residents keen for flexible space for all.

👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 Community Focus: The majority of respondents were families and older adults, highlighting the importance of as a **multi-use, inclusive community hub**.

Following months of hard work, our story has now made it into the **Ledbury Reporter!** We're currently applying for grants and launching fundraising activities to raise the **£65,000** needed to restore the Sports Hall floor and create a new viewing area.

With our caretaker Angela having recently moved on, we're also looking for new **volunteers** to help with events, maintenance, and day-to-day support around the Hall.

And just to clear up a common misunderstanding — the **Parish Hall does not own the adjoining cottage**, so we will not receive any income from its sale. **Every penny** we raise comes directly from community effort, so your continued support really matters.

🎫 Wassail Tickets Now Available!

Tickets for our ever-popular **Bosbury Wassail on Saturday 10th January 2026** are now available to purchase online through our new website (bosburyparishhall.org). It's a wonderful evening of music, fun and community spirit — we'd love you to join us!

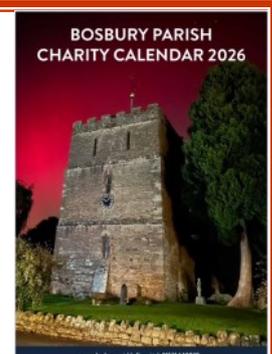
Bosbury Calendar on Sale Now!

You can buy them from:

- ◆ Bell Inn, Bosbury
- ◆ Bosbury Barbers
- ◆ Temple Court Christmas Trees

or phone Liz on
07854 439596

£10 per calendar



**St. John the Baptist YARKHILL
with
St. Mary the Virgin STOKE EDITH**

Christmas Services

SUNDAY 21st DECEMBER

4.00pm

CAROLS & CRIB SERVICE

With refreshments



This Christmas Season we will be holding our popular Christmas raffle with festive hamper prizes. The draw will take place following the Carol Service.

THURSDAY 25TH DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS DAY

10.00am

Christmas Day Eucharist



Our regular monthly service will be as usual on:

Sunday 7th December - Parish Communion at 11.00am.

*There will **NOT** be a service of Morning Worship on the third Sunday, this is replaced by the Carols & Crib Service*



The Garden in December



The first of December - as I look out of my window this morning the holly tree is glowing with more berries than I can ever remember. The birds will soon be feasting as the weather gets colder, so I must protect a few holly branches to use in Christmas decorations later in the month, with some ivy and mistletoe too, as people have been doing for hundreds of years - but why is it that we bring greenery into the home at this time of year?

Medieval records show churches buying holly and ivy for Christmas decorations and the carol 'Deck the Halls with boughs of Holly' was being sung in Wales in the 16th century. Also in Tudor times Kissing Boughs were introduced, made from two hoops tied together to make a ball of greenery and hung over a door as a welcome. Still popular in Georgian times, the boughs included ribbons, pine cones, small fruits and mistletoe; there was a custom that if a gentleman picked a mistletoe berry, he could choose a lady to kiss on the cheek! By Victorian times the bough had become the welcome wreath which many people still enjoy making today.

Christmas trees are a big part of contemporary Christmas decorations and were first introduced in Britain in 1800, by Queen Charlotte, wife to George III. Prince Albert continued the German tradition from 1840 and the custom of a tree covered with candles, gifts and sweets was as popular with the Victorians as it is today. A big Christmas tree is still sent to London each year from Norway, in recognition of the help given to the Norwegian King and country during the Second World War and is put up in Trafalgar Square.

So what sort of tree should we buy? Traditional Norway spruce smells wonderful but drops its needles; the Nordmann fir holds its needles much better, although it's a bit pricey. To help the tree last as long as possible, try to buy a locally grown one and saw an inch off the bottom when you get it home unless it is freshly cut. Place away from fires or radiators, in a stand with a water reservoir at the bottom and keep topped up - it's surprising how much the tree can drink.

If you choose a pot grown tree, keep it outside as long as possible, put in a cool room for no more than 10-12 days, then plant out into the garden or into another slightly bigger pot, using a No 2 type potting compost.

Out in the garden, December is a good month for pruning Blackcurrants; cut out some of the old darker wood down to a strong bud near the base, leaving space for the new buds and young, greener shoots to grow.

If you like rhubarb and have a big clump, you might cut off a piece and leave it to chill on the ground for a few weeks. The cold will encourage it to develop its growth buds early and you can pot it up and put in shelter to produce a few early sticks next Spring before being planted out to make a new clump.

When the weather is too wet or cold for outdoor jobs, keep an eye on your stored produce. Remove any bad potatoes and sort out apples and pears showing signs of brown rot, before the fungal spores spread to neighbouring fruits. Make sure all your pots, seed trays and propagators are nice and clean, ready for next year!

Indoors, take a moment to appreciate the colours and delicate flowers of some of our seasonal houseplants, Christmas Cactus, Cyclamen, Azelea and Poinsettia. Feed a little but don't overwater; place in light position but not too hot or in draughts.

When all the jobs are done, sit down, put your feet up and contemplate another good gardening year!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



BOSBURY ORGAN NEWS

The organ is about to be tuned. This is a highly skilled operation which takes two organ builders for a whole day. There are also some small running repairs which need attention to ensure that the organ is at its best for the Christmas season.

The next large project will be to re-leather the reservoirs. While this is being done it would also be expedient to restore the pedal mechanical action which lies below the reservoirs and is therefore normally inaccessible.

The cost of this project is around £31,000 so we will be fund raising again in the New Year.

We are always very grateful for any donations that can help us to restore this remarkable instrument. Please contact our Treasurer, Rob Prestidge 07960 655886, if you can help.

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



BENEFICE SERVICE

EPIPHANY CELEBRATION



Sunday 4th January 2026

Everyone together at

Stretton Grandison Church

10:30 am

**Join us for this first great Festival
of 2026 and learn about the
Blessing of the Chalks**

All Welcome

Tarrington Church

*Come and celebrate
Christingle with us!*
fantastic fun for the whole family

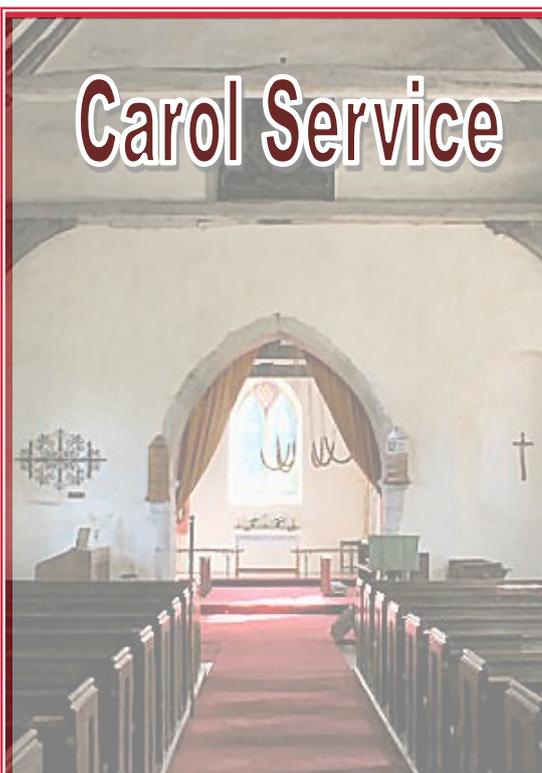


Christmas Eve 5pm

We will have supplies available to make
Christingles during the service

DECEMBER 2025 SUNDAY SERVICES

	7 th December	14 th December
	2 nd Sunday of Advent	3 rd Sunday of Advent
Readings	Isaiah 11.1-10 Romans 15.4-13 Matthew 3.1-12 Psalm 72.1-7	Isaiah 35.1-10 James 5.7-10 Matthew 11.2-11 Psalm 146.4-10
Ashperton	Joint service with Stretton Grandison	9:30 CW Parish Communion
Bosbury	6:00pm Evensong	11:00 CW Parish Communion
Canon Frome	11:00 CW Parish Communion	
Munsley		9:30 Morning Worship
Stoke Edith	Joint Service with Yarkhill	
Stretton Grandison	9:30 BCP Parish Communion (joined by Ashperton)	
Tarrington	Joint Service with Yarkhill	11:00 CW Parish Communion
Yarkhill	11:00 CW Parish Communion (joined by Stoke Edith and Tarrington)	



in
**St Bartholomew Church,
 Ashperton**
 on
Sunday 21st December 2025
3:00pm
Come and Join our Service
For Festive Carols
We look forward to seeing you

DECEMBER 2025 SUNDAY SERVICES

	21 st December	28 th December
	4 th Sunday of Advent	1 st Sunday of Christmas
Readings	Isaiah 7.10-16 Romans 1.1-7 Matthew 1.18-25 Psalm 80.1-8	Isaiah 63.7-9 Hebrews 2.10-18 Matthew 2.13-23 Psalm 148.7-14
Ashperton	3:00pm Carols	All Together Parish Communion Bosbury 10:30am
Bosbury	9:45 for 10:30 Café Church	
Canon Frome		
Munsley	3:00pm Carols	
Stoke Edith	Joint Service with Yarkhill	
Stretton Grandison		
Tarrington	9:30 Morning Worship	
Yarkhill	4:00pm Crib / Carols (joined by Stoke Edith)	

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

Our December service will be at

**Bosbury on
Thursday 4th
December**

at 6pm

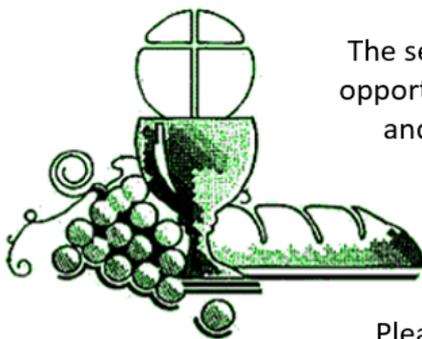
Do come and join us for a short time of peace, prayer and reflection before we are submerged by the bustle of Christmas!



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

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2025

	24th December	25th December
	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
Readings	2 Samuel 7.1-5,8-11,16 Acts 13.16-26 Luke 1.67-79 Psalm 89.2,19-27	Isaiah 9.2-7 Titus 2.11-14 Luke 2.1-20 Psalm 96
Ashperton		10:00 Christmas Communion
Bosbury	4:00pm Christingle 11:30pm Midnight Communion	10:00 Family Service
Canon Frome		11:00 Christmas Communion
Munsley		9:30 Christmas Communion
Stoke Edith		Joint Service with Yarkhill
Stretton Grandison	3:00pm Crib / Carols	Joint Service with Ashperton
Tarrington	5:00pm Christingle	9:30 Christmas Communion
Yarkhill		10:00 Christmas Communion

**CHRISTMAS CAROL
SERVICE**



**FRIDAY 19th DECEMBER 2025
6:30PM
HOLY TRINITY, BOSBURY
ALL WELCOME**




**CHRISTMAS
carol service**



**TUESDAY 16th DECEMBER 2025
6:30PM
CANON FROME
ALL WELCOME**




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

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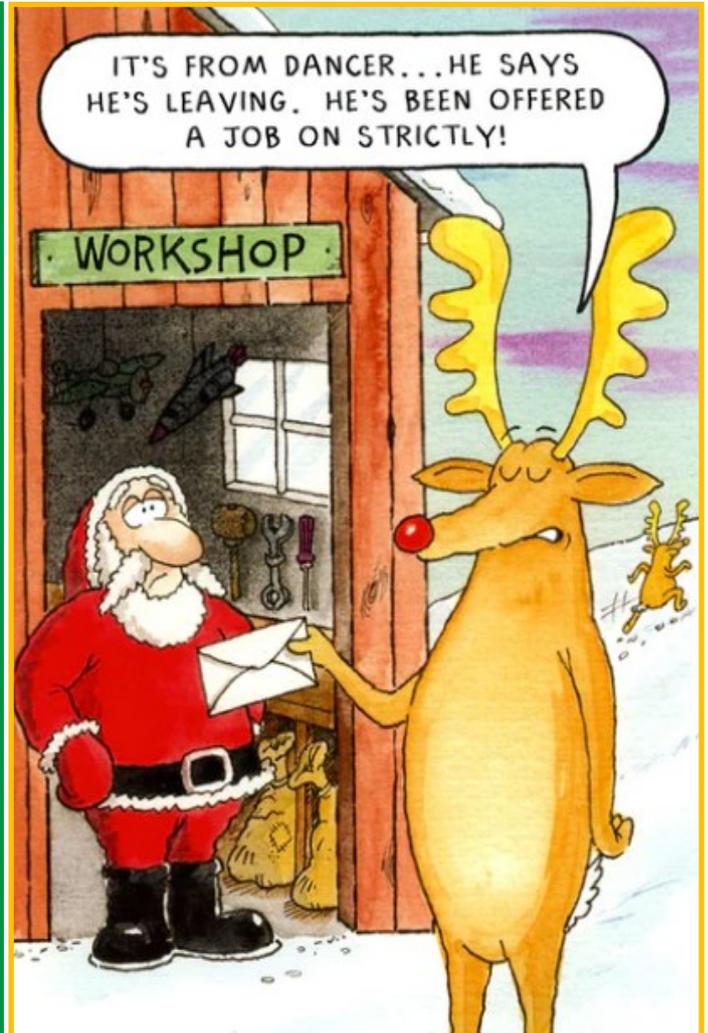
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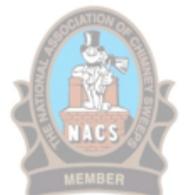
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Parish Council	Date	Time	Location	Meeting Schedule
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Bosbury & Coddington	04/12/25	7:30pm	Coddington Church	1 st Thursday of each month excluding January and August
Pixley & District incl. Munsley	12/01/26	7:30pm	Munsley Community Hall	Bi-monthly on the second Monday of the month
Stretton Grandison Group incl. Canon Frome	19/01/26	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	12/01/26	TBC	Lady Emily Community Hall	Bi-monthly on the second Monday of the month
Yarkhill	Jan TBC	TBC	TBC	Bi-monthly on a Tuesday

A Poem for Christmas

A poem written by a friend, Kate Patterson- I hope it brings you comfort and joy as we approach Christmas.

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Christmas is because you are loved

When the Christmas tree sparkles and the candles glow

You are loved

And if today you feel desperately low

You are still loved

When "Hark the Herald" lifts your heart to the rafters

You are loved

And when you are stressed that the turkey hasn't defrosted,

You are loved

When "Silent Night" sings calm and clear

You are loved

And when wars rage

Love casts out fear

When you gasp at the glory of God who gives God to you

You are loved

And when presents disappoint and arguments brew

You are still loved

By the one who knows you through and through

Remember this year –

Christmas is because you are loved .

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- To ask that you are sent the colour online version each month

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