



Hop Parishes News

February
2026

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

Singing is good for you, improving breathing and well being.

Love to sing? Join our friendly choir.



BOSBURY CHURCH CHOIR



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.

Choir Practice takes place every Wednesday in church at 6:30pm.

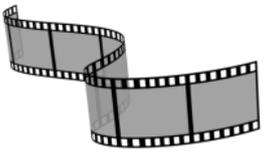
Contact Esther Kay 01531 670634 for more details.



Charles M. Schulz Museum



Bosbury at Christmas 2025



“The Ballad of Wallis Island” Cert 12—2025

on Friday 20th February 2026

Bosbury Parish Hall at 7:30pm



British Comedy Drama:

Charles, (Tim Key) is an eccentric double lottery winner with his wife. He now lives alone on a remote island having been widowed five years earlier, the money spent travelling with Marie, his wife. He dreams of getting his favourite band McGwyer Mortimer (Carey Mulligan and Tom Basden) back together again. The band has transitioned from being a folk duo to conventional pop. He invites them, bandmates and former lovers, to perform privately for him on Wallis Island.

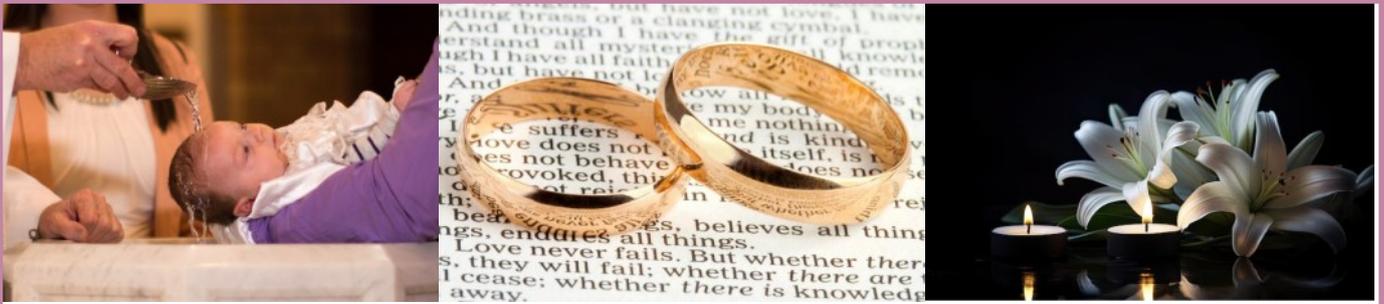
The Observer....A cardigan-clad small treasure of a film and a balm for battered souls.



Wine, Fruit Juice and Nibbles available on the night

Tickets £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

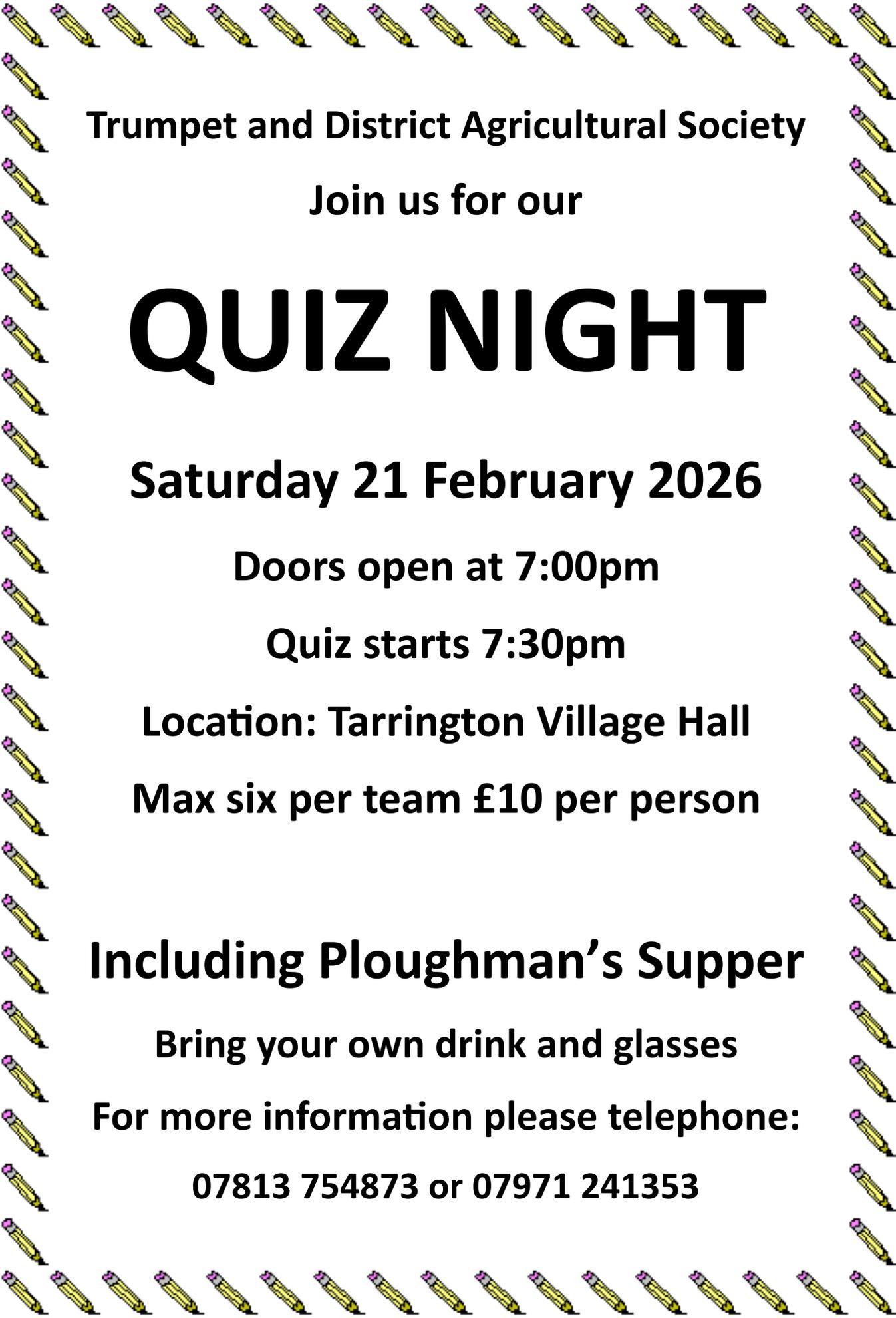
TRUMPET TRACTOR RUN

A record breaking £4,267.61 was raised by the Trumpet and District Agricultural Society on their Annual Christmas Tractor Run. The money raised will be equally divided between: St Michael's Hospice, Bartestree; The Midland Air Ambulance; Ely Memorial Fund and Bromyard Lights. Held on Saturday 13 December 2025, this popular tractor run started with tea and cakes at Baddy Marsh Farm, Lower Eggleton by kind permission of Robert and Shirley Breese and proceeded via the A4103 to Bishops Frome and Bromyard, returning via Stoke Lacy to Baddy Marsh for fish and chips.

The event attracted 66 tractors and cars decorated with a fantastic array of lights, trees, gift wrapped parcels and reindeer to celebrate Christmas which lit up the Herefordshire evening sky. This was especially effective as the convoy drove up Bromyard High Street with its fantastic Christmas Lights. Tractor drivers put a lot of work into decorating their tractors to make such a memorable spectacle for the gathered crowds who so generously give donations to the elves who emerge from Santa's Grotto. Donations, draw money and tractor drivers' entry fees all go towards charity to make this such a worthwhile event.

Highlight of the evening was the Grand Draw with an amazing 106 prizes ranging from MoTs to food and fruit hampers. The Trumpet would like to thank those individuals and businesses in and around Bromyard who supported us by donating draw prizes and all the people who sold tickets prior to the event and of course the people who bought tickets and put money into the collection buckets to support local charities and those gathered in every gateway, some sitting on their deckchairs along the route. Photos and the full list of our sponsors can be found on Facebook. This is an event not to be missed. Why not join in this fun event next year?

Brush up on your general knowledge and join us at our annual quiz and Ploughman's Supper on Saturday 21 February 2026 at Tarrington Village Hall.



Trumpet and District Agricultural Society

Join us for our

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 21 February 2026

Doors open at 7:00pm

Quiz starts 7:30pm

Location: Tarrington Village Hall

Max six per team £10 per person

Including Ploughman's Supper

Bring your own drink and glasses

For more information please telephone:

07813 754873 or 07971 241353

Music at Bosbury 2026

Saturday May 2nd at 7:30pm in Bosbury Church

VISIONS of HEAVEN

A celebration of British Choral Music

sung by

Refugium Chamber Choir

directed by

Simon Harper

For more information please contact Esther Kay 01531 670634

Friday July 3rd (time to be confirmed)

MUSIC FOR ALL

Our annual celebration of Music and Poetry for the Village and Friends by the Village and Friends

More concerts are being planned - Watch this space!

Bosbury Parish Hall

At the Heart of the Community

Building Momentum Together

Sports Hall Fundraising Gains Pace

Momentum continues to build for the **Sports Hall renovation**, with grant applications underway and new fundraising events being planned for the spring. Every contribution - whether time, ideas or donations - brings us closer to reopening this much-loved community space.

If you'd like to **get involved**, join our **fundraising sub-committee**, or help with an event, please get in touch via the website or email pdmilnes@hotmail.co.uk.

We're also still looking for **Committee members** - particularly a **Treasurer** and **Secretary** - as well as anyone who can spare occasional time for general help around the Hall.

Together we can restore a facility that will benefit everyone in the village for years to come.



bosburyparishhall.org

BATTER TIMES ARE JUST AHEAD

Previous February editions of this periodical have, quite reasonably, focussed on St. Valentine and his position as the patron saint of lovers, and it turns out, bee keepers along with his Saint's Day that falls every year on the 14th. However, this year I have decided to concentrate on that alternative February event – Pancake Day.

My initial research has revealed that there is, disappointingly, no equivalent St. Pancake. And that unlike Valentine's Day it is a "movable feast" with rules so complicated as to when it lands that all we can do is look up the date and go along with it. You can however rely on it being a Tuesday, Shrove Tuesday as it is called, falling nearly always in February, and this year it is the 17th.

Essentially it is a final day of indulgence before the solemn season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. A day when we use up the rich ingredients in our pantries, like eggs, milk, butter, and sugar, which are forbidden during Lent as we go into Ash Wednesday, a day of repentance and the wearing of sackcloth and ashes as a visual sign of that repentance.

(Do ensure all ashes have been fully extinguished if participating in this ancient ritual by the way.)

So, Pancake Day is a day to enjoy and the range and styles of pancakes, or crêpes as they are called in France, is limited only by the imagination, and a huge inventory of sweet and savoury pancake styles are available for you to experiment with this February.

And do remember if you are making your pancakes too thick, or too thin, you do not need to put up with this crêpe and you can refine your pancake skills by referring to the many, many recipes available in recipe books and on the internet.

Remember too that pancakes are not just for eating. Legend has it that the famous tossing tradition began in Olney, Buckinghamshire in 1445, when a woman, late for church, ran through the streets still holding her frying pan. Today, Olney still hosts one of the most famous pancake races, where competitors must toss at least three times during the race.

So, whether tossing or not, enjoy this year's pancake day however you choose to celebrate it.

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ST BARTHOLOMEW'S ASHPERTON



Candlemas – On 1 February there will be no service in Ashperton. We will be joining our friends at Canon Frome, along with the other churches in the Benefice, to bless the Baby Jesus figures from our crib scenes before they are packed away ready for next Christmas. You are welcome to join us.

On **Ash Wednesday** (18 February) there will be a service of Holy Communion at 10.30 in Ashperton.

Your parish church needs your support. Anyone interested in the upkeep of our beautiful building please consider joining the PCC. Our Annual meeting will take place in April. If you would like more information please contact Colleen or Rev Mandy Williams.

In these days of increased costs we are finding it hard to meet our outgoings and need your support. We get no central funding and rely on local fundraising and donations. Please consider making a monthly donation via the Parish Giving Scheme.

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/ashperton-st-bartholomew-hereford/>

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.

Gardening/Churchyard Maintenance

Weather permitting we hope to continue to meet on the first Tuesday of each month to work in the churchyard. We hope that March will not be too cold or wet to begin the year's tasks. There will be coffee and cakes when the work is done.

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
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Everyone Welcome
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BOSBURY 100 + CLUB

January 2026

Prize Winners

1 st	£20	B Brookes	(80)
2 nd	£10	G Burrow	(110)
3 rd	£ 5	J Eckersley	(43)
	£ 5	H Bakewell	(135)
	£ 5	E Armitage	(121)

Jeremy Croshaw

Club Organiser



A LETTER FROM LINDE

Dear Friends,

I can't say that winter, with its long, dark and cold nights, is my favourite season, especially after the glimmering lights of Christmas have come down. However, I have noticed in my January garden, the first delicate tips of snowdrops emerging and that always gives me hope!

There have also been some wonderful winter sunrises and nights when the moon has been spectacular, ranging from a deep buttery yellow to a pure silver white. Such sights are a feast for the eyes, creating a sense of wonder in the winter darkness.

I find this a timely reminder that God delights in his creation, which includes us. Like the winter sun or shining moon, His face is lit up with love as he gazes upon us.

The sunrise of righteousness and peace begins in individual hearts as step by step, we find that Jesus lights up our darkness and will guide us in paths of peace until the day when all darkness will flee.

If today you are in darkness, if today you need healing, if today you seek paths of peace, remember the sunrise/Sonrise of Jesus as you journey through these winter days.

Warm wishes

Linde

*** COFFEE MORNING ***

Saturday 21st February

Bosbury Parish Hall

10:00am to 12:00 noon

Everyone welcome, catch up with friends, family, and neighbours whilst enjoying a delicious drink and sweet treat.

Take the opportunity to purchase from one of our regular tables.

"Coffee is a hug in a mug"



TABLES AVAILABLE - £5.00

Enquiries to Liz Clutterbuck 01531 640415

Proceeds to Holy Trinity Church, Bosbury



FRAUDULENT HOLIDAY OFFERS

This is that time of year when the media is full of tempting offers of holidays at home and abroad. These may also be landing in your email Inbox as well.

But just remember this is also a marketplace exploited by the fraudsters and criminals.

These offers are many and various, and range from fake caravan or motorhome listings to “too good to be true” offers for holidays, villa rentals and holiday lets. Criminals use a variety of methods to trick the public into handing over their money and personal information.

Always remember

- Be suspicious of any “too good to be true” offers or prices – if it is at a rock bottom price - ask yourself why
- Do your research before making any purchases by reading reviews of the site or person you are purchasing from. Before booking accommodation ask what checks the agent makes on both the landlord and advertised property.
- Verify that the address exists through web searches and online maps.
- Where possible, book directly with an established hotel or through a reputable travel company/ agent that is a member of a trade body such as ABTA or ATOL.
- If you do decide to book independently, establish if you are dealing with the property owner, a letting agent or via the local tourist information desk.
- Ensure you read the terms and conditions before making any bookings to confirm exactly what you are being sold. Double-check both your travel and accommodation information, particularly if there is a long gap between making the booking and arrival.
- Always use the secure payment options recommended by reputable online travel providers. Beware of any requests for payments in cash, or bank transfers via Moneywise or Western Union which may be difficult to trace or gain any refunds.
- Where possible, use a credit card when making purchases over £100 and up to £30,000 as you receive protection under Section 75 rules.
- Always access the website you are purchasing from by typing it into your web browser and be wary of clicking on links in unsolicited emails. The website should use the padlock symbol to indicate that the site is secure.
- Do not click on links or attachments in social media posts or emails
- Question uninvited approaches and contact organisations directly to confirm requests using a known email or phone number.
- Only give out your personal or financial information to services you have consented to, and are expecting to be contacted by.

**This month's
BOSBURY CAFÉ CHURCH**



is on

Sunday February 15th at 9:45 for 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.

All of the family are welcome, there are toys and plenty of space for the kids.

There will be coffee, tea, croissants etc from 9:45.

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

Hope to see you there!

HELP NEEDED FOR GOD'S HOUSE

Have you got a little time to spare to help Bosbury Church? We have some wonderful volunteer cleaners but extra help with various tasks would be very welcome. Isn't it always more enjoyable cleaning someone else's house than your own?

Come and tidy/polish/sort/fettle/mend with a band of like minded volunteers; coffee and tea provided!

Time to suit volunteers.

Please contact Alison Young 01531 640611 for more information.

How Well do you Know your Winter Ducks?

The winter months may mean shorter days and lower temperatures but for many birds, our lakes, seas and wetlands provide refuge from harsher conditions further north.

Elegant visitors, including the Pintail and the shovel-billed Shoveler, drop in for the season to join familiar residents such as the Eider, the UK's heaviest duck.

Some ducks are dabblers, feeding on the surface of the water, and others are divers, plunging underwater to find their food.

Mallard

The distinctive male Mallard has a green head, yellow bill, maroon-brown chest and grey body. Females are mottled brown and look so different that it was originally believed they were a different species! The much-loved Mallard is a common sight at our local parks and ponds – you may remember feeding them as a child. However, we now know there are far better things to feed them than bread! Their diet consists of berries, insects, seeds, shellfish and plants, so if you want to feed them in your local pond, sweetcorn, oats, shredded lettuce and peas will all be received with enthusiasm.



Pintail

This elegant duck is named after its long, pointed tail feathers. Males have chocolate-coloured heads, long creamy necks and grey bodies, whereas females are mottled brown with just a hint of a longer tail and a long neck. Look out for their curved back, pointed wings and long tail in flight. These birds are dabblers, feeding on plants and invertebrates.



Teal

Our smallest duck can be found dabbling in wetlands across the UK. Males have speckled grey bodies, chestnut heads with green eye patches, and yellow and black tails. Females are mottled brown and both sexes display green wing patches (speculum) in flight. Groups of Teals are called “springs” because they take off rapidly, almost as if they have jumped into the air!



The Garden in February



In the Flower Garden

One of the pleasures of February is the abundance of snowdrops; although they started to come in December this winter, the cold snap last month held them back and now they are in full flower. They are not native but were brought over from Europe possibly by the Norman Monks, certainly recorded in the 16th Century. They were grown for Candlemas Day (2nd February) in churchyards and by herbalists in the Abbeys, as a medicinal plant remedy for head problems - nowadays a chemical produced by snowdrops, Galanthamine, is used to treat early stage Alzheimer's.

Snowdrops prefer a moist shady spot and will spread naturally, but if you have large clumps, when they have finished flowering they can be lifted and separated, before replanting straight away in small clumps elsewhere in the garden. Colesbourne, near Cheltenham, has a spectacular display of snowdrops (booking advisable), but there are several National Gardens scheme open days nearer by.

We have three hazel bushes in the garden which have become too tall and bushy. February is a good month to coppice - to prune some shrubs back almost to ground level, just above the lowest buds, to stimulate the growth of new young stems or bigger leaves. Willow and Cornus/Dogwood in particular, will produce brightly coloured shoots for next winter, whereas hazel and some eucalyptus will grow larger rounder leaves. Buddleia and elder also need cutting back to near the base unless you want a big shrub.

More pruning can be done on the winter flowering Jasmine, which has had lots of cheerful yellow flowers since November, but now is going over; trim the old flowered stems back to about three buds from the main stem and remove dead or spindly shoots.

Wisteria too, will benefit from pruning side shoots to three buds from the base, which should give more flowers in the spring.

Ornamental grasses have become increasingly popular in recent years and can give structure and beauty to the garden throughout the winter. If they are evergreen, pruning is not advised, just removing dead material is sufficient; if they are deciduous they need cutting back to the base before the new green shoots are growing.

In the Vegetable Plot

In the vegetable garden it is still a little early to sow most seeds, but aubergines and sweet or chilli peppers need a long growing season and can be sown in a heated propagator on the surface of moist compost covered with fine vermiculite; they need a minimum temperature of 21°C and should germinate in 2-3 weeks. When they have their first proper leaves, transplant into individual pots.

Summer cabbage *e.g. Caraflex* can also be sown in modules in the greenhouse or on a sunny windowsill ready to plant out in April. Likewise Broad beans, although these can be sown outside at the end of the month if the weather is mild.

Seed potatoes will be on sale soon; tubers of early varieties can be chitted by standing round end upwards in boxes, somewhere bright and frost free for 4-6 weeks to start shoots growing before planting, to give an earlier crop.

In preparation for the main sowing season, give your vegetable patch a good weed (if it needs it!) and cover with as much garden compost as you can spare.

Fruit trees and bushes will benefit from a sprinkle of sulphate of potash to aid fruiting. Similarly, in the flower garden a little dressing of slow release fertiliser later in the month, *e.g. blood fish & bone / comfrey pellets / seaweed meal*, around flowering shrubs and roses gives a boost to the soil when Spring arrives.





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.

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PLEASE CONTACT JENNIFER ON:-

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**BEST WISHES TO ALL
JENNIFER**

**Eco Tips Calendar
2026**



This Lent, take part in Climate Steward's Carbon Fast. Lent is a time when Christians traditionally fast and focus on God. The Carbon Fast will help you consider ways to live more simply, give you new ideas to cut your carbon footprint and invite you to focus on God and consider the whole of his creation. Beginning on 5 March, you'll receive a weekly email containing key facts, suggestions for how you could reduce your carbon footprint and a prayer to lead you through this Lenten season. Each week features a different theme designed to help us take climate action in manageable ways that bear witness to a God who has promised to restore all of his creation.

Find out more and sign up at climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast/

Visit arocha.org.uk for more!

FEBRUARY 2026 SERVICES

	1 st February	8 th February
	Candlemas	2nd Sunday before Lent – Proper 1
Readings	Malachi 3.1-5 Hebrews 2.14-18 Luke 2.22-40 Psalm 24	Genesis 1.1 - 2.3 Romans 8.18-25 Matthew 6.25-34 Psalm 136.1-9,23-26
Ashperton	All together Parish Communion Canon Frome 10:30am	9:30 CW Parish Communion
Bosbury		11:00 CW Parish Communion
Canon Frome		
Munsley		9:30 Morning Worship
Stoke Edith		
Stretton Grandison		
Tarrington		11:00 CW Parish Communion
Yarkhill		

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

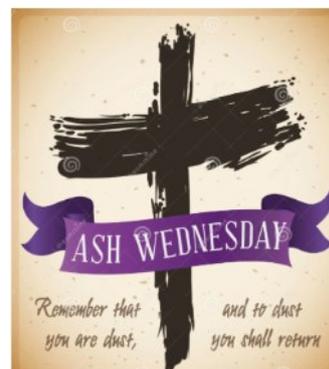
9:00am in Bosbury



Holy Communion—18th February

Ashperton at 10:30am

Bosbury at 7:00pm



Readings:

Joel 2:1-2,12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 or John 8:1-11

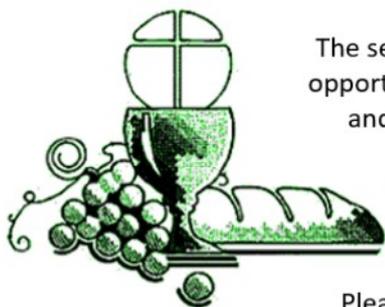
FEBRUARY 2026 SERVICES

	15 th February	22 nd February
	Sunday next before Lent	1 st Sunday of Lent
Readings	Exodus 24.12-18 2 Peter 1.16-21 Matthew 17.1-9 Psalm 2 or Psalm 99	Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7 Romans 5.12-19 Matthew 4.1-11 Psalm 32
Ashperton	9:30 CW Parish Communion	9:30 BCP Parish Communion
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 (joined by Stoke Edith)	

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

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BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

Just a reminder that we do not meet in February



LOCAL SERVICES

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Support for Men:

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Email: mdas@wmwa.org.uk

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

www.westmerciawomensaid.org



Ledbury Food Bank

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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:

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Sunday 1st February 2026

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Canon Frome

10:30am

Please note there will be no other services in the
benefice on
this day



Easy Pancakes (courtesy of <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com>) Makes 12 Prep 10 mins Cook 20mins

Ingredients:

- 100g plain flour
- 2 large eggs
- 300ml milk
- 1 tbsp sunflower or vegetable oil plus a little extra for frying

To serve (optional) - lemon wedges and caster sugar



Method:

Step 1 Put 100g plain flour, 2 large eggs, 300ml milk, 1 tbsp sunflower or vegetable oil and a pinch of salt into a bowl or large jug, then whisk to a smooth batter. This should be similar in consistency to single cream.

Step 2 Set aside for 30 mins to rest if you have time, or start cooking straight away.

Step 3 Set a medium frying pan or crêpe pan over a medium heat and carefully wipe it with some oiled kitchen paper.

Step 4 When hot, cook your pancakes for 1 min on each side until golden, using around half a ladleful of batter per pancake. Keep them warm in a low oven as you make the rest.

Step 5 Serve with lemon wedges and caster sugar, or your favourite filling.

Once cold, you can layer the pancakes between baking parchment, then wrap in cling film and freeze for up to two months.

A Poem for February

When I Am Among the Trees—Mary Oliver

When I am among the trees,
 especially the willows and the honey locust,
 equally the beech, the oaks and the pines,
 they give off such hints of gladness.
 I would almost say that they save me, and daily.

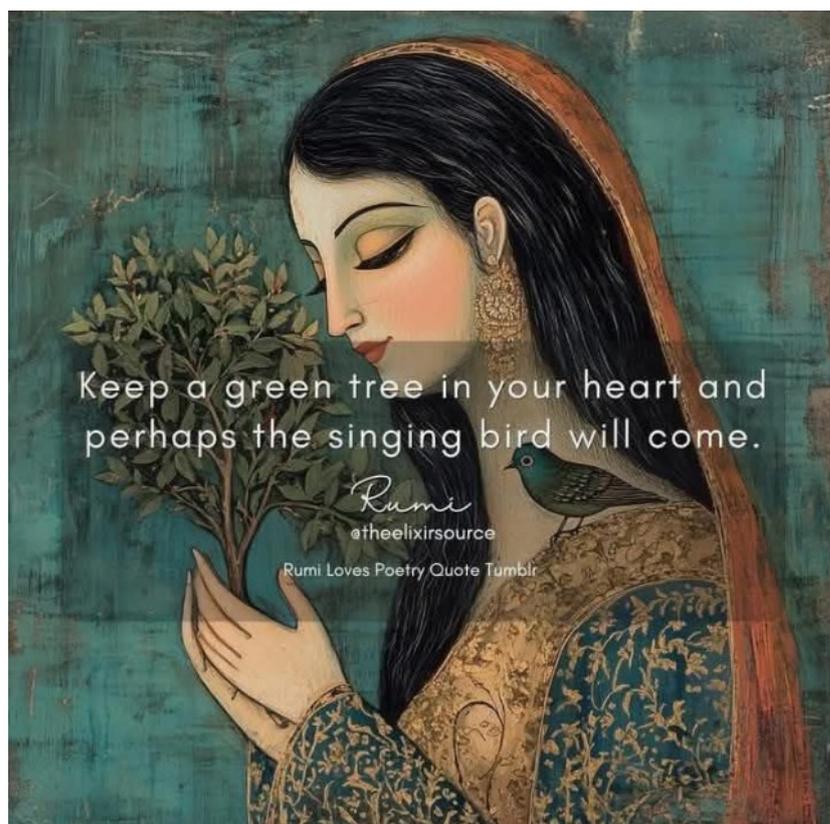
And they call again, "It's simple," they say,
 "and you too have come
 into the world to do this, to go easy, to be filled
 with light, and to shine."

I am so distant from the hope of myself,
 in which I have goodness, and discernment,
 and never hurry through the world
 but walk slowly, and bow often.

Around me the trees stir in their leaves
 and call out, "Stay awhile."
 The light flows from their branches.



And if, like me, you're missing the green leaves of our trees- here's a sustaining thought!



Parish Council Details



Parish Council	Date	Time	Location	Meeting Schedule
Ashperton	26/03/26	7:30pm	Ashperton Village Hall	Bi-monthly on the last Thursday of the month
Bosbury & Coddington	05/02/26	7:30pm	Bosbury Parish Hall	1 st Thursday of each month excluding January and August
Pixley & District incl. Munsley	09/03/26	7:30pm	Munsley Community Hall	Bi-monthly on the second Monday of the month
Stretton Grandison Group incl. Canon Frome	16/03/26	7:30pm	St James Church Canon Frome	Bi-monthly on the third Monday of the month
Stoke Edith	TBC	7:30pm	Lady Emily Community Hall	Twice yearly or as needed
Tarrington	09/03/26	7:30pm	Lady Emily Community Hall	Bi-monthly on the second Monday of the month
Yarkhill	Mar TBC	7:00pm	Yarkhill Village Hall	Bi-monthly on a Tuesday excluding January and August

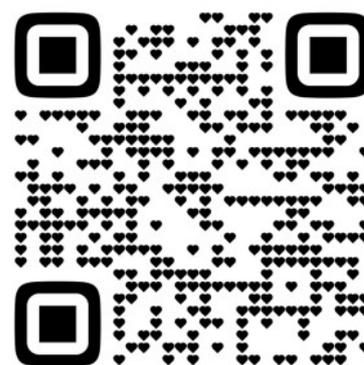
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