



Hop Parishes News

**March
2026**

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

Donations & Help Needed!

BOSBURY SPRING JUMBLE SALE

28 MARCH 10AM-12PM



WANTED: Any quality clothes, toys, bric-a-brac or unwanted gifts! (No shoes please)

Please drop your goodies off at Willow End,
Southfield Lane, Bosbury any time from **14**
MARCH

If you can help on the day please contact
Sue on 07414 558883.

All proceeds go to the upkeep of the Parish Hall

Admission:
£1 per
person

BOSBURY PARISH HALL

SPRING UPDATE

As we move through the winter months, it's great to have some events to look forward to – so save these dates!

Our events rely on the amazing support of our community – whether donating to the Jumble Sale, baking for the Bluebell Walk, helping on a stall, or just coming along. Every bit makes a difference.

This year, proceeds from the Bluebell Walk will go towards renovating our local Sports Hall. Since fundraising began, we've secured £35,000 in grants plus a generous £600 from The Bell's activities – bringing us closer to another fantastic community space.

28 MAR

SATURDAY

10AM-12PM JUMBLE SALE

Held at the Parish Hall, donate your unwanted items & buy a wide range of toys, books, clothes & bric a brac at unbeatable prices!

26 APR

SUNDAY

2-5PM BLUEBELL WALK

Join us at Bosbury House, enjoy a walk around the Bluebell Walk with the popular Refreshments tent and even a Dog Show!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE PARISH HALL COMMITTEE OR VOLUNTEERING, SPEAK TO PAUL ON 07341 677635 (PDMILNES@HOTMAIL.CO.UK) OR LIZZIE ON 07854 439596

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE UPKEEP OF THE PARISH HALL AND SPORTS HALL RENOVATION

Proceeds shared between the
Parish Hall & Holy Trinity Church

BOSBURY BLUEBELLS

*Bluebell walk in the grounds
of Bosbury House*

by kind permission of Nat & Laura Hone

Sunday 26th April 2-5pm



**VINTAGE & CLASSIC CAR DISPLAY,
FUN DOG SHOW, TEAS & PLANTS STALL**

Admission Adults £5

Children under 16 accompanied by an adult free

Free entry for drivers of cars more than forty years old
included in the display

Music at Bosbury 2026

Sunday March 1st at 6:00pm

CHORAL EVENSONG

sung by *Refugium* with Roger Allen (organ)

A traditional Book of Common Prayer evening service with music by Tallis, Gibbons, Smith, Stone, Michael James

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Saturday March 28th at 7:30pm in Bosbury Parish Hall

'ALIVE & BREL'

A return of the popular cabaret style evening revue of songs by the legendary Belgian singer/songwriter Jacques Brel, performed by singers Tim Brown, Alison Allan, and Steve Allan, accompanied by Simon Peberdy (piano) and Esther Kay (flute).

Tickets £15 for adults, children free, to include light refreshments, available in advance from 01531 670634 (would help with catering!) or on the door. Bar.

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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

A feast of sublime and beautiful choral music by Gibbons, Harris, Byrd, Bairstow, Parry, Weelkes, Pearsall, Stanford, McDowall, Chilcott, Sheppard, Holst

Tickets £15 adult, children free, in advance from 01531 670634 or scan the QR code on the poster.

Interval refreshments - donations invited

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Saturday May 30th at 7pm in Bosbury Church

LEDBURY BRASS BAND

in concert

as part of our Patronal festival weekend celebrations

Tickets on the door £12 adult, children free.

Music at Bosbury 2026

Friday July 3rd at 7:00pm

Music for All

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

It may seem some way away, but start polishing your party pieces now!

All contributions very welcome

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Saturday September 5th - Sunday September 6th

ORGAN OPEN WEEKEND

Exhibition, demonstrations, talks, play the organ!

Recital by John Challenger (Salisbury Cathedral)

For more information please contact Esther Kay 01531 670634

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More concerts are being planned - Watch this space!

EASTER AT BOSBURY

Date	Time	Service
Palm Sunday 29th March	10:30am	United service at ASHPERTON 10.30am (no service in Bosbury)
Services in Bosbury Church in Easter week		
Monday 30th March	7:00pm	COMPLINE a short quiet reflective evening service
Tuesday 31st March	7:00pm	TENEBRAE a meditative candle lit service with plain-chant sung by a visiting choir
Wednesday 1st April	7:00pm	COMPLINE
Maundy Thursday 2nd April	7:00pm	EUCCHARIST commemorating The Last Supper
GOOD FRIDAY 3rd April	7:00pm	<i>"Imagine if you will"</i> a meditation on the Passion in words and music
EASTER SUNDAY 5th April	11:00am	EASTER COMMUNION

BEWARE THE IDES OF MARCH

The Ides of March is perhaps the most famous date in the Roman calendar, forever synonymous with betrayal, the fall of The Roman Empire's most famous statesman, and the end of an era. Falling on 15th March, the date originally held no dark connotations; in the Roman lunar calendar, the "Ides" simply marked the midpoint of the month, typically aligned with the full moon. However, the events of 44 BC transformed this routine administrative marker into a symbol of political upheaval that still resonates in modern culture.

As every schoolboy and girl used to know, the notoriety of the date stems from the assassination of Julius Caesar. Having recently been declared Dictator Perpetuo (Dictator in Perpetuity), Caesar had amassed unprecedented power, effectively signalling the death of the Roman Republic's democratic institutions. Fearing his monarchical ambitions, a group of rebellious senators—calling themselves the Liberators and led by Gaius Cassius Longinus and Marcus Junius Brutus—conspired to end his life.

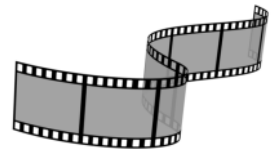
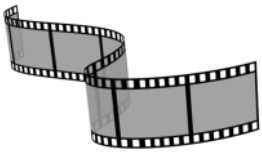
During a meeting of the Senate the conspirators surrounded Caesar, stabbing him 23 times. This act was intended to restore the Republic, but it achieved the very opposite; it sparked a series of civil wars that ultimately led to the rise of the Roman Empire under Caesar's heir, Augustus.

The date's enduring legacy is largely due to William Shakespeare. In his play *Julius Caesar*, a soothsayer famously warns the dictator to "Beware the Ides of March." Though historical accounts by the philosopher Plutarch suggest a seer did indeed warn Caesar that danger would befall him no later than the Ides, Shakespeare's phrasing has turned the date into a universal omen of impending doom.

Beyond the drama, the Ides of March represents a pivotal "sliding doors" moment in Western history. It serves as a stark reminder of the fragile balance between security and liberty. Today, the phrase is used metaphorically to describe a sense of looming catastrophe or a betrayal by those closest to power.

And, particularly, for those few amongst us that remember Frankie Howerd's Lurcio in that great mid 20th century work "Up Pompeii" – Woe, woe and thrice woe – beware the Ides of March.

And in the immortal words of Cleopatra to Mark Anthony: if you enjoyed this article, tell your friends.



“Nowhere Special” Cert 12—2020

on Friday 20th March 2026

Bosbury Parish Hall at 7:30pm

British Drama:



Set in Northern Ireland, James Norton stars as single parent, John and Daniel Lamont as his 4 year old son, Michael. John has a terminal illness and must make arrangements for the care of his son. Michael’s mother left when he was baby. He researches prospective adoptive parents who reveal themselves through their meetings.

The Independent.....

Expressive, sensitive and incredibly touching

Wine, fruit juice and nibbles available on the night

Tickets £6



ST BARTHOLOMEW'S ASHPERTON



EASTER is coming! Every year we arrange lilies in the church to remember our loved ones. If you would like to sponsor a lily to commemorate **your** loved one please let Anna, Audrey, Colleen, or Julia have your donation. We suggest £10, but all donations are, of course, welcome.

Does anyone have a working lawn mower they no longer need? We could really use a second machine to keep the churchyard looking smart.



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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.

And don't forget cleaning on the 2nd Thursday of every month.

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.

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For more information <https://www.bosburyparishhall.org>

* COFFEE MORNING *

Saturday 21st March

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.*

TABLES AVAILABLE - £5.00

Enquiries to Liz Clutterbuck 01531 640415

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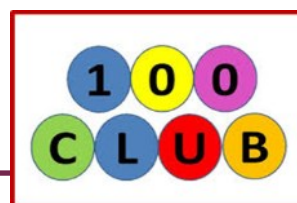
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Prize Winners

1 st	£20	M Box	(147)
2 nd	£10	P Matthews	(19)
3 rd	£ 5	F Hay	(11)
	£ 5	Y Hay	(1)
	£ 5	A Krinks	(30)

Jeremy Croshaw

Club Organiser



A LETTER FROM LINDE

Dear Friends,

March finds us firmly in the season of Lent. In Medieval times, this was sometimes thought of as the 'springtime of the soul', as the light returns and new life emerges. There is much talk of 'the quiet revolution' of people (especially younger people) seeking faith, of church attendance, especially in towns and cities growing. We may not yet see this in our quiet rural churches but we too should pray that others in our communities will find faith in Christ or seek to renew their faith.

This challenges us though, to consider what kind of Church we are becoming. A Church that hides its light, absorbed by its own fears or difficulties - or a Church that turns outward, is open and generous, being a beacon for others. When we dare to witness the Gospel with courage, the light grows stronger rather than weaker. And the more freely we share the light we have received, the more brightly it will burn, the more it will attract people to our Lord. Can we be part of this 'quiet revival'? Something to ponder and pray for during Lent.

As part of this, our monthly service of 'Bringing in the Light' resumes again in March – could you join us as we seek God's light, presence and blessing in our Benefice?

With warm wishes,

Linde

BOSBURY WI

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Visitors are most welcome

Thursday, March 12th at 7:30pm in Bosbury Parish Hall

Annual Meeting & Social Time

Thursday, April 9th at 7:30pm in Bosbury Parish Hall

TALK: The Herefordshire Hoard

(Herefordshire Museums – Friends of the Museum Service)

This is an Open Meeting: all members of the public are most welcome

[entry is £4 for non-members]

If you would like further information about Bosbury WI, who meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30pm in Bosbury Parish Hall, please contact the Secretary on 01531 641982

This month's

BOSBURY CAFÉ CHURCH

is on MOTHERING SUNDAY

Sunday March 15th at 9:45 for 10:30am



Celebrate this special day and the special things about those who mother us. Bring a few flowers if you can (we will have some!) to make a posy.

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, 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!

ANOTHER AFTERNOON OF FUN AND SONG



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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 PARISH HALL.

PLEASE CONTACT JENNIFER ON:-

01531 640166 / 07855 419001 / 07816 668005

e-mail jenniferbalmain@gmail.com



**BEST WISHES TO ALL
JENNIFER**

MUNSLEY PCC - GRAVESTONE TOPPLE TEST

Munsley PCC are required to conduct regular tests of gravestones.

The Topples Test applies a controlled force to the memorial at a specific height, to ensure the gravestone is firm, that it does not cause a danger to members of the public.

Please remember it is the family's responsibility to care for the grave.

Munsley PCC will carry out a test between 1st April and 31st May 2026. Any memorial in danger of toppling will be laid down and the family contacted.

Sue Allman
Secretary

Carole Powell Tuck
Treasurer



The Garden in March



March has arrived, the days are lengthening, but the soil is still wet after the persistent rains of January and February; this doesn't seem to worry the daffodils, which are so bright and cheerful. If you have them in pots, give them some liquid feed e.g. tomato feed from when the shoots appear until the leaves begin to die down, remembering to deadhead as the flowers fade.

One job to be finished this month is pruning of bush roses, down to 4-5 buds on each branch, with the last cut leaving an outward facing bud and taking out any diseased or rubbing branches. Feed with a rose fertiliser and mulch with compost or well-rotted manure leaving a little space around the actual stems and look forward to this summer's flowers!

Thinking about flowers, if you have a heated propagator, you can get ahead with sowing annuals, such as Asters, Stocks, Petunias, Salvia, but restrain yourself . . . I often find, in my enthusiasm I have sown the whole packet and then run out of space to grow them on or plant out - do I really want dozens of Lobelia? Try sharing seeds with a friend instead!

In the Vegetable Garden

Whilst the weather is inclement take a moment to think about rotation, i.e. moving where you grow different types of vegetable each year to avoid build up of pests and disease and add to soil fertility.

If you can, split your vegetable garden into 4: in one section grow Peas & Beans, which add nitrogen into the soil, followed the next year by brassicas, (Sprouts, Kale, Cabbage etc.), which need the extra feed; then potatoes and finally roots and alliums, which do not like too rich a soil. Lettuces can be tucked in anywhere! Don't forget in planning to leave space for Rhubarb and Asparagus which stay in one place.

When things warm up, we can sow Parsnips; an old tip is to make a hole with a dibber, fill with sandy soil and sow 3 seeds per hole, thinning as they germinate. Germination can be slow so add some Radish seeds along the row so you don't forget where they are.

Weather permitting onion sets can be planted outside 3cm deep, 5-10cm apart leaving just the tip showing, or individually in pots in the greenhouse or cold frame to plant out later. Also in the greenhouse sow Brussels Sprouts and Summer Cabbage; they probably won't be planted out until April, but Sprouts need a long growing season and we like to pick them ready for Christmas. Tomatoes, Aubergine and Chilli can be sown indoors too.

Peas: It may seem too soon to think about sowing peas, but March last year was when the long dry spell began and who knows what this year will bring, so I am going to sow early peas (Early Onward or Kelvedon wonder) in lengths of guttering in the greenhouse, ready to plant out in April to harvest in June.

Focus on Herbs - Basil

Most of the Basil we use comes in a packet or pot from the supermarket, but it is easy to grow on a sunny windowsill indoors, or in a sheltered spot outside during the summer.

Sow fresh seeds every year in succession from February to June sprinkled in pots of moist compost covered lightly with compost/vermiculite. Germinate in a propagator or plastic bag, don't over-water and re-pot as necessary.

There are many varieties: most common is the indoor large leaved Italian type but English or lemon basil grow well outside in a warm summer, so try something new!



MARCH 2026 SERVICES

	1 st March	8 th March
	2 nd Sunday of Lent	3 rd Sunday of Lent
Readings	Genesis 12.1-4a Romans 4.1-5,13-17 John 3.1-17 Psalm 121	Exodus 17.1-7 Romans 5.1-11 John 4.5-42 Psalm 95
Ashperton	Joint service with Stretton Grandison	9:30 CW Parish Communion
Bosbury	6:00pm Choral 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)	

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

After our winter break, we meet again
on **Thursday, 5th March at 6pm.**

Do come and join us at **Canon Frome!**



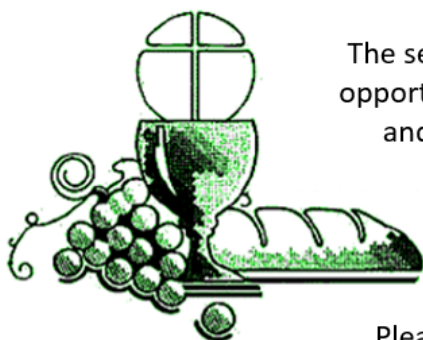
MARCH 2026 SERVICES

	15 th March	22 nd March	29 th March
	4 th Sunday of Lent / Mothering Sunday	5 th Sunday of Lent	Palm Sunday
Readings	Exodus 2.1-10 Colossians 3.12-17 John 19.25-27 Psalm 34.11-20	Ezekiel 37.1-14 Romans 8.6-11 John 11.1-45 Psalm 130	Isaiah 50.4-9a Philippians 2.5-11 Matthew 21.1-11 Psalm 118.19-24
Ashperton	9:30 CW Parish Communion	9:30 BCP Parish Communion	All together Parish Communion Ashperton 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 (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

mandy.williams@hopchurches.org.uk

National Grammar Day: A Celebration of Commas, Clarity, and the Occasional Catastrophe

Every year on **March 4th**, lovers of language gather—sometimes metaphorically, sometimes with red pens in hand—to celebrate **National Grammar Day**, a holiday dedicated to the noble pursuit of saying what we mean and meaning what we say. Founded in 2008 by author Martha Brockenbrough, the day encourages everyone to take a moment to appreciate the rules that keep our sentences from collapsing into chaos.

Why Grammar Gets a Day of Its Own

Grammar is the invisible scaffolding of communication. Without it, we'd be left with a jumble of words that could mean anything. "Let's eat, Grandma" becomes "Let's eat Grandma," and suddenly the family reunion takes a dark turn. National Grammar Day reminds us that punctuation isn't just decorative — it can be the difference between polite invitation and accidental cannibalism.

But the day isn't about shaming people for split infinitives or dangling participles. In fact, modern linguists often argue that language is a living, evolving creature, and grammar rules shift over time.

A Chance to Laugh at Our Linguistic Slip-Ups

One of the best parts of National Grammar Day is the humour it inspires. "The panda eats shoots and leaves." vs. "The panda eats, shoots, and leaves.". The first sentence describes a panda's diet, while the second suggests a panda that is armed and dangerous! Or the classic supermarket special: "Banana's 50p." Banana's what? Shoes? Opinions? Existential dread?

Remember – use the apostrophe in it's proper place and omit it when its not needed (sic)

How to Celebrate (Without Becoming *That Person*)

You don't need to patrol the internet correcting strangers to join in the festivities. Instead, you might:

- Read a favourite book and admire the author's style
- Learn the difference between "affect" and "effect" (again)
- Write a limerick with impeccable punctuation such as:

There once was a speaker so bold,
Whose sentences *wobbled* and *rolled*.
With each tangled phrase,
They'd bewilder and daze—
Yet their slip-ups were pure verbal gold.
- Or simply enjoy the quirky beauty of English, a language that cheerfully borrows from everywhere and then forgets where it put things



March Forth and Conquer

The date itself is a pun — **March 4th** sounds like "march forth," a gentle nudge to move forward with clearer, kinder communication. National Grammar Day isn't about perfection; it's about appreciation. It's a reminder that language is one of our most powerful tools, and giving it a little polish now and then can make the world just a bit easier — and funnier — to navigate.

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

www.westmerciawomensaid.org



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All are welcome.

Any singers who would like to join Bosbury choir for this occasion please contact Esther Kay 01531 670634. Practices are on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in Bosbury Church.

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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	05/03/26	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

Please check these dates with your Parish Council if you are planning to attend.

A Poem for March

My poem this month is by a contemporary English poet who I have recently discovered. I'm not sure how I could have missed her! Alice Oswald was born in Reading but now lives in Devon and has worked as a gardener and poet. Her love of nature also acts as an expression of her faith. She was BBC Radio 4's second poet in residence and also won the TS Eliot prize for poetry in 2002. I hope you enjoy her words – do take time to savour her images!



Linde

Prayer

Here I work in the hollow of God's hand
with Time bent round into my reach. I touch
the circle of the earth, I throw and catch
the sun and moon by turns into my mind.
I sense the length of it from end to end,
I sway me gently in my flesh and each
point of the process changes as I watch;
the flowers come. The rain follows the wind.

And all I ask is this - and you can see
how far the soul, when it goes under flesh,
is not a soul, is small and creaturish -
that every day the sun comes silently
to set my hands to work and that the moon
turns and returns to meet me when it's done.

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

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Eco Tips Calendar
2026



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