

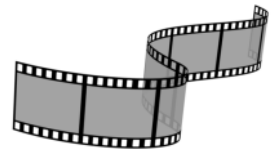
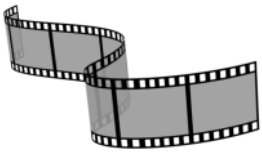


# Hop Parishes News



**June  
2026**

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



## “NORTH BY NORTHWEST” Cert PG - 1959

on Friday 19th June 2026 in Bosbury Parish Hall at 7:30pm

A 1959 American spy thriller produced and directed by Alfred Hitchcock, starring Cary Grant, Eve Marie Saint and James Mason.



It is a tale of mistaken identity: an innocent man (Grant) is pursued across the United States by agents of a mysterious organization that aims to prevent him from interfering with their plan to smuggle microfilm containing government secrets out of the country.

**The Telegraph...** Alfred Hitchcock's North by Northwest is a magnificent thriller, but it's also very funny

**The Times...** North by Northwest remains consistently exciting and enjoyable, and Mr. Hitchcock proves that he has still a few new tricks to shake down from his capacious sleeve.

**Wine, Fruit Juice and Nibbles available on the night**

Tickets £6



# Music at Bosbury 2026

**Friday July 3rd at 7:00pm**

## *Music for All*

Our annual Bring & Share celebration of Music and Poetry for the Village and Friends, performed by the Village and Friends

The date is fast approaching so start polishing your party pieces now!

All contributions are very welcome.

Contact Esther Kay 01531 670634

Tickets on the door £10, children free.

Interval Refreshments - donations invited.

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**Sunday August 9th at 3:00pm**

## **THE GARRICK SINGERS**

### **TEA & CAKE CONCERT**

**Hereford's choir for the over 55s**

**present a varied programme of wonderful songs to enjoy**

The Garrick singers meet every Monday at 2pm in the Garrick room at The Courtyard Theatre, Hereford. They sing a wide variety of music from folk to the great American song book via The Beatles and classical favourites. They have a busy performing schedule visiting care homes, retirement villages and WI meetings throughout the year. New members are always 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)** on Saturday 5th

For more information please contact Esther Kay 01531 670634

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## Music at Bosbury 2026 (continued)

**Saturday October 17th at 7:00pm**

### **HEREFORD POLICE MALE VOICE CHOIR**

directed by Alison Houlbrooke

accompanied by Simon Peberdy

In aid of Bosbury Organ restoration fund

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*More concerts are being planned - Watch this space!*

### **This month's BOSBURY CAFÉ CHURCH**

**for**

### **FATHER'S DAY**

**Sunday June 21st 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 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 finding a peaceful space, reading a Bible story, sharing our thoughts, singing some songs, saying some prayers.

*Hope to see you there!*

# Greetings and Thank You from Yarkhill

A hearty welcome to all the newcomers to Yarkhill parish. Over the last few years it is good to see the new houses gradually being occupied. Please don't hesitate to get to know us all at the village hall, the church, the parish council or out on your walks. You will find contact details at the end of this magazine.

Thank you Bosbury PCC for enabling this great local magazine and to all our advertisers who make it financially possible. Please do your best to support our local advertisers. Of course thanks to Sue for her endless work as editor.

It is more than worthwhile to make a visit to "Bosbury Brew" on Tuesdays for coffee and cake.

## A little history from the church:

A crafty builder in Bosbury  
 Flopped on a roll just like Fosbury  
 But while he was inverted  
 He became disconcerted  
 And constructed the tower on the boundary.

More next month

*Jim*

## My explanation of how Yarkhill is a "Hop Parish" when I can find no hops:

A sly hop farmer of Edith Stoke  
 Grew an American type called Chinook  
 But his yard was level  
 And strung like a Fuggle  
 Unlike Yarkhill whose hops are forsook

## Why not come and join the Peers and the Fairies?

Bosbury Players are looking ahead to the Autumn and a production of Gilbert & Sullivan's *IOLANTHE*. It's in the diary for the end of November with rehearsals in Bosbury on Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

Full of wonderful choruses and lots of opportunity for beautiful singing, Bosbury's well-known local group is on the look-out for more singers to join our jolly ensemble.

Perhaps you know someone who sings and acts with Bosbury Players? Perhaps you're a singer looking for a friendly group to tag along with? Or perhaps you've just been to one of their shows and thought: 'I could do that...'!

**Do get in touch with Alan Soper at [alanj.soper@btopenworld.com](mailto:alanj.soper@btopenworld.com).**

***Who knows where it might lead?***



# ST BARTHOLOMEW'S ASPERTON



## Ashperton Songs of Praise

This year we are celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Jeff Paget playing the organ for us at St Bartholomew's. We would like to celebrate this with a 'Songs of Praise' service on Sunday 2 August.

We hope you will put this date in your diary. We will be asking for hymn requests nearer the time.

There will be tea served after the service.



## APCM

*Your* parish church needs *your* support. Anyone interested in the upkeep of our beautiful building please consider joining the PCC. If you would like to join us please speak to Colleen or Mandy.

## SUNDAY SERVICES

From 1 June there will only be 2 services each month in St Bartholomew's. There simply are not enough ministers available to take all the services around the benefice. Services will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays each month.

## Dates for your Diaries:

Tuesday 2 June – Churchyard gardening/maintenance. Please come along at 10am and lend a hand keeping our churchyard neat and tidy.

Thursday 11 June – Church cleaning at 10am

Sunday 2 August – Songs of Praise to celebrate Jeffrey Paget

# STRAWBERRY MOON

The moon has been a source of wonder since the first eyes looked upward, but the names we give it often have more to do with our own seasonal rhythms than the literal colour of the lunar surface. From the "Strawberry Moon" to the rare "Blue Moon," these titles serve as a celestial calendar.

## The Strawberry Moon

The **Strawberry Moon** typically graces the sky in June. This year it is on the 30th when it will be 252,360 miles away, in contrast to the moon's average distance of 238,900 miles. Despite its evocative name, the moon doesn't usually turn a bright pink or red. Instead, this name originated from Native American tribes, specifically the Algonquin, who used the full moon as a signal that the ripening of wild strawberries was at its peak. It marks the transition from spring to summer, often appearing low in the sky, which can give it a warm, amber glow due to the atmospheric scattering of light.

## Lunar Rarities: Blue and Black Moons

You've likely heard the phrase "once in a blue moon." A **Blue Moon** isn't actually blue; it is the name given to the second full moon in a single calendar month. Because our calendar months don't perfectly align with the lunar cycle (which takes about 29.5 days), we occasionally get a "bonus" moon. Similarly, a **Black Moon** is the invisible counterpart—the second new moon in a single month—representing a time of complete darkness in the night sky.

## The Supermoon

A **Supermoon** occurs when a full moon coincides with the moon's **perigee**—the point in its elliptical orbit where it is closest to Earth.

During this event, the moon can appear up to 14% larger and 30% brighter than a "Micromoon" (when the moon is at its farthest point, or **apogee**).

## The Blood Moon

The most dramatic of all is the **Blood Moon**. This happens during a total lunar eclipse. As the Earth passes directly between the sun and the moon, it blocks direct sunlight. However, Earth's atmosphere bends the longer wavelengths of light (reds and oranges) and reflects them onto the lunar surface. The result is a haunting, copper-red orb hanging in the dark.

Whether it is a **Harvest Moon** aiding farmers with late-night light or a **Wolf Moon** howling through the January cold, these names remind us that while the moon remains a constant, our perspective of it is always shifting.

# THE OLD BOYS' SCHOOL, BOSBURY FOR HIRE

## Historic Village Meeting Hall Next to the Church Ideal for Classes, Studio, Functions or Parties

For viewing and hire please contact [info.oldboysschool@gmail.com](mailto:info.oldboysschool@gmail.com)

- Large Room approximately 15m x 5m with glazed room divider
- Natural light through 4 large windows
- Electric light and heating
- High ceilings and wooden floor
- Cloakroom and Toilet
- Tables, Chairs and Piano

*Available for Hire - £5 per hour*



# Bosbury Bowls and Tennis

A great place to enjoy games of tennis and bowls

New players always welcome



### **Bowls Enquiries**

Chris Minton 07918 188419



### **Tennis Bookings / Enquiries**

Please text 07803 427860

Annual membership available

or court fee £10/hour

Tennis & Bowls facilities are located behind the parish hall with free parking available

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



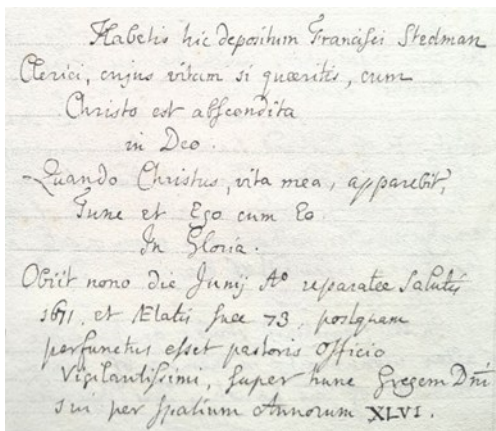
## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, YARKHILL

### SAVE OUR MONUMENT!

Can **YOU** help to preserve this aged memorial to Francis Stedman before constant weathering causes its wording to disappear for ever?

The Reverend Francis Stedman was the incumbent here for 47 years in the 17<sup>th</sup> 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, thus inscribed...



*Translated:*

*Here lie the mortal remains of Francis Stedman whose life, if you seek it, is hid with Christ in God "When Christ my life shall appear then I, too, will appear with him in glory."*

*He died on the ninth of June in the year of salvation 1671, aged 73, after most watchfully carrying out his duty as shepherd of the Lord's flock for 46 years.*

When the church was rebuilt in 1862 it stood in the way of the proposed new vestry. The altar tomb was dismantled, but the plaque with its inscription was saved, and set in the north wall on the exterior of the new vestry.

Yarkhill PCC is raising funds to enable the repair and preservation of this historic monument, a significant record of the history of Yarkhill and its connection to the founding of the art of 'change ringing'.

We have a detailed conservator's report and architect's plans for the restoration project and have received quotations in the region of £15,000.00 (Fifteen thousand pounds). We are seeking grants to help with this but will not be able to fully meet the cost without help.

Francis's time as Rector saw the installation of the current ring of four bells.

The old four bells have been preserved as they hang in the old 17<sup>th</sup> Century bell frame.

In 2012 the church installed eight new bells dedicated to the legacy of Fabian Stedman.

The new bells are rung regularly by local and visiting bell ringers.

**For further information or to find out how to make a donation please contact:**

Bell Tower Captain: Mr. Ashley Fortey Tel. 07894 728762 Email [ashleycfortey5040@gmail.com](mailto:ashleycfortey5040@gmail.com)  
Treasurer & Secretary - Mrs Julia Savagar Tel. 07890 82144 Email [juliasavagar@gmail.com](mailto:juliasavagar@gmail.com)

# HELLO - YARKHILL RESIDENTS

You are welcome to join us for a community get together on:

**Sunday June 14th from 12:00 noon**

**adjacent to Monksbury Court Cottage, Monkhide**

(access from the A4103, turn to Monkhide and follow the road to the end)

This is a casual get-together, it is a chance to catch up with friends, family, neighbours and to meet new people in a relaxed setting.

Bring your own picnic and blanket.

There is a marquee - but hopefully the sun will be shining!

Telephone 07973 368508

*Sorry—no pets allowed*



## CALLING ALL LOCAL EVENT ORGANISERS

### Are you Running an Event and Want People to Know About It?



One of the best things about our community is that there is always something happening; but with so much going on, it is easy to miss an event. Whether you are the organizer or just a fan of the event, sharing the details helps to bring us all together.

It only takes a minute to put your event on the map, just send the following details to [hopchurchnews@gmail.com](mailto:hopchurchnews@gmail.com) by the 15th of the month to be featured in the following month's issue:

- ◆ Name of the Event
- ◆ Time and Date
- ◆ Location
- ◆ Cost
- ◆ Contact Information e.g. a website, social media link, e-mail for enquiries

Do you have a poster or a photo? Send that along too—it helps your event stand out!

# Could You be the Bosbury Parish Safeguarding Officer?

## Bosbury Parochial Church Council (PCC) are seeking a Parish Safeguarding Officer

The Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) is an essential volunteer appointed by Bosbury PCC to champion a safe culture for children, young people, and vulnerable adults. The PSO implements Church of England policies, coordinate DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks, manage training and acts as the key link between the parish and the diocese of Hereford.

### Key Responsibilities:

- **Managing Concerns:** Receiving safeguarding concerns or allegations and passing them directly to the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA).
- **Safer Recruitment:** Overseeing the application process and DBS checks for church workers and volunteers.
- **Training:** Ensuring that staff and volunteers complete the required Church of England safeguarding training modules.
- **Oversight:** Keeping records of church activities and helping to create safeguarding risk assessments.
- **Visibility:** Displaying safeguarding contact information prominently in all church premises and on the church website.

### Support and Resources

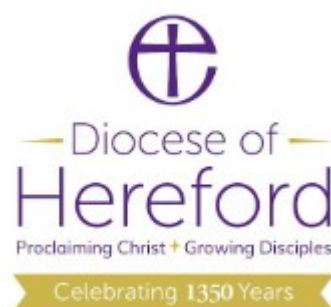
Because PSOs are volunteers balancing a demanding workload, dioceses provide robust ongoing support. The Hereford Diocesan Safeguarding Team provide direct advice, organize regular network meetings and guide you through reporting procedures.

Detailed information is available at:

<https://www.hereford.anglican.org/parish-support/safeguarding/parish-safeguarding/>

If you would like to apply for this vital role please contact Revd Mandy Williams on 07780 586846 or email [mandy.williams@hopchurches.org.uk](mailto:mandy.williams@hopchurches.org.uk)

*If you have an immediate concern regarding the safety of a child or vulnerable adult, **always contact the police or local authority social services first.** Otherwise, contact the Hereford Diocesan Safeguarding Team for guidance.*



# YARKHILL CHURCH NEWS



*Current Pattern for Church Services :*

*Morning Worship is held on the first Sunday of every month and Parish Communion is on the third Sunday Both at 11.00am.*

*Our Rector is The Rev'd Mandy Williams  
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*Tel. 07780 586846*

*mandy.williams@hopchurches.org.uk*

*For general enquiries:*

*Treasurer & Secretary: - Mrs Julia Savagar*

*Tel. 07890 821446*

*Commissioned Local Lay Reader  
Tim Woods*

*Tel. 07772 170837*



## *Fun in Fundraising*



*In April Yarkhill Church held a very enjoyable and successful Afternoon of Fun and Song complemented by delicious Yarkhill Church Teas.*

*We were delighted to be entertained by the super sea shanty singers 'Fishmongers' Friends' and the 'Hereford Folk Ensemble'.*

*Ticket sales, donations and a raffle made just under £600 which was shared equally between Yarkhill Church and St. Michael's Hospice.*

*This is the second year that the performers have given us their time and talents free of charge to help us to raise funds for two causes close to many of us. We are extremely grateful and hope they will return next year and make this an annual event.*

*Don't miss*

## **Yarkhill Church Teas!**

*Yarkhill Produce Show on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August*



## 100 Club Winners

Prize	No	Member
<b>January</b>		
1	4	Heather Lynes
2	44	C. Crawford
3	118	F. Shetliffe
4	95	Finlay Harris
<b>February</b>		
1	53	Ruth Howland
2	3	Annie lane
3	9	Ashley Fortey
4	77	Joyce Barton
<b>March</b>		
1	108	Hazel Walter
2	102	Vinny Lane
3	14	Ann Newman
4	102	Elliot Smith
<b>April</b>		
1	104	G. Donohue
2	112	Rachael Magee
3	69	Barbara Parry
4	41	Judith Brewer

You are warmly invited to...

# Bosbury Brew Café

Every Tuesday  
12:00 – 2:00pm  
in Bosbury Church

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



Everyone Welcome  
Donations only!

## BOSBURY 100 + CLUB

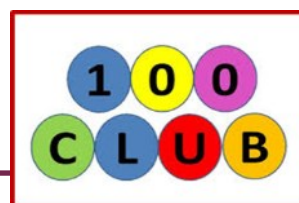
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### Prize Winners

1 <sup>st</sup>	£20	C Cale
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£10	E Clutterbuck
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£ 5	B Moffatt
	£ 5	G Blandford
	£ 5	G Suckling

Jeremy Croshaw

Club Organiser



## MUSIC SUNDAY at BOSBURY CHURCH

### Sung Matins on June 14th at 11am

The Royal School of Church Music, to which Bosbury Church is affiliated, have designated Sunday June 14th as MUSIC SUNDAY - an opportunity to celebrate all that church music brings to worship and to our lives.

All over the world the RSCM supports church music of many different kinds, with events, education, training and advice. There is a chorister training scheme which Bosbury used to follow in years gone by, producing some excellent musicians.

When we asked how we should celebrate Music Sunday Choral Matins was suggested. You may remember the whole congregation singing the Venite, Te Deum and Benedictus.

**Come and join in! There will also be favourite hymns and a choir anthem.**



# \* COFFEE MORNING \*

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June

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.

**"Good communication is just as stimulating as black coffee, and just as hard to sleep after." - Anne Morrow Lindbergh**



**TABLES AVAILABLE - £5.00**

Enquiries to Liz Clutterbuck 01531 640415

Proceeds to Holy Trinity Church, Bosbury



# The Garden in June

Summer . . . roses, sweet peas, the first sweet and fresh vegetables, strawberries. . . . June is a favourite month for many gardeners, but also a busy one, as it is time to plant out all that summer bedding and weeds are growing just as fast as precious plants and tender crops, so keep your hoe handy.

## The Flower Garden

Roses are in full bloom; to keep them flowering remember to take off the spent flowers (deadheading) or the roses will think their job is done and make hips instead of flowers. It helps to give a little feed towards the end of the month to encourage a second flush of flowers.

Sweet peas should be well up their supports by now and beginning to flower; although a huge jungle of sweet peas looks and smells wonderful, remember that unless you pick them often and thoroughly, they too will set seed in little pea pods and stop flowering.

## Soft Fruit

June is the month for soft fruit and don't the birds know it, so make sure your currants, gooseberries, strawberries and raspberries are protected by nets before they are ready and if you can put straw around your strawberries, it will lift them off the ground, help prevent mould and keep them clean from muddy splashes when it rains. Keep gooseberries well watered if there is a dry spell as that helps to prevent mildew.

## Vegetables

In the vegetable plot the tender vegetables can now be safely put out: runner and French beans, squash and courgette, Sweet corn too, but plant these in a square grid rather than a row as they are wind pollinated and will fertilise better and make bigger cobs in this way.

There is still time to sow brassica if you haven't managed to so far and plant them out into the garden when they have made a strong plant next month. I read recently that it is also not too late to sow runner beans, particularly the white flowered varieties such as White Lady. Apparently white flowered varieties can cope better with heat and may be picked as late as October - weather permitting!

Tomato plants are growing strongly now; remember to pinch out the side shoots (the new little shoots growing out between the leaf and the stem) each time you water - it is surprising how quickly they grow in only a week! As soon as they set fruits, feed with a tomato feed as per the instructions on your packet.

## Pests

Butterflies are beautiful, even white ones, but not on our cabbage or kale or broccoli or sprouts, so cover early with netting or fleece to stop the caterpillars and also pigeons from feasting on the new growth.

Blackfly is the other pest to look out for, initially on broad beans, but they will go for French and runners too, as well as Dahlias. You can control them with insecticide, but I find that well diluted washing up liquid works pretty well, as long as you spray as soon as you see the first signs and repeat as necessary.

Happy gardening and amongst the busy-ness of June, take time to stand and stare every so often and appreciate the beauty all around us.



## JUNE 2026 SERVICES

	7 <sup>th</sup> June	14 <sup>th</sup> June
	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity – Proper 5	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity – Proper 6
<b>Readings</b>	Hosea 5.15 - 6.6 Romans 4.13-25 Matthew 9.9-13,18-26 Psalm 50.7-15	Exodus 19.2-8a Romans 5.1-8 Matthew 9.35-10.8 Psalm 100
<b>Ashperton</b>	Joint service with Stretton Grandison	9:30 CW Parish Communion
<b>Bosbury</b>	6.00pm Evensong	11:00 Choral Matins
<b>Canon Frome</b>	11.00 CW Parish Communion	
<b>Munsley</b>		9:30 CW Parish Communion
<b>Stoke Edith</b>	Joint Service with Yarkhill	
<b>Stretton Grandison</b>	9:30 BCP Parish Communion (joined by Ashperton)	
<b>Tarrington</b>	Joint Service with Yarkhill	11:00 CW Parish Communion
<b>Yarkhill</b>	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 service of quiet reflection, blessing and prayer in the Celtic style will be at Tarrington on Thursday, 4th June at 6pm



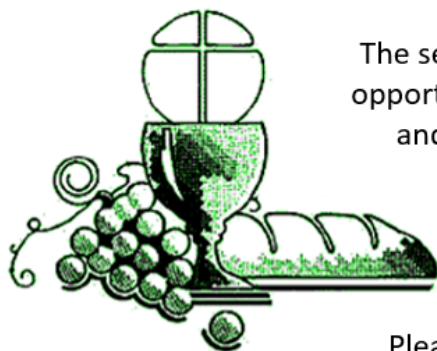
## JUNE 2026 SERVICES

	21 <sup>st</sup> June	28 <sup>th</sup> June
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity – Proper 7</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity – Proper 8</b>
<b>Readings</b>	Jeremiah 20.7-13 Romans 6.1b-11 Matthew 10.24-39 Psalm 86.1-10	Jeremiah 28.5-9 Romans 6.12-23 Matthew 10.40-42 Psalm 89.8-18
<b>Ashperton</b>		9:30 BCP Parish Communion
<b>Bosbury</b>	9:45 for 10:30 Café Church	9:30 Morning Praise (non Eucharistic)
<b>Canon Frome</b>		
<b>Munsley</b>		9:30 Morning Worship
<b>Stoke Edith</b>	Joint Service with Yarkhill	
<b>Stretton Grandison</b>		
<b>Tarrington</b>	9:30 Morning Worship	11:00 CW Parish Communion
<b>Yarkhill</b>	11:00 CW Parish Communion (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

## A LETTER FROM LINDE

Dear Friends,

So many of those I speak to are increasingly concerned about the state of our world and our country, feeling it is all being shaken up, that nothing is certain and each day brings news of more things to worry about - and we have no power to do anything about it. Yet God has made mighty promises to surround us, such as the wonderful promises in Isaiah 54:10:

*'Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken, nor my covenant of peace be removed,' says the Lord, who has compassion on you.*

I wonder, can you take a moment today to see yourself and your loved ones encircled by God's promises, his presence and his glory?

God's glory isn't a cold light – I imagine it as a warm and golden light: the same goodness that underwrites his loving promises and when we catch even the smallest glimpse of them, the grey clouds shift and part, allowing his glorious sunlight to shine through. Perhaps, in these past days of sunshine and sudden showers, we will even see God's promises reflected in a sudden rainbow, whose beauty never fails to delight.

Ezekiel had similar thoughts when he wrote: *'Like the appearance of a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the radiance around Him. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord.'*

May God remind you today, as we head towards midsummer (rather hard to imagine as I write this on a cool, cloudy day!), that you are nevertheless in Christ, held by His love, surrounded by His promises and encircled by His glory.

Warm wishes,

*Linde*

## June is National Microchipping Month

Initiated by the UK's pet database, Petlog, it reminds pet owners to get their pets microchipped and ensures that existing chip records (like your address and phone number) are accurate and up-to-date.

- **It is the law:** Microchipping is mandatory for all dogs over 8 weeks old. It is also legally required to microchip all cats in England by 20 weeks of age
- **A chip is only useful if details are current:** If your contact details change, you must update them on the registered database.
- **Checking your chip:** You can check which database your pet is registered with by taking them to a local vet to be scanned.
- **Why June matters:** Pet charities highlight that missing pet rates rise in the summer months as pets spend more time outdoors or owners go on holiday.

Many veterinary clinics offer check-up services or run promotional discounts on microchipping during this month.

## BOSBURY ORGAN RESTORATION APPEAL NEWS

**The organ has just been tuned ready for our Patronal Festival on Trinity Sunday May 31st and the first wedding of the season**

### **THE "NEW" BLOWER - what next?**

Thanks to the generosity of many donors the new blower was fitted last year and the organ is sounding very good. However behind the scenes the huge wind reservoirs are still the original 150 year old bellows and the leather is unsurprisingly beginning to show signs of wear. This has resulted in some audible wheezing from the instrument. If they fail, the organ will be unplayable.

Our plan is to re-leather the reservoirs **when we can raise the funds**. As part of this stage we intend to restore the original hand pump which was in use until 1948 and still functions. It is a fascinating historical artefact and could probably even be used in case of a power cut!

In addition, removal of the bellows would reveal the pedal trackers and it would make sense to restore them while they are accessible. The total cost will be in excess of £30,000.

We will be meeting with Andrew Caskie of Nicholsons soon to discuss more details of the project.

### **GOOD NEWS**

**We are very grateful to the Edward Cadbury Trust who have awarded a grant of £5,000 towards this work.**

*Our local fundraising is ongoing. Please do help if you can.*

### **ORGAN OPEN WEEKEND 5th-6th September.**

**Exhibition - Demonstrations - Talks**

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## Letting Go

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We must let go  
Of those hurtful things,  
That burn and hiss  
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That hurt the heart  
And clip our wings,  
Where we can't fly  
And we can't sing

I think it's time  
To turn the page,  
Turn to the light  
And quiet the rage

Forgive the slights  
We cannot change,  
And spread our wings  
To escape this cage



Jimmy Osborne





## Parish Council Details

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

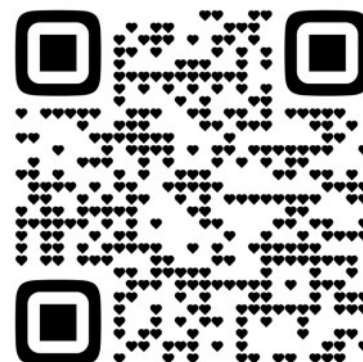
Parish Council	Date	Time	Location	Meeting Schedule
Ashperton	30/07/26	7:30pm	Ashperton Village Hall	Bi-monthly on the last Thursday of the month
Bosbury & Coddington	04/06/26	7:30pm	Coddington Church	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month excluding January and August
Pixley & District incl. Munsley	13/07/26	7:30pm	Munsley Community Hall	Bi-monthly on the second Monday of the month
Stretton Grandison Group incl. Canon Frome	20/07/26	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	13/07/26	7:30pm	Lady Emily Community Hall	Bi-monthly on the second Monday of the month
Yarkhill	04/06/26	7:00pm	Yarkhill Village Hall	Monthly on the first Thursday excluding January and August

Parish Council	Parish Clerk Contact	Website
Ashperton	Mrs Janet Chester clerk@ashperton-pc.gov.uk	<a href="https://ashperton-pc.gov.uk">https://ashperton-pc.gov.uk</a>
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### ***Bosbury & Coddington Parish Council***

#### ***Footpath Map***

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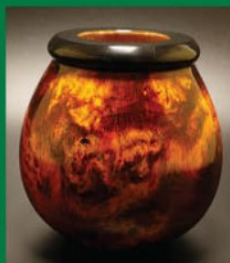
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