



Hop Parishes News

May
2026

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

HOLY TRINITY BOSBURY

Saturday May 30th @ 7pm

LEDBURY COMMUNITY BRASS BAND

Directed by David Thomas

Varied music to include James Bond themes, *Radetzky March*,
New York, New York, *Lark in the Clear Air* and much more!

**Part of Bosbury's Patronal
Festival Weekend**

Tickets £12 on the door, U18 free

**Contact 01531 670 634 or visit
www.holytrinitybosbury.org**



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

Our next concert is a feast of sublime and beautiful choral music by Gibbons, Harris, Byrd, Bairstow, Parry, Weelkes, Pearsall, Stanford, McDowall, Chilcott, Sheppard and Holst

Refugium Chamber Choir is a group of accomplished singers from Herefordshire, Cardiff and beyond, who came together in the wake of the COVID epidemic. Apart from a love of excellent choral music they share a passion for cats, cakes and curry.

Simon Harper is director of several local choirs and choral societies and a lay clerk at Hereford Cathedral.

Tickets £15 adult, children free, in advance from 01531 670634 or scan the QR code on the poster (*see page 31*).

Interval refreshments - donations invited

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LEDBURY BRASS BAND

in concert

as part of our Patronal festival weekend celebrations

Tickets on the door £12 adult, children free.

Interval refreshments - donations invited

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Friday July 3rd at 7:00pm

Music for All

Our annual 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 very welcome

Music at Bosbury 2026 (continued)

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)

For more information please contact Esther Kay 01531 670634

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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!

TOILET TWINNING

Bosbury Church have just twinned their toilet with one in South Sudan. It only costs £60.

1 in 4 people in the world (3.5 billion people) do not have a safe and hygienic toilet. One child in 5 dies of diseases caused by dirty water and poor sanitation every 2 minutes.

Decent toilets save lives. Women and girls are vulnerable to being attacked as they go the toilet in the bush. Illness keeps people from working and children away from school. You can help.

You can twin your toilet with a toilet in countries all around the world.

For more details visit Toilet Twinning online <https://toilettwinning.org/>

HEREFORDSHIRE WOODTURNERS

There is nothing quite like a piece of wood that's been taken from the heart of a tree, shaped, smoothed and polished into something useful for use around the house or garden or something which you just like the feel and look of.

Woodturners love wood. We cherish a natural material that may be hundreds of years old and which until you cut into it has never been seen before. No two pieces of wood are the same – every one has its own unique grain, texture and even smell!

Herefordshire Woodturners are in our 21st year, based in Credenhill, Hereford with a membership of both men and women ranging from teenagers to octogenarians and complete novices to professional turners. We meet on the last Thursday of every month to either watch professional demonstrations or have "hands on" events where members can try out new tools and techniques on the club's lathes. We also go to shows and fairs across the county throughout the summer to exhibit our wares and encourage people to "have a go".

You don't need a lathe, just a love of working with wood to come along and enjoy our evenings.

See our website www.herefordshirewoodturners.uk

For more information or contact me at secretary@herefordshirewoodturners.uk

Peter Dennis, Secretary of Herefordshire Woodturners



Herefordshire Woodturners

WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

Male/female, young or old, learn new skills and techniques, meet fellow enthusiasts and enjoy demonstrations by nationally known turners.

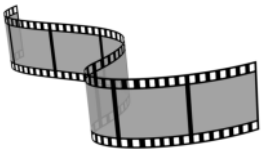
Why not come along to one of our meetings on the last Thursday of every month starting at 7.30pm in Hereford.

If you enjoy working with wood this could be just what you've been looking for!

www.herefordshirewoodturners.uk
secretary@herefordshirewoodturners.uk

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1199270





“The Colour Room” Cert PG—2021

on Friday May 15th 2026 in Bosbury Parish Hall at 7:00pm



Clarice Cliff (Phoebe Dynevor) is a factory worker in 1920's in the Midlands. She shares financial responsibility for her family with her widowed mother Ann (Kerry Fox) and youngest sister Dot (Darci Shaw). Clarice impresses factory owner Colley Shorter (Matthew Goode) with her talent and innovation and fights her way through to design the Art Deco 'Bizarre' range. In the middle of the Great Depression, she ensures the factory's survival.

The Telegraph..... ‘uplifting biopic’



Wine and Nibbles available on the night

Entrance £6



REMINISCENCES OF THE MAYPOLE

Frankly I do not know whether May Fairs are much of a “thing” in 21st century Britain. A brief research online says that there is something of a renaissance lately but that the traditional Maypole dance is very much on the decline. In a different universe you could, of course, simply ring a local school and ask but, preferring my own home to the local custody suite, I decided against that.

However back the 1960s it was very much an annual event. The school I attended put on a day of entertainment comprising sack races, apple bobbing, Tug o’War and Maypole dancing and they were all very much part of the proceedings.

And, of course, that involved “The May Queen”. I mean one hardly dares mention it but at my school the May Queen was selected by secret ballot amongst all the school’s children and, inevitably, the prettiest girl in the school was chosen. Simple arithmetic reveals that most girls were NOT chosen and they had to endure a disappointment similar to that of Anni-Frid Lyngstad – the second prettiest girl in Abba.

There was a consolation prize however, the triumphant Queen was allowed to choose two or three May Princesses; they were usually the next prettiest of course and this only exacerbated the disappointment of the remaining unselected girls – although I fancy most of them were over it by June.

Come the day of May Fair itself and The May Royal Family of Queen and Princesses were driven around the playing field in a horse and cart decorated with flowers and containing a straw throne for the Queen. They would alight at the pole and a much-rehearsed terpsichorean event would ensue. To the delight of the assembled audience.

Meanwhile the boys were waiting for their moment in the sun. A much choreographed “sword” dance. Even in the 1960s real swords were not allowed so wooden ones were used and the boys would perform their dance, accompanied by an accordionist. The dance culminating in one boy, to tumultuous applause, holding an octagon of intertwined swords above his head. I always expected the entire lot to collapse on him. But it never did.

So how much of this survives today is unknown to me. I am sure though that much time has been spent by the wokerati trying to come up, unsuccessfully, with a gender-neutral term for the May Queen. I do have a suggestion for them but I am walking a fine enough line as it is.

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ST BARTHOLOMEW'S ASHPERTON

APCM - *Your* parish church needs *your* support. Anyone interested in the upkeep of our beautiful building please consider joining the PCC. Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Wednesday 20th May at 3:30pm in the church. If you would like more information please contact Colleen or Rev Mandy Williams. It is very important to get some younger members of the village onto the PCC if you want there to be a church in the village in the future.

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/>

Gardening/Churchyard

Maintenance - Weather permitting we hope to continue to meet on the first Tuesday of each month to work in the churchyard. Please bring your strimmer or loppers (anything which might be useful). There will be coffee and cakes when the work is done.

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.

ASHPERTON CHURCH 100 CLUB

A reminder to you all that the annual subscriptions of £10 are now due. The first draw will be in June. Drawn quarterly, the prizes are £50, £20, £10, £5.

GOOD NEWS FROM CANON FROME

A little while ago, a young man with vision came and asked if he could look at the old organ ... "Well you can if you like", I said, doubtfully, "but we don't hold out much hope!" But with his grandmother to help keep an eye on things, Thomas duly came to 'give it a go' and remarkably, miraculously, incredibly, within three short sessions the organ was beginning to stir to life! Well, not in the thirty years we've been here had we ever heard it sing and for our fifth Sunday shared service for Candlemas, Thomas was able to show what could be done! That morning, I was astonished, speechless and over excited in equal measure to hear him practising as I came up the path ... and then to hear him accompanying us for the first three hymns was simply mind blowing ... then sadly the blower itself 'ran out of puff' with a technical hitch! Who cares! Thomas had shown beyond measure what could be done! He has gone on to breathe incredible new life into the old heart of the church in a truly remarkable way. Never has a service so early in February been so joyous and up lifting! Winter in the old organ bay was turning to Spring!

If you would like to hear for yourself what this remarkable young man has achieved, you are most welcome to join us for a cup of tea and to listen! Nothing formal, just an opportunity to drop in, gather round and hear it play!

Bring along your wallets! Generous donations welcome!

Debbie Davies – Churchwarden

'MUSIC FOR A MAY AFTERNOON'

SUNDAY 17TH MAY 2026 3PM TO 5PM

CANON FROME CHURCH

ALL WELCOME

TRINITY WEEKEND May 30th-31st at Bosbury

May 31st is Bosbury Church's Patronal Festival, as the church is dedicated to the Holy Trinity.

To celebrate we will be enjoying a concert given by Ledbury Community Brass Band on Saturday 30th May at 7pm. See **Music at Bosbury** for more details. Suitable for all the family.

On Sunday May 31st we have a united Benefice Parish Communion service of celebration at 10.30 am. If you would like to join the choir of singers from around the Hop Churches please contact Esther Kay 01531 670634.

HELPERS' TEA To say a big thank you to the many many people who keep Bosbury church up and running we are having a Tea & Cake celebration at 3pm on Sunday May 31st.

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

- 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>

BOSBURY WI'S YEARLY PLANT STALL

Please come along and visit our stall at the Coffee Morning on:

**Saturday, May 23rd (10am – 12 noon)
in Bosbury Parish Hall**

A wide selection of annual, perennial and vegetable plants will be on sale.



All proceeds go to Bosbury WI's funds

BOSBURY ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2026

Wednesday May 13th at 6:00pm in church

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is your opportunity to hear what Bosbury church has been doing in the past year.

It includes a Rector's report, churchwardens' report, a financial report and news of the bells, Bosbury Brew, the choir and organ, concerts and other events, links with Bosbury school, the building and the churchyard, the newsletter and website - all of the life of the church.

Members of the Church Electoral Roll can also vote for the PCC members and officers.

To be added to the Church Electoral Roll please contact our Electoral Roll Officer Peter Young 01531 640611.

We welcome you and any questions or comments you may have .

Stretton Grandison PCC

Our AGM will be held on

Thursday 7th May at 9:45am

at St Lawrence Church, Stretton Grandison

All welcome



HELLO - YARKHILL RESIDENTS

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

Sunday June 14th from 12:00 noon

Next to Monksbury 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



This month's

BOSBURY CAFÉ CHURCH

Sunday MAY 17th 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 reading a Bible story, sharing our thoughts, singing some songs, saying some prayers.

Hope to see you there!

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

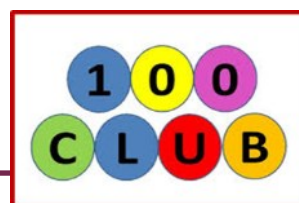
April 2026

Prize Winners

1 st	£20	A Jordan
2 nd	£10	P Sutherland
3 rd	£ 5	G Blandford
	£ 5	K Repper
	£ 5	J Andrews

Jeremy Croshaw

Club Organiser



Bosbury Parish Hall Jumble Sale—Thank You!

A big thank you to everyone who supported our recent Jumble Sale at the Parish Hall on Saturday 28 March.

Thanks to the combined efforts of our fantastic volunteers, generous donors, and everyone who came along on the day, we're delighted to share that we raised £340 towards the upkeep and development of the hall.

Events like this only happen because of the willingness of people in our community to give their time, donate items, and come along to support. Whether you helped set up, sorted donations, ran a stall, baked cakes, or simply came along and picked up a bargain – it all made a real difference.

We're continuing to build momentum with events like these, and it's a great way to bring the community together while supporting the future of the Parish Hall. If you've not been involved before, we'd love to see you at a future event – there's always a way to get involved, big or small.

Thank you again for your support – it really is appreciated.

Paul Milnes

Chairman - Bosbury Parish Hall

* COFFEE MORNING *

Saturday 23rd May
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

Proceeds to Holy Trinity Church, Bosbury



BOSBURY WI

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Thursday, May 14th at 7:30pm in Bosbury Parish Hall

TALK: 'THE MAGISTRACY, WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO'

(Magistrates on the Herefordshire Bench)



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



The Garden in May



The days are getting warmer, there are birds and butterflies, fresh green leaves, blossom hanging on the trees, the cuckoo calls . . . and the garden awaits.

Hanging Baskets

Do you love them or avoid them? They can be a welcome burst of colour on walls and buildings and are usually annuals but could also be herbs or winter bedding. To make, you will need a hanging basket and liner or moss, compost and scissors and mixed bedding plants, upright/trailing, taller/shorter, flowers/foilage, according to taste.

Put the basket on a wide pot to keep it still and line with a liner or moss. If you want to plant into the sides of the basket, make holes in the liner/moss at different levels. Fill with compost to the lowest holes, insert your chosen plants and cover with more compost. Repeat until the basket is filled, using trailing plants around the edge and taller ones in the middle. Top-up until the basket is almost full and water gently to avoid washing the compost away. Keep an eye on the weather and place under cover overnight if frosts are likely. In hot weather the basket may need watering every day - if it feels light, it needs water, if heavy, it is ok for now. Feed occasionally with high potassium liquid feed to keep the flowers coming and enjoy!

In the Flower Garden

If you haven't yet sown any hardy annuals, it is not too late. Sow cornflowers, nasturtium, sunflowers, calendula, california poppies etc direct into the soil, where they will flower generously through the summer. For seeds already sown and growing, pot on as necessary, harden off and plant out later in the month.

Cannas and dahlia tubers can be put out once frosts have passed - but watch like a hawk for slug damage on dahlias, hostas and delphiniums. If you can bear it, go on slug hunts on damp evenings or entice them to their death with beer traps! Barriers of real sheep's fleece worked well last year but is not available to everyone. Commercial wool pellets seem not to work.

Place supports around taller growing perennials, e.g. peony and tie in the new shoots of climbing plants such as honeysuckle, clematis and sweet peas; if you want bushier sweet peas, pinch out the leading shoot - this also works with sunflowers, fuchsia and chrysanthus.

In the Vegetable Garden

Now May is here it's time to sow sweet corn, runner, french and dwarf french beans; last year I tried the variety *Farraday* (dwarf FB) which were tender and a heavy crop, so I shall try those again. I start them off in the greenhouse, before hardening off and planting out later in the month. If you are planting direct into the ground, leave it a little, unless we have some warm weather and no frosts forecast.

Courgettes, squash, cucumber and pumpkin can also be sown now; put the seeds on their edge, not flat, to avoid over-soaking. If you only half fill the pot, as the seed grows you can add in more compost to help the stem grow more roots and create a stronger plant. Again keep protected until any risk of frosts has gone.

Successive sowings of lettuce, beetroot, carrots, spring onion, peas and spinach will give a supply through into the Autumn. With small seeds, watering the drill before you sow gets the water down where it is needed and avoids washing the seeds away.

The new growth on potatoes will need earthing up both to keep the tubers well underground, so they don't turn green and to protect from late frosts.

Strawberries will be full of flowers and soon fruit, so keep watered if necessary and surround with straw to deter the slugs and keep the fruit clean. Don't forget to net them or you will be sharing the crop with many little friends!

MAY 2026 SERVICES

	3 rd May	10 th May
	5 th Sunday of Easter	6 th Sunday of Easter
Readings	Acts 7.55-60 1 Peter 2.2-10 John 14.1-14 Psalm 31.1-5	Acts 17.22-31 1 Peter 3.13-22 John 14.15-21 Psalm 66.7-18
Ashperton	Joint service with Stretton Grandison	9:30 CW Parish Communion
Bosbury	6.00pm Eucharist	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

Our May service will be on Thursday, 7th May at 6pm at Stretton Grandison



Do come and join us

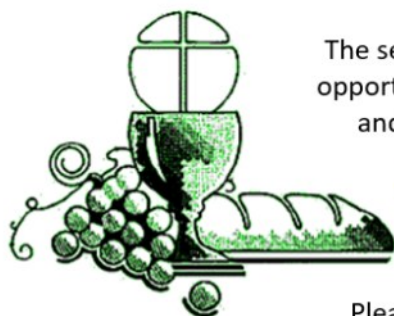
MAY 2026 SERVICES

	17 th May	24 th May	31 st May
	7th Sunday of Easter / Sunday after Ascension	Pentecost	Trinity Sunday
Readings	Acts 1.6-14 1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11 John 17.1-11 Psalm 68.1-10	Acts 2.1-21 1 Corinthians 12.3b-13 John 7.37-39 Psalm 104.26-37	Isaiah 40.12-17,27-31 2 Corinthians 13.11-13 Matthew 28.16-20 Psalm 8
Ashperton	9:30 CW Parish Communion	9:30 BCP Parish Communion	All together
Bosbury	9:45 for 10:30 Café Church	9:30 CW Parish Communion	
Canon Frome			Parish Communion
Munsley		9:30 CW Parish Communion	Bosbury
Stoke Edith	Joint Service with Yarkhill		10.30 am
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

A LETTER FROM LINDE

Dear Friends,

Each time I write my letter, the world seems more and more a gloomy and troubled place. Yet we are in Resurrection days so I am heartened by the knowledge that the Lord himself goes ahead of us. This was the promise given by the risen Jesus for the disciples.

The Lord goes ahead of you to Galilee (John 16:7).

Did they hear the echo of the great promise given to Joshua?

The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you. (Deuteronomy 31:8).

Amazingly, it was given to the disciples who might have expected condemnation for their betrayal. Instead, what they met was the Saviour who had gone before them to take their judgement on the Cross.

Without fixing our eyes on him ahead, we wander off course. If we will but follow, our good shepherd offers to lead us to green pastures and still waters, to restore our souls.

It is such a precious promise - whatever the future holds, the Lord himself goes before us. He has already gone ahead, through the tunnel of death into new life and he promises to lead us home - so be encouraged!

With warm wishes

Linde

A Poem for May

I enjoy the simplicity and clarity of Sara Teasdale's writing. (1884-1933). I hope you do too!

Linde

May Day

A delicate fabric of bird song
Floats in the air,
The smell of wet wild earth
Is everywhere.

Red small leaves of the maple
Are clenched like a hand,
Like girls at their first communion
The pear trees stand.

Oh I must pass nothing by
Without loving it much,
The raindrop try with my lips,
The grass with my touch;

For how can I be sure
I shall see again
The world on the first of May
Shining after the rain?



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.

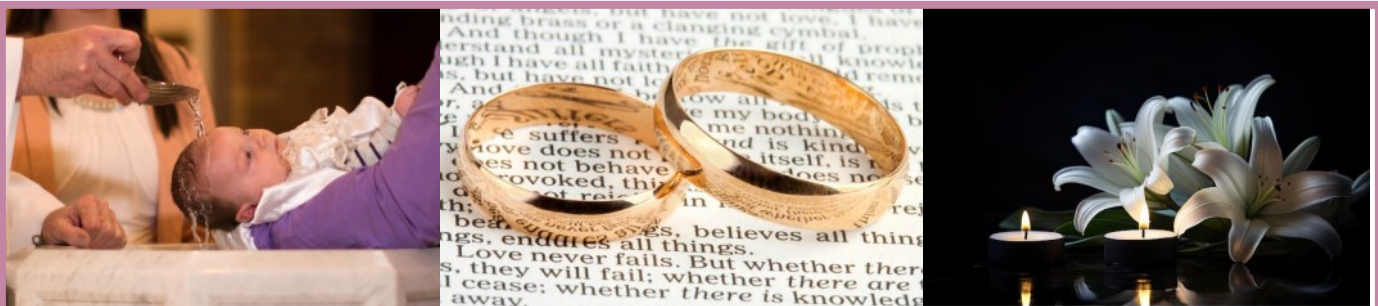
£5 PER CLASS – PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO OUR CHURCH, ORGAN FUND AND PARISH HALL.

PLEASE CONTACT JENNIFER ON:-

01531 640166 / 07855 419001 / 07816 668005

e-mail jenniferbalmain@gmail.com

BEST WISHES TO ALL JENNIFER



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

BOSBURY ORGAN RESTORATION APPEAL NEWS

THE "NEW" BLOWER - what next?

Thanks to the generosity of many donors the new blower was fitted last March 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. 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.

GOOD NEWS

We are very grateful to the Edward Cadbury Trust who have awarded a grant of £5000 towards this work.

Our local fundraising is ongoing.

ORGAN OPEN WEEKEND 5th-6th September

Exhibition - Demonstrations - Talks

Organ Recital by JOHN CHALLENGER (Salisbury Cathedral)

Details 01531 670634

Any donations or pledges of whatever size which can help us support the organ restoration will be gratefully received by our Treasurer Rob Prestidge 07960 655886 or via the QR code on the organ leaflets in the church.

If you want to know more about Bosbury's historic church organ please visit the church where there are leaflets on display, and do come and hear it at one of our services or concerts.

ORGAN REPAIR

Just before Easter the swell to great coupler began to malfunction and there was a weird cipher (an unplayed note sticking). Fortunately Nicholsons organ builders who look after the instrument were able to make some adjustments which have solved the problem for now, but this is another indication that the wooden mechanism is unsurprisingly showing its age.

MUNSLEY PCC - GRAVESTONE TOPPLE TEST

Munsley PCC are required to conduct regular tests of gravestones.

The Topple 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



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

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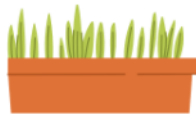
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Read more about bees, butterflies and habitats that support them in our Target 25 resources at arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/target-25. Sow a pollinator-friendly seed mix, make or buy a bee hotel, let some wild flowers grow in your garden, and don't use pesticides. Pray that our pollinator populations will increase.

For more about World Bee Day visit:

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Parish Council Details

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

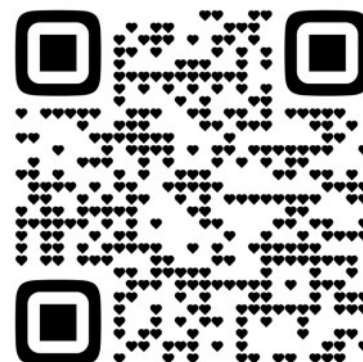
Parish Council	Date	Time	Location	Meeting Schedule
Ashperton	28/05/26	7:30pm	Ashperton Village Hall	Bi-monthly on the last Thursday of the month
Bosbury & Coddington	07/05/26	7:30pm	Coddington Church	1 st Thursday of each month excluding January and August
Pixley & District incl. Munsley	11/05/26	7:30pm	Munsley Community Hall	Bi-monthly on the second Monday of the month
Stretton Grandison Group incl. Canon Frome	04/05/26	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	11/05/26	7:30pm	Lady Emily Community Hall	Bi-monthly on the second Monday of the month
Yarkhill	07/05/26	7:00pm; 7:30pm AGM	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	https://ashperton-pc.gov.uk
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