

Hop Parishes News



August 2026

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



Yarkhill Village Hall Produce Show



& Fete



Saturday 8th August 3-5pm

Cream Teas, Raffle, Tombola,
Games & Prizegiving

In support of Yarkhill Church
and Village Hall



Contact
alun.wendy@hotmail.co.uk
for Produce Show entry forms



Bosbury Sports Hall Update



Before



After

We're delighted to share the latest progress on the Sports Hall at Bosbury Parish Hall.

Thanks to the hard work of local volunteers and the generosity of local businesses, the hall has undergone a remarkable transformation. The before and after photographs show just how much brighter and more welcoming the space has become.

A huge thank you to **Claire & Steve Pritchard, Mark Evans & Nicole Cox** for their time and effort, and to **Roger Coppin** for donating paint, equipment and materials.

As Chairman of the Parish Hall Committee, I've been hugely encouraged by the support shown by our community.

"It's been fantastic to see local people coming together to help breathe new life into the Sports Hall. With a new sports floor due to be installed in early September, we're one step closer to creating a vibrant space for sport, fitness and community activities for all ages."

The new floor will be installed in early September and we hope to hold a community launch event later that month.

This is an important milestone in the revival of the Sports Hall, with further improvements planned in the future to help secure the building for generations to come.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us get this far.

Paul Milnes

Bosbury Parish Hall Committee

Music at Bosbury 2026

Sunday August 9th at 3:00pm

THE GARRICK SINGERS

director Esther Kay

accompanist Simon Peberdy

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 in term time 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, the first session is free!

Contact The Courtyard 01432 340555

In aid of Bosbury church and the Herefordshire Music Fund.

The **Herefordshire Music Fund** is a registered charity that provides financial assistance, instrument hire, and vocal or instrumental tuition for young people up to 19 years old from low-income families in Herefordshire. Managed via [Encore Enterprises](#), it helps bridge the gap for students who want to learn music but face financial hurdles.

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Saturday September 5th - Sunday September 6th

ORGAN OPEN WEEKEND

Saturday 5th 10am - 3pm

Exhibition, demonstrations, family concert and talk, play the organ!

Light refreshments available

Sunday 6th 10am - 7.30pm

Recital by **John Challenger (Salisbury Cathedral)** at 1pm

Choral Evensong at 6:30pm sung by Refugium Chamber Choir
directed by Simon Harper accompanied by John Challenger

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

with special guests Marches Military Wives Choir

directed by Alison Houlbrooke accompanied by Simon Peberdy

In aid of Bosbury Organ restoration fund Refreshments, Raffle

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Sunday November 22nd at 6:00pm

HEREFORD CHAMBER CHOIR CONCERT

"Twilight" directed by Simon Harper

pre concert refreshments at 5:15pm (donations invited)

Tickets available from Hereford Chamber Choir

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, YARKHILL, CHURCH ORGAN

"The organ always was, both in my eyes and ears, the king of all instruments."

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart



Last month we told you about the need to dismantle and relocate the organ because of a collapsing floor.

We are delighted to report that the Charity 'Pipe Up for Pipe Organs' through its 'Sleeping Beauty scheme' has agreed to give us £1,000.00 towards the project.

Pipe Up for Pipe Organs is a charity created in 2022 to save British pipe organs from a wave of destruction that is sending an estimated five pipe organs to landfill every week, and leaving an additional four per week silent through lack of repair and maintenance. We are extremely grateful to the charity for their enthusiastic approach and valuable support.

Local fundraising for the project was launched by Organist, Thomas Powell, and raised a significant £700.00.

There is still some £3,000.00 to find to cover the relocation cost. If you feel that you can help in any way; by spreading the word, by fundraising or by private donation.....please speak to a member of the PCC or, if you wish, you can donate using the QR code. Any gift, however big or small, will make a difference and will be appreciated.



If you would like to learn more about Yarkhill's historic organ the link below shows its listing on the National Pipe Organ Register

<https://npor.org.uk/survey/K01540>

Thank you from Yarkhill PCC

Happy August Everyone

Of the many things I learned from the July magazine one was what an acrostic was and the other was that Yarkhill church organ was listing heavily to the left so I thought to combine the two:

Yearning for a peaceful Sunday
All the villagers gathered round
Reverend Mandy led the service
Keeping worshippers quite spellbound
Hymns we've sung with booming voices
In the pews of Yarkhill's pride
Lo and behold the organ toppled
Leaving no room left to hide

Choruses of gasps erupted
Huffing and puffing pipes askew
Utter chaos in the chancel
Reeling parish had lost its voice
Country quiet was quite shattered
How could we fix the holy noise?

Our vicar smiled, unbothered mostly
Rotted wooden frame crashing down
Given a vicar quite so sunny
As always the talk of town
New task 'tis to raise more money

Jim

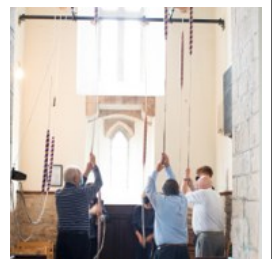
YARKHILL BELLS

Yarkhill Church welcomes Bell Ringers from all over. The link to the establishment of 'change ringing' through the Stedman family* attracts interested campanologists.

Yarkhill tower has recently had visits from; The Hereford Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers, Stoke St. Milborough, Coventry Guild, and 44 members of the Ladies Guild of Change Ringers all who managed to have a ring!

A double peal of Stedman Triples rang out of the morning of June 27th. The peal was rung in aid of Parkinsons UK to support a member of the local ringing community.

** Fabian Stedman often referred to as 'the Father of Change Ringing' was born in Yarkhill in 1640 when his father Francis was Rector here.*



THE MISSING MENU:

WHY BEER DESERVES THE WINE TREATMENT

Walk into any mid-to-high-end restaurant, and you're bound to be handed a leather-bound tome. It will detail the precise hillside in Tuscany where a particular grape caught the afternoon sun, complete with vintage years and tasting notes of "leather and wet pebbles."

Then, you look at the beer selection. If you're lucky, it's a tiny afterthought at the back of the menu. More often, it's a verbal grunt from the waiter: *"We've got a lager, a cider, and an IPA."*

This total absence of dedicated beer lists is a bizarre culinary blind spot. We are living in a golden age of brewing. Craft brewers approach their work with a level of obsession that rivals any estate winemaker. They talk endlessly about the alpha acids in Citra hops, the specific roasting profile of chocolate malts, and the wild yeast strains floating around their barrel rooms. Yet, as soon as that pint hits the dining room, it is stripped of its pedigree.

Beer actually possesses a broader spectrum of flavours than wine. Thanks to the interplay of water, grain, hops, and yeast, a beer can harbour tastes like fresh espresso, tropical mango, coriander, or sourdough bread. Try pairing a rich, smoky imperial stout with a chocolate fondant, or a crisp, tart Belgian geuze with fresh oysters on the half-shell, and you'll find combinations that easily rival a classic steak-and-Cabernet pairing.

So, why the radio silence on the menu? It comes down to old-fashioned snobbery. Beer has spent centuries branded as the casual, working-class drink, while wine claimed the high-art status.

But change is brewing, and it has a name: the **Cicerone**. Just as wine has the sommelier, the beer world has certified experts dedicated to the storage, pouring, and pairing of quality beer. A Master Cicerone undergoes gruelling exams to prove they know exactly how a beverage should taste, behave, and complement food.

It's time fine dining caught up. Let's ditch the leather-bound monopoly and give beer its proper place on the table—tasting notes included.

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SONGS OF PRAISE



ST BARTHOLOMEW'S, ASHPERTON

2:30pm SUNDAY 2nd AUGUST

Come and join us as we sing our
favourite hymns and celebrate

Jeffrey Paget's

60 years of playing the organ
for our Ashperton services

After the service there will be light
refreshments

(Pimm's and nibbles)



Yarkhill Parish Council Meeting - Police Community Support Officer

Our local Police Community Support Officer will attend the September meeting of Yarkhill Parish Council. They will give a short talk on their role in our community and answer questions from parishioners.

A warm welcome to the public from all parishes.

Thursday the 3rd September 7:00p.m at Yarkhill Village Hall



Time is running out to join UK's largest environmental pollution claim

People have until the August Bank Holiday to join a group legal action over pollution in the rivers Wye, Lugg and Usk, the largest environmental pollution claim of its kind in the UK.

The deadline of 31 August 2026 follows the claim's first High Court hearing in April, at which a timetable for the case was set.

More than 4,800 people and local businesses have already signed up to join the claim, which argues that residents and businesses have been negatively impacted by river pollution caused by manure run-off from industrial poultry operations, as well as sewage discharges.

Residents say the pollution has prevented activities such as swimming and canoeing, affected businesses reliant on the river including fishing and tourism, and impacted property values.

Excess nutrient levels in the River Lugg have also contributed to a building moratorium which has resulted in some residents facing years of delays and extra costs from building projects.

Jenny-May While, a client on the claim who lives near the River Wye, said:

"Growing up in Herefordshire we would swim in the Wye and Lugg all the time, so it feels like home. When we moved in, we were aware of the pollution, but now being so close to the river, I see it getting worse almost on a daily basis. I haven't seen any live fish this year and the smell is so bad sometimes I don't want to go into our garden."

Visit our website <https://www.leighday.co.uk/our-services/group-claims/river-wye-claim/> or search 'Leigh Day River Wye claim' to see if you're eligible to join.

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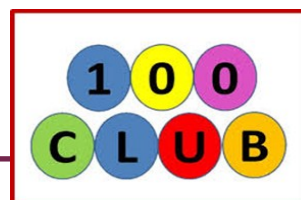
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Prize Winners

Prize	Amount	Member
1st	£20	E Butcher
2nd	£10	B Sharples
3rd	£5	G Smith
	£5	O Cox
	£5	N Jones

Jeremy Croshaw

Club Organiser



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

Love to sing? Join our friendly choir.



BOSBURY CHURCH CHOIR



Bosbury Church Choir will be taking a well earned break in August, starting again on September 2nd.

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 ORGAN RESTORATION APPEAL NEWS

THANK YOU to all who take an interest in our historic Grade 2 listed instrument.

Come and find out more about it at the

ORGAN OPEN WEEKEND

5th-6th September.

Exhibition - Demonstrations - Talks

**Organ Recital by JOHN CHALLENGER (Salisbury Cathedral) on
Sunday 6th at 1pm**

Choral Evensong at 6.30pm

Details - see Music at Bosbury or phone 01531 670634

We are grateful to

HEREFORD POLICE MALE VOICE CHOIR

plus Marches Military Wives Choir in concert

in aid of the Organ Appeal on Saturday October 17th at 7pm.

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 which is also 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.



VOLUNTEER TREASURER – BOSBURY PARISH HALL

Bosbury Parish Hall is seeking a Volunteer Treasurer to join its Board of Trustees.

This is an excellent opportunity for someone with bookkeeping, accounting or financial management experience to make a lasting contribution to an important local community asset.

The Treasurer plays a key role in overseeing the Hall's finances, preparing reports for trustees, monitoring budgets and supporting the long-term sustainability of the Hall.

The Hall is entering an exciting period of development, including plans to renovate the Sports Hall and expand activities for the community.

Formal accounting qualifications are not essential, but applicants should have practical bookkeeping or finance experience and be comfortable working with spreadsheets and financial records.

Trustee meetings are typically held every 12 weeks, with much of the work undertaken remotely.

If you would like to find out more, please contact Paul Milnes on 07341 677635 or pdmilnes@hotmail.co.uk.

This month's

BOSBURY CAFÉ CHURCH

A quiet joyful relaxed service

Do join us

on Sunday August 16th at 9:45 for 10:30am



Café Church is a quiet but special 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!

Bosbury Brew Café

The amazing Bosbury Brew team are taking a well earned break for the summer holidays.

Their last session was on 14th July and they will be opening up again on September 1st. We thank them for all that they do, for the delicious soups, toasties and cakes, and the opportunity to meet and chat, as well as sourcing information about local services. The Community Support Officers and Fire Officers will be calling in regularly in the Autumn so if you have any concerns bring them along.

Bosbury Brew would always welcome extra help, whether donations of cakes or being available on the day.

TEA & CAKE on Tuesdays in August

While Bosbury Brew are enjoying a break, there will be a simple tea and cake session on Tuesday in Bosbury church during the holidays from 2 - 4pm.

We hope to see you there! Catch up with friends. Keep cool in the church.



* COFFEE MORNING *

Saturday 22nd August

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, August 13th at 7:30pm in Bosbury Parish Hall

TALK: 'My Silk Road trip - Exploring the Native Flora, Culture and the Persian Art & Architecture of Uzbekistan' with Francine Gifford



***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

Don't miss

Yarkhill Church teas!

***Yarkhill Produce Show on Saturday 8th August
At Yarkhill Village Hall, HR1 3ST***



HEREFORDSHIRE
Historic Churches Trust



The return of Carlo Fierens, the professional Italian Classical Guitarist at two Herefordshire venues. Carlo has just finished a series of masterclasses followed by a concert in Manilla.

Weobley HR4 8SD – Sat 29 Aug 2026 7:00 pm

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/herfordshirehistoricchurchestrust/2181046>



Much Cowarne HR7 4JQ – Sun 30 Aug 2026 4:00 pm

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/herfordshirehistoricchurchestrust/2215327>



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YARKHILL PICNIC AND WALK

We enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon in the June sunshine at the community picnic with neighbours new and old. Should we do it again next year? Should we invite people from throughout the eight parishes?

Next up as an entree to the Yarkhill produce show, for teas and cake please meet at the village hall for an accompanied, easy walk across the beautiful Shucknall Hill.

Start 1pm August 8th

Contact Ian Carr 07733 301869



Thanksgiving Service

As a church community we come together to give thanks for lives now complete in this world.

In July a Thanksgiving Service was held for the life of Christine Eckley, formerly of Covender House, the last member of a family that has contributed significantly to the life of Yarkhill Church and Parish Council in past years.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Christine's family and friends.

Celebration of Baptism at Yarkhill

On a beautiful June Sunday morning Douglas and Amber brought baby Lola to Yarkhill Church for baptism into God's family and to give thanks for the gift of new life. Lola's baptism was part of the regular Service of Holy Communion and it was a joy for the congregation to witness Lola's baptism with her family and their friends. Congratulations to Douglas and Amber on the baptism of a beautiful, perfectly behaved baby!



We welcome all in our community seeking baptism in our church. Please contact the Vicar, Mandy, if you would like further information.



Gardening in a Changing Climate



It has been hot!

All the top ten warmest years for the UK in the records since 1884 have occurred since 2002. In future it is probable that we will have hotter drier summers and wetter warmer winters; the number of days of frost or snow is decreasing, extreme weather events (storms, droughts, torrential rain) are increasing.

The changing climate is likely to alter the way we garden. Some plants may flower earlier (Snowdrops apparently appear almost two months earlier than they did in the 1950s), some tender plants may now over-winter. These changes may also affect the dependence of wildlife on particular plants; some will thrive, others go extinct. What can we do to counter the effects of climate change?

Just at the moment, mid July at the time of writing, my greatest concern is water. I am careful to water either early or late, with a good douche rather than a sprinkle, but am also thinking about drip irrigation for next year. Water storage is going to be more important for all of us, so wherever you can, collect rain from a roof into a water butt or tank. Where that is not possible, crops and plants will have to manage with less water. This is helped by increasing soil organic matter and mulch, mulch, mulch! I have been surprised recently by one flower bed, covered last autumn with quite a thick layer of woodchip from a fallen tree. I was planting out some very neglected bedding plants (as happens!) and, on scraping the woodchip away, I found the soil dark, moist and crumbly underneath. You all probably knew that already!

On the lawn, leave the grass; a 'bowling green look' bakes hard and any water will run off. Let it grow longer and the soil will be more moist, the grass will root deeper and recover faster.

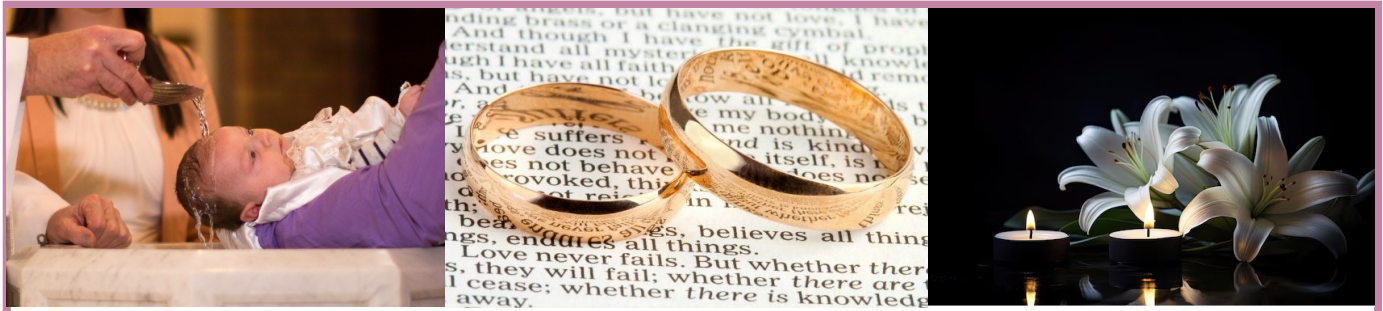
In the latest hot weather, some plants, both flowers and fruit and vegetables are suffering heat stress and are over and finished much earlier than normal. This can affect yield and quality of produce. Considering where to plant vulnerable plants to provide more shade may help next year.

As the year turns our problem may be too much water and flooding. In both cases, growing a range of different plants, both flowering and vegetables is an option, choosing heat/drought and damp tolerant varieties, so that whatever the weather, some things will thrive.

Another issue is 'pest and disease' control; wetter winters/springs could encourage fungal disease, like rusts and blight whereas a warmer climate may increase pest problems. This can be tackled to a degree by companion planting and mixing plants up into smaller groups and different areas; no more segregated rows of carrots or lettuce etc. It would be a big change in style.

Being aware of the changing climate and its effect on our gardening is going to be essential.

It's not all doom and gloom though; as temperatures increase we may be able to nurture previously tender plants, like sweet potato, olives or citrus; there's a thought - a slice of home-grown lemon in your G & T!



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

Could You Help Shape the Future of Ashperton Primary Academy?

Ashperton Primary Academy is looking for enthusiastic and committed members of our local community to join our governing body.

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As a governor, you'll gain new skills, broaden your experience and play an important part in the life of our school and wider community. Meetings are held several times a year, with training and ongoing support provided.

If you've ever thought about giving something back to your local community, this could be the perfect opportunity.

To find out more or to express your interest, please contact Ashperton Primary Academy.

We'd love to hear from you.

For more information please email: office@ashperton.hereford.sch.uk

AUGUST 2026 SERVICES

	2 nd August	9 th August
	9 th Sunday after Trinity – Proper 13	10 th Sunday after Trinity – Proper 14
Readings	Isaiah 55.1-5 Romans 9.1-5 Matthew 14.13-21 Psalm 17.1-7	1 Kings 19.9-18 Romans 10.5-15 Matthew 14.22-33 Psalm 85.8-13
Ashperton	Joint service with Stretton Grandison	9:30 CW Parish Communion
Bosbury	6:00pm Evensong	11:00 CW Parish Communion
Canon Frome	11:00 CW Parish Communion	
Munsley		9:30 CW Parish Communion
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 Morning Worship (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 August service will be at Ashperton on
Thursday, 6th August at 6pm

Do come and join us!



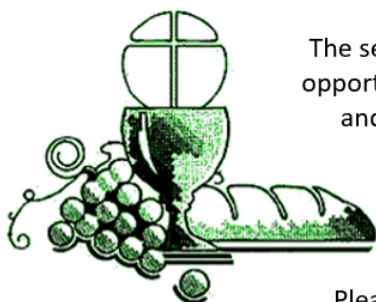
AUGUST 2026 SERVICES

	16 th August	23 rd August	30 th August
	11th Sunday after Trinity – Proper 15	12th Sunday after Trinity – Proper 16	13th Sunday after Trinity – Proper 17
Readings	Isaiah 56.1,6-8 Romans 11.1-2a,29-32 Matthew 15.21-28 Psalm 67	Isaiah 51.1-6 Romans 12.1-8 Matthew 16.13-20 Psalm 138	Jeremiah 15.15-21 Romans 12.9-21 Matthew 16.21-28 Psalm 26.1-8
Ashperton		9:30 BCP Parish Communion	All together Parish Communion Munsley 10.30 am
Bosbury	9:45 for 10:30 Café Church	9:30 CW Parish Communion	
Canon Frome			
Munsley		9:30 Morning Worship	
Stoke Edith	Joint Service with Yarkhill		
Stretton Grandison			
Tarrington	9:30 Morning Worship	11:00 CW Parish Communion	
Yarkhill	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

LOCAL SERVICES

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

www.westmerciawomensaid.org



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Contacts:

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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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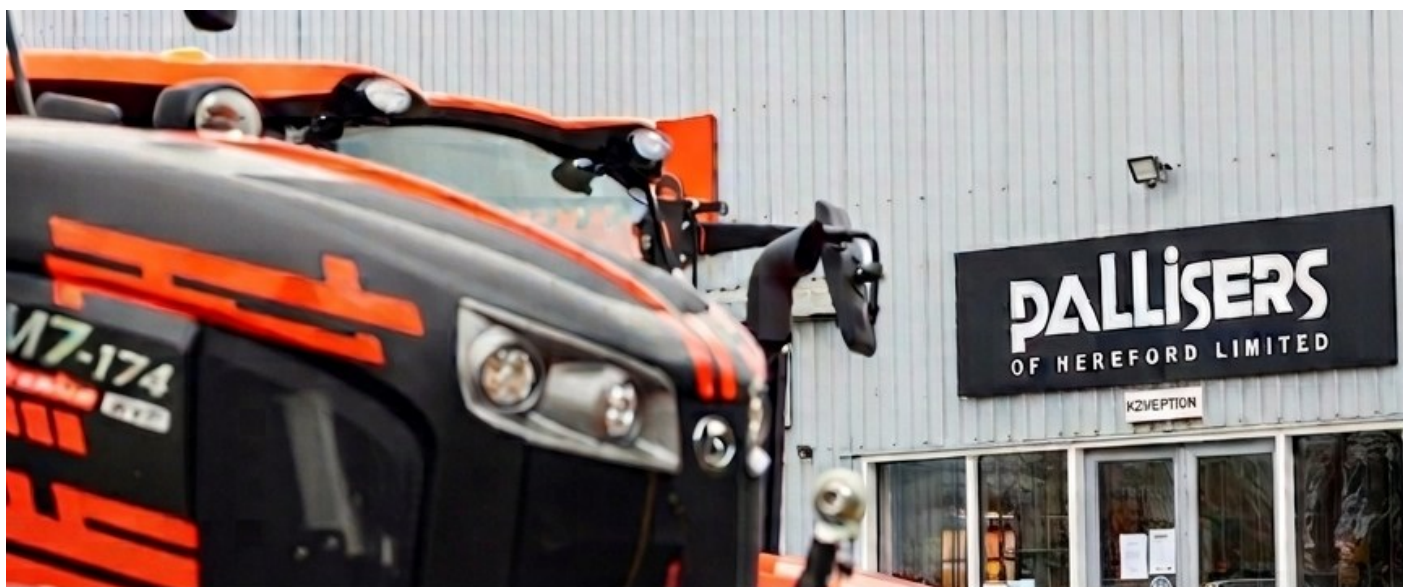
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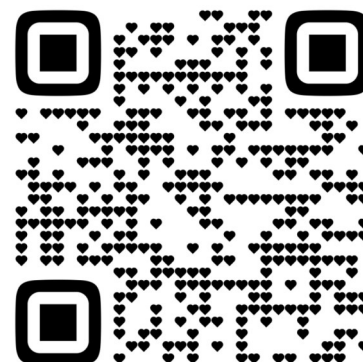
Parish Council	Date	Time	Location	Meeting Schedule
Ashperton	24/09/26	7:30pm	Ashperton Village Hall	Bi-monthly on the last Thursday of the month
Bosbury & Coddington	03/09/26	7:30pm	Bosbury Parish Hall	1 st Thursday of each month excluding January and August
Pixley & District incl. Munsley	14/09/26	7:30pm	Munsley Community Hall	Bi-monthly on the second Monday of the month
Stretton Grandison Group incl. Canon Frome	21/09/26	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	14/09/26	7:30pm	Lady Emily Community Hall	Bi-monthly on the second Monday of the month
Yarkhill	03/09/26	7:00pm	Yarkhill Village Hall	Monthly on the first Thursday excluding January and August

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

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As I did my best to untangle, my thoughts turned to God, our great Gardener and the tangled state of so much in our world. I imagined Him reaching down and untangling our messes, creating order from disorder, allowing light to filter through all the darkness, so that roots can grow strong and lives thrive.

Nothing cannot be untangled with prayer and with God's grace. There is a way - but it means we need to focus on Him or all can get tangled again as the weeds seek to occupy the ground once more. Like plants, we need rain, light and space to revive and to blossom.

In our own lives, each of us needs to give to God what needs thinning out, untangling or weeding. Like healthy plants reaching for the light, we need to stand tall and straight, allowing our roots to grow strong in the deep, rich soil of God's loving grace and presence. However dark our world, however lost or confused we might feel, we can make a determined commitment to thrive and blossom where He has planted us, focusing on Him!

Warm wishes

Linde

A Poem for August—As July Ends

I came across this poem from Morgan Harper Nicholls, so thought I would share it as we move into August and the blackbird's beautiful song grows quieter, as they reach the end of the breeding season.

I heard July is the end
of singing season for you,
for your song is only heard only for
a few short months each year,
and then time folds into quiet,
as if your part in the story is over,
once the season shifts,
and the world carries on.

Some would say a song ends
when it goes quiet,
that presence slips away
when the sound is gone.

But over and over again,
dear blackbird,
even when August comes,
I have come to find:
you're still here...
in all you've already sung
in everything that changed
because you were singing...

through the weight of your trying
left on the backs of leaves,

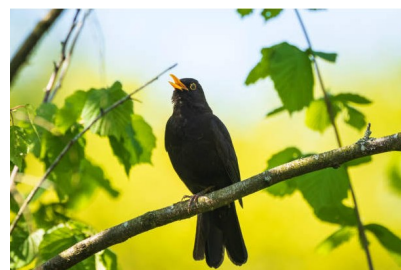
the tremble held in your breath
found in the pause in the rain,

the short paths you flew
still traceable around the porch,

you have mattered more
than you know.

and even as July ends,
and even though
the fullness of your being-ness
has not always been recognised,
this song that is your life
travels much further
than you realise.

Linde



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