



Hop Pirates News

September 2026

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



A Pie in the Pews

St James Church, Canon Frome

on Friday 18th September 2026 from 7:00pm

In support of the recent organ refurbishment

Delicious home cooked main and dessert courses

Dietary requirements catered for (please specify when reserving your place)

Licenced bar (cash preferred)

Musical accompaniment (via our newly refurbished organ)

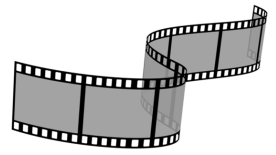
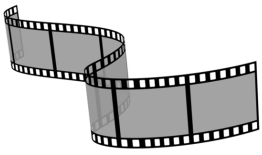
Raffle and quiz



Booking: Tel: Alison 07802 791193; Email: Deb djdavies25@outlook.com

Directions: W3W: ///redefined.energy.caring

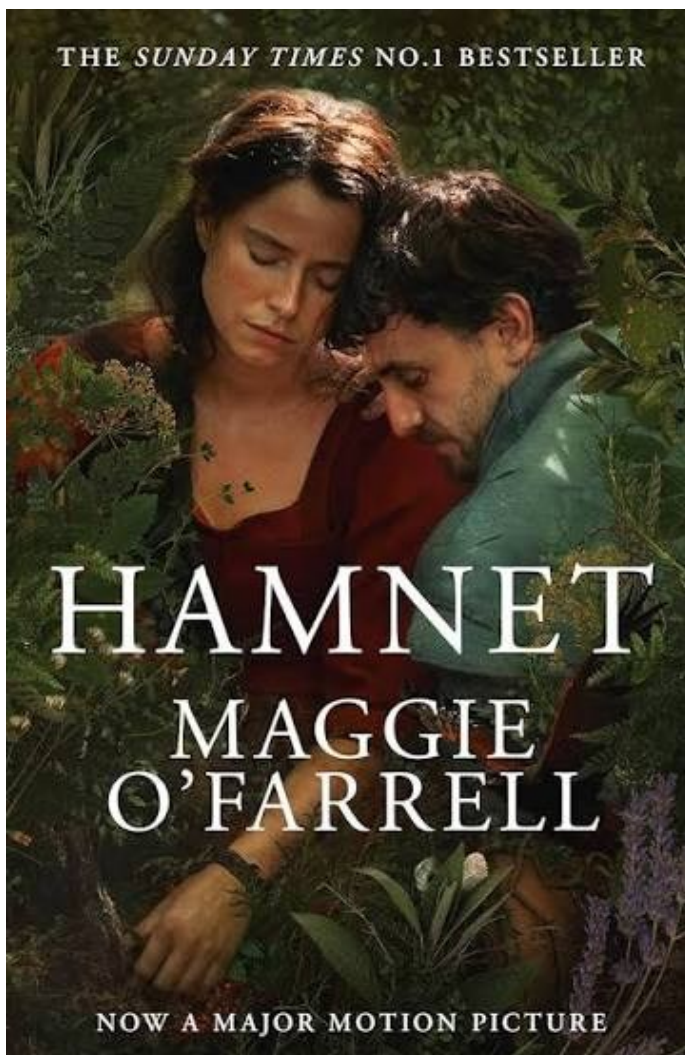
Cost - £10 Adult; £5 Under 16s



“HAMNET” Cert 12 - 2025

Friday September 18th 2026 in Bosbury Parish Hall

7:30pm



Hamnet is a 2025 historical drama directed by Chloe Zhao, who co-wrote the screenplay with Maggie O'Farrell, based on the 2020 novel by O'Farrell.

The film dramatises the family life of William Shakespeare (*Paul Mescal*) and his wife Agnes Hathaway (*Jessie Buckley*) as they cope with the death of their 11-year-old son Hamnet.

The Guardian.....Jessie Buckley and Paul Mescal excel in stately Shakespeare drama with overwhelming finale



Wine and Nibbles available on the night

Entrance: £6



Music at Bosbury 2026

Saturday September 5th - Sunday September 6th

ORGAN OPEN WEEKEND

Saturday 5th 10am - 3pm, Sunday 6th 10am - 7:30pm

Both days - Organ History Exhibition, Book a slot to play the organ!

Light refreshments available

Saturday 5th 11:30am

FAMILY INTRODUCTION TO THE ORGAN

with Dr Roger Allen

How does a pipe organ work? Are the pipes real?

What makes the different sounds? Why are there three keyboards?

What do the pedals do?

Sunday 6th open from 10am

ORGAN RECITAL

John Challenger (Salisbury Cathedral) at 1pm

Refugium Open Rehearsal at 5pm

CHORAL EVENSONG at 6.30 pm sung by Refugium Chamber Choir

Bairstow, Wood in Eb no.2 Rose Responses, Ireland

directed by Simon Harper

accompanied by John Challenger

For more information or to book a slot please contact Esther Kay 01531 670634

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Saturday October 17th at 7pm

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

Music at Bosbury 2026 (continued)

Sunday November 22nd at 6pm

HEREFORD CHAMBER CHOIR CONCERT

"Twilight"

directed by Simon Harper

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

Tickets available from Hereford Chamber Choir

Message from the Rector

The following note was read out on 19th July 2026 in those of the Benefice Churches where services were being held.

Dear Friends

Following a period of reflection I have decided to step down from my role as Rector of the Hop Churches from 31st December 2026. With the agreement of Bishop Richard I will cease all ministry in the benefice from 30th September 2026 and be seconded to work alongside the Archdeacon from 1st October, this will allow me time to consider and prepare for future opportunities in the New year and beyond. The Archdeacon will meet with Churchwardens and the Hop Churches ministry team to discuss the forthcoming vacancy after the Summer.

Every blessing

Mandy Williams

Mandy's last service will be a united benefice service on
Sunday 20th September at 10.30am at Yarkhill

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>



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For more information- 07414558883 (Sue)

✉ sue.milnes@hotmail.co.uk

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coffee & Craft

Sat 19th Sept
Sat 24th Oct
10am—1pm

Come And Join Us
For Tea Coffee & Bikkie's

Browse Our craft section

*Locally hand made crafts
available to admire and purchase.*

**CSM Royal British Legion
Social Club**

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A MODERN PIRATE'S GUIDE TO SEPTEMBER 19TH

Few historical figures managed personal branding quite like Edward Teach—better known as Blackbeard. To cultivate an aura of pure demonic menace, Teach famously wove slow-burning hemp matches into his beard and beneath his hat, lighting them before battle so his face drifted in thick, sulphurous smoke. It was undeniably effective for intimidating rival captains, even if it posed a severe health and safety risk to someone standing near open barrels of gunpowder.

History and fiction have since gifted us a colourful roster of high-seas rogues. From the historical brutality of Teach to Long John Silver's dubious morality and Captain Jack Sparrow's unsteady navigation, they all shared a distinct linguistic flair. Expressions like "Shiver me timbers" and "Dead men tell no tales" entered the public lexicon, alongside a dark obsession with Davy Jones's locker and cursed Aztec gold. Although it still remains a small mystery how an industry built primarily on scurvy and maritime robbery produced such enduring rhetoric.

And in 2026 the X Marks The Spot/Belay that Order!/Hoist the Mizzen type of Pirate has been largely subjugated and while there are still plenty of reasons to give the English Channel a wide berth Pirates, sailing under the Jolly Roger is not one of them.

Which brings us to International Talk Like a Pirate Day on September 19th. The occasion originated in 1995 when two friends, John Baur and Mark Summers, simultaneously sustained sporting injuries rendering them reliant, for a while, on crutches. They quickly decided the only logical response was to yell "Arrr!" at each other. What began as a private joke quickly caught wind and spread worldwide, proving that people will seize almost any excuse to adopt a theatrical squint and a guttural growl.

Lest there be any misunderstanding across the parish, I am certainly not advocating keelhauling, walking the plank, or marooning any of the local committees on a desert island. Quite the opposite. Well, certainly no keelhauling and no walking the plank.

Instead, I simply advocate a small dose of low-key pirate-based jocularit. Have a bit of fun and practise your best "Avast, ye scurvy dogs" while waiting for the kettle to boil, or offer a subtle "Ahoy, matey" during Sunday coffee. Just keep it civil, mind the rigging, and try not to hand in a black spot during the church collection.

And to get you in the mood, my favourite Pirate Joke...

*A pirate goes to the doctor to have the spots on his arm examined. The doctor says:
"They're benign."*

The pirate replies: "no, no doc, there be eleven. I counted them on the way here."

Sofi

Bosbury Brew Café

Unfortunately, Bosbury Brew, which has become a thriving community hub, has to be suspended until October. This is due to four longstanding volunteers stepping down for a number of personal reasons, including leaving Herefordshire for pastures new.

We are actively seeking new volunteers who are willing to commit to keeping Bosbury Brew going and continuing to thrive. It has become an important part of the week for our regular visitors, providing a warm welcoming environment, with nice food and companionship for a couple of hours. We also have regular visits from walking and cycling clubs from both near and far throughout the year.

The ability to make a cake (cake donations will be gratefully accepted from the community) and, possibly some soup would be much appreciated from our volunteers, although not an essential part of the role. There is washing up (a dishwasher is available) and toasties to be made too. We are hoping to have enough volunteers to be able to put a rota together, fingers crossed and prayers being sent out as we speak.

If you would be interested in becoming a part of the Bosbury Brew team, please contact:

Alison on 01531 640611 or Lisa on 07495 670035

Grants for Further Education - Bosbury

From Bosbury Educational Foundation - Charity No: 527140

This is to advise that any young person wishing to apply for a further education grant should do so now. The grants are for school leavers going on to further education and applicants must have lived in the parish of Bosbury for at least three years. This year we are also inviting students from Bosbury who are pursuing a practical/vocational course to apply for the Jack Mason Grant. The grant amounts are at the discretion of the Governors of the Foundation.

Please apply in writing to Mrs N Ruddick (Clerk), Bosbury Educational Foundation, 4 Morton Cottages, Bosbury, HR8 1PT. Please include details of the course to be taken, plus age of applicant and time resident in Bosbury.

Anyone who has had a grant and whose course is ongoing is reminded that they will need to re-apply.

All applications must be in by the 30th September 2026.

BOSBURY ORGAN RESTORATION APPEAL NEWS

The 150 year old organ is bearing up well under the current extreme heat, especially since a shutter was fitted to the east facing window to keep direct sunlight from shining on the mechanism.

However we have detected some small leaks in the enormous leather wind reservoirs which need patching as soon as possible. Nicholsons who look after the organ are on the case.

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.



Yarkhill Church Teas!

Whether your preference was for chocolate cake, a slice of sticky ginger or a scone topped with jam and cream (a table of visitors from the southwest were overheard deliberating whether the scones were assembled in the correct style or not – in Cornwall they serve scone, jam then clotted cream whereas in Devon it is scone then cream then jam!) we hope you felt that sampling a Yarkhill Church Tea was worth the visit!

Tea and cake sales raised £163.45 for Yarkhill Church funds.

Thank you to all who contributed.



YARKHILL CHURCH

100 CLUB

MONTHLY PRIZE DRAW

To all those supporting your local Church through the 100 Club. Thank you for your contributions last year. Your support has helped maintain this historic building and churchyard.

2026/27 subscriptions are now due.

We would be very grateful for your co-operation in forwarding your subscription of £12.00 per numbered member to:

The Treasurer: Mrs Julia Savagar, Glyndarth, Yarkhill HR1 3TA

(please make cheques payable to Yarkhill PCC)

If you are able to pay by bacs please pay:

Yarkhill PCC Sort: 40-52-40 Account: 00013992

(If you have already paid or have set up a Standing Order please ignore this reminder)

NEW MEMBERS ARE VERY WELCOME

PLEASE HELP US TO MAINTAIN YOUR CHURCH

juliasavagar@gmail.com t. 01432 890401 m. 07890 821446

Yarkhill Charities

Yarkhill charities have funds available for the benefit of residents of Yarkhill.

We may be able to offer you some practical help.

If you need assistance with books , uniforms or even day to day expenses please get in touch as we may be able to help you.

In the first instance apply in writing to the secretary Helen Parker at Garford Farm Yarkhill Herefordshire HR1 3ST

Discretion is assured and your name will not be published.

Proposed Bridleways in Yarkhill

Good news! Herefordshire council have announced consultation on two proposed new bridleways in Yarkhill. Monkhide (Woodbury) to Westhide and Ocle Pitchard.

See the Yarkhill Parish council website: yarkhillparishcouncil.gov.uk.



BENEFICE PARISH COMMUNION

at St. John the Baptist, YARKHILL

On Sunday 20th September at 10.30am

Come and worship together in a joint service to say...

'Farewell' to Rev. Mandy Williams

with light refreshments to follow



St. John the Baptist YARKHILL

with

St. Mary the Virgin STOKE EDITH

HARVEST FESTIVAL

at YARKHILL

SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER

SERVICE at 11.00 a.m.

FOLLOWED BY A LIGHT LUNCH at YARKHILL VILLAGE HALL

JOIN TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THE HARVEST

Food donations will be taken to Ledbury Food Bank



Yarkhill Churchyard Maintenance

In these desperately dry and arid conditions it is amazing to see Yarkhill Churchyard still offering some green space whilst continuing to look neat and tidy. Guy, our regular contractor, keeps the front of the church well mowed and trimmed whilst volunteers have kept on top of the undergrowth on the north side. The PCC is very grateful to all those who work to keep our church and its surrounds a peaceful haven.

If you feel able to volunteer to help in any way we would be delighted to hear from you also!

Yarkhill PCC



Stoke Edith

Let me take you this month to the parish of Stoke Edith yet not quite to Botany Bay. To the extreme Southwest of our hop parishes, unlike Yarkhill Stoke Edith still has a hop yard. After sharing the same extreme westerly bearing with Yarkhill, Stoke Edith towers up towards the Woolhope Dome eventually meeting with Dormington, Tarrington, Mordiford and Woolhope.

Once dominated by the magnificent mansion Stoke Edith Park, after a fire in 1927 we are left with outbuildings, the old rectory and, of course St Mary's church. The church is now closed awaiting restoration but why the notice on the door announcing such is dated February 2032 I cannot explain. I find the closed church and its surrounds a sad spectacle although the fact that the graveyard has been maintained is much appreciated. The village has many quaint cottages winding up the hillside including the old school house. Similarly the hamlet of Perton to the west has pretty properties, some with spectacular views to the south and a working quarry. Not only does the parish no longer have a church but also lacks a parish council; governance can only be by parish meeting. Of course, the benefit is no precept and therefore no tax.

While writing these notes childhood memories came to me of visiting a blacksmiths on the crossroads at Stoke Edith. On research I confirm that the business was known as "William Wargent and Sons Agricultural Engineers and Implement Makers". Through amalgamation in 1961 this business became "Morris Wargent and Wilde" operating from the Whitestone site (currently run by RJ Stevens). The business was then taken over by David Palliser to form our very important "Hop News " contributor Pallisers of Hereford at Monkhide, Yarkhill.

The Botany Bay bit? Not Australia , nor Captain Cook , merely that I noticed, while studying the administrative map that the confluence of the five parishes is very close to a property called Botany Bay.

Jim

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

Yarkhill Produce Show & Fete

The annual Yarkhill Produce Show and Fete on Saturday 8th August was a few weeks later than its usual slot, but despite the late slot and the hot weather that impacted gardening and vegetable production this year there was still a good display of produce and crafts for villagers to enjoy. We have a very talented group of gardeners, crafters and photographers in our midst.

There is nothing better than a traditional afternoon gathering of villagers on a summer afternoon and Yarkhill can be congratulated for carrying on with this annual event. The afternoon gave us all opportunities to catch up with neighbours and friends over tea and cakes served by the church. There was also the familiar annual competitions of skittles, hoop throwing, treasure hunt and the 'beanbag' ladder, as well as the raffle and tombola which are all firm favourites at the Yarkhill show. The games gave us all a gentle competitiveness in the desire to beat a former score or tell anecdotes of past high scores or spectacular fails. The activities and displays gave the show an atmosphere of conviviality and contentment with an awareness of the blessings of belonging to a rural community.

Well done to all the cup winners. Many familiar names retained cups and trophies, but there were new successes as the younger generation and new neighbours joined in the fun. Thank you to everyone involved in putting on the show. Such events are getting increasingly rare in village life. We are proud in Yarkhill to still be going strong.

Rev Mandy Williams

A LETTER FROM LINDE

As we move into late summer and early autumn, with the days and nights becoming cooler (ironically, I'm writing this on an August day which is currently 34 degrees!), often our thoughts will turn to change.

In the Hop Churches, there will be a definite change as we bid farewell to Mandy as our Rector for the last eleven years and we wish her well for the future. An interregnum can be a time of upheaval and uncertainty, as we do not yet know how long this will be for but we can be assured that we are not alone and God's enabling Spirit dwells both within us and surrounds and supports us in the days and months ahead. He has given each of us gifts which He will use and enhance to sustain us. Yes, there will be challenges but there will also be opportunities for us to grow together and to reflect the love of God.

Every one of us has the ability to pray for our Benefice and for God to bless us and I would urge our readers to join me in doing so as regularly as you can commit to. You might like to use this Novena as a starting point: a Novena is a Christian prayer that is used for nine days or nine weeks and asks for God's special grace.

Veni Sancte Spiritus

Come, Holy Spirit, send forth the heavenly radiance of your light...

Cleanse that which is unclean, water that which is dry, heal that which is wounded. Bend that which is inflexible, fire that which is chilled, correct what goes astray...

Grant the reward of virtue, grant the deliverance of salvation, grant eternal joy.

Amen.

Warm wishes

Linde

* COFFEE MORNING *

Saturday 19th September

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



Join us for an Exercise Class

at Bosbury Parish Hall!!

Sue's Fun with Fitness - Every Monday at 6.30pm

A 45-minute All Over Body class for men and women of all abilities, focussing on Strength, Fitness, Flexibility & Fun!!

£5 a session. The first one is free! 😊

Any questions?

Call Sue on 07414 558883 or message
sue.milnes@hotmail.co.uk

Please bring a bottle of water and a towel or mat to lie on.

BOSBURY 100 + CLUB

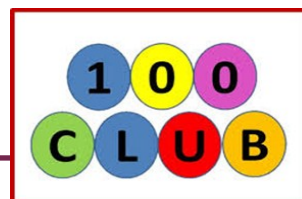
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Prize Winners

Prize	Amount	Member
1st	£20	T Baker
2nd	£10	J Bakewell
3rd	£5	F Jones
	£5	G Blandford
	£5	L Hay

Jeremy Croshaw

Club Organiser





THE TRUMPET DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY



HELD ON

Thursday 1st October 2026

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What 3 words: wages.chess.motor



The Garden in September

September is here, the 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' (*Keats*). Growth is slowing down and dusk gets earlier each week but there is still plenty to do: harvesting fruits and vegetables, clearing and mulching the ground ready for next year.

Summer bedding is past its best now; borders, baskets and pots can be cleared or emptied and prepared with new compost ready for an autumn planting of polyanthus, pansies/violas, ivies, perhaps small firs to give some colour and interest through the winter. Scented wallflowers for the spring will soon be available as bare rooted plants and do well in a sunny spot.

Perennials also need attention; some will keep their shape and give structure to the garden through much of the winter, especially in frosty weather; others collapse in a brown heap and can be tidied up unless you want to leave them for wildlife.

Pelargoniums have done well this summer and, as the weather cools, can be happy in the porch or conservatory or frost free greenhouse, continuing to flower on and off over winter and be ready for next year. For best results keep them fairly dry and well ventilated, removing foliage as it ages.

BULBS

It may seem early to start thinking about next year, but this month is a good time to plant bulbs; snowdrops and scillas bring life to the earliest days of spring and daffodils, hyacinth and crocus, planted towards the end of September will brighten up the whole garden from February to April. Tulips are better planted in November to avoid tulip fire virus.

Plant bulbs point up, as soon as you get them, in a well drained, sunny site at about three times their depth and twice their width apart. If you forget and discover them later, they are still worth planting; they may not flower so well the first year, but with a bit of feed and attention should recover. They are best planted in groups of an uneven number and work equally well in pots, where they can be planted closer together. In pots feed weekly with tomato food when the shoots appear for good blooms the following year.

If you have a wildflower area, naturalising bulbs adds colour and interest before the wildflowers get going. Crocus work well in shorter areas, daffodils/narcissus, allium, camassia, fritillaria can cope with longer grass (leave daffodil foliage at least 6 weeks before any mowing). For a natural look, scatter bulbs and plant where they fall. A long handled bulb planter makes the job easier than a trowel; again plant 3 x depth of the bulb and break up some of the 'plug' into the hole before replacing the grass top. When planting small bulbs, like crocus, it may help to peel back sections of grass and loosen the soil below and on the underneath of the turf before planting in groups.

Bulbs are not just for Spring; crocosmia, lilies and alliums can be planted in September and October to flower next summer; gladioli can be planted in spring and nerines planted in summer give exotic blooms in shades of pink in the Autumn. As for Christmas, what is better than a spectacular Amaryllis as a present? Most bulbs are available in nurseries, but browsing online can be an enjoyable pastime!

NB

Some bulbs, e.g. snowdrops and the yellow winter aconites seem to thrive best when planted /divided in 'the green' after flowering. They are still available as dry bulbs and can grow away but perhaps not as reliably.

Another caveat is that after the long drought this summer we may prefer to wait a little until there has been enough rain to wet the soil down to bulb depth before planting.



Ashperton Primary Academy **OPEN EVENTS**

**Tuesday 29th September &
Thursday 5th November
9.30-11.00am
Headteacher talk @ 10.20am**

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SEPTEMBER 2026 SERVICES

	6 th September	13 th September
	14 th Sunday after Trinity – Proper 18	15 th Sunday after Trinity – Proper 19
Readings	Ezekiel 33.7-11 Romans 13.8-14 Matthew 18.15-20 Psalm 119.33-40	Genesis 50.15-21 Romans 14.1-12 Matthew 18.21-35 Psalm 103.8-13
Ashperton	Joint service with Stretton Grandison	9:30 CW Parish Communion
Bosbury	6:30pm Choral Evensong	11:00 CW Parish Communion
Canon Frome	11:00 CW Parish Communion	
Munsley		9:30 Pet Service
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 next service will be on Thursday, 3rd September at
Holy Trinity, Bosbury at 6pm

**Do come and join us as we seek God's blessings on our
churches!**



SEPTEMBER 2026 SERVICES

	20 th September	27 th September
	16 th Sunday after Trinity – Proper 20	17 th Sunday after Trinity – Proper 21
Readings	Jonah 3.10 - 4.11 Philippians 1.21-30 Matthew 20.1-16 Psalm 145.1-8	Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32 Philippians 2.1-13 Matthew 21.23-32 Psalm 25.1-8
Ashperton	All Together Benefice Communion Service Yarkhill 10.30am	9:30 BCP Parish Communion
Bosbury		11:00 CW Parish Communion
Canon Frome		
Munsley		11:00 Morning Worship with Baptism
Stoke Edith		
Stretton Grandison		
Tarrington		11:00 Harvest Morning Worship
Yarkhill		

BOSBURY CAFÉ CHURCH

will return on
on Sunday October 18th at 9:45 for 10:30am

Hope to see you there!



Weekday Communion

The Hop Churches hold a weekday service of Holy Communion in

Tarrington Church every Wednesday Morning at 10am

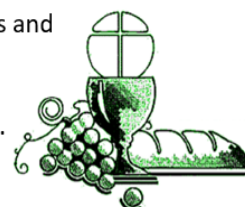
The service is followed by refreshments and an opportunity to spend time together with friends and neighbours from across the benefice.

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

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

Unit 1, Homend Trading Estate, Ledbury HR8 1AR
(next to Ledbury Train Station)

We are open 10am to 12 noon every Wednesday and

Friday and 6pm to 8pm every Thursday evening.

Contacts:

Telephone during opening hours on 07851 283092

Email—FOOD@LEDBURYFOODBANK.ORG

www.LEDBURYFOODBANK.ORG

Donate Food and Toiletries:

Donation trolleys are in Tesco, the Co-Op and One Stop. Also Ledbury Food Bank during opening hours, most churches, Halo Leisure Ledbury and Leadon Bank.

Volunteer:

The foodbank is run entirely by unpaid volunteers who passionately believe that no one should go hungry, please email for further information.

Bosbury Post Office

Bosbury Parish Hall, Ledbury HR8 1PX

The mobile Post Office sets up in the foyer of Bosbury Parish Hall every Tuesday afternoon between 15:00 and 16:45 providing the following key services:

Everyday Personal & Business Banking:

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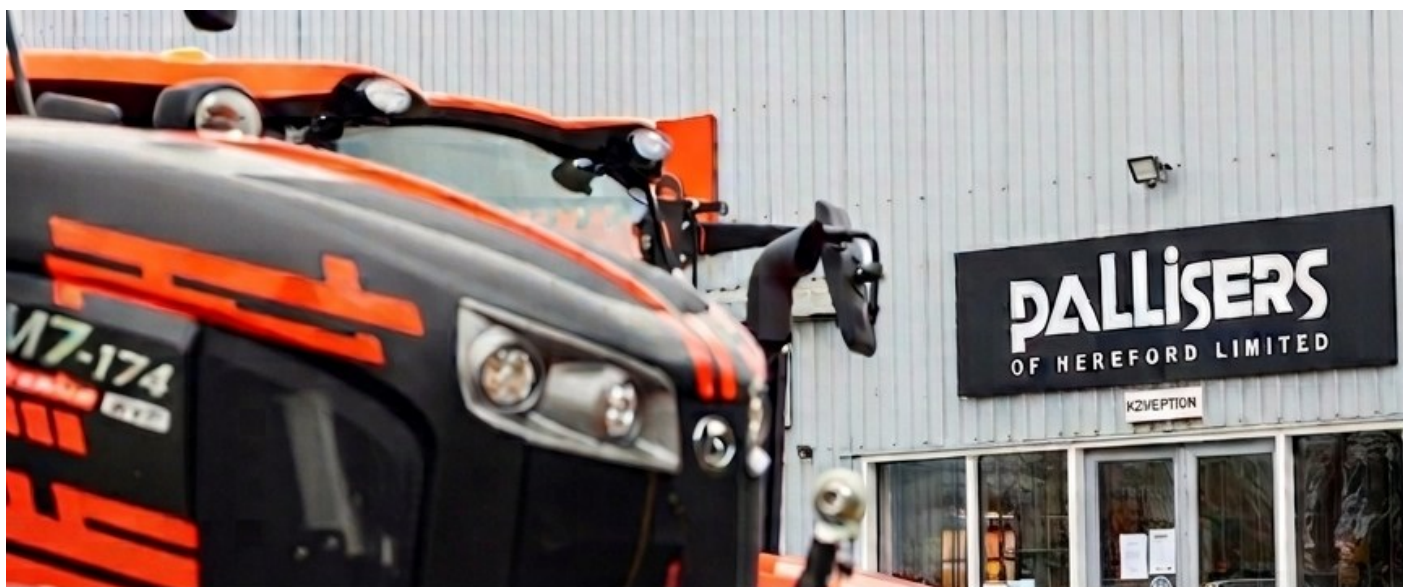
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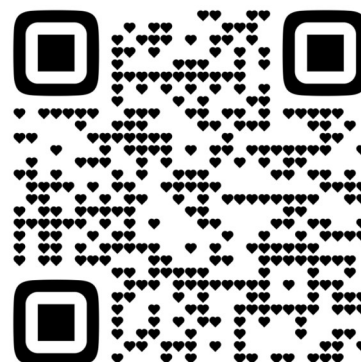
Parish Council	Date	Time	Location	Meeting Schedule
Ashperton	24/09/26	7:30pm	Ashperton Village Hall	Bi-monthly on the last Thursday of the month
Bosbury & Coddington	03/09/26	7:30pm	Bosbury Parish Hall	1 st Thursday of each month excluding January and August
Pixley & District incl. Munsley	14/09/26	7:30pm	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
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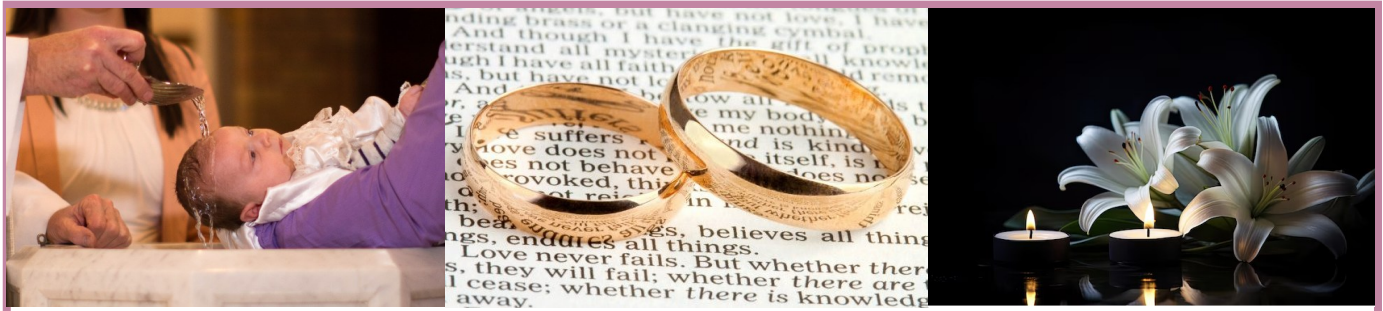
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A Poem for September

This poem is written by a friend of mine, Pat Leyko Connelly, who lives in beautiful Vermont, US. She has just published her second book of poems, entitled 'Sacred Pauses' and this poem has been taken from it.

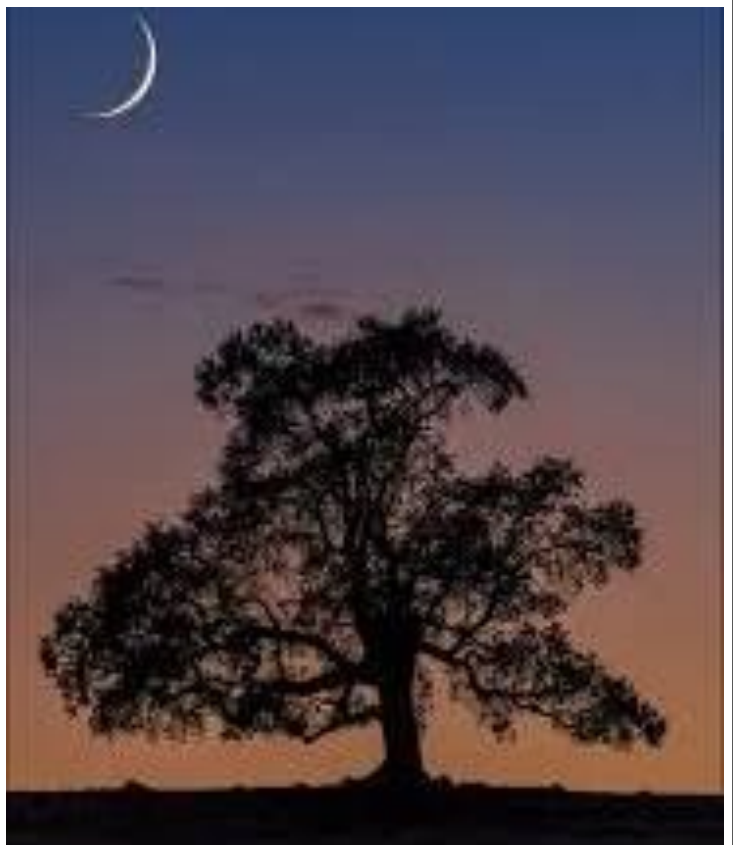
Moon of Peace

A crescent moon
Gently clouded in the evening sky
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Our eyes lifted to the heavens this night
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