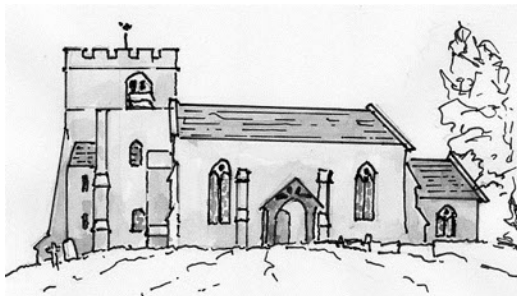
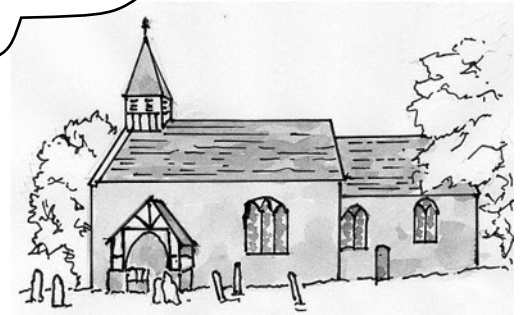


# Frome Valley News

The Parish Magazine for Acton Beauchamp, Bishops Frome, Castle Frome, Evesbatch, Fromes Hill, Much Cowarne, Ocle Pychard & Stanford Bishop.



*Newsletter*  
*October 25*



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**Harvest** - as I drove out of Hereford, I was struck by the hard work that is going on in the countryside around the city. Straw is being collected from the fields, in some places silage is being cut and in others harvesting continues.

When we were in Devon the celebration of Harvest took place across our villages from the end of August through to early October. Here in Hereford the pattern is similar, and our rural multi parish benefices are now beginning to celebrate Harvest.

The Venerable Derek Chedzey, Archdeacon of Hereford

### Office Hours from September

**From September 1st, the churches in Bromyard, Bredenbury, Greater Whitbourne and Frome Valley will be working even more closely together.**

#### The offices will normally be staffed as follows:

**Tuesdays** 9am until 11am at Bromyard: 01885 483749

**Wednesdays and Fridays** 9am until 12 midday at Bishops Frome: 01885 490229

**Wednesdays** 1pm until 4pm, and **Thursdays** 9am until 4pm at Bromyard: 01885 483749

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Frome Valley: fromevalley@icloud.com

Greater Whitbourne: greaterwhitbourneoffice@gmail.com

### Editorial:

If you lose your paper copy of the newsletter It's always available on the new facebook page:

**Frome Valley Churches**

Or website of the village centre

<http://www.bishopsfromecentre.co.uk/>

where it can be seen in full colour. It can also be emailed to you, contact the parish office for this service and you will be added to the list of recipients.

**We no longer have our own website, we have a facebook page instead.**

**Sarah's email**

[fromenews@gmail.com](mailto:fromenews@gmail.com)

**OR contact the Parish Office for more information.**

[Fromevalley@icloud.com](mailto:Fromevalley@icloud.com)

## Vicar's Letter

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August, for the feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, there was a special Mass followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at St Mary's Church, Bishops Frome. It was our patronal festival and it was great to have shared this day with fellow Priests Associate of the Holy House of Walsingham who concelebrated the Mass with me. There were seven priest and one deacon present and another priest in the congregation.



There was also another familiar face sitting in the congregation who I spotted through the clouds of incense. I spent most of the service thinking, 'is it really him or just someone who looks like him.' Our unexpected guest was former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams.

It was a great privilege to have the Archbishop with us.

He and his wife joined us for lunch after the service and I asked Mrs Williams how they had heard about our service. She told me that they were on holiday and had spotted a poster in Ledbury, and she said to me that when Archbishop Rowan saw the poster for Mass and Benediction for the Feast of the Assumption, 'his eyes lit up!'



Looking at the low numbers of local people attending the service I find myself asking the question, 'What it is that would make our eyes light up?' In many places additional services to mark what we once called Holy Days of Obligation, have long since been abandoned. Many traditions have been lost to the past and worship styles have changed. The mystery of the sacramental life has been exchanged for a more simplified version of church that is more accessible, inclusive or relevant (whatever that means) - but churchgoing has not necessarily increased, far from it!

Faith is often a choice we make and I pray that we will all stick with it, immerse ourselves in the mystery of worship and reclaim our traditions, so that, like Archbishop Rowan, our eyes may light up at the thought of worshipping our God.

Blessings

Steven





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on 01885 490327 or email [bishfromecentre@aol.com](mailto:bishfromecentre@aol.com)

### WHAT'S ON WEEKLY OCT 2025

Please contact group leaders before attending

#### Monday

- **Pilates** with Sally, 9.30, 07909 754 039
- **Internet Café**, 10am to 12, 01531 640 981. Just turn up.
- **Board Games**, 2- 4pm, first Mondays, 6 Oct. Susanna 01885 490 440
- **Tae Kwon Do**, White Phoenix 6.30pm, 07814 778 112

#### Tuesday

- **Pilates** with Sally, 9.30, 07909 754 039
- **B Fit for Life**, stretch & mobility class, 2.30-3.30pm, Angie Box, 07530 420 554
- **Zumba** with Laura, 7.30pm, 07411 765272

#### Wednesday

- **Needlecraft**, 2-4pm, Judy 01531 640 358
- **Kazuko Kick Boxing**, 7pm, 07495 427993

#### Thursday

### Coffee morning,

10 – 12, 2 Oct

First Thursdays, just turn up



- **Valley Voices**, James, alternate Thursdays, 2, 16 & 30 October 07963 754 873
- **Bingo** with Jo, for various good causes. 9 & 23 Oct, start 7.30pm 07804 045 366
- **Ward Councillor Surgery**, Rebecca Tully, First Thursdays, 2 Oct, 10-12. 07792 882 052

#### Friday

- **Pilates** with Sally, 9.30, 07909 754 039
- **Shanties**, 2 – 4 pm first Fridays usually, (but 10 Oct) Richard 01531 640 768
- **Tae Kwon Do**, White Phoenix 6.30pm, 07814 778 112



|       |                |
|-------|----------------|
| Mon   | 13.45 to 16.45 |
| Tues  | 13.00 to 14.30 |
| Wed   | 9.00 to 12.00  |
| Thurs | 9.00 to 12.00  |

### Monthly Coffee morning Thurs 2 Oct 10-12



This month there will be an opportunity to get useful fire safety advice about your home from

**Hereford & Worcester  
Fire & Rescue Service**

### Online Booking

simple for you and us! Start at the [bishopsfromecentre.co.uk](http://bishopsfromecentre.co.uk)

**BOOK HERE** button or tab.

At the bottom of the page, you will find the schedule. Click the + next to the date you would like.

It's simple and full instructions are there.

**Please email or call if you have a special event in mind or need help to book.**

**There are lots of jobs, big and small, that contribute to running the village hall for the benefit of this community – from a bit of gardening, to publicity, helping with events etc**

**- and you know what they say - many hands make light work**

Please email us or talk to a trustee if you could join the team of trustees and volunteers and help

## Conquest Theatre

### Event Cinema

**Oct 1** RBO Tosca The splendour of Rome. The devastation of war. Puccini's operatic thriller returns in an epic new production 6.45pm

**Oct 4** Andrew Lloyd Webber's Love Never Dies the musical Love Never Dies continues the story of The Phantom of the Opera. 7.30pm

**Oct 28** RBO La Sonnambula Nadine Sierra stars as Amina in The Metropolitan Opera's new production of Bellini's poignant tale of love lost and found, 6.45pm

**Oct 29** RSC The Comedy of Errors is believed to be one of Shakespeare's earlier written plays; a comedy about separated family and mistaken identity. 7pm

### Films

**Oct 3** The Salt Path is the profound true story of husband and wife, Raynor and Moth Winn's 630-mile trek along the beautiful but rugged Cornish, Devon and Dorset coastline. 12A 7.30pm

### Live on Stage

**Oct 16/17/18/19/23/24/25** Conquest Productions Sister Act

Sister Act is the feel-amazing musical comedy brought to you by the team who gave you Shrek 7.30 pm & 2.30pm

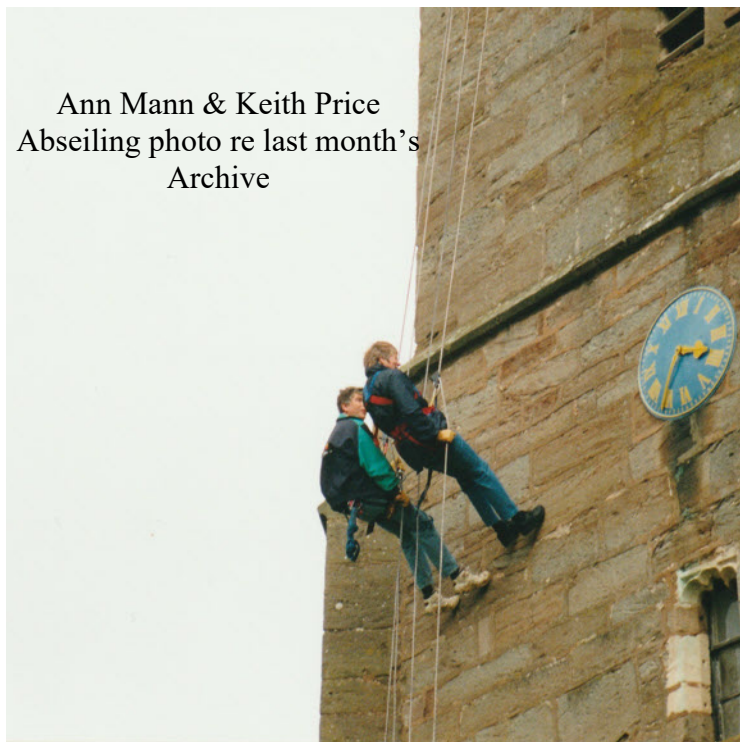
**Oct 30** Willow Hill music from Nashville USA Led by powerhouse husband and wife duo, Alexandra and CT Fields, Willow Hill delivers a fresh and modern twist on the classic country sound 7.30pm

For full programme details visit [conquest-theatre.co.uk](http://conquest-theatre.co.uk) or pick up a brochure  
Saturday mornings 10.30 - 12.30 box office open join us for coffee and a chat

### CHURCHES LOTTERY WINNERS -

#### September lottery:

|     |     |                  |
|-----|-----|------------------|
| £25 | 246 | Toby Wallis      |
| £20 | 146 | Charles Porter   |
| £15 | 65  | Andrew Riddle    |
| £10 | 70  | Paul Bateman     |
| £10 | 104 | Neil Houghton    |
| £10 | 206 | Peter Wright     |
| £10 | 508 | Nicholas Burcher |
| £10 | 88  | Mark Russell     |



#### Frome Valley Group of Parishes – Safeguarding

Please could anyone who takes part in organising, leading and/or helping with any church activity involving children, young people or vulnerable adults, ensure that they have a valid DBS check i.e. one carried out by the Frome Valley Benefice within the last 3 years.

The Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser is now Carl Steventon 07593 817717  
or [carl.steventon@hereford.anglican.org](mailto:carl.steventon@hereford.anglican.org) Parish Safeguarding: Reverend Steven Baggs.

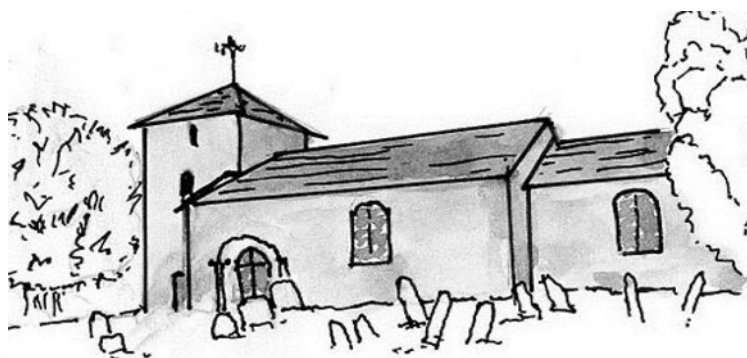


# **ACTON BEAUCHAMP ST GILES**



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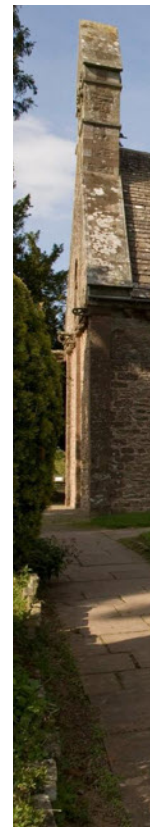
*by kind invitation of Lydia & Tomáš Alexovi*

**THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2025  
10AM - 12 NOON**

**ALL WELCOME, PLEASE BRING FRIENDS.  
MEET TRUSTEES & DIOCESAN  
REPRESENTATIVES. CAKES AND PRODUCE  
STALL. RAFFLE.**

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## **Bell Ringing In The Village Churches** *Margaret Bradbury*

Did you know that we have one bell ringer left for the villages of Much Cowarne and Stoke Lacy? Mr. John Hodges is the Tower Captain for both churches and he now has to ask campanologists (bell ringers!) from Malvern and Bromyard to come and help out at festive occasions. Weddings in particular.

Have you ever thought of joining a group of bell ringers? You can be old or young – well, not too old! Men and women. And you can all learn together. John would like as many people as possible to come along but at least five would make all the difference.

Think about it. It's fun. And what a difference a peal of bells would make to a silent church. Imagine having no bells ringing out on special days....none for weddings or baptisms or a toll for a funeral, or on St. George's day etc. In recent years the bells of St. Mary's in Much Cowarne have been renewed and mended – such a pity they aren't used more often.

What is the commitment you might ask. Well, there is a rehearsal on Tuesday evenings at alternate churches from 7.30 p.m. until about 9.00 p.m. Then of course a practice and a peal on the special event days.

John says EVERYONE IS WELCOME! Come on then – have a go!

Phone John: Landline: 01885 400283 Mobile: 07971 963195

**Feel like a night off cooking? All welcome – bring your friends!**

**Inaugural Friday Night Supper Club**

**in aid of St Mary's Church, Bishops Frome**

**By kind invitation of Romey & David Cassidy**

**AT**

**Old Hall Court, Bishops Frome WR6 5BY**

**on Friday, 10 th October 2025 - 7.00pm**

**Supper limited to 12 people – so book early**

**£22.50 p.p. to include welcome drink and 3 course meal**

**Bring your friends and your own drinks!**

**To make your reservation please contact Romey Cassidy**

**Email: [romeycassidy@hotmail.com](mailto:romeycassidy@hotmail.com) or 07398 192 441**

**Please advise of any dietary requirements when booking in**





# **The Trumpet & District Agricultural Society**

## **~ 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Ploughing Match ~**

### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025**

**Location:** Little Froome Farm, Avenbury, Bromyard, HR7 4RX

By kind permission Mr & Mrs D Watts

Match entrance off the B4214 Ledbury / Bromyard road half a mile from  
the junction with the A465 Hereford / Bromyard road.

**Ploughing, Domestic Section, Corn, Roots**

**Orchard Competition, Fruit Produce and Hop Show**

Open to all classes entry forms and details please visit our webpage

[www.trumpetanddistrictagriculturalsociety.co.uk](http://www.trumpetanddistrictagriculturalsociety.co.uk)

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

#### **TRUMPET PLOUGHING MATCH 2025**

The Trumpet Ploughing Match is to be held on Thursday 2 October 2025. Marking 80 years of Trumpet Matches, it will take place at Little Froome Farm, Avenbury – access from the B4214 Bromyard/Ledbury Road near the junction with the A465 Hereford/Bromyard Road.

Ploughing starts at 10.00 am when you can stroll around to look at both tractors and horses ploughing and then enjoy a roast lunch. The Domestic Section opens at 12.00 midday for viewing following judging.

The Domestic Section area includes classes for Floral Art and Cut Flowers, Eggs, Vegetables, Cakes and Pastries, Jams and Chutneys, Wines and Cordials, Handcraft, Photography, Art and 60 years and older. Commercial classes are on offer for Hops, Apples, Eggs, Wheat, Barley, Oats, Beans, Oil Seed Rape and Forage Maize.

Classes are open to all – you do not have to be a Trumpet member to compete - look on our website for the schedule. Ploughing is a big thing in Herefordshire with eleven ploughing matches taking place over a five-week period in September/October. The Trumpet Ploughing Match is one of only two that take place midweek meaning schools and colleges can come along to enjoy a real country experience.

This is a great day for school groups. Classes for children are divided into four age groups. Children can enter as an individual, but if you are a teacher why not enter your whole class? Contact us for more details.

Go to [www.trumpetanddistrictagriculturalsociety.co.uk](http://www.trumpetanddistrictagriculturalsociety.co.uk) to find out more about us or follow us on Facebook and Instagram. Enjoy a rural day out!

## ACTON BEAUCHAMP CHURCH

### DIARY DATES

**Sunday, the 5th of October, at 11.30am**

The Harvest Festival.

We will be collecting non - perishable food items, for display, during the Thanksgiving Service. These items will then be donated to Bromyard Food Bank.

**Thursday, the 18th of December, at 6.30pm.**

We will be celebrating the Christmas Season with Carols by Candlelight.

**EVERYONE VERY WELCOME TO ALL OUR SERVICES.**

## JOSEPH FUN DAYS

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> October Tue 28<sup>th</sup>

10am to 2pm Whitbourne Village Hall

Please bring a packed lunch, snacks provided

Hear the story of Joseph and his wonderful coat

Sing songs from the show

Help make Joseph's coat, Pharaoh's headdress  
and scenery for the show



Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct a scratch performance of Joseph will take place at the Conquest Theatre, Bromyard. All are invited, Come along and take part. We are looking for singers, instrumentalists, lighting people, front of house, etc. or just come on the night and sing along. Tickets are free, small booking fee.

Detail of optional practices available from myself or Whitbourne Parish Office.

Please book for the Fun Days with Marion

[mpsymmons@gmail.com](mailto:mpsymmons@gmail.com) 07848395656 or Facebook message





# Castle Frome October 2025

## News, Views & Muse

### Nature Diary

#### Have you ever heard a Muntjac?

I was out walking with my husband the other evening, and as we were heading toward the woods of The Conigree, just outside of Ledbury, we heard this most peculiar sound.

At first, I thought it was a dog fox barking, but my husband said it was too early in the season for the foxes to be barking. We carried on walking and the sound was getting louder. He told me it was a Muntjac Deer, a Buck calling for a female. It was a really creepy sound to hear when it is just starting to get dusk. As we carried on walking, we then started to hear a second Muntjac calling from the opposite side of the wood. We decided to sit in the field and just listen. We didn't see either of the deer, but my husband saw a couple of them a few days later. We are so lucky to live in the countryside where we have all this wildlife around us that we don't often get to see or hear.



### August Agape Service

Our Annual Summer Picnic / Agape was held on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August and was again very well attended, but we were missing a few people due to other commitments, and we especially missed the little star, Ellowyn who was on her holidays.

The Agape is a special service where we start with a reading, prayers and hymns. We then have a break to enjoy a shared picnic and a chat. We finish the service with a blessing and prayers. Along with the Maundy Thursday Agape it is one of the favourite services to attend. It is always such a relaxed atmosphere.

### Meteor Showers In October

As we are in the northern hemisphere, we'll be rewarded for keeping our eyes to the skies in October, as the Draconid Meteor Shower can be seen. It contains a single comet that is visible between [October 6<sup>th</sup>](#) and 10<sup>th</sup>.

Also the even more impressive meteor shower that is visible in both hemispheres is the Orionid meteor shower, which runs from October 2<sup>nd</sup> until early November. It is named after Orion as it is usually visible in the same part of the sky as the constellation. At the peak of the meteor shower, as many as 20 meteors are visible every hour.



Communion Service

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October  
10.00am



Family  
Service

(Lay Led)

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October  
10.00am



This is a reverent and informal service for the family of the Church. All are welcome. Coffee, tea and squash served at the close of the service, offering a time to socialise.

***St Andrews Evesbatch Autumn Lunch***

***Sunday 5th October 2025 at 12:30  
In the Barn at Frome Manor  
by Kind invitation of  
Andrew & Hillary Younger  
with Food, Bar and Raffle.***

***Adults: £15, Under 10s: £5.  
Contact Charlie Russell: 07833101813***

**St Mary's Bishops Frome – Music  
Recital Series 2025**

All the following recitals will be  
performed in  
St Mary's Church, Bishops Frome.  
These recitals are free, but please do  
give generously to help cover the costs.  
Tea & cake served after the recitals

**Saturday 18th October 1.15pm  
A Taste of Tudor Tunes**

**St. James, Stanford Bishop**

**Friday 3rd October 7pm Harves Festival and supper**

**Sunday 9th November 11.45am Remembrance Service**

**Wednesday 24th December 7pm Carol Service by candlelight**

**FROM THE ARCHIVES**

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This month's item is from the November edition of the Septet, but it reports on Acton Beauchamp's Harvest Festival Service in 2007.

"Acton Beauchamp Harvest Festival  
at St Giles on the 14<sup>th</sup> October.

Our harvest celebrations began with a service of thanksgiving. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and produce. A very big thank you to all the ladies who decorated the church. The younger members of the congregation gave their offerings. Tom brought soil, Edward brought grain, George gave roots and vegetables, Ellie gave fruit, Lettie brought bread and Hannah brought flowers.

After the service the produce was auctioned, and £61 was raised which is to be donated to the Meningitis Trust. Many thanks to everyone who donated the produce and gave the successful bids.

Following the auction we all enjoyed a lovely harvest tea at the Church House, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs George Woodruff. Thank you to them and also to everyone who made sandwiches and baked an assortment of cakes and very tasty treats. The afternoon was rounded off with a raffle. Again, thank you to everyone who donated raffle prizes. A handsome sum of £120.55 was raised in aid of St Giles church.

A big thank you to everyone who helped make the afternoon such a success.

THANK YOU."

'From the Archives' is taken from the back-issues of the various magazines that have been produced over the years, copies of which are held in the Parish Office. Steve is the Parish Administrator, and selects the article each month.

*As always, what memories does the article bring back to you?*

*Were you one of the people who brought a gift during that Harvest Festival?*

*Do you have any photographs of the day?*

Do drop Steve an email with your memories and recollections: [fromevalley@icloud.com](mailto:fromevalley@icloud.com)



## ST. MARY'S CHURCH MUCH COWARNE

A very warm welcome to this gem of a medieval church nestling in idyllic Herefordshire. It has a wealth of history whilst offering a vibrant setting for community gatherings. In addition to our regular church services, we invite you check out the events which are taking place soon:

- **HORIZONS-** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 7pm- a choral concert by Gaudeamus, music for autumn and winter, reflecting light, change and remembrance. FREE ADMISSION
- **MAKE & TAKE SESSION-** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 10.30-12.30pm with the theme of *what your guardian angel means to you*. Cut paper with creative input, along with poignant messages £5. per participant
- **AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN-** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm, Evening Prayer interspersed with war readings and poems, led by Rev Richard Allaway.
- **MAKE & TAKE SESSION-** Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm, we will be making a wall-hanging with a pockets to contain Seasonal poems, you will have something to take away too. £5. per participant

**FOR FULL DETAILS** of art sessions contact [blloyd699@gmail.com](mailto:blloyd699@gmail.com)



### Harvest Festivals

Acton Beauchamp – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 11.30am

Evesbatch – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 11.30am

Much Cowarne – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am

Ocle Pychard – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm –  
followed by Harvest Supper in the church

Stanford Bishop – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7.00pm –  
followed by supper in the church



## St James Stanford Bishop Fun Day

Around 100 people –and quite a few dogs –joined the new Church Parish Council for their very first fundraising event. The Fun Day was a huge success, raising over £800 towards much-needed repairs to the church roof.

One of the highlights was the lively intergenerational tug-of-war, featuring teams of young farmers, middle-aged men, ladies of all ages, and even small children. The event was wonderfully organised and compered by our new Church Warden, Chris Coombes.

Food and drink were plentiful, with a well-stocked bar and barbecue, alongside tea and cake served in the church. A rural scene was set with a superb marquee decorated with colourful bunting, and straw bales provided rustic seating.

Games and competitions kept everyone entertained, including skittles, splat the rat, and welly wanging. The senior welly wanging prize went to Chris Coombes with a throw of 25.8 metres, while the junior prize was claimed by Jack Philpotts with an impressive 12.5 metres.

The Parish Council warmly thanks our generous sponsors: Country Farmer (Greg Leighton) and Rob Goddard, Fencing and Agricultural Supplies, whose support helped make the day possible.

A huge thanks also goes to everyone who supported the event by attending, donating raffle prizes, organising, and helping in all the many ways –seen and unseen. An event like this doesn't happen without planning and teamwork!

The sun shone throughout, and a truly wonderful day was had by all.

**Hello there, in this update I'm sharing a few opportunities in Herefordshire –  
I've been asked to spread the word and I hope they will be useful!**

**Cllr Rebecca Tully Bishops Frome and Cradley Ward**

You're welcome!  
Drop-in Surgery with  
Cllr Rebecca Tully



Ward Councillor – Bishops Frome and Cradley



Bishops Frome Village Centre  
First Thursday of the month  
10-12

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Cradley Village Hall  
First Monday of the month  
10-12



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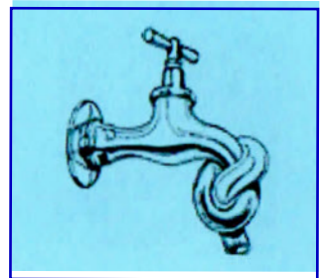
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| October 2025           |  |   |   |   |   |
|                        | 5 <sup>th</sup> October  | 12  | 19  | 26  | 2 <sup>nd</sup>   |
| Acton Beauch           | 11.30am Harvest Festival SB  |   |   |   | 11.30am Holy Communion SB   |
| Bishops Frome          | 10.00am High Mass SB   | 10.00am Holy Communion DW                           | 10.00am High Mass SB                                    | 10.00am Holy Communion DW                                     | 10.00am High Mass SB  |
| Castle Frome           |  | 10.00am Holy Communion SB                           |   | 10.00am Family Service Lay Led                                |   |
| Evesbatch              |  |   |   | 11.30am Harvest Festival SB                                   |   |
| Much Cowarne           |  | 10.00am Harvest Festival Lay Led                    |   | 10.00am Holy Communion SB                                     |   |
| Ocle Pychard           |  |   |   |   |   |
| Stanford Bishop        | Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 7.00pm Harvest Festival and Supper        |   |   |   |   |
|                        | Trinity 16<br>Green<br>2 Timothy 1.1-14<br>Psalm 37. 1-9<br>Luke 17.5-10 | Trinity 17<br>Green<br>Timothy 2. 8-15<br>Psalm 111 | Trinity 18<br>Green<br>2 Timothy 3.1 4-4.5<br>Psalm 121 | Trinity 19<br>Green<br>2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18<br>Psalm 84.1-7 | All Saints<br>Gold or White<br>Ephesians 1.11-23<br>Psalm 149<br>Luke 6.20-31 |

### Harvest Festivals

Acton Beauchamp – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 11.30am

Evesbatch – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 11.30am

Much Cowarne – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am

Ocle Pychard – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm – followed by Harvest Supper in the church

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|----------------------|--------|---------|-----------------|
| Oct 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Sarah  | Susie   | Lyn and Sarah   |
| Oct 12 <sup>th</sup> | Martin | Lucy    | Chris and Sue   |
| Oct 19 <sup>th</sup> | Lucy   | TBA     | Romey and David |
| Oct 26 <sup>th</sup> | Joan   | Maureen | Jan and Joan    |
| Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Sarah  | Susie   | Lyn and Sarah   |

### FROM THE REGISTERS

#### **Baptisms**

The Baptism of Fergus Lachlan Essex Potter took place on 24th August 2025 at St James the Greater, Stanford Bishop.

#### **Weddings**

The Wedding of Graham Kevin Picton and Harriet Elizabeth Pudge took place on 21st June 2025 at St Michael and All Angels, Castle Frome.

#### **Funerals**

The Burial of Brenda Mary Quigley and Peter John Quigley took place on 19th June 2025 at St Mary the Virgin, Much Cowarne.

The Funeral of Frederica Geraldine Wellman Lawrence took place on 25th July 2025 at St Mary the Virgin, Much Cowarne.

The Funeral of Anne Maria Monkley, who died on 10th July 2025, took place on 28th July 2025 at St James the Great, Ocle Pychard.

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