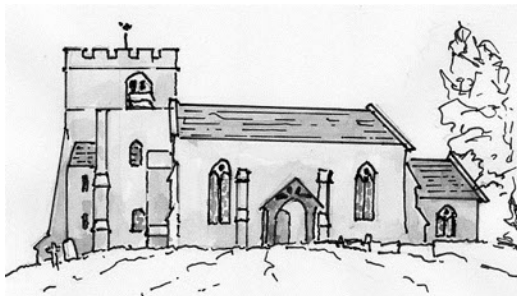
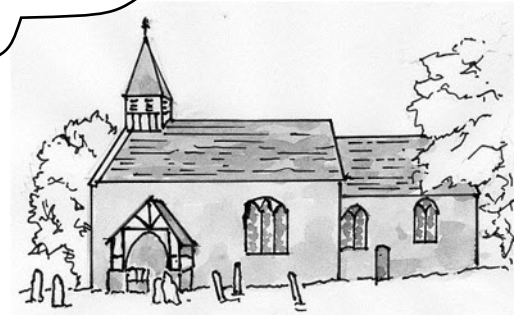


Frome Valley News

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



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November 25*



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Ward Councillor – Bishops Frome and Cradley



Cradley Village Hall

First Monday of the month

10-12



Ward Councillor – Bishops Frome and Cradley



Bishops Frome Village Centre

First Thursday of the month

10-12

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

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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

OR contact the Parish Office for more information.

Fromevalley@icloud.com

Vicar's Letter

On the 23rd November our normal pattern of worship in the benefice will be suspended and we will join the rest of the Bromyard Deanery for a special Eucharist led by Bishop Richard in St Peter's church in Bromyard. The service starts at 10.30 and marks the end of the Diocesan Year of Engagement.

Most of you will probably wonder what the Year of Engagement is and why we are all gathering in Bromyard. To be honest, like all these initiatives that come from the top down, it can be hard to implement them in a local context when you already have a full programme of events in your churches. My approach generally is to look at what we are doing and how it matches what the diocese is after, then I just hammer that square peg into that round hole, job done! (Don't get me wrong, if we were doing nothing it would be a different story.)

When the Rural Dean asked me what the Frome Valley Group would like to share as an example of how we have been engaging with people over the past year, I had to stop and think. It didn't take me long to realise that across our churches the main point of engagement has been through music.

In Much Cowarne the concert with Gaudeamus brought many different people to church and is something they are keen to repeat. In Stanford Bishop we had over 90 people at a Choral Evensong with the Amici Quorum choir who have also sung in a number of other churches in the benefice. The Hereford Church Singers helped make the Patronal Festival at Ocle Pychard a success again this year as well as for a midweek mass for Our Lady of Walsingham in Bishops Frome. A music recital series in Bishops Frome has been running throughout the year and the Hereford Cathedral Choir came to sing Evensong there for the feast of St Matthew.

Looking forwards, we hope to welcome back the PAX Singers who faithfully come to sing at the Carol Service each year in Ocle Pychard, and Amici Quorum will be singing again at the Evesbatch Carol Service. Amici Quorum will also be singing Faure's Requiem at 6pm on Remembrance Sunday.

Music has been the one thing that has drawn people into our churches, for concerts and recitals, and also for worship, as it has for centuries. I am very grateful to all those who have made this possible across our benefice, our organists, the choir in Bishops Frome and all our visiting choirs and musicians.

At the service on 23rd November our contribution will be through music as Bishops Frome Choir joins with other choirs in the Deanery. Please do come and find out what the other churches in the deanery have been doing to engage with their communities throughout the year.

Blessings

Steven



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Please contact group leaders before attending

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- **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, 3 Nov. 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, 6 Nov

First Thursdays, just turn up



- **Valley Voices**, James, alternate Thursdays, 13 & 27 November, 7.30 – 9pm 07963 754 873
- **Bingo** with Jo, for various good causes. 6 & 20 Nov, start 7.30pm 07804 045 366
- **Ward Councillor Surgery**, Rebecca Tully, First Thursdays, 6 Nov, 10-12. 07792 882 052

Friday

- **Pilates** with Sally, 9.30, 07909 754 039
- **Shanties**, 2 – 4 pm first Fridays usually, (7 Nov) 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



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Conquest Theatre

Live on Stage

Nov 1 Abba Sensation tribute band, one of the hottest stage acts in the country 7.30pm

Nov 7 Florence Nightingale: The Lady With The Hammer! - Oddsocks Theatre Company return with their usual irreverent hilarious take on the Crimean war 7.30pm

Nov 12 Bromyard History Society: A Talk By Mike Thexton - Surviving a Hijack 7.30pm

Nov 28 Conquest Productions The Silver Club II , they're back... join us for their naughty antics, mix ups and mayhem 7.30pm

Dec 5 - 14 Snow White: The Fairest Panto Of Them All - Our Star Theatre Company Back again for a magical Pantomime full of fun, starring Toby Edwards, Bromyard's FAVOURITE Dame, join Our Star Theatre Company in production with The Conquest Theatre for the FAIREST Panto of them all! Our fairytale kingdom is left in the clutches of Snow White's wicked step-mother, the evil Queen.

Films

Nov 14 The Penguin Lessons (12A) 7.30pm

Event Cinema

Nov 8 New York Met Opera: La Bohème 6pm

Nov 5 Royal Ballet and Opera: La Fille Mal Gardée 7.15pm

Nov 11 Exhibition on Screen: Caravaggio 7.30pm

Nov 15 John Cleese Packs It In 7.30pm

Nov 19 Royal Shakespeare Company: Love's Labour's Lost 7pm

Nov 22 New York Met Opera: Arabella 6pm

Nov 23 Bat Out Of Hell - The Musical 7.30pm

Nov 25 Royal Ballet and Opera: Cinderella 7.15pm

Nov 27 National Theatre: The Fifth Step 7pm

For full details pick up a brochure or go to <http://www.conquest-theatre.co.uk>

Why not join us on Saturday mornings for coffee and a chat 01885 488575

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£15 237 A Durrant
£10 496 V Kirk
£10 176 G Mc Gregor
£10 459 R Hancocks
£10 40 V Herbert
£10 369 B Clark

November

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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](mailto:carl.steventon@hereford.anglican.org) 07593 817717
or carl.steventon@hereford.anglican.org **Parish Safeguarding:** Reverend Steven Baggs.**

BROMYARD & DISTRICT LOCAL

Saturday 15th November 11am - 4pm

HISTORY SOCIETY

At The Local History Centre,

CHRISTMAS FAIR

5 Sherford Street. Bromyard



EXHIBITION OPEN

Prize Draw

Books and Bric a Brac

Mince Pies and Mulled Drinks

Entrance free



St. GILES' CHURCH, ACTON BEAUCHAMP

HARVEST FESTIVAL,

On the 5th of October we held the Harvest Festival.

THANK YOU, VERY MUCH, the ladies who decorated, and prepared, the Church ready for our Harvest Thanksgiving. The Church looked lovely.

We have gathered a collection of non-perishable items, for Bromyard Food Bank.

A very grateful **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated so generously.

EVENTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Carols by Candlelight.

Sunday, the 21st of December, at 6pm.

Everyone is then warmly welcomed, for Sherry and Mince Pies, following the service.

Wrap up warmly, sturdy shoes are a must and do bring a torch.

Christmas Get Together.

Tuesday, the 23rd of December, at 6pm.

Mr. and Mrs. Antony and Jo Blackwell, **The Grange, Acton Beauchamp, WR6 5AG**, have very, very kindly invited the community of Acton Beauchamp, and beyond, for a Christmas get together.

Carols, Mulled Wine and Festive Food. There will also be a Christmas raffle.

£7.50p per person.

EVERYONE VERY WELCOME.



Services in November 2025

Sunday 2nd November

10.00am – High Mass at Bishops Frome

Sunday 9th November – Remembrance Sunday

10.30am – Remembrance Service at Bishops Frome

10.30am – Remembrance Service at Castle Frome

10.30am – Remembrance Service at Much Cowarne

11.45am – Remembrance Service at Stanford Bishop

6.00pm – Requiem Mass at Bishops Frome

Tuesday 11th November – Remembrance Day

10.30am – Remembrance Service at Ocle Pychard

6.00pm – Remembrance Evensong at Much Cowarne

Sunday 16th November

10.00am – High Mass at Bishops Frome

Sunday 23rd November

10.30am – Deanery-wide Service at St Peters in Bromyard – with all of the churches in Bredenbury, Bromyard, Frome Valley and Greater Whitbourne

Note that there are no other Services in the Frome Valley on this day

Sunday 30th November

10.00am – Group Service at Evesbatch

6.00pm – Advent Carol Service at Bishops Frome

Choir Practice – takes place on the first and third Friday of the month, between 6.00pm and 7.00pm at Bishops Frome Church. The Choir sings each at each Service at Bishops Frome. New members are very welcome.

Normal Parish Office Opening Hours

Wednesdays and Fridays 9am to 12 midday at Bishops Frome

Tuesdays 9am to 11am, Wednesdays 1pm to 4pm, Thursdays 9am to 4pm at Bromyard.

If you would like more details of any of our Services or of any event, please contact the Parish Offices: Bromyard: 01885 483749, Bishops Frome: 01885 490229, or email fromevalley@icloud.com



St. James, Stanford Bishop
Sunday 9th November
11.45am Remembrance Service

Wednesday 24th December
7pm Carol Service by candlelight

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

Village Trees

Hi I'm Roger. Some of you may have seen me mowing The Green and other grass areas around the village. I'm also a member of the parish council. As a council we have recently joined The Herefordshire Tree Warden Network and the PC in their wisdom, have appointed me as The Tree Warden for Bishops Frome. As some have been aware we are actively promoting new tree planting projects on PC owned land around the village as well as taking more care of existing trees and any other amenity environmental improvements (including levelling and reseeded the Old Cricket Field down to the river).

Our main project at present is planting a grove of decorative specimen trees for everyone's enjoyment. These will be in groups across the bank of the field which goes down to the river from the car park at the Community Centre. The area being considered is mostly along the line of, and below, the bench seats. It is planned that plantings will enhance, but not obstruct, the view from there.

This collection of trees will add to our village environment, and is planned to have year round interest for the enjoyment of any who cross the field, using the area for exercise, walking dogs, getting a breath of fresh air, or just to coming to admire the beauty of the trees as they mature. Interesting features will vary with the tree but could include flowers, leaf colour and size, bark, shape etc..

To do this we need the input of those who would like to be involved in the sponsorship, purchase and maintenance of individual trees. Sponsors can be individuals, groups or businesses with Bishops Frome connections. Accordingly the trees will be numbered and identified by species name. A record book will be made available in the Community Centre with additional details of sponsors (should they wish it), planting date and any additional brief memorial message, if desired and relevant.

It is anticipated that selected trees, which we will order as a council, will be standard, single stem plants with about 6ft/2 metres above ground at planting. The package will include stakes, ties, guards, fertiliser and other growth aids plus our ongoing care. Cost per tree is expected to be between £50 and £100 depending on size and species. There is a book available on the table in the Community Centre giving some idea of our preferred species.

This season has presented us with a challenge whereby, because of the dryness of the ground, we have found it necessary to delay planting until at least the autumn, and planting will be ongoing from now. If you wish to be involved with planting and any further care you will be welcome. The actual layout and tree location will be supervised by myself with help from a highly qualified landscape designer. If you visit the area you may see the initial plantings will have taken place already.

For more details please contact me and, should you want, I could visit you to further discuss the trees and the project:-

Roger Jones - Parish Council Tree Warden home – 07751075250 email - kia.ora2012@aol.co.uk

From the FVN Editor

To the residents and those local to Bishops Frome Village Shop
Please use it or lose it - Run by lovely people for you and the locality.
It was one of the reasons I moved to Bishops Frome nearly 10 years ago.



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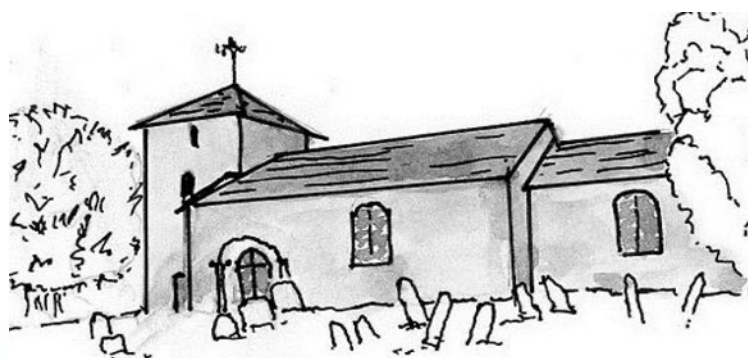
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In the church afterwards.





Castle Frome November 2025

News, Views & Muse

Nature Diary

Our winter thrushes

Now is the time to look out for autumn migrants escaping the colder conditions of their distant breeding grounds. One of my favourites is the 'near threatened' redwing. It looks rather like a small song thrush, and you may catch one gorging on the berries in your garden, along with their larger cousin the fieldfare. The redwing is a night-time migrant, navigating its way in the dark from Fennoscandia and Iceland. An extraordinary feat. Numbers of these migrant birds vary according to weather conditions and food supplies elsewhere. If you venture outside on a clear autumn night, you may be lucky enough to hear the 'seep seep' call of a redwing above you. Such a treat.



Hilary

The Church at Harvest

A Huge thank you to everyone that helped decorate the Church for our Harvest Festival on October 10th. We had beautiful flowers in the Pedestal and on the Font and a lovely display of the Knitted Scarecrows.



Communion Service

Sunday 9th November
10.00am



Family Service

(Lay Led)

Sunday 23rd November
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.

Trumpet & District Agricultural Society

Christmas

Tractor & Car Run

Saturday 13th December 2025

We are coming to Bromyard again!

Starting from: Baddy Marsh, Lower Eggleton, HR8 2UH

Registration from: 2:30pm

Leaving: 4:30pm



£20.00 ENTRY



Prize for best decorated vehicle



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We will be out shaking our buckets please come and support

All tractors and vehicles must be insured and road worthy

We will be travelling through

- Bishops Frome along the A4103
- Bromyard town where Santa will stop and collect your letters
 - Then going through Winslow Road
- Turning right by Morrisons past QE School back through
 - Stoke Lacy
 - Burley gate
- Back to the start



More information, please telephone 07813 754873

We look forward to seeing everyone

*St James the Great Church
Ocle Pychard*

Service of Remembrance

**Tuesday 11th
November
2025
At 10:30**



St James the Great at Ocle Pychard

Invites one and
all to the
Church for a
Carol Service

On
**Friday 12th
December
2025**

with the
**Pax Singers
by candlelight**

Starts at 19:00



St James the Great at Ocle Pychard

Invites one and all to the Church
for a Christmas Crib Service
**On Wednesday 24th December
2025**



Come for 16:00

Mulled wine or spiced juice
served with mince pies after

St James the Great at Ocle Pychard

Invites one and all to the
Candlemas Service
**On Monday 2nd February 2026
At 19:00**



At the Church

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:

- **MAKE & TAKE SESSION-** Saturday 1st 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 11th November at 6pm, Evening Prayer interspersed with war readings and poems, led by Rev Richard Allaway.
- **MAKE & TAKE SESSION-** Saturday 6th 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



ST GILES CHURCH

Tuesday, 23 DECEMBER 6.00 PM

THE GRANGE

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MULLED WINE

SEASONAL CANAPES &

REFRESHMENTS

CAROLS ROUND THE PIANO

TRUMPET PLOUGHING MATCH 2025

Marking its 80th year the Trumpet and District Ploughing Match was held near Bromyard hosted by David and Sue Watts. A great site with panoramic views of the Malvern Hills the Match was yet again a spectacle. With both horses and tractors ploughing, the event was well attended and blessed with good weather. As well as 78 Tractors ploughing there was the spectacle of 771 entries in the Domestic Section with classes as diverse as cakes & pastries, handicraft, photography and produce. Children's classes were well supported including entries from schools with four schools attending on the day to add to the vibrant atmosphere. Classes also included: Crop/ grain samples, Commercial Egg, Hops and the West of England Fruit Show for Apples, Cider Apples and Pears. A Trumpet Ploughing Match would not be complete however without the legendary roast lunch served by Elaine's Kitchen.

The next Trumpet event is the Christmas Charity Tractor Run on Saturday 13 December starting from Baddy Marsh Farm, Lower Eggleton. Tractors leave at 4.30 pm to travel through Bishops Frome, Bromyard, Stoke Lacy and Burley Gate and back to Baddy Marsh for Fish and Chips. Santa will stop in Bromyard to collect letters and donations can be made along the way which will go to local Charities. Last year's Tractor Run raised £3511 for St.Michael's Hospice.

On Sunday prior to the Match the Society held a celebratory lunch attended by over 150 people. To further mark the occasion, lunch was preceded by the Annual Plough Service, held in the tent rather in the local Church. Conducted by Rev. Steven Baggs from the Frome Valley Group and accompanied by Acton Beauchamp Organist Tony Wallis the service included the blessing of the Plough using water taken from River Frome.

Extracts of a speech given at the 80th Celebration Luncheon by Tom Nellist who is in his 63rd year as a member and 50th as Treasurer. By his own admission he has lived through 19 Prime Ministers and SO FAR through 9 Trumpet Presidents, 4 Secretaries and 40 Chairmen!

On 21 October ,1944 The Ledbury Reporter and Guardian reported that the enterprise of the recently formed Trumpet & District Home Guard Hedging Society in organising their first annual Ploughing Match held at Marley Hall was "amply justified" this was preceded by a hedging match held in March 1944 at Priors Court. The Reverend Lt. Co. Toynbee who farmed Mainstone Court wanted to do something to relieve the misery of the war and from this wish the Society was formed.

The original Hedging match had a competition with a £4 first prize (£154 in today's money), to pleach, ditch and heather 12 yards of hedge in 6.5 hours, there was a pruning demonstration and a guess the weight of a pig – the prize being the pig! There was also a prize for the best thatched rick of hay or straw.

The Trumpet Match is recognised as one of the best one-day ploughing events in the country as witnessed by the number of ploughmen who travel from as far afield as Aberdeen, Penzance and the Isle of Wight to attend and all say how much they enjoy the day topped by the fantastic meal that Elaine of puts on.

One annual visitor who comes up from Somerset remarked "How that lady can put on a meal like that as good as my wife in the middle of a muddy field I shall never know"

The Trumpet was the first Society to reintroduce horse ploughing in the mid to late '60's due to the efforts of Archie Cowell and ploughmen Tom Pritchard and John Farrington. Our highest ever number of horse entries in that period was 20 including a team of mules.

The match depends entirely on the generosity of site of donors of which we have been very fortunate, no more so than this year with David & Sue Watts.

The Ladies Section started in 1951 and a young 18-year-old Mary Partridge, later to become Mrs. Neil Parker, was one of the first members, they are a fantastic bunch of ladies and it's mainly thanks to them that we always have a healthy bank balance. Mary is the Trumpet's longest serving member.

The 1992 Trumpet Chairman, John Gwilliam, became World Champion Ploughman in Rome in October 1960 and had an incredible Civic reception in Hereford and afterwards at The Foley Arms, Tarrington. John was one of three World Champions over the years from Herefordshire. There followed a toast to the Society.

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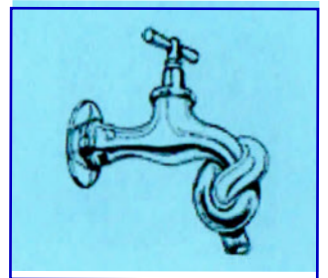
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The Hope Centre has been operating for nearly 25 years in Bromyard. We take time to connect the community with a wide range of different services and support. We have two buildings, Cedar and Oak, which we use for the many groups and services we offer. Other partner organisations also deliver their services here, like Age UK, Health Visitors, Citizens Advice, Women's Aid, NHS, Baby Massage as well as our own support team services. We have worked at the heart of the Bromyard community with a friendly team of staff and volunteers and have a lovely café on the first floor as part of our community

THE FROME VALLEY GROUP					
November 2025					
	2 nd	9 th Remembrance Sunday	16 th	23 rd	30 th
Acton Beauchamp	11.30am Holy Communion SB			10.30am Deanery-wide Service at St Peters, Bromyard Taken by the Bishop of Hereford Followed by a Bring-and- Share Lunch	
Bishops Frome	10.00am High Mass SB	10.30am Remembrance Service SB 6.00pm Requiem Mass SB	10.00am High Mass SB		6.00pm Advent Carol Service SB
Castle Frome		10.30am Remembrance Service Lay Led			
Evesbatch					10.00am Group Service SB
Much Cowarne		10.30am Remembrance Service RA Tuesday 11 th 6.00pm Remembrance Evensong RA			
Ocle Pychard		Tuesday 11 th 10.30am Remembrance Service RA			
Stanford Bishop		11.45am Remembrance Service SB			
	All Saints Gold or White Ephesians 1.11-23 Psalm 14 Luke 6.20-31	Remembrance Sunday Red 2 Thessalonians 2. 1 to 5 13 to 17 Psalm 17, 1 to 9 Luke 20, 27 to 38	2 Before Advent Red 2 Thessalonians 3.6 to 13 Psalm 98 Luke 21, 5 to 19	Christ the King Red Colossians 1, 11 to 20 Psalm 46 Luke 23, 33 to 43	

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Nov 2 nd	Sarah	Susie	Lyn and Sarah
Nov 9 th	Simon	TBA	Chris and Sue
Nov 16 th	Susie	Lucy	Romey and David
Nov 23 rd	Deanery-wide Service at St Peter's, Bromyard		
Nov 30 th	Group Service	TBA	TBA
Dec 7 th	Sarah	Susie	Lyn and Sarah

FROM THE ARCHIVES

The November 1988 edition of The Quintet contained this article about the Harvest Festival at Castle Frome:
"THANK YOU LORD"

Our approaching Harvest Festival at CASTLE FROME seems doomed to be a failure! Our organist was away climbing the Himalayas and we could not find anyone prepared to 'Have-a-go' on our newly donated organ. One churchwarden was away and also most of our stalwart working force.

However, by 7.30pm on October 7th, we entered a lovely warm church, glowing with our new heating system, our good friend Monica Robinson, organist of Munsley church, had cheerfully agreed to play. Jack Glinos and all his family who had so generously donated the new organ helped to swell our numbers; the Revd. Carl Attwood, our visiting preacher from Colwall gave us a very fine sermon on these – yes, you guessed it; THANK YOU.

What a wonderful lesson not to be downhearted. The best Harvest celebration possible ending with a JOLLY supper at the Moored. Thank you Martin and Virginia and everyone who helped.

Thank you Lord for sending Carl to remind us to be thankful every day!"

'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 at the Harvest Festival?

Do you have any photographs of it?

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