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Hollybush and Birtsmorton



Parish Magazine

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BIRTSMORTON
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Dear Friends,

As we prepare for Christmas this year, we can reflect back that we have been through such interesting and trying times. From experiencing many different crises, the cost of living, political upheavals, the war in Ukraine and now the dire situation with Israel and Gaza. Whatever we say, these times are difficult and painful. These are worrying and anxiety-generating times we live in. Many people have to make difficult daily choices.

In the midst of all these challenges, sorrows and joys, the Christmas season holds out to us all an offering of the reality of love, peace and hope in small bundles and sometimes in the most insignificant places. Our faith in Jesus Christ compels us to put our trust in God for our daily sustenance. As the prayer Jesus Christ taught His disciples says: “Give us this day our daily bread.” A lack of trust can lead us into being nervous wrecks.

In the town of Bethlehem, during the reign King Herod, the people were living in fear of the occupation of the Romans and were very anxious of what might happen next after the census.

God’s provision for us doesn’t usually come as we expect, and this was no different. God showed Himself in the most unlikely form. The Baby Jesus was born in the lowliest of places — a borrowed animal shed, surrounded by unusual dormitory mates. His cot was an animal’s feeding trough, and the neighbours welcomed Him with neighs, boos and baas. At Christmas we celebrate the birth of God the Son, Jesus Christ the Messiah, who walks with us and holds our hands in empathy. God came in a small bundle to give His people hope and to lift their spirits. The people on earth and angels of

heaven sang in unison glad tidings of great joy. In a place of worship, we can join together and sing those uplifting Christmas carols together.

The challenging times and the financial difficulties are real. God's grace and mercy is also real and tangible to all who reach out in faith. Christ offers all who look to Him hope, peace and love, in that He loves us so much He died on the cross to save us sinners and give us peace and hope in life eternal through faith in Him. Christ is called Emmanuel — that is, 'God with us'.

At this time of year, it is customary to look out for others in our family, friendship groups, and the wider community. And to care for God's creation and the environment we live in. As we reach out to others, I am reminded of the need to share the joy, peace and goodwill to all people. Hence the saying 'Jesus Christ is the reason for the season'. By an unknown author:

*If you look for me at Christmas, you won't need a special star;
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem, I'm right there where you are.
You may not be aware of Me amid the celebrations.
You'll have to look beyond the stores and all the decorations.
But if you take a moment from your list of things to do,
and listen to your heart, you'll find I'm waiting there for you.
You're the one I want to be with, you're the reason that I came,
and you'll find Me in the stillness, as I'm whispering your name.*

With blessings this Christmas and the New Year, Rev'd Julie

Benefice Diary

Saturday 2 nd December	Festive Fayre	Berrow Village Hall and Church Path 11.00am - 12 noon
Saturday 2 nd December	Collation of Rev'd Canon Mark Badger to be Archdeacon of Worcester	5.30pm Worcester Cathedral
Saturday 9 th December	Christmas Market	Duke of York 3 - 6pm.
Wednesday 17 th January	Standing Committee	2.30pm Pendock Cross, The Church of the Redeemer
Saturday 27 th January	Marriage Preparation	Pendock CE Primary School 9.30am - 3.00pm
Friday 23 rd February	Quiz night and Fish and chip supper	Eldersfield Corse Lawn CE Primary School
Saturday 23 rd March	Marriage Preparation	Pendock CE Primary School 9.30am - 3.00pm

If you have any additional dates, please contact Mel Roberts or Rev'd Julie James.



Bible Study

Tuesday: - Thistledown, Pendock

Tuesday: 12th December 2023 , 9th. January 2024, February 13th.

10.30am Cuppa and biscuit!

Bible reflections, depart 12 noon

Rev. Julie James



The Royal British Legion

Our Remembrance Service this year was held at St. John the Baptist, Eldersfield. On show in the church, was a wonderful knitted display of poppies. In addition, we held a 'Pop' in Remembrance gathering on the Friday, 10th November at The Church of the Redeemer, Pendock Cross. The Worship Committee of children from Pendock CE Primary School came and read out their very moving and thoughtful poems on the theme of the 'Poppy'. It was lovely to have the different generations together enjoying the refreshments and chatting about their different life experiences at this time of 'Remembrance'. In the time of silence, we could stop, think and reflect on those individuals who have given the ultimate sacrifice and those close to our hearts, as we hope for a more peaceful world. 'Lest we forget'; each Poppy wreath is laid on the memorials in the Berrow Benefice and all donations sent to the 'Royal British Legion'. The Legion continues to support a wide range of projects, families and individuals. Many veterans are struggling and our donations can really make a difference in their daily lives.

We will remember them!

Rev'd Julie James

The Legend of the Christmas Rose

This poem was passed on by a friend in her nineties who had received it from her mother many years ago.

When Christ was born in Bethlehem
A bright and shining star
Appeared to guide the Wise Men
With their presents from afar
But one poor little shepherdess
Watched them pass by and cried
Because she had no precious gift
To carry to His side
When lo! to her astonishment
For every tear she shed
There sprang and blossomed on the ground
A lovely flower instead
She gathered them with eager hands
And with the star to guide
She carried them with reverence
And placed them at His side
And as His little hands reached out
To touch the blossoms fair
A dainty blush of rosy pink
Appeared on each one there
And so upon that blessed morn
The age-old legend goes
From childlike faith and humble tears
Was born the Christmas Rose



May the blessing of joy abide with you;
May the blessing of peace rest upon you;
May the blessing of love flow through you;
May all the blessings of the Lord be yours
at Christmas and in the New Year

Author Unknown



Community 'Drop In'

Due to my increasing commitments and lack of folk offering to volunteer, please note that the next 'Drop In' at Pendock C.E. Primary School Hall will be on **TUESDAY 30th January-9.30-11.00am**

Many thanks to all those who have attended and supported.

Please can we have some help if more sessions required.

Rev'd Julie James

Castlemorton CE Primary School's annual

Christmas Fayre

December 1st
3.30pm

with a visit from
Father Christmas

refreshments, stalls, raffle,
tombola, games
gifts & cakes!



St Faith's Berrow

Saturday, December 2nd

11.00 am to 12.00 noon

As last year, there will be a

“POP UP”

FESTIVE

FAYRE

along the path to the church

**Mulled wine, Gifts, Cakes,
Christmas Produce & Raffle**



Carols, Candles & Cake

(+Mulled Wine!)

December 3rd, 4 p.m.
Eldersfield Church

Save the date!

Join the local community who, for a 1000 years, have met together to sing Christmas Carols and songs by candlelight.

Enjoy pre-Christmas refreshments in a magical setting and
get your Christmas off to a great start!



We hope you will join us!



Eldersfield Church

Together at Christmas



2023



Sunday 17th December – *make a date!*

10.30am

A short service with Carols and Christmas thoughts in church.

11am – 1pm

Christmas displays in church.
Freshly cooked sausages.
Mulled wine.
Craft activities for the children.
Chocolate search around the church and churchyard.
Join in singing Carols in church.
Take a Christmas walk around Eldersfield.

As usual, we will be collecting for the charity “**Crisis at Christmas**” and all donations that you can spare on the day will be swiftly sent to the local office to ensure people in dire need can share in some Christmas spirit.



See you there?



Drop in anytime and enjoy the celebrations, just a week before the big Day!

Eldersfield Church



December 24th 5 p.m.

Christingle & Crib by candlelight

We hope that you will join us on Christmas Eve for the annual service of celebration and preparation for Christmas Day. It is always a magical & exciting time for the children (and adults) awaiting the Big Day!

We will sing Carols and step-by-step add figures to build up the crib scene in the stable. After an update on how our community has changed children's lives by so generously supporting the work of The Children's Society, the light of hope and celebration will fill the church as the Christingles are lit; a memorable moment as we sing a Carol in the flickering candlelight. We hope you can join us.

**A collection will be taken for the work of The
Children's Society**



Launch Date!!!

Boots and Roots, the book of my circular 150 mile walk, starting and finishing at All Saints, Hollybush will be launched on an unsuspecting world with not one but two launch events, both taking place on the weekend of the **2nd/3rd December 2023**.

There will be an early evening event, starting at 5pm on Saturday 2nd December at Ledbury Books and Maps, on the top cross in Ledbury. Space is limited, so if you are planning on coming along to this one, please let me know so we can make sure we can fit you in! Mulled wine and nibbles will be served.

And the more local event will be held at 2pm on Sunday 3rd December at All Saints, Hollybush – where else??! The talk and reading part of the event will be over by 3pm to allow for those needing to get to Eldersfield to enjoy some Carols, Candles and Cakes at 4pm – but tea and cake will also be available at Hollybush for those who can stay and chat and buy some books.

Boots and Roots - the perfect Christmas present for the really difficult to buy for person in your life!!!

Rev Anthea Elston

Some Seasonal Ideas

1. Clementine Dessert

Peel some clementines (or whichever of the small fruits is available) and remove the “white bits” keeping the fruits whole. Place in a suitable bowl and nap over with toffee sauce (bought or made). Sprinkle with grated chocolate and serve with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream.

2. Cranberry Bread and Butter Pudding

Make a bread and butter pudding using several slices of brioche loaf, buttered and spread with cranberry sauce. Layer the slices in a well-greased dish and carefully strain on a one pint/4 egg vanilla flavoured raw egg custard (a little sugar included). Sprinkle the top with demerara sugar and bake in a moderate oven until set and golden on top.

3. Savoury Cheese Rounds

Ingredients

4 oz plain flour

2 oz semolina

3 oz butter

2 oz finely grated tasty cheese

1 egg (to bind)

Seasoning +, optional, 1 teaspoon powered mustard

Method

Make up dough; do not over knead. Make into two 1” rolls. Relax in fridge. Cut into roundels about 1/3 inch thick. Bake on a tray lined with greased paper in a moderate oven for about 12 minutes until golden. Cool on rack. Store in an airtight container.

Additions to add in if desired: chilli flakes or chopped pistachio nuts.

4. Apple, Cranberry and Almond Strudel

Ingredients

Bought filo pastry

Butter

Finely chopped apples

Cranberry sauce

Flaked almonds

Sugar to taste

Method

Melt the butter. Brush onto several filo sheets and overlap them. Place filling in centre and roll up pastry, buttering to stick and seal. Finally, place on a greased baking sheet and butter again. Sprinkle with sugar and bake in a moderate oven for 15 - 20 minutes. About half way through, sprinkle carefully with flaked almonds, then finish cooking. Cool a little, then carefully remove to a serving dish or wire rack.

Colour the Advent Wreath



Colour the wreath(green) and berries(red)

3 candles are purple, one is pink (Joy).

The Jesus candle is white

Find out the different meanings for each Sunday in Advent

Name: _____ Date: _____



Joy to the World

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.



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| ADVENT | INFANT | MYRRH |
| ANGEL | JESUS | NATIVITY |
| BETHLEHEM | JOSEPH | REJOICE |
| BIRTH | MAGI | STABLE |
| BLESSINGS | MANGER | STAR |
| CAMELS | MARY | THREE KINGS |
| FRANKINCENSE | MIRACLE | WISE MEN |

I remember India.

I first went to India – more years ago than I care to relate. I remember landing at Bombay. I remember taking a taxi – or was it a rickshaw? – from the airport to my hotel, the best hotel in the city and the one where some years later 31 people would be killed by terrorists.

I remember the crowds of people lining the route. They were ten deep, perhaps twenty. But they were not lining the route for me. They were lining it because they had nothing to do. They were standing around, talking, gossiping, the children playing.

I remember the beggars. I remember to this day one woman, surrounded by children, a babe in her arms, gesturing with her hand to her mouth, indicating that she needed food, and grateful for a few rupees, even a few annas.

Now what these people did not know was that I was in many ways as poor as they. My entire worldly goods, as I sat in that taxi, were contained in the plastic bag beside me which held a spare shirt, my passport, a camera and, thankfully, a book of travellers' cheques. This was not by design but as a result of - let us be generous – the inefficiencies of the baggage handlers at Karachi airport a few days previously.

This was in the days when India had a population of 650 million people and yet its exports were half those of Singapore, with two million. It was in the days when the government restricted the import of computers, because they deprived clerks, who were acknowledged experts with an abacus, of a job.

And the thought occurred to me. Should I give away my cash, even only a few coins, to assist these people, some of whom were in the direst of need?

And if I gave away some money, what moral imperative should guide my choice of recipient? Was it the person with the greatest apparent need, or should I search out the person with the greatest real need? Should I consider acute need – the person who needed the money today but who might be dead tomorrow - or should I place my gift where it would achieve the greatest long term good, perhaps not a single person but a school?

With the low limit of potential generosity imposed upon me by the baggage handlers, I could easily have made myself as poor as those around me, indeed, even poorer. How poor should I make myself? How should I estimate my future need for cash - I was at the start of my holiday – or should I abandon the holiday and give everything I had to the people around me?

Why should I give any money at all? These people were the direct responsibility of the government of India, not mine. Did I have any duty to them? It was their government which, by its crass management of the economy, was in large measure responsible for the problem. Indeed, even the people themselves were not exempt from this charge. They were surrounded by cattle but for religious reasons refused to eat them. Should I salute their religious belief and stump up the cash because if I did not some would die because of those perverse beliefs?

These of course were weighty questions for a young man considering the potential gift of a few rupees, but they are the stuff of life for an official in an organisation responsible for distributing foreign aid.

In Britain we claim that all lives are of equal value: just look at the efforts we make to ensure that whether you live in Liverpool or Londonderry, Aberdeen or Aberdaron, you do not die of hunger or hypothermia. You have a right to free medical treatment, even if you have to wait until seven million people have been treated before you. Why, if we believe that all lives are of equal value, do we not therefore extend the benefits of our system to the peoples of Africa, and South America, and the Middle East, who have a lower standard of living? Why do we not open our borders and welcome, not half a million immigrants a year, but one, two or five million? The conditions they would find would not be as good as the ones we know now but they would be better than anything they had ever had at home. And when they were not, they would stop coming.

The thought which rests with me is this.

The offerings which we give to the poor are usually negligible; if you doubt that, tell me of someone you know one who has sold his house and sent the proceeds for the relief of poverty in Africa. It may therefore be that we give our pittance to the poor not for their sake, but for ours – but I am not referring to the warm glow we get whenever we help a little old lady across the road. I suggest that by giving something, anything, to somebody in need we remind ourselves that there are people who are worse off than ourselves.

And is it not with this thought in our minds that we are more likely to want to improve society? to make the world a better place? to do our job better? to create more wealth? and then to spend it and thereby give employment to others?

And as I looked at that woman with the hungry babe, I put my hand in my pocket, felt a few coins, and I ...

Well, what would you have done?



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The article in the November magazine by Willam Eustace - '*Coombe Green - a chequered history*' - was a seasonal reminder of the Sunday School Christmas parties held in the Mission Hall in the 1980s, generously funded by Dr and Mrs Heath of Glenberrow, Hollybush.

The corrugated-iron building was not only used for worship, but also for diverse village activities including whist drives, parish council meetings, jumble sales and the youth club. A similar diversity of use had been the case ever since the hall had started its life at Hollybush in 1887.

The BCH Journal Volume 2 contains an article entitled '*A Tale of Two Tin Rooms*' detailing how the hall was bought and erected by Lady Henry Somerset of Eastnor, who employed William Valentine Gray and his wife Emmeline, from Paddington, London, to conduct services there. The aim was to provide a welcoming venue for the largely poor and uneducated population. By 1904, following the departure of the Grays, it was felt the Mission Hall, despite having been a much valued asset in the Hollybush community, was no longer needed; it was dismantled and moved down the hill to Coombe Green where it still stands today, now in private hands.

Soon the Hollybush community mourned the gap left in village life and a new Hollybush Church Room was opened in 1922 opposite the turning to The Roughs.

Earlier in the 19th century, the spiritual needs of the Hollybush population, far removed from their parish church at Castlemorton, were served by house-based or open-air services. The inhabitants were deemed vulnerable to the influence of the Mormons who had already encouraged many local families to convert and move to America. Wishing to halt this exodus (and the simultaneous loss of a potential workforce) a Chapel of Ease (which later became All Saints, Hollybush) was built and consecrated in 1869, largely thanks to Mary Selwyn who spearheaded the fund-raising. Mary Selwyn's home was just opposite the church - at Glenberrow, Hollybush - which brings us back full circle to Dr and Mrs Heath of the same address, who subsequently funded the Sunday School Christmas parties just over a century later.

The new BCH Journal 4 is now on sale! Some copies of past issues are also available. bcharchive2017@gmail.com



PLUS Upton-upon-Severn Foodbank, The Baptist Church, Old Street, Tewkesbury and Ledbury.

Thank you for the generous food bank donations given through our church services and from two local schools at Pendock and Eldersfield. The money donations were also gratefully received.

If you can, please continue your generous contributions in these times of rising costs for everyone. People really appreciate both food, toiletries and money. The referral of families to the food banks is unfortunately greater in numbers, so please support.

Rev'd Julie James



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CHILDREN'S CHARITY URGENTLY SEEKING VOLUNTEER MENTORS IN THE TEWKESBURY AREA
Could you spare an hour or two a week?

Would you like to help children and young people in the Tewkesbury area?

Due to demand, children's charity Mentor Link is recruiting Volunteer Mentors to support children and young people in schools in Tewkesbury.

Anyone interested should be a good listener, patient and enjoy working with children and young people. Life experience essential.

If you can help support a young person facing social and emotional difficulties, and would like more information about becoming a Mentor please contact enquiries@mentorlink.org.uk
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Friday 1st December at 7:00pm

National Theatre Live

Skylight

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National Theatre Live and the Morton Majestic: Bringing world class theatre to your doorstep

Tickets £10, booking recommended.

Thursday 28th December at 3:00pm

Puss in Boots -

The Last Wish

(PG-2022-102mins)

When Puss in Boots discovers that his passion for adventure has taken its toll, having burnt through eight of his nine lives, he starts an epic journey to restore them. This involves using a magical map to find the wishing star. However Goldilocks and the Three Bears also want it!

A joy for adults and children.

Free entry if you bring a feather

Thursday 18th January at 7:30pm

Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny

(12A-2023-154mins)

A final outing for **Harrison Ford**, this time accompanied by **Phoebe Waller-Bridge**. As he wrestles with approaching retirement Indy is once again caught up in a battle with evil in the form of an old rival and must don his hat and pick up his whip once again.

Tickets £5 on the door.

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Castlemorton Environmental Group



Severn Treescapes

Aiming to create a 60 mile Corridor of Trees from the Wye Valley to the Wyre Forest

CEG invite you to a talk by Megan Finn, the Community Engagement and Communications Coordinator for the Severn Treescapes Project.

In this talk, Megan will talk about her work with schools and community groups to get them involved in the Ourberetum initiative seed to sapling scheme. This includes working with communities to collect and grow local native tree seed for local planting sites. She will talk about the project from both the landowner and community perspective and give information about funding opportunities for people who wish to plant trees.



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Wildlife Trust

Severn Treescapes

Wye to Wyre, connecting nature and people

**Castlemorton Parish Hall Thursday 25th
January at 7:30pm**

Entry £2:50 with tea or coffee and biscuits provided.

This event is sponsored by Castlemorton Parish Council

A BIG THANK-YOU
FROM THE EDITORS

The Editors would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved with the production of the Parish Magazine over the past year, especially the Ministry Team and Parish contributors, magazine distributors, our advertisers and of course **YOU**, the reader!

As you will see from the January and February Service Readers rota at the back of the Magazine, we will be reaching out to a larger readership in 2024, so please bear with us as new distribution chains are established for those parishioners who wish to receive a printed copy.

The subscription for 2024 will remain at £5 for 10 issues (combined July/August and December/January).

Please complete the **Renewal Form** below and hand it to your Magazine distributor with your subscription. Although we can still accept **cheques** (payable to **Berrow Pendock & Eldersfield**), the preferred options are **cash** or **bank transfer (BACS)**, details on the form below.

Many thanks to all who renew promptly, also those who include a little extra – your support is very much appreciated.

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND PEACEFUL, PROSPEROUS AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR
TO YOU ALL

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SAINT MICHAEL and ALL ANGELS CHURCH, LEDBURY

on

SATURDAY DECEMBER 16th

6.00pm to 7.00pm (approx.)

Please join us from 5.30 pm for pre-concert drinks and mince pies

Tickets £12, under 18s free, to include refreshments.

Hartpury Village Hall

In Association with Air in G (Arts in Rural Gloucestershire)

Present

Jazz Dynamos

At Hartpury Village Hall

On Friday 2nd February 2024

Doors and Bar open 7.00pm Performance starts 7.30pm

Tickets £13.00 from susanknox@btinternet.com 07817232276

Jazz Dynamos – a five-piece band who take well known songs from the 70s and 80s, transforming them with a mix of jazz, bossa, swing and samba! Their unique set of exuberant, entertaining, original contemporary jazz arrangements includes hits by, amongst many others, Dolly Parton, Prince, Madonna, U2, The Police, a-ha and Britney Spears.



Baptism (or Christening)

The baptism service is for a child or adult. As an adult, you make the decision and the promises. A child has adults (godparents) who make decisions and promises on behalf of a child.

At the point you are baptized, you simply have water poured on your head. If you are considering being baptized or for a member of your family, do talk to us as we will be delighted to help. Baptism can occur during the usual church services which rotate around the Benefice or at a time for just you, your family and friends.

Rev'd Julie James



Pastoral care is one aspect of a priest's role. The word *pastor* comes from the Latin word for "shepherd." Caring for a person who is struggling with a difficulty, being present during a time of pain, praying with someone in a crisis—these are the moments when we need to know someone can come alongside us from the church community.

Most people only visualise a priest working on a Sunday. The reality is that preparing for Sunday services, Bible Study, and daily prayers are only a small part of my role. Looking after several churches, being on many different committees including being a school governor for our two local schools, engaging in a large wedding ministry, plus occasional offices like funerals and baptisms, means that my working week is very busy.

The Pastoral Visitor is Mrs Cathy Powell-Chandler. Part of her role is to co-ordinate pastoral visitors within our church communities. If you would specifically like me to visit you, then please indicate this by contacting me direct or via one of the church officers, all details of which are in the magazine. In a caring community, we all look to see whether our neighbours need or wish to accept our help.

Rev'd Julie James

SERVICES IN THE UNITED BENEFICE OF BERROW WITH PENDOCK, ELDERSFIELD AND BIRTSMORTON AND HOLLYBUSH

Would readers and intercessors themselves please arrange an appropriate replacement if they are unable to be present on the dates shown

Date	Venue	Time	Service	Reading	Reader	Intercessor
4th February 2nd Sunday before Lent	Eldersfield Church	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Proverbs 8. 1, 22–31 Colossians 1. 15—20	Janet Peters	---
	Eldersfield School	10.30am	Café Church	TBA	TBA	TBA
	Queenhill Church	10.30am	Holy Communion	Proverbs 8. 1, 22–31 Colossians 1. 15—20	TBA	TBA
11th February Sunday next before Lent	Bushley Church	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	2 Kings 2. 1—12 2 Corinthians 4. 3–6	TBA	TBA
	Berrow Church	10.30am	Holy Communion	2 Kings 2. 1—12 2 Corinthians 4. 3–6	Mei Roberts	Doug Braund
	Hollybush Church	6.30pm	Evensong	1 Kings 19. 1—16 2 Peter 1. 16-- end	Liz Lean	Catthy P-Chandler
14th February Ash Wednesday	Pendock Cross Church	7.30pm	Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday	Isaiah 58. 1—122 2Corinthians5.20b–6.10	Elisabeth Rambridge	Ann Ward
18th February First Sunday of Lent	Pendock Cross Church	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Genesis 9. 8—17 1 Peter 3. 18—end	Andrew Rambridge	---
	Berrow Church	10.30am	All Age Worship	TBA	TBA	TBA
	Castlemorton Church	10.30am	Holy Communion	Genesis 9. 8—17 1 Peter 3. 18—end	TBA	TBA

25 th February 2 nd Sunday of Lent	Birtsmorton Church	10:30am	Holy Communion	Genesis 17. 1-7, 15-16 Romans 4. 13—end	Bob James	Martin Knott
	Longdon Church	10:30am	Holy Communion	Genesis 17. 1-7, 15-16 Romans 4. 13—end	TBA	TBA
	Castlemorton Church	6:30pm	Kaleidoscope	TBA	TBA	TBA

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Date	Venue	Time	Service	Reading	Reader	Intercessor
25th December Christmas Day	Pendock Church	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Isaiah 9. 2 – 7 Titus 2. 11 – 14	Andrew Rambridge	----
	Berrow Church	10.30am	Family Christmas Service	Isaiah 65. 17 – 25 Luke 2. 1 – 20	Bob James	Martin Knott
31st December 1st Sunday of Christmas	Eldersfield Church	10.30am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 61. 10 – 62. 3 Galatians 4. 4 – 7	Mel Roberts	Cathy P-Chandler
7th January Epiphany	Eldersfield Church	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Genesis 1. 1 – 5 Acts 19. 1 – 7	Janet Peters	----
	Berrow Village Hall	10.30am	Café Church	TBA	TBA	TBA
14th January 2nd Sunday of Epiphany	Berrow Church	10.30am	Holy Communion	1 Samuel 3. 1 – 10 Revelation 5. 1 – 10	Elisabeth Rambridge	Ann Ward
	Hollybush Church	6.30 pm	Evensong	Isaiah 60. 9 – End Hebrews 6. 17 – 7. 10	Shirley Williams	Celia Greatwood
21st January 3rd Sunday of Epiphany	Pendock Church	8.30am	BCP Communion	Genesis 14. 17 – 20 Revelation 19. 6 – 10	Andrew Rambridge	----
	Eldersfield Church	10.30am	All Age Worship	TBA	TBA	TBA

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28 th January Presentation of Christ in the Temple	Birtsmorton Church	10:30am	Holy Communion	Malachi 3. 1 – 5 Hebrews 2. 14 – End	Bob James	Doug Braund
	Castlemorton Church	4pm	Service to mark start of new benefice	TBA	TBA	TBA

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3rd December 1st Sunday of Advent	Eldersfield Church	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Isaiah 64. 1 – 9 1 Corinthians 1. 3 – 9	Janet Peters	---
	Berrow Village Hall	10.30am	Christmas Café Church	TBA	TBA	TBA
	Eldersfield Church	4pm	Carols, Candles and Cake	TBA	TBA	TBA
10th December 2nd Sunday of Advent	Berrow Church	10.30am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 40. 1 – 11 2 Peter 3. 8 – 15a	Elizabeth Rambridge	Martin Knott
	Hollybush Church	6.30pm	Hollybush Christmas	TBA	TBA	TBA
17th December 3rd Sunday of Advent	Pendock Cross Church	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Isaiah 61. 1-4, 8 – End 1 Thessaionian 5.16-24	Andrew Rambridge	---
	Eldersfield Church	10.30am	All Age Worship	TBA	TBA	TBA
	Berrow Church	6.30pm	Nine Lessons and Carols	TBA	TBA	TBA
24th December Christmas Eve	Birtsmorton Church	10.30am	Holy Communion	2 Samuel 7. 1-11, 16 Romans 16. 25 – End	Ruth Coates	Doug Braund
	Eldersfield Church	5.00 pm	Crib and Christingle	TBA	TBA	TBA
	Hollybush Church	11.30pm	Midnight Mass	Isaiah 52. 7 – 10 Hebrews 1. 1 – 4	Shirley Williams	David Allen

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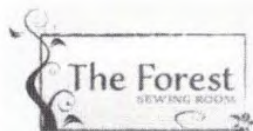
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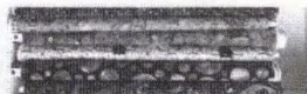
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