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Dear Friends

How's your harvest? Despite drought, we have had plums, blackberries, apples and pears galore this year; and we're grateful. There have been failures too; but diversity is the key!

How have the farmers done? One of our farmers, with a substantial herd of beef cattle, tells me that lack of pasture growth because of drought is and will continue to be a major ongoing problem; and arable crops have been really badly affected. Consumers tend to be insulated from these things, because the markets are supralocal; not so the farmers. So, in the midst of our gratitude - to God and to them - let's keep them in our prayers, encourage, appreciate and help them however we can.

I know years vary, but our focus is being directed towards the cause of climate change - global warming; and most of us are aware of ways we might play our small part in controlling it. I wonder when we'll have specially bred cattle that don't eructate - belch? But for me, frankly, watching Elon Musk playing with his Space X launches (which produce devastating levels of grrenhouse gases) makes such a concept even more hilarious....

So we approach Harvest really thankful yet significantly concerned about climate trends. And concern makes us want to know how we should pray; it's a very good question. In the Old Testament, under the Mosaic Covenant, bountiful harvests were a sign of God's pleasure at the faithfulness of His people. If they went astray, He simply withdrew the blessing (so Leviticus 26:3-5 tells us - "If you follow My statutes and faithfully observe My commands, I will give you rain at the right time, and the land will yield its produce and the trees of the field will bear their fruit. Your threshing floor will continue until grape harvest, and the grape harvest will continue until sowing time; you will have plenty of food to eat and live securely in your land." Then verse 14 - "but if you do not obey Me" - well: all the blessings evaporate. And some.

Surely that can't apply to us? Well; no. And yes. No because we don't live under the Jewish Mosaic covenant. Yes, cautiously, because there's a principle there, highlighted in Galatians 6:7 "God is not mocked. A man reaps what he sows." And Proverbs 22:8 "Those who plant injustice will harvest disaster." The bible has principles which are universal, and applications of the principal which may be specific. Do we reverence and obey God? Do we countenance injustice? Is progress sometimes a cloak for greed for wealth and position?

What am I saying? Only that in the midst of our gratitude let's be careful to give God the obedience due to Him, not just lip service. So, locally, let's continue to support our schools and our parents in teaching children what's right and why it's important to do what's right from the earliest age. Let's be careful to measure our lives against God's words - remembering always that He loves us and as we draw close to Him, He draws close to us. Church is a good place for that - and in our two benefices we're really welcoming, friendly, encouraging, non-judgmental, praying people (and yes, we like coffee and biscuits!) And nationally, lets promote in every way we can a real return to Christian-based British values - if I'm honest, I'm not sure what "British values" are currently. We need to see our need as a nation to go back to our deeply Christan roots, and pray that we might discover increasing joy in our walk with Jesus.

So - Lord! - thank you for harvest; thank you for farmers. Forgive us when our zeal for You abates and fill us anew with your Holy Spirit!

God bless you

Michael Harper (Licensed Lay Minister)

THE CHANGING SEASONS

by Bishop Martin

This has been a tough year for many of our farmers, with many affected not just by uncertainties over taxation and subsidies, but by the hot and dry spring and summer. I saw cattle standing in parched fields with winter hay and silage being fed to them in August. There has been a mixed harvest for arable crops I gather, while many of our fruit farmers have done well, which is good news for them at least, an important part of the rural economy across Worcestershire. Jesus was very familiar with rural life, and spoke memorably of the harvest, When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Matthew 9.36-38. Have you considered whether God is calling you to be a labourer in his Church? There are lots of opportunities to get involved - why not have a look at this page on our website: Your Christian Calling - Diocese of Worcester. I've been Bishop of Dudley for almost six years now, and Acting Bishop of Worcester too since September 2024. It has been a busy and demanding year for me as you can imagine, but I've very much enjoyed the opportunity to serve the whole diocese in this way. I couldn't have done it without my excellent colleagues in the Bishops' Office, the parish support hub in Worcester, and all of you across the Diocese. I am always so grateful for your regular prayers and messages of support. Thank you! Bishop Hugh Nelson will join us early in 2026. He is already a good friend and colleague from the House of Bishops, and I am very much looking forward to working alongside him here. Bishop Hugh brings a deep sense of calling to this role and that shone through all his visits and encounters with people when we introduced him to the Diocese in July. I know he is very much looking forward to joining us in the new year. Please keep Hugh and his family in your prayers as they prepare to move here.

Gracious and loving God,
through your Son Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd,
you have called us into the fellowship of your universal Church
we thank you for calling your servant Hugh to be Bishop of Worcester
sustain him by your love,
strengthen him in faith
encourage him in hope and grant him the needful gifts of grace
that through his ministry among us
we may live and grow as Kingdom People
sharing faith, hope and love in Jesus' name.
Amen

Seasons of the Church Year

I thought it might be useful to orientate ourselves in terms of where we are in the church year, and to look forward to what lies in the months ahead.

We are currently in what some call Creationtide, and others the more pedestrian Ordinary Time or Sunday's after Trinity. Creationtide is the more poetic title, particularly as no time deserves the name Ordinary Time - every day of life is extraordinary in its own way! And we have Harvest Services coming up in October at Queenhill, Castlemorton and Birtsmorton, giving thanks for the beauty of nature which surrounds us and for the hard work and dedication of our farmers, bringing in the harvest under increasingly difficult climatic conditions. We pray for them. And from Creationtide, we move into a time of Remembrance. We have our All Souls service at Hollybush on Saturday 1st November, a time when we give thanks for and remember with gratitude and with sadness all those we love but see no more. This will be a short service of poetry and prose, where folk can come and light a candle for a loved one, listen to music and simply sit and remember. There may even be tea and cake and a time to talk afterwards. All are very welcome, no matter how recent or long ago the bereavement happened, grief is not regulated by hours, days or years. Grief, as her Majesty the Queen so wisely remarked is the price we pay for love.

And then on Sunday 9th November we have our Services of Remembrance for all who lost their lives in the service of our country. These will take place at Birtsmorton, Queenhill and Castlemorton, all beginning at 10.45am so that we can join with the 2 minute silence at 11am, which is always a very moving time of observance and remembering with thanks the sacrifices made that we might live in peace.

You are very welcome to join us for any of these services, and we look forward to welcoming you and sharing in worship and fellowship with you.

Rev Anthea Elston

All Souls Service, 1st November 2025

Every year we hold a service around All Souls to remember and give thanks for the lives of loved ones. There is no time limit on grief, so all are welcome to come along to All Saints, Hollybush at 3pm on Saturday 1st November to spend a little time in remembrance and reflection.

Many of you will have been to this service which Rev Julie led brilliantly, as she did so many things. This year it will be a little different, but the intention, as ever, is to provide a safe and compassionate place to remember and give thanks for those we love but see no more, and to share the pain of grief but also the joy of happy memories with each other.

At the moment, I envisage the service as being a mixture of poetry, prose and prayer, interspersed with some silence and some appropriate music to listen to as we reflect. There will also be an opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one. And if you would like the name of that loved one to be read aloud, please send it through to our administrator, Chris Glyde, at the email address admin@berrowlongdon.org.uk.

Tea, biscuits and a time to talk will be available afterwards. I hope this will be a time for finding comfort and healing on the journey of grief.

Rev Anthea Elston

<u>Parish, Deanery, Archdeaconry, Diocese, Province ~</u> <u>and The Vicar of Dibley</u>

Ah ha! Did I catch your attention with the Vicar of Dibley? The brilliant writing of Richard Curtis, the genius who devised this very popular TV programme, is also responsible for a confusion in understanding of just how matters in a parish work. The co-writer of the series is Paul Mayhew-Archer and he was a couple of years ahead of me at school in Eastbourne. It is in the portrayal of the meetings that the confusion arises. In my research, I found Royal Mail published this January, a set of stamps celebrating the series and one is titled Dibley Parish Council.

The parish is an ancient territorial unit, a sign of our complex and actually very sophisticated national history in which there has been a high regard for administration, organisation and record-keeping. The briefest look at the Domesday Book will confirm that.

The office of Churchwarden is one of the oldest in the country – dating back to the 14th century. At the front of this – and each edition – magazine you will see a list of the members of the PCC, that is the Parochial Church Council. What the Vicar of Dibley episodes portray is a kind of amalgam of the PCC and the Parish Council, which was indeed how parishes were run until the 19th century.

The Local Government Act of 1894 began the process of separating secular and religious business in a parish. It wasn't actually until 1921 that Parochial (Church) Councils were set up.

What of the other administrative units? I am quite nervous because it is strangely hard to pin down the facts with even the main Church of England website, those of dioceses and other information groups not all entirely singing to – yes, wait for it, the same hymn sheet. But I have been asked to explain some of the terms that are heard, so here goes.

The one group I haven't listed in the title is a Benefice, and actually I'm going to come back to that another time. Here, our two benefices are part of the Malvern and Upton Deanery; originally, we were in the latter. The union with Malvern has been a relatively recent development,

sadly, a response to declining numbers. I write after Rev Gary Crellin, the Area Dean, took the morning services at Bushley and Birtsmorton. He explained the role was known once as the Rural Dean, but you can see Area Dean makes more sense with the union to town churches.

There are two Archdeaconries in the Diocese of Worcester – of Worcester and of Dudley. I think I may have shared this statistic before: two-thirds of the population of the Diocese are in the Archdeaconry of Dudley. You can imagine, I am always curious to know how the proportion of Listed Churches is divided, with the dominance of the mediaeval churches in the countryside.

When I taught that troublous period of British history – the 17th Century and the Civil War, there was much reference to the 26 Lords Spiritual who sat in the House of Lords. Now there are 42 dioceses, each with a diocesan bishop and many supported by other bishops, as in our diocese with the Suffragan Bishop Martin Gorlick of Dudley, who is presently the Acting Bishop. The newly appointed Bishop Hugh Nelson is the Acting Bishop of Truro and also Suffragan Bishop of St Germans.

Which bishops sit in the Lords now? The Archbishops of Canterbury and York always have a seat, so too the bishops of our ancient sees – London, Durham and Winchester. Of the remaining 37 bishops, the 21 most senior usually attend. However the Lords Spiritual (Women) Act in 2015 decreed that until 2030, any new woman bishop will become a Lord Spiritual to increase the representation of female bishops. Bishop Rachel Treweek of Gloucester was the first woman to sit in the Lords.

And then there are 2 Provinces - of Canterbury and of York (sometimes known as the Northern province) – which gather together the dioceses. There are 30 in the former, 12 in the latter.

A final snippet, the Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe is not eligible to sit in the House of Lords. Did you know there is a Diocese of Europe? Maybe more of that another time.

Elisabeth Rambridge, Churchwarden

Harvest Foodbank Collection

If you are planning on attending any services in any of our Churches this October, please do bring along items for donation to Ledbury Foodbank, if at all possible. Any tinned or dried goods – tomatoes, baked beans, soups, tinned meat, tinned tuna, pasta, rice, noodles – as long as these are well in date so that all can be of use to the food bank and its clients. Also, don't forget that toiletries, toothbrushes, deodorant, soap, are also always needed.

I shall place plastic boxes in the Berrow Benefice churches at Hollybush, Berrow, Pendock Cross and Eldersfield so that contributions can be made at your convenience during daylight hours.

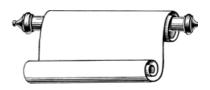
Harvest is a time for thanking God for the beauty and abundance all around us, for the hard work of our farmers and food producers and realising how fortunate we are to live at a time and in a place where food is in plentiful supply. Let's make sharing that good fortune with those who are struggling to put food on the table a part of our Harvest thanksgiving.

With grateful thanks for any and all contributions.

Rev Anthea Elston

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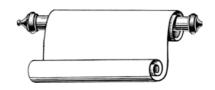
<u>Weddings</u>

St Thomas of Canterbury with St Peter and St Paul, Birtsmorton

13 th June	Andrew Leavy & Kerry Smith
14 th June	Charles Higham & Francesca Watkins
27 th June	Jack Bannister & Anna James
28 th June	David Mattocks & Sarah Allen
2 nd July	Henry Atkins & Emily Damerell-Hinds
11 th July	Barry Mahon & Amelia McHugh
12 th July	Christopher Kettle & Paige Everton
23 rd July	Paul Smith & Ella Powell-Davies
24 th July	Mark Russell & Gemma Dobson
26 th July	Reece Smith & Bryony Morris
28 th July	Daniel Price & Rebekah Welch

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30th July Bryan Moreton & Kelly Mitchell

4th August Benjamin Wilkinson & Rebecca Barnacle

7th August James Grant & Katie Reeves

8th August John Wethers & Natasha Dorman

25th August James Watson & Grace Haines

29th August Ellis Vyse & Hayley Evans

St John the Baptist, Eldersfield

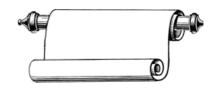
21st June Lee James & Samantha Jones

All Saints, Hollybush

5th July Thomas Biggs & Sophie Grundy

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Baptisms

Church of St Nicholas, Queenhill with Holdfast

12 th July	Oliver James Dunn-Sims
12 th July	Montgomery Alec Moore
12 th July	Margot Evangeline Moore

St John the Baptist, Eldersfield

13th July Florence Ivy Layton-Hill

All Saints, Hollybush

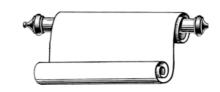
26th July Joseph Chen Edwards

St Faith's, Berrow

17th August Charlotte Jayne Elizabeth Grizzell

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Funerals

St John the Baptist, Eldersfield

4th July Giles Turner

2nd September Sylvia Voyce

All Saints, Hollybush

9th September Barbara Manning

Job Vacancy:





Castlemorton CE Primary School is looking for a caring and enthusiastic person to run our after-school wraparound care (3–6pm, term time).

This important role helps support our children and families at the end of the school day.

Part-time and full-time options will be considered.

For more information, please contact the school office: office@castlemorton.dowmat.education

Forthcoming Event:



Lest We Forget

Saturday 8 November 10am until 1pm Castlemorton Parish Hall



An exhibition of World War memorabilia as supplied by residents follows the interest in last year's project of the restoration of Castlemorton War Memorial. This is an informal event offering the opportunity to view and read the information available.

If you have any memorabilia you would like to share with others, please contact:

Christina Leake: 01684 310409 Email: christinamorlea@gmail.com

Job Vacancy:

Castlemorton Parish Hall Trust seek a cleaner for the Parish Hall for a couple of hours a week.

For more information please contact: manager@castlemortonparishhall.org.uk

Birtsmorton Parish Council

Notes from recent meeting

Please complete the survey below for the **Review of Worcestershire County Council's Rights of Way Improvement Plan.** Survey Closes 26 October 2026

https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/environment/countryside-and-leisure/public-rights-way/rights-way-improvement-plan-rowip-engagement-exercise

The Parish Council was advised at the recent September meeting, the planning application for the mobile phone mast is to be submitted soon to Malvern Hills District Council for public consultation. https://plan.malvernhills.gov.uk/Search/Advanced

The Parish Council website will be moving to a new website provider in the new year. Worcestershire County Council are withdrawing the MyParish web portal as of September 2026. The Parish Council, is in the process of seeking alternative providers.

With the support of Mrs Windle & Worcestershire County Council, it is hoped the Board Walks on Coombe Green will be repaired. A plan has been prepared and will commence as soon as is possible in conjunction with the team and delivery of materials.

Details of a support service from **Age Uk Wyvern**. Contact Kirsty: 01684 560666 website: www.ageukwyvern.org

Planned Roadworks:

A438 From A449 To Hollybush

Nov 10, 8:00 AM - Nov 19, 5:00 PM GMT

Herefordshire Council: Traffic control (convoy working)

Work description: Highway resurfacing works.



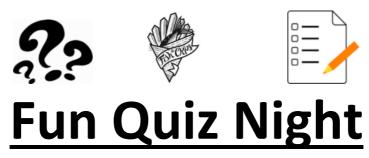
BCH Archive Journal Vol 5 in the pipeline!

The 'History Girls' have been beavering away, with the help of fellow contributors, to produce a **new BCH Archive Journal**. This will be our fifth journal and will comprise a rich array of local history, ranging from articles based on research into the more distant past, to memories contributed by today's residents. It will be packed with names of people and places which should resonate with local inhabitants and anyone familiar with this corner of Worcestershire.

We aim to launch the new journal at a Christmas Party at Castlemorton Parish Hall in early December (more details to follow) to which anyone who would like to join us will be very welcome.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us, and for the information and memories they have contributed to the Archive.

To purchase past copies of our journals, please contact any of the History Girls - Mary Watts, Amanda Simons, Jenny Fryman and Diana Sharman - or visit the website (above) or email: bcharchive2017@gmail.com



Eldersfield Lawn School Friday 7th November

We hope that you can join us for our next Quiz Night in the school hall. At half time we will be serving a Fish and Chip Supper (included) and there are prizes for the winning team. Tickets £12.50 pp.

On arrival, we will fit you into a team, or you can bring a group of up to 8 people yourselves.

Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start, food at 8pm and finish around 9.15pm; you are welcome to bring your own drinks. (Let us know in advance of any allergies.)

We hope that you can come and look forward to hearing from you.

<u>Tickets available from</u>: Liane Barton:07376 236504 <u>wendyburr455@gmail.com</u> Frieda Griffiths (07879 465853), Andy Holt 01452 780429, Cathy Powell-Chandler 01531 635794.

Proceeds to our beautiful church in Eldersfield.

Berrow & Pendock Village Hall WR13 6JN

Christmas Quiz

Thursday 11th December 2025, 6.45 p.m. for a 7.00 p.m. start Finish 9.30 p.m.

£12.00 per person to include a welcome drink & a cheese platter



Teams of up to 6.
Christmas hamper for the winning team.
Raffle.
Bring your own drinks.

Pre purchase of tickets is essential – please email BerrowVillageHallMalvern@gmail.com

Raising money for our Heat our Hall project





2^{ND} Berrow and Pendock Pumpkin Festival

Saturday 11th October 2025 12 p.m. ~ 4 p.m. Berrow and Pendock Village Hall, WR13 6JN

Stalls, teas, coffees, cakes and homemade soup in the village hall.

Grow your own pumpkins and squash and enter our competitions

Growing Competitions- Must be grown by entrant.

All Ages

Heaviest Pumpkin or Squash Smallest Pumpkin or Squash 'My Best' Pumpkin or Squash Unique/Strange Shaped Pumpkin or Squash Best in Show – Judges Favourite from all winners

<u>Craft Competitions</u> – *Pumpkins may be home grown or bought.*Judged in three categories - Ages 0-10; Ages 11-16; Ages Over 16

Carved Pumpkin Fairy/Goblin House
(Please ensure carving is done with adult supervision)

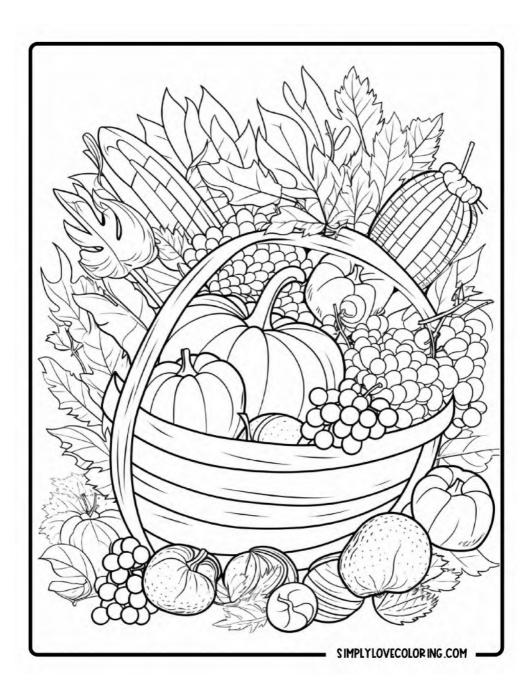
Drawing or Painting of a Pumpkin or Squash
A Photograph of an Animal with a Pumpkin or Squash
Six Autumn Themed Decorated Cupcakes – judged on appearance not taste
Miniature garden, maximum size of a dinner plate

All Ages

Squash Vehicle – Turn your Pumpkin into a mode of transport – think wheels, sails and wings.

For information or details on competition classes please contact us at:

BerrowVillageHallMalvern@gmail.com
Or message us on our Facebook page
www.facebook.com/BerrowAndPendockVillageHall



When Clarity Becomes Confusion

J L Gabbott

What is a 'square'? A square is 'a plane figure with four equal straight sides and four right angles'. Clear. Concise. Job done.

What is 'antisemitism'?

The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) is an intergovernmental organisation set up by Israel, the UK and others in 1998. It has produced what it calls a definition. That definition is important, not because it is law – it cannot be, because the IHRA has no legislative powers – but because it has been adopted by countries and seeps into law, in the same way that the Highway Code is not law but informs courts. The IHRA definition was adopted by the UK government in 2016 and then by local councils, universities and employers. If you are found to be 'antisemitic' you could lose your job or be sacked by your university; the police might even be guided by it in deciding whether to prosecute you for a hate crime.

I think it is obvious we need to be clear what we mean by the term.

Let us examine the definition given to us by the IHRA:

"Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities"

It seems to me that this core statement is very vague. Take '<u>may</u> be expressed'. Presumably there is a possibility that it may not be expressed. If it is not expressed, can one still be antisemitic - and lose one's job? And if it is directed towards a non-Jewish community institution, is it still antisemitic? A definition is supposed to give clarity, not sow confusion.

Hatred, as I understand it, is a state of mind. I hate being late. I hate Marmite. These are matters which are of importance to me but of none to you or the world at large. In my view the IHRA has no business condemning what I think, although it has every right to condemn what I do. If I were to start throwing bricks through the windows of stores selling Marmite, I would expect condemnation. It is my actions which are relevant, not my thoughts.

The IHRA then gives eleven *illustrative examples*. Some institutions have adopted these as part of the definition, others have not, while others have not specified. Result: confusion.

¹ For reasons of space references are not given here but are available on request

But what of these illustrative examples? Let us look at three.

 "Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust."

You might well ask what gift has been granted to 'the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state' that they can never exaggerate the Holocaust. Is it the case that, whatever the State of Israel says about the Holocaust, it cannot be an exaggeration? Does the State of Israel have powers of infallibility similar to those of the Pope?

2. "Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations."

In the years after the founding of the state of Israel, Jews fled Germany and other countries to go the new Jewish state. Under this definition, if you were to claim that these people, as they lay huddled and storm-tossed in their boats, were more loyal to Israel than the Germany which had spent twelve years persecuting them, you would be labelled antisemitic. That flies in the face of reason. And today, are we to accept that it is impossible for any Jewish citizen, anywhere in the world, to be more loyal to Israel than to his own state? Does every Pakistani or Indian immigrant to this country support England during a Test Match?

3. "Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis."

If you were to compare contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis, then, under this definition, you would be antisemitic – even if you said that it was much better! Most 14 year olds I know could have done better.

Be aware also that comparison – adverse compassion - of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis has been made by a serving Israeli Justice Minister, Yosef Lapidⁱ, by Richard Arens, the brother of a Minister of Defenceⁱⁱ, and by Major-General Yair Golan, former Deputy Chief of Staff of the Israeli Defence Forceⁱⁱⁱ. If they, as presumably loyal Israelis, can make such comparisons, why should you or I fear for our jobs or university positions if we follow their example?

What we now have is a definition of antisemitism which serves as a tool for stifling criticism of Israel. That is in the interest of no one.

We spent a couple of millennia without a formal definition of antisemitism. I have no doubt that we could have survived another couple without the definition the IHRA has given us.

QUEENHILL WI REPORT SEPTEMBER 2025

We arrived to find a display of craft items on show at the front of the hall.

We waited until the business meeting and discussions about forthcoming activities had been completed, before finding out why they were there.

Rosie Wynne had brought a very varied selection of items from the WI Federation Collection to show us. The vast majority were hand made by members of the WI, past and present, and had been donated or were on loan.

The collection was started after the war to record the skills that were gradually dying out. Wonderful samples of outstanding work included tatting, lace making, embroidery, patchwork, gold work, quilling, tapestry, crochet, and even woodturning. Rosie talked not only about each item but also the stories behind them, and of the people who had made them. It was reassuring to know how well the collection was looked after and to know that there are workshops that help to keep the skills alive.

We were able to examine the work closely during the rest of the afternoon as we enjoyed delicious food and conversation as usual.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday October 9th at 2.30pm (WR8 0QZ), when Phillip Collins will talk about Sudeley Castle. Come and see what we have to offer.

Eldersfield Cricket Club

With the 2025 cricket season now over, the time has come to reflect on a rather disappointing season for Eldersfield. Starting the year full of optimism, Eldersfield finished it with just two wins, both against bottom side Bream. Admittedly Eldersfield did manage two other wins against Bourton Vale 3rds, but these results were made void once Bourton Vale 3rds withdrew from the league. It has been hard to understand why a team with so many talented individuals should have had such a bad season. Yes, there were a couple of questionable decisions that went against Eldersfield, which might have resulted in different outcomes, but there should have been enough quality in the team to have won more games than they did. Whether Eldersfield will be relegated in unclear at the moment; more worryingly is, will Eldersfield have a team next year? Let's just hope that things can be sorted out over the winter and that Eldersfield Cricket will still be played on Harp Meadow for many years to come.

Results

Arcadians Nine Elms $2^{\rm nd}$ 170 (George Bunn 3-24) ECC 145-7 (Alex Brown 47) Arcadians Nine Elms $2^{\rm nd}$ won by 25 runs

ECC 160-8 (Charlie Icke 47) Woodmancote 2nd 162-4 (George Bunn 1-19) Woodmancote 2nd won by 6 wickets

ECC 154-9 (Charlie Icke 80) Stanway 158-8 (George Bunn 2-22) Stanway won by 2 wickets

Spragg Cup Corse Lawn 173-6 (Harvey Sagar 4-13) ECC 176-1 (George Bunn 102 not out) ECC Won by 9 wickets

ECC 169-4 (Charlie lcke 60) Longborough and Sezincote 173-5 (Chris Holtom 3-39) Longborough and Sezincote won by 5 wickets

Bream 66 (Chris Holtom 2-5) ECC 71-1 (George Bunn 40 not out) ECC won by 9 wickets

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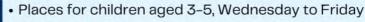
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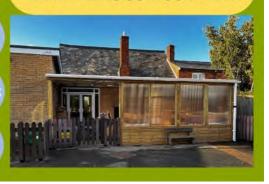
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1st November All Souls	Hollybush Church	Зрш	All Souls Act of Remembrance for those we love but see no more	Philippians1. 18 – 26 Luke 14. 1,7 – 11	ТВА	N/A N/A
2 nd November All Saints	Queenhill Church Hollybush Church	10.30am 5pm	Holy Communion f	Daniel 7. 1–3, 15–18 Ephesians 1. 11 – End Isaiah 65, 17 – End	TBA Liz Lean	TBA Celia Greatwood
9th November Remembrance Sunday	Bushley Church Birtsmorton Church Castlemorton Church Queenhill Church	8.30am 10.45am 10.45am	BCP Holy Communion Remembrance Sunday service Remembrance Sunday Service Remembrance Sunday	Teuras 1.02 - 12.2 Job 19. 23 - 27a 27hessalonians 2. 1-5, 13 - End TBA TBA TBA	TBA TBA TBA	TBA TBA TBA
16 th November 2 nd Sunday before Advent	Eldersfield Church Castlemorton Church	10.30am 10.30am	All Age Worship Family Communion	TBA Malachi 4. 1 – 2a 2Thessalonians3. 6-13	TBA TBA	TBA TBA
23 rd November Christ the King	Eldersfield Church Berrow Church Longdon Church	8.30am 10.30am 10.30am	BCP Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion	Jeremiah 23. 1 – 6 Colossians 1. 11 – 20 Jeremiah 23. 1 – 6 Colossians 1. 11 – 20 Jeremiah 23. 1 – 6 Colossians 1. 11 – 20	Janet Peters Ellsabeth Rambridge TBA	—- Doug Braund TBA

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30th November						
1st Sunday of	Bushley Church	10.30am	30am Holy Communion	Isaiah 2. 1 – 5 Romans 13. 11 – End	TBA	TBA
Advent						

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5th October	Queenhill Church	10.45am	Holy Communion for Harvest	Joel 2. 21 – 27 2 Corinthians 9. 6 -15	ТВА	ТВА
16" Sunday after Trinity	Hollybush Church	5pm	Evensong	Nehemiah 5. 1 – 13 John 9	David Allen	Liz Lean
to the total of the total	Bushley Church	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Joel 2. 21 – 27 2 Corinthians 9. 6 -15	TBA	
17 th Sunday	Birtsmorton Church	10.30am	Holy Communion for Harvest	Joel 2. 21 – 27 2 Corinthians 9. 6 -15	Ruth Coates	Doug Braund
anter i filliny	Castlemorton Church	6.30pm	Kaleidoscope	TBA	ТВА	TBA
19th October	Pendock Cross Church	10.30am	All Age Worship	ТВА	ТВА	
9 Sunday after Trinity	Castlemorton Church	11.15am	Harvest Service of Thanksgiving	Joel 2. 21 – 27 2 Corinthians 9. 6 -15	ТВА	
	Bushley Church	6.30pm	Harvest Service of Thanksgiving		ТВА	
26 th October	Eldersfield Church	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	J'miah14.7-10,19end 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18	Fiona Collins	
after Trinity	Berrow Church	10.30am	Holy Communion	J'miah14. 7-10,19-end Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18	Elisabeth Rambridge	Cathy P-Chandler
	Longdon Church	10.30am	Holy Communion	J'miah14. 7-10,19-end 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18	ТВА	ТВА

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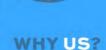


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