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covering the Parishes of Berrow with Pendock,  
Eldersfield, Hollybush and Birtsmorton

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Castlemorton and Queenhill with Holdfast



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And so to the holidays – holy days.

Probably we do all know of that meaning ‘movement’: I’ve discovered the Old English word was ‘haligdæg’ linking halig/holy and dæg/day, and briefly felt a moment of regret as I changed from reading English to History at university because I didn’t think I would cope with studying Anglo-Saxon. It was in the 1300s, that the shift moved somewhat from an exclusive celebration of religious festivals to some element of having a day away from work.

In the great description from the Book of Genesis, God assessed daily what had been done – and ‘saw that it was good’. And – in Chapter 2, verse 3, there is the final injunction – ‘God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.’

The most intimate encounters with Jesus in the New Testament are when – he rested. The area of his ministry seems to come alive when there are descriptions of how he sought rest – early in the day, late in the day, away from people. The rest he sought always seems to be a replenishing of his relationship with God. But often when he is disturbed – he returns to the task in hand of sowing faith.

What have we done with the holy day? Well, of course unpicked it in so many ways by making so much available, and with the onslaught of digital communications we have created a 24/7 culture and frazzled ourselves in the process.

And yet, it’s so interesting that Jesus started his ministry at a feast when his mother urged him to help with the supply of wine at the wedding at Cana. His first response was this – ‘And Jesus said to her, Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’

So it seems understandable too that a strong part of the human condition is to mark, to celebrate events along the path of life.

Recently I've been reading a book about festivals by a Catholic author. I have some feeling that the southern European countries still have a greater commitment to their Saints' Days. There's a little flurry of anniversaries around late June and then on into the summer. St John the Baptist's birthday is on 24 June and in the olden days was often marked by the lighting of a bonfire. Two of the patronal saints of Birtsmorton Church – St Peter and St Paul – see particular festivals on two islands: Madeira for Peter and Malta for Paul.

St Swithin's Day on 15 July is a date I know well – maybe I've told you before? Andrew and I were married twice! My parents lived in Portugal which I regarded as home and I wanted to be married at St Andrew's Church, Lisbon; but it was complicated as I was then resident in the UK. So, with only 2 witnesses, we were married at Malvern Registry Office. I was a bit concerned about having 2 anniversary dates to remember so we were married on 15 July and my mother's birthday. I knew the legend but never really the why – my Catholic author enlightened me. Swithin was a good and holy man, he was appointed Bishop of Winchester in 852 and lived an austere life, asking to be buried in a simple grave by the church door. He was regarded as a saint so later it was decided to move his grave to a more ostentatious position and hold a special ceremony on the anniversary of his death – 15 July. The heavens opened and the procession was abandoned, read as a sign of Swithin's displeasure – and the rain continued for a month. And again, we have food for thought about how to be.

The celebration of holiday leads us to anniversary – and I see that the item for a 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary is china. That seems apt for a celebration with a cup of coffee, with cake, after the 10.30am service at Longdon on 28 June to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rev Geoffrey Moore's ordination on 2 July.

Rev Geoffrey's life of service is shaped by his deep faith, aligned with the very practical understanding of the business of running our churches. How generously he gives of his talents – in taking services in both benefices and having been the Treasurer of Longdon PCC.

Geoffrey's faithfulness began in childhood and he knows well the local context of this part of the world: he was a choirboy, sacristan and server at Holy Trinity in Stroud. His career was based in Kidderminster. When Ellen and he moved to Tewkesbury he was involved firstly with the Abbey and later with Bushley Church. He was Churchwarden and so, he knows very well the realities. He trained for three years at the West of England Ministerial Training College and became a permanent Non-Stipendiary Minister for Ripple and the Upton Benefice, serving there for these past two decades. His 'retirement' has meant a return to our benefices. For that we say – Hurrah! and thank you!

Geoffrey's career was based in finance and he worked for a range of organisations – my eye was taken especially by finance manager at the Alpine Garden Society. Our enthusiasms always say much about ourselves. Geoffrey is a life member of the Cotswold Players: he was once their stage manager, treasurer and acted with them – often taking the part of the vicar. How interesting that the skill with producing accurate financial figures has translated creatively for Geoffrey sews intricate counted cross stitch of an exquisite quality.

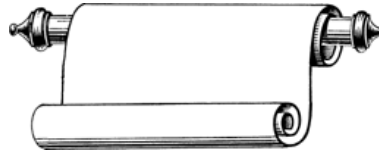
Geoffrey holds to this from the Psalms -  
'If we wait on God he will do things in his time and not in ours, he knows best and the way our lives should be directed.'

I have brushed down all I have written about Swifts and I was delighted to have a warm response from those who attended my talk. I looked again at another extraordinary linked word. 'Zugunruhe' is the term for migratory restlessness that is applied to swifts. 'Zug' for move or migration and 'unruhe' for anxiety or restlessness. And yet – there is some extent that the swifts come to St Faith's to rest. Swifts are also known by Native American communities as 'wakishaka' — one who never tires or indefatigable.

May I wish all a happy holiday season, with a particular thank you to Brian and Leta our indefatigable editors.

With love, Elisabeth Rambridge, Churchwarden

**FROM  
THE  
REGISTERS**



**Weddings**

**St Thomas of Canterbury with St Peter & St Paul,  
Birtsmorton**

2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Samuel D'Arcy & Sasha Lloyd
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Tom Chambers & Emma Priestley
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Bailey Beddows & Chelby Pulling
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Thomas Hardwick & Francesca Fernando

**Baptisms**

**St Thomas of Canterbury with St Peter & St Paul,  
Birtsmorton**

12 <sup>th</sup> April	Molly Burke
12 <sup>th</sup> April	Ayla Aldridge
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Francesca Healey

**St Gregory's, Castlemorton**

10 <sup>th</sup> May	Eden Hubbard
30 <sup>th</sup> May	Oscar Jeffery
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Poppy Bond

**Funerals**

**St Gregory's, Castlemorton**

13 <sup>th</sup> May	Richard Nugent
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Mary Weaver (burial at All Saints, Hollybush)

**Songs of Praise  
at Pendock Old  
Church  
on  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August  
at 4pm**

**Join us to celebrate the beauty of  
God's creation in this ancient and  
atmospheric church.**

**Nominate your favourite creation  
themed hymn via email to  
[admin@berrowlongdon.org.uk](mailto:admin@berrowlongdon.org.uk)**

# **St Faith's Berrow**

A place for people to pray

A place for swifts to nest

A place for each and every day

A place for rest

**Please support**

# **A GIFT DAY**

**on**

**Sunday, September 27**

**from 2 – 4pm at  
the church**

**Pendock School invites  
you to come along to;**

**a Pendock School choir  
showcase**

**on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

**5.30 – 6.30pm**

**and**

**a coffee morning**

**in aid of Pets As Therapy**

**on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

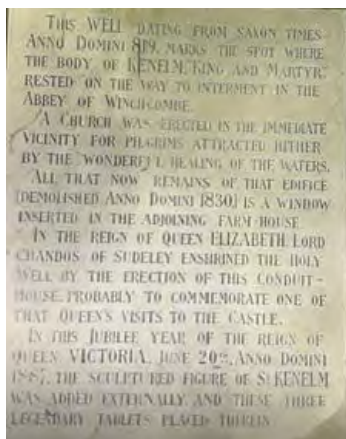
**9 - 10.30am**

**All are very warmly  
welcome**

## St Kenelm's Way Walk - a big thank-you from Andy Holt



Start point



Finish

Thank you to all those who have generously supported me on my 3 day walk in May tracing the journey of St. Kenelm from Hagley to Winchcombe. A total of 61 miles (107,500 steps!) The amount raised for The Children's Society is a wonderful £1532.25. Your donations will give hope and change children's lives. Andy Holt

**Coffee, Cake and a Chat**  
**on**  
**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September**  
**at**  
**All Saints, Hollybush**  
**11am – 1pm**  
**All Welcome**

## Strawberry & Cream Cheese Turnovers

### Ingredients

- 250g fresh strawberries finely sliced
- 30g (2 tbsp) caster sugar
- 1 tablspr cornflour
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- 1 sheet (320g) ready rolled butter Puff pastry (cold)
- 1 large egg (preferable free range) beaten
- 1 tablspr Demerara sugar
- 60 g Philadelphia full fat cream cheese (softened)
- 40g icing sugar
- 1-2 tsp milk
- 2 tsp vanilla extract

### Method

1. mix strawberries, caster sugar, cornflour & lemon juice in small saucepan
2. cook over medium heat, stirring continuously for 3 – 4 minutes until it thickens into a glossy gel
3. spread onto a flat plate to cool completely before using
4. preheat oven 200<sup>o</sup> fan/ 220<sup>o</sup> conventional/ gas mark 7 & line a baking tray with baking paper (non-stick)
5. unroll the cold pastry sheet and cut into 4 equal squares
6. spoon 2 tablespoons of cooked filling into the centre of each square, leaving 1.5cm border.
7. brush pastry edges with beaten egg
8. fold diagonally into a triangle & press edges together with a fork
9. place on tray & cut 2 small slits on top of each pastry
10. brush the tops with beaten egg wash & sprinkle demerara sugar
11. bake for 15 to 20 minutes at 200<sup>o</sup> Fan until puffed and brown
12. cool on wire rack
13. whisk cream cheese, icing sugar, vanilla & 1 tsp of milk together to a smooth cream
14. zig zag drizzle willy nilly over the just cooled warm tops.

They are lovely with ice cream or crème fraiche ~ & a pizza cutter makes a pretty edge ~ & they are **perfect for the summer!** Yum!

*With good wishes from **Rosey***

## **Recognising Different Callings**

**by Stephen Edwards, Dean of Worcester**

I was asked recently a simple question, ‘what do you do as Dean?’ It is deceptively simple but the answer – which admittedly I struggled to give in a simple and concise way – ended up being a rather rambling list of activities, appointments and encounters from the past few days. In one sense it was quite ordinary; in another it was fascinating in its diversity and breadth. The person who’d asked the question was quite taken aback by the variety and then wondered if I like the variability. I do. The cliché that there is never a dull day really describes life in the Cathedral, and I would also say that my experience in parishes has been exactly the same. Of course the variety and breadth of ministry is sustained by stability; at the Cathedral the rhythm of daily worship provides a foundation from which other things find their strength. Without it I would struggle to know who I am.

Our Christian calling is, ultimately, to be ourselves – alive, fully true to ourselves knowing that God calls us for who we are and delights in us. This assured love and wholeness from God enables us to fulfil his purposes and respond to this call on our lives. That call, our vocation, manifests itself in numerous ways, often developing as we journey through life and we encounter the Holy Spirit’s call to offer our gifts in new ways.

We have just celebrated the call of those ordained as deacons and priests in the Cathedral, and across the Diocese we celebrate ministries, lay and ordained, new and old, traditional and pioneering – each releasing God-given gifts in the service of the Kingdom.

This month we focus our thanks on those, paid and voluntary, who work with children, young people and families. We #RECOGNISE their gifts of time and skill, their care and learning, their faith and commitment. As we grow as Kingdom People, we must ensure children and young people are given all they need to flourish as disciples of Christ and become active members of the church in this Diocese. Please join in celebrating and giving thanks for the ministry of those working with children, young people and families, as together we #RECOGNISE the Holy Spirit’s call to each one of us to be ministers of the gospel in a church which gives us a foretaste of the Kingdom.

**Clergy and Church leaders across our diocese are invited to get involved in the national #RECOGNISE campaign week from 6 -12 July to thank and celebrate your paid and voluntary children, youth and family (CYF) workers.**

# CaCoffany!

**St Gregory's Church, Castlemorton  
WR13 6BQ**

**Saturdays 10.00-11.30am**

## **2026 Remaining Dates**

**4 July, (NO August CaCoffany)  
5 September, 3 October, 7 November,  
5 December (Christmas Special)**

A monthly coffee morning  
with the chance to sing uplifting hymns and listen to guest musicians

No singing experience needed – just come and sing  
or simply enjoy the coffee and delicious cakes!



**10.00 Singing favourite hymns  
10.20 Guest musicians  
10.30 Singing favourite hymns  
10.50 Coffee, cake and chat**

**Email Sarah with your requests for the programme  
sjmusgrave33@gmail.com**

*No admission charge  
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Donations appreciated*



**All Welcome!**



# Kaleidoscope

at St Gregory's Church, Castlemorton

6.30pm on the Second Sunday of each month



*A lay-led, relaxed and informal service featuring a variety of worship music, bible readings, prayer and a short address*

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father,  
Who art in Heaven  
Hallowed be thy name  
Thy Kingdom come  
Thy will be done  
On earth as it is in Heaven  
Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive our trespasses  
As we forgive those who  
trespass against us  
And lead us not in to temptation  
But deliver us from evil  
For thine is the Kingdom  
The Power and the Glory  
Forever and ever  
Amen

We are continuing to examine in greater depth a phrase of The Lord's Prayer each month.

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| 12 Jul  | Give us this day our daily bread   |
| 9 Aug   | Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us      |
| 13 Sept | Lead us not into temptation  |
| 11 Oct  | But deliver us from evil   |
| 13 Dec  | For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever, AMEN |

To give you an idea of the hymns and songs we use, the music which supported May's theme was

**Introduction** *Pater Noster* (before the service)  
**Hymn** Trust And Obey  
**Reflection Hymn** *Your Will Be Done* – CityAlight Music  
**Reflection Hymn** Take My Life And Let It Be  
**Reflection Hymn** *Prayer of St Teresa* – Margaret Rizza  
**Hymn** Be Thou My Vision – Wellspring setting  
**Closing Music** *A Gaelic Blessing* – John Rutter

**Do come along and join us.**

**Sherry and non-alcoholic alternatives are served after all Kaleidoscope services.**

**All are very welcome!**

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LIGHT  
SHINE

MATTHEW 5:16





## *3rd Berrow and Pendock Pumpkin Festival*

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

**12 p.m. ~ 3 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
- Most Interesting Patterned Pumpkin or Squash
- 'My Best' Pumpkin or Squash
- Unique/Strange Shaped Pumpkin or Squash
- Longest Pumpkin or Squash Stem (dead or alive)
- Best in Show – *Judges Favourite from all winners*

### **Craft Competitions– *Pumpkins may be home grown or bought.***

#### **Judged in three categories - Ages 0-10; Ages 11-16; Ages Over 16**

- Carved Pumpkin Head (Please ensure carving is done with adult supervision)
- A Papier Mache Pumpkin
- A Flower Arrangement using Pumpkins, Squash or their Plants
- A Squash Insect

**Photos** - 'Colours of Autumn' . 'Pumpkin & a Pet' . 'Pumpkin or Squash Flowers'

#### **All Ages**

- A Poster for the Berrow & Pendock Pumpkin Festival 2027
- A knitted, crocheted or Sewn Pumpkin
- A Bug Hotel
- Autumn Themed Cross Stitch

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

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Berrow and Pendock Pumpkin Festival

### **Let's start with the origin of the word Pumpkin.**

There are 2 suggestions. It's an English word from the 17<sup>th</sup> century, derived from a similar one – 'pompion' – that means any kind of edible gourd. There's another theory that it comes from the word 'pôhpukun' that means 'grow forth round' and was introduced to the English Pilgrims who settled in Massachusetts.

### **An A to Z of the varieties you will see.**

**Autumn Gold** is popular: it's an early-maturing, high-yielding, and reliable variety, ready to harvest in 70-90 days. The 7-10lb bright golden-orange fruits are perfect for carving (jack-o'-lanterns) & cooking.

**Blue Prince** is a high-yielding with a striking blue-grey, flattened skin and sweet, deep orange, non-stringy flesh. These 7–9lbs pumpkins are popular for both autumn decoration and eating.

**Delicata** squash is smaller than other winter squash, around 12 inches in length and popular because of its delicate, edible rind.

**Red kuri squash** is called 'Japanese squash', and is widely adapted for climates that provide a growing season of 100 days or more.

**Spaghetti squash** is known as vegetable spaghetti. When cooked the flesh can be prepared so it looks like spaghetti.

**Tromboncino** (or Zucchetta) is an Italian heirloom squash known for its firm texture, mild flavour, and dense neck. It's an incredible shape!

**Zombie** pumpkins are a type of knobbly, warty ornamental squash bred primarily for decoration, so their flesh is often very fibrous, watery, and slightly bland. They are best roasted or puréed in soups, curries, or pies where you can add plenty of seasonings and flavours.

*Elisabeth Rambridge,  
Village Hall Committee member, Churchwarden*

The United States of America is celebrating its 250<sup>th</sup> birthday in July 2026: a lifetime for them and, as King Charles has said, 'the other day' for us.

It took from of 1620 to 1776 for the hundred or so Mayflower settlers to rebel against the Crown and unilaterally declare their independence. In that time their population had grown to around two million; they had greatly expanded the area they controlled; they had waged wars against many of the indigenous peoples; and they had acquired half a million slaves. Their declaration of independence proclaims loftily that 'We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal', the unspoken exception being that black people, slaves and native Indians were inferior and perhaps even of no account whatever; that view was to be enshrined in their racial segregation laws and remained in force until the 1960s and may perhaps even today linger in some people's minds.

For the new state a constitution was required. That constitution was an attempt to do in one act what Britain had taken centuries to do. It attempts to divide the functions of state between three bodies: legislature, government and judiciary, each equal and acting as a check and balance on the others. It is not perfect. When constitutional matters arise, sometimes causing heated controversy – gun control, abortion, voting rights – the matter is decided by a panel of nine experts in the judiciary, known as the Supreme Court, appointed for life and chosen by the sitting president in large measure because of their political inclinations. It is highly undemocratic. The result is that American society is bitterly polarised on matters which in other developed democracies are unremarkable. This does not augur well.

Emphasis was laid on personal effort and this has yielded great benefits: a virile economy and one which is the envy of many other nations, even if the costs for some are high. It is estimated that some tens of thousands of people die every year because they cannot afford the price of their next dose of medication, and this in a country where three people hold as much wealth as the bottom half of the population combined. A Cuban born today can expect to be poorer than an American, but he will main healthy for longer<sup>1</sup>.

From a nation content in 1823 with domination of its hemisphere (the Monroe Doctrine) it became by 1945 the major player on the world stage, both economically and militarily.

Like a youth endowed with new manly strength but still lacking experience of the world, the USA, beguiled by its overwhelming military might, has undertaken adventures in Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan which have proved

<sup>1</sup> For reasons of space references are not given here but are available on request

disastrous. A man with a hammer believes that all problems are nails but a wise man will recognise when other tools – diplomacy, perhaps – are better fitted for the task. It would be surprising if the USA were to emerge from its latest escapade in Iran without a significant diminution of its global influence, not to mention a much depleted arsenal of weapons. American global hegemony may yet prove to be of short duration.

All countries act in what they perceive as their national interest: that is as true of the USA as it is of the UK or China. Saddam Hussein was an honoured guest in the White House for as long as it was thought that he could further American interests. When that view changed, his country was invaded and he was hanged.

Americans like to portray themselves as the promoters of democracy and freedom throughout the world. For the right audience that is useful PR but it falls short of the truth. The USA deals happily with China, which is the largest holder of its debt and from whom it needs rare earths for both its armaments and computers. From Saudi Arabia, an absolute monarchy, it buys the heavy oil needed for its refineries and sells to them machinery and industrial equipment. It makes no demand that these countries adopt democracy. It is true that the USA is a staunch defender of the freedom of navigation on the seas, but the main beneficiary is America itself which needs that freedom to safeguard its worldwide trade and to allow its navy to exert global influence.

And what of the UK? Much has been made of the ‘special relationship’ which is said to exist between the USA and UK; the term was first used by Winston Churchill in his ‘iron curtain’ speech at Fulton Missouri in 1946. What he had in mind was a partnership between the two countries which would prevent future wars. That might have been possible then, when Britain was a world power, but that power ebbed a long time ago. Later interpretations of the term have varied, with some suggesting that the USA would give some notional preference to the UK, but that preference has never been specified nor is there any evidence that the USA has acted towards Britain in any way which the Americans did not think would further their own interests.

On my reading, ‘special relationship’ has a different and arguably deeper meaning. It refers to the shared history, law, language and culture of the two countries. Magna Carta, as the King said in his address to Congress – which was, of course in English, not French - has been cited in its decisions by the US Supreme Court no less than 150 times. We are also bound by blood. Indeed, our greatest prime minister, Churchill, was the son of an American. They may disagree with us (Suez); we may not like what they do (Vietnam, Iran), but we are family, and both they and we are stuck with it.

Let us therefore now wish our cousins well, as they start out on their venture as an independent state.

## The Siblings Peal – a little ps,

**What is the role of the Conductor?** During a peal ideally the conductor is the only person who should need to say anything. The first instruction will be “Go (*name of method*)”. During the peal “calls” will be said out loud by the conductor – either “Bob” or “Single” – which are coded instructions to the band for three of them to change their work for one blow. This is done to generate different “changes” (see above) without repetition. On six bells there are 720 (1 x 2 x 3 x 4 x 5 x 6) different changes and in the recent peal we rang all 720 changes in each of the 7 methods in turn giving a total of 5040 changes. At the end of each 720 the conductor will say the name of the method to be rung in the next 720. **At the completion of the peal the conductor will say, “That’s all.”**

**Only a minority of ringers conduct peals.** Most peals are rung by bands who fairly frequently ring together and most bands have their own conductor. In a peal the conductor, like the other members of the band, has to ring their own bell to the method but also has to learn the “composition” and speak the “calls” (“bob” or “single” and sometimes a change of “Method”) at precise points throughout the peal. Some more able conductors can correct mistakes made by members of the band though that requires more mental effort and ability.

**Here’s a gloomy question – can a peal be ‘lost’?** yes, due to:

mechanical failure, for example a rope breaking

one or more of the band finding the method too complicated

the conductor mis-calling the composition

two or more of the ringers making a mistake and swapping the work of their bells with each other and the conductor not being able to correct it

having to stop due to something happening outside the ringing chamber (such as the church fire alarm going off)

a sheep looking into the ground-floor ringing chamber tripping and falling over and the band dissolving into fits of laughter and losing their places in the method.

Finally, here is Richard Clements’ personal record:

**I have rung to date 2,103 peals of which I have conducted 546.**

**Wow!** and thank you - Elisabeth Rambridge, Churchwarden

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Photographs submitted by Sarah Hindle (Headteacher) show Year 1 / 2 Art display (above)

and Year 5 / 6 Writing (left)

## **1<sup>st</sup> Staunton & Corse Scout Group**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Staunton & Corse Scout Group is a thriving local Scout Group that currently has around 75 young people in three sections: Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

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## QUEENHILL WI REPORT JUNE 2026

The day of the Queenhill WI Summer outing to Coddington Vineyard and gardens had been predicted to be a very wet one. Indeed we started out in the pouring rain but with optimism and good spirits intact. By the time we arrived at 11am, the rain had stopped. What luck!

We enjoyed welcome coffee and cake before walking around the lovely gardens and hearing about how they were established when the present owners took over Coddington Vineyard just fifteen years ago. The trees and plants were evidence not only of the impressive amount of work that has been done, but also the excellent soil and growing conditions there.

After a very enjoyable lunch with, (for those of us who wanted) wine from the vineyard, we left bearing plants, bottles of wine and jars of jam that we had purchased. Thanks to Anne Spears for organising such a good day out.

Our next meeting will be at WI Hall (WR8 0QZ) on Thursday July 9th at 2.30pm when the speaker will be Angela Rendell talking about 'Dressing the Regency Lady'.

If you think you might like to hear speakers on a wide variety of topics, please consider joining us. You will be made very welcome.

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5 <sup>th</sup> July	Aston Ingham	TBC	1.30pm
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Asian Sports, Cheltenham	Home	1.30pm
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Cowley	Home	1.30pm
26 <sup>th</sup> July	Bushley	Away	1.30pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Kingsholm	Home	1.30pm
9 <sup>th</sup> August	Gotherington	Home	1.30pm
16 <sup>th</sup> August	Spragg Cup (at Eckington)	Away	1.30pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Elmley Castle	Away	1.30pm
30 <sup>th</sup> August	Dymock	Away	1.00pm
6 <sup>th</sup> September	Quedgeley	Home	1.00pm
13 <sup>th</sup> September	Corse and Staunton	Home	1.00pm
20 <sup>th</sup> September	Malvern Looseners	Home	1.00pm

## **Candles for Ukraine**

This is an initiative to collect used candles and tins to repurpose into “trench candles”, these are wax filled tins with a wick that can be used for heat, light and cooking on the frontline and blacked out areas of Ukraine.

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### **Where to Donate:**

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**Contact – Jane Creese 07879671080**

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Although both benefices are in interregnum (ie without a full-time paid priest) at the moment, we are still able to be there for our communities to help with the milestone moments of life.

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Your first point of contact to organize a wedding or baptism would be Rev Anthea Elston, contact details at the front of this magazine. For funerals, you will be working with your preferred funeral director who will get in touch with Rev Anthea to agree a suitable date and time.

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**Rev Anthea Elston**

## Services in the Benefices of Berraw and Longdon

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
6 <sup>th</sup> September 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Queenhill Church	10.30am	Holy Communion	Ezekiel 33:7-11 Romans 13:8-end	TBA	TBA
	Hollybush Church	5pm	Evensong	Ezekiel 12:21-13:16 Acts 19:1-20	Grenville Simons	Celia Greatwood
	Castlemorton Church	6.30pm	Start the Week BCP Holy Communion	TBA	TBA	TBA
13 <sup>th</sup> September 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Bushley Church	8.30am	Holy Communion	Genesis 50:15-21 Romans 14:1-12	TBA	----
	Birtmorton Church	10.30am	Holy Communion	Genesis 50:15-21 Romans 14:1-12	Mel Roberts	Doug Braund
	Castlemorton Church	6.30pm	Kaleidoscope	TBA	TBA	TBA
20 <sup>th</sup> September 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Castlemorton Church	10.30am	Family Communion	Jonah 3:10 – end of 4 Philippians 1:21 - end	TBA	TBA
	Pendock Cross Church	10.30am	All Age Worship	TBA	TBA	TBA
	Castlemorton Church	6.30pm	Start the Week	TBA	TBA	TBA
27 <sup>th</sup> September 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Eldersfield Church	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-end Philippians 2:1-13	Janet Peters	
	Berraw Church	10.30am	Holy Communion	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-end Philippians 2:1-13	Elisabeth Rambridge	Ann Ward
	Longdon Church	10.30am	Holy Communion	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-end Philippians 2:1-13	TBA	TBA
	Castlemorton Church	6.30pm	Start the Week	TBA	TBA	TBA

**Please Note: Compline will be held on Zoom Every Friday at 7.00 pm**

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Date	Venue	Time	Service	Reading	Reader	Intercessor
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	Queenhill Church	10.30am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 55:1-5 Romans 9:1-5	TBA	TBA
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	Hollybush Church Castlemorton Church	5pm 6.30pm	Evensong Start the Week	1 Kings 10:1-13 Acts 13:1-13 TBA	Shirley Williams TBA	Liz Lean TBA
<b>9<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Bushley Church	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	1 Kings 19:9-18 Romans 10:5-15	TBA	-----
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	Birtsmorton Church Castlemorton Church	10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Kaleidoscope	1 Kings 19:9-18 Romans 10:5-15 TBA	Elisabeth Rambridge TBA	Ann Ward TBA
<b>16<sup>th</sup> August</b>	Castlemorton Church	10.30am	Family Communion	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Romans 11:1-2, 29-32	TBA	TBA
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	Eldersfield Church Castlemorton Church	10.30am 6.30pm	All Age Worship Start the Week	TBA TBA	TBA TBA	TBA TBA
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	Eldersfield Church	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Isaiah 51:1-6 Romans 12:1-8	Fiona Collins	
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>	Berrow Church Longdon Church Castlemorton Church	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Start the Week	Isaiah 51:1-6 Romans 12:1-8 Isaiah 51:1-6 Romans 12:1-8 TBA	Ruth Coates TBA TBA	Cathy Powell-Chandler TBA TBA

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30 <sup>th</sup> August 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Bushley Church	10.30am	Holy Communion	Jeremiah 15:15-21 Romans 12:9-end	TBA	TBA
	Pendock Old Church	4pm	Songs of Praise!	TBA	TBA	TBA
	Castlemorton Church	6.30pm	Start the Week	TBA	TBA	TBA

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5 <sup>th</sup> July	Queenhill Church	10.30am	Holy Communion	Zechariah 9:9-12 Romans 7:15-25a	TBA	TBA
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Hollybush Church Castlemorton Church	5pm 6.30pm	Evensong Start the Week	2 Samuel 2:1-11, 3:1 Luke 18:31-19:10 TBA	Liz Lean TBA	Celia Greatwood TBA
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Bushley Church	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	Isaiah 55:10-13 Romans 8:1-11	TBA	----
6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Birtsmorton Church Castlemorton Church	10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Kaleidoscope	Isaiah 55:10-13 Romans 8:1-11 TBA	Mel Roberts TBA	Doug Braund TBA
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Castlemorton Church	10.30am	Family Communion	Isaiah 46:6-8 Romans 8:12-25	TBA	TBA
7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Pendock Cross Church Castlemorton Church	10.30am 6.30pm	All Age Worship Start the Week	TBA TBA	TBA TBA	TBA TBA
26 <sup>th</sup> July	Eldersfield Church	8.30am	BCP Holy Communion	1 Kings 3:5-12 Romans 8:26 – end	Janet Peters	Ann Ward
8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	Berrow Church Longdon Church Castlemorton Church	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Start the Week	1 Kings 3:5-12 Romans 8:26 – end 1 Kings 3:5-12 Romans 8:26 – end TBA	Elisabeth Rambridge TBA TBA	TBA TBA TBA

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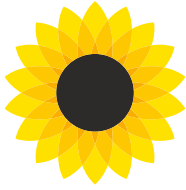
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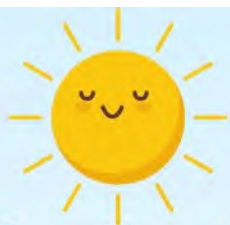
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