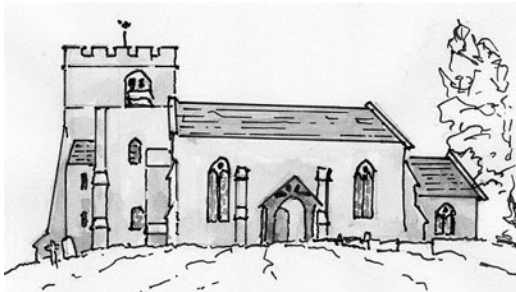
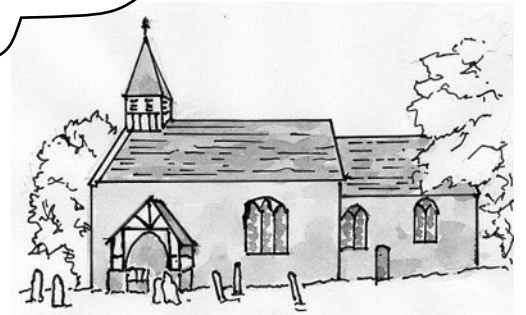


Frome Valley News

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



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February 25*



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Editorial:

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

Or website of **the village centre**
<http://www.bishopsfromecentre.co.uk/>

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

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Vicar's Letter

A happy new year to you all! I am writing this letter on new years eve in an attempt to try and get on top of things before I head off on holiday for a post Christmas break.

It was wonderful to see so many people in our churches over the festive period with numbers in most places returning to pre-Covid levels and in one or two cases seeing full churches for the first time that I can remember.

I hope you all managed to find some time to reflect on the mystery of the incarnation and experience the peace and hope that the Christ child brings. As the Gospel of John tells us, "the light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it." The good news of the Gospel reminds us that in the end God wins, all the evil that we see in our world will not prevail. It's a message of hope for us all.

One of the saddest things that seems to have happened this Christmas is the desecration of church buildings. In the national press, it was reported that two churches in Norfolk had been vandalised by teenagers who tore down the Christmas decorations, including prayer requests from local people which had been hanging on the tree. In our own Diocese, The Hereford Times reported that the church in Withington had paint sprayed about inside it and there have been a few other instances of vandalism within the diocese.

In our own benefice we have had a number of small acts of vandalism over the years. This year the inside of the church porch in Bishops Frome has been graffitied by someone scratching initials and other things into the stonework. The PCC have only recently decided to try and keep the church unlocked as much as possible and it would be a step backwards if we felt that we needed to lock the church more often again.

I have walked the length and breadth of Spain and much of Portugal where every beautiful little church is locked up tight and completely inaccessible, and I would hate that to become the norm in this country. Churchgoing in this country may be in decline, but the numbers of people visiting churches remains high and it seems to me to be an important part of our mission to simply make these sacred spaces available to people for private prayer.

I hope this was just an isolated incident and that we can tidy up the graffiti and continue to leave our doors unlocked and our churches open for all to enjoy and use.

Blessings

Steven



Frome Valley Group of Parishes – Safeguarding

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

The Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser is now Carl Steventon 07593 817717

or carl.steventon@hereford.anglican.org **Parish Safeguarding: Reverend Steven Baggs.**



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for much more information & hiring charges



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or email bishfromecentre@aol.com

WHAT'S ON WEEKLY February 2025

Please contact group leaders before attending

Monday

- Pilates with Sally, 9.30, 07909 754 039
- Internet Café, 10am to 12, 01531 640 981
- Board Games, 2- 4pm, first Mondays, 3 Feb, Susanna 01885 490 440
- Tae Kwon Do, White Phoenix 6.30pm, 07814 778 112

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- Needlecraft, 2-4pm, Judy 01531 640 358
- Kazuko Kick Boxing, 7pm, 07495 427 993

Thursday

Coffee morning,

10 – 12, Feb 6

First Thursdays, just turn up



- Valley Voices, James, alternate Thursdays, 6 & 20 Feb, 07963 754873,
- Bingo with Jo, for various good causes. 13 & 27 Feb, start 7.30pm 07804 045366
- Ward Councillor Surgery, Rebecca Tully, First Thursdays, Feb 6, 10-12. 07792 882 052

Friday

- Pilates with Sally, 9.30, 07909 754 039
- Shanties, 2 – 4 pm first Fridays, (7 Feb) Richard 01531 640768
- Tae Kwon Do, White Phoenix 6.30pm, 07814 778 112



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

We are now taking bookings online

to streamline the admin for you and us!
Start at the bishopsfromecentre.co.uk
BOOK HERE button or tab.

At the bottom of the page, you will find the scheduler: at the top of it select the room that you want - this makes it easier to see what's available. Click the + next to the date you would like.

It's simple and full instructions are there. We'll still be here to get you started or help you out.

Please email or call if you have a special event in mind



Want to check if the Post Office is open or if your class is on? Go to our **Home Page** and look for this up-to-date list of what's on.

Always check the PO times on OUR website – only we know when Andy is on holiday!

Up to date information also on Facebook.

Current activities at BFVC open to the public	
Current Public Events	
Jan	
Mon 13	09:30 - 10:30 - Pilates
Mon 13	10:00 - 12:00 - Internet Cafe
Mon 13	13:45 - 16:45 - Post Office Outreach
Mon 13	18:30 - 19:30 - White Phoenix Tae Kwon Do
Tue 14	09:30 - 10:30 - Pilates
Tue 14	13:00 - 14:30 - Post Office Outreach
Tue 14	14:30 - 15:30 - B Fit for Life, Exercise Class
Tue 14	19:15 - 20:15 - Zumba with Laura

Conquest Theatre

Live on Stage

Feb 2 **Burns Night Supper** includes nip of whisky and a live piper, followed by readings from Hugh Faley (booking essential) 7pm

Feb 8 **Trigger** - Stadium Rock Experience back by popular demand 7.30pm

Feb 15 **Remi Harris - Man of the World - the music of Peter Green** 7.30pm

Feb 28 **Folk in the Foyer** local bands Huw Knight and Viv Bell supported by Kitchen Island Band 7.30pm

Films

Feb 7 **Driving Madeliene** (15) A heartwarming drama 7.30pm

Feb 21 **Twisters** (12) Follow charismatic storm chasers in the US 7.30pm

Event Cinema

Feb 1 New York Met Opera **Aida** 5.30pm

Feb 4 **Les Miserables** (The Staged Concert) 40th anniversary 7.00pm

Feb 20 National Theatre Live **The Importance of Being Earnest** featuring Sharon D Clarke and Ncuti Gatwa (Dr Who) 7.00pm

Feb 27 RB&O (ballet) **Swan Lake** 7.15pm

Coming soon Conquest Productions **Macbeth** *as you've never seen it before* and **Abigail's Party**

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2025 visit conquest-theatre.co.uk or ring 01885 488575

Frome Valley Lottery Results

Here are the lottery results for January 2025:

£25 169	Chris/Lavinia	BH
£20 217	Ben Price	DH
£15 270	D. Ward.	JO
£10 44	Louis Mason	PP
£10 379	Mrs M. Hodgeson	P/Fromes Hill
£10 132	Alison Price	DH
£10 30	John Leese	HL

HELP IS STILL AT HAND

There is a Bromyard Support Group
number - 07824 660480

is there to help anyone who is
isolating

or just feel like some support during
these exceptional times.

St James Church Stanford Bishop

Firstly a big thank you to all who helped decorate the church for Christmas, it was beautifully decorated and very festive for the candlelight service on Christmas Eve, it was so lovely to see the church nearly full to capacity despite the inclement weather. Many thanks to those that provided festive refreshments following the service, this is so much appreciated by the PCC.

IMPORTANT Dates For The Diary 2025

Wednesday 29th January 7pm St James Church
Stanford bishop

Public Meeting on future of St James Church
Please see poster in this magazine

Wednesday 19th March 7pm Annual Parochial
Church Meeting at St James Church

Please see poster for new officers 2025 in this
magazine

Public Meeting

Future of St James the Greater, Stanford Bishop

Wednesday 29th January 2025, 7pm, Church Stanford Bishop

The current PCC (Parochial Church Council) is standing down at the APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) on the 19th March 2025.

Searching for the next volunteers to form the PCC as the church of St James the Greater Stanford Bishop is in danger of closing.

Rev Steven Baggs along with Sarah Girling from Pastoral Reorganisation Team in Hereford with open information on hand to help form a way forward.

St James the Greater, Stanford Bishop,

is looking to welcome new officers for 2024/25:

Church Warden, this role includes helping at church services and overseeing the general maintenance of the church building and churchyard.

Treasurer, this role includes preparing yearly accounts based on payments and receipts method, handling payments of invoices and banking of monies.

Secretary, this role would include taking minutes at PCC and AGM meetings. Liaising information from the Church Parish office and Hereford Diocesan office.

General PCC members are also needed to help with the yearly running of the church and fundraising events.

I invite you to visit **Diocese of Hereford website** – Parish Support – Parish Officers, to gain more information on the rolls. Being on the Parish Electoral Roll will help. If you would like to undertake any of the above positions

Please contact Jetta Hawkins, 07973 239778.

Coming in 2025 - Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat -

Plans are coming together for anyone and everyone, adult or child, to take part in a concert performance of 'Joseph the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'.

Rehearsals will take place during October half-term next year with the performance taking place at The Conquest Theatre in Bromyard on Friday 31st October 2025 at 7.30pm.

The performance will involve singers and musicians – any singers and musicians who would like to take part.

Further details will follow, but at this stage please book that date in your diary: Friday 31st October 2025 at The Conquest Theatre in Bromyard.

Pencil in the rest of that week: Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th October to practice – you don't need to come to every rehearsal to take part.

The production is being coordinated by the Church of England churches in Bredenbury, Bromyard, Bishops Frome and Greater Whitbourne.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

This month's look back to the past comes from the February 1999 edition of 'Quintet'.

Miss Grundy retires

After twenty years of devoted work, Miss Grundy has decided to retire. The Sunday School at Bishops Frome has therefore been suspended for the present. How Miss Grundy will be missed! There are so many who are now adults, even parents, who treasure happy memories of the times they themselves spent in her care. It has always been very noticeable how the children from her Sunday School seem to blossom and become confident. The Crib service on Christmas Eve was always a special occasion for Miss Grundy and her charges. They would read, sing and even act out the things that they had learnt to the delight of their parents as well as all the congregation. This last Christmas was the very first Christmas Eve that Miss Grundy was unable to take this service, but she did come to make sure that we did it right! On this occasion we were lucky to have Rachel Mitchell to help us build up the Christmas story, before I blessed the crib.

Miss Grundy retires with our heartfelt thanks and love.

MR

February 1999 was also when the Village Centre was taking shape, and the Village Hall Committee needed the views of those in Bishops Frome:

Your Village Hall Management Committee has been besieged by request to designate the New Hall a 'No Smoking' area and by other requests *not* to designate the Hall a 'No Smoking' area. Whatever we decide, it is unlikely that we shall please everyone but we would like to make as informed a decision as possible. Therefore, we will be conducting a survey in the village, from house to house, asking villagers to indicate their preference. We would like to take the survey further afield but, logistically, this would be very difficult to organise. We feel that there are enough people in the village to make the sample valid. As we see it there are just three alternatives:

1. No restrictions on smoking;
2. A total ban on smoking;
3. Smoking restricted to designated areas such as the entrance hall.

The article then gave reasons for each of the above, and the chairman, David Powell, asked for your views.

TRUMPET TRACTOR RUN

A fantastic £3511.31 was raised in aid of St Michael's Hospice, Bartestree by participants in the Trumpet Christmas Tractor Run held on 14 December 2024. Organised by the Trumpet and District Agricultural Society this popular tractor run started with tea and Mince Pies from Baddy Marsh Farm, Lower Eggleton by kind permission of Robert and Shirley Breese.

With a total of 62 vehicles - tractors, cars and even an armoured car taking part the Trumpet would like to thank all those who supported us to raise this amazing amount of money for such a worthwhile local charity. Drivers had put in a huge amount of effort to decorate their vehicles to celebrate Christmas with a fantastic array of lights, trees, stars and reindeer to brighten up the Herefordshire evening sky. This was especially effective as the convoy drove up Bromyard High Street which has the most memorable of Christmas Lights. A big thank you also to Father Christmas for sparing his time to tour the district in his grotto and to his very efficient elves who leapt into action at each stop to collect donations.

The route went from Lower Eggleton via the A4103 to Bishops Frome then on to Bromyard, returning via Stoke Lacy to Baddy Marsh for well-earned fish and chips followed by the grand draw with 65 fantastic prizes, many of which were generously donated by local sponsors. This was an event not to be missed. Why not join in this fun event next year? Check out our Facebook page for photographs of the Tractor Run and to keep up with the Trumpet news. Brush up on your general knowledge and join us at our annual quiz on 22 February 2025 and Ploughman's Supper at Tarrington Village Hall.

Trumpet and District Agricultural Society

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 22 February 2025

Doors open at 7:00pm

Quiz starts 7:30pm

Tarrington Village Hall

£10 per person

Max six per team

Including Ploughman's Supper

Bring your own drink and glasses

For more information please telephone:

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Castle Frome February 2025 News, Views & Muse

Hilary's Nature Diary

The once mighty oak has fallen

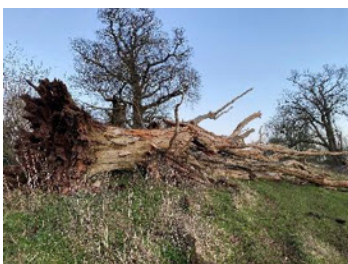
Set amongst a scattering of ancient oaks, this once majestic English oak dominated the skyline above the church. Bare of bark and not a leaf to be seen, it had been very definitely dead for a very long time. The winter storms were too much for its



decayed root system and it came down.

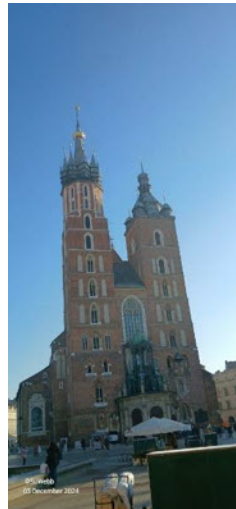
No longer a vantage point for the local buzzards. No longer a safe nesting site for a great spotted woodpecker and no longer a night roost for bats. It will of course remain home to many species of invertebrates as the cycle of decay continues.

I don't know how old it was, but it will have witnessed so much. If only it could share its stories.



Christmas Market, Krakow, Poland

I was lucky enough to visit the Christmas Market in Krakow at the beginning of December with my husband. Krakow is such a beautiful city, the Market was so colourful and fun. The selection of different food stalls and traditional dishes kept us fed well. My favourite was "The Chimney Cake" which was absolutely delicious. In the centre of the Market Place is St Mary's Basilica, where every hour you can hear "Mary's Trumpet Call", which is a traditional,



five-note Polish Bugle Call closely bound to the history and traditions of Krakow. It is played every hour on the hour, four times in succession in each of the four cardinal directions, by a trumpeter on the highest tower. Whilst there we took the opportunity to visit Auschwitz. I'm firmly believe this is somewhere that should be seen by everyone. Such a

poignant place and I must admit, it did bring tears to my eyes. I would highly recommend a visit to Krakow.



Communion Service

Sunday 9th February
10.00am



Family Service

Sunday 23rd
February
10.00am

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



Holiday House to let New Quay Wales Stunning position

Situated in New Quay on the heritage coast between Cardigan and Aberystwyth. This four bedroom house (sleeps 8) has been converted so the living area is on the first floor to take advantage of the outstanding panoramic views (see the picture above taken from the house). The house is situated on a quiet no through road overlooking the sandy beaches and across Cardigan Bay towards Snowdonia. The house is ideally situated for bird watching, walking (the coastal path is at the end of the terrace road) and the beaches. Boat trips for fishing or to see the local colony of bottle nose dolphins and wildlife are available from the quay. Water sports hire and instruction are available in the harbour for all levels of experience. The usual seaside amenities including pubs, restaurants, cafes, fish and chips and shops are all within 5 minutes walking distance. Available all year for weeks or short breaks. Cost per week from £400.00 to £850.00.

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ST. GILES' CHURCH, ACTON BEAUCHAMP

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

On the 20th of December we held the Christmas Carols by Candlelight.

Many, many thanks to all the following people who give so much, to make this service a wonderful celebration, as we look forward to Christmas.

The ladies who decorate the Christmas Tree and the Church.

The ladies who make sure the candles are all fresh, in their holders, and ready for the service. The ladies who have cleaned the Church. All those who read the lessons, throughout the Carol Service. All those who provided the festive mince pies and sherry, for the congregation, after the service.

Last, but definitely not least, to everyone who joined us for the Carol Service.

The access to the Church is not the easiest, on a winter's evening; we do appreciate your support, for St. Giles' Church. Once again,

THANK YOU, ALL, SO VERY MUCH.

CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER

On the 22nd of December we held a Christmas Get Together.

Many, many thanks to all the following who contributed to the evening.

Mr and Mrs. Antony and Jo Blackwell who invited us into their lovely home, to hold the event.

To everyone who provided all the festive food and drink.

To Mr. Tony Wallis who provided the music, to accompany the carols, being sung, throughout the evening.

To all those who gave draw prizes.

To everyone who came along to support the fund raising evening, for St. Giles' Church.

The PCC is so very grateful for the support, given to St. Giles' Church.

THANK YOU, ALL, SO VERY MUCH.

Acton Beauchamp PCC will be holding a meeting, in the near future, to discuss the fund raising activities, for the year ahead. We welcome any new ideas; we also welcome anyone who would like to join us.

Sally's phone number is: 01886884727.

Email: maryann.ed.tom2@btinternet.com

Three Camels and the Magi (Kings) braved the snow and cold earlier today for the first of several Epiphany services at Hereford Cathedral.

A crowd of visitors gathered in front of Hereford Cathedral today for two extraordinary outdoor services marking the Feast of Epiphany. The services featured three majestic camels bearing riders portraying the Magi in a recreation of the journey to Bethlehem.

Despite snow and freezing temperatures, worshippers and onlookers watched as the riders made their way through the Cathedral grounds, recreating the biblical journey to present gifts to the infant Jesus. The services, held at 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM, brought the ancient feast day, which is officially celebrated tomorrow, to life.

"Epiphany marks the moment when Christ was revealed to the Gentiles through the visit of the Magi," explained Bishop Richard. "By holding these services outdoors and welcoming everyone - regardless of faith or background - we are trying to help people understand Christ's birth is for everyone. The presence of the camels brings some fun and helps us imagine the long journey to Bethlehem guided by the star."

The three camels, part of [Joseph's Amazing Camels](#), appeared at ease in their cathedral surroundings today. The company, near Stratford in Warwickshire, takes good care of all its animals and operates to the highest animal welfare standards. The camels used today originate from the Gobi Desert region, where their natural habitat experiences extreme temperatures. While many might associate camels solely with hot deserts, these remarkable animals are naturally adapted to cope with cold temperatures, as the Gobi Desert drops below freezing at night.

The celebration of Epiphany, traditionally held on January 6th, commemorates the visit of the Three Wise Men to the infant Jesus, bearing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. This feast marks the end of the Christmas season in the Christian calendar and celebrates the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ.

Bishop Richard added, "Today's services are an invitation to all of us to seek and find Christ in our lives. The enthusiasm of our congregation and visitors, despite the challenging weather, made this a truly memorable celebration."





Churchyards are the ideal place for a lichen enthusiast to while away many happy hours. Lichens can be found on walls, monuments, trees and, if you have ancient grassland there may be lichens within the sward as well. To the uninitiated lichens can look broadly similar with subtle mosaics of colour, often greys and yellows forming expanding circles as they increase in size as the years go by. There is more to lichens than meets the eye however. Firstly they are two or more organisms living together as one, usually a fungus and an algae. Fungus

forms the visible part of the lichen and within, protected by threads of the fungus, are cells of algae and/or cyanobacteria which photosynthesise. So the fungus provides a home and the algae provides food. Lichens reproduce through microscopic fungal spores which, if they find a suitable partner, can colonise surfaces which are not too shaded or too smooth. These spores are released from structures which look rather like tiny jam tarts, flasks or pimples!

Lichens are fantastic at surviving where other life cannot. Provided there is enough light and moisture lichens are able to grow on bare stone, not needing cracks or soil to root into. Some lichens grow very slowly, perhaps half a millimetre per year whilst others grow more quickly. Many lichens are long-lived so the lichen you see in a churchyard may be almost as old as the wall or gravestone it is growing on. Astonishingly there are over 2,000 different lichen species and it is not unusual for a single churchyard to contain more than 100 different types.

Churchyards are particularly rich in lichens as they contain so many old stones with a variety of types; limestone, sandstone, granite to name a few. Some stones are smoother, others rough and they may have differing amounts of shade, wind and moisture depending on where they are within the churchyard, which side of the monument the lichen is on, whether they are vertical, leaning or flat. The carving of the inscription itself provides microclimates with different amounts of light and moisture within the lettering. All of these changes in conditions will suit different lichen species. They are also found on trees, wooden fences and gates, grassy areas, pathways and even dustbin lids!

Most lichens offer protection to the surface they grow on and it may be easier to read lettering which is lichen-covered rather than bare, eroding stone. They do not need much care but do avoid the use of any chemicals near to lichens and definitely don't try and remove them. Lichens can die if shaded out so try and keep ivy or other climbers from encroaching over them too.

If you have never taken a closer look at a lichen then why not take a hand-lens or magnifying glass and give it a go. Lichen colonies have been described as minute, self-maintaining gardens, providing a natural cladding for the stone. They are beautiful and endlessly fascinating and if you like a challenge, why not look up the British Lichen Society website and find out more about how to identify them.

All the best,

[Harriet Carty](#)

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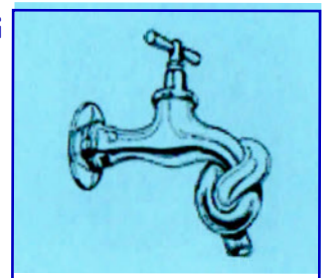
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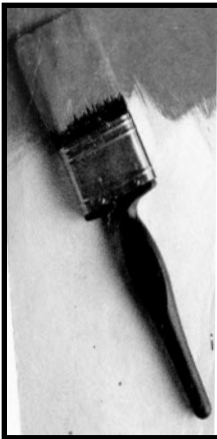
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VE Day 80th ANNIVERSARY Celebrations



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Following the very successful evening when we celebrated the 80th Anniversary of the D Day Landings, when we had a tremendous turnout from the Frome Valley ending with a brilliant firework display by Merlin fireworks of Stoke Lacy.

The Parish Council will support the event a noncharged on entry event.

There will be buckets for donations on the evening.

As well as the Strawman and Fireworks there will be food outlets, a bar and music.

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We are determined to have a Firework display as superb as June's if not better.

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Castle Frome		10.00am Holy Communion Fr David		10.00am Family Service Lay Led	
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Ocle Pychard	6.30pm Holy Communion for Candlemas SB				
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08/01/24	Candlemas Gold or White Psalm 24.7-10 Hebrews 2.14-18 Luke 2.22-40	4 before Lent Green 1 Corinthians 15.1-11 Psalm 138 Luke 5.1-11	3 before lent Green 1 Corinthians 15.12-20 Psalm 1 Luke 6.1	2 before lent Green Revelation 4 Psalm 65 Luke 8.22-25	Sunday before lent Green 2 Corinthians 3.12 – 4.2 Psalm 99 Luke 9.28-36

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JANUARY 2025

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

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The Funeral of Julia Madeleine Stearn, who died on 15th November 2024, took place on 7th December 2024 at St Mary the Virgin, Bishops Frome.

May they Rest in Peace.

10/01/24

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