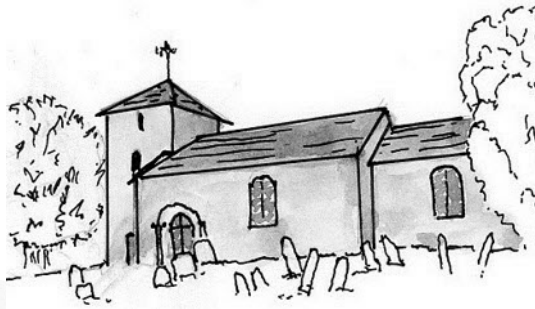
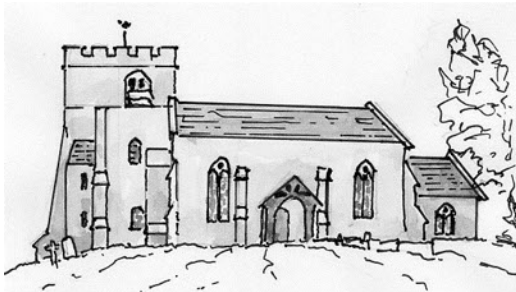
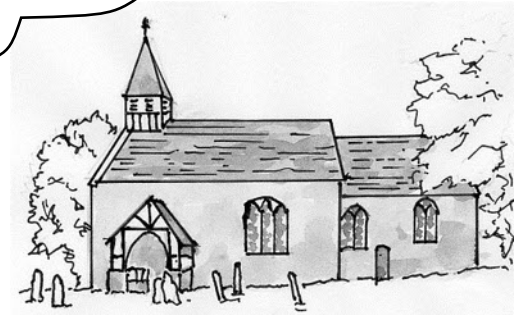


Frome Valley News

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



*Newsletter
Winter Special 24/25*



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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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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from - Sarah, Steve & Steven



Associate Priest's Letter

As our American cousins say, Happy Holidays! That rather secular greeting encompasses many aspects of the season between Thanksgiving and New Year in America. However it also carries with it no religious connotations, which may be the reason it is used in a multi cultural society such as the USA. Thankfully we still wish each other a Happy Christmas and New Year in Herefordshire but I'm not sure that makes us any more aware of the religious nature of the season. You can trace holidays at this time of the year back to pagan times but there is something very special about Christmas and the New Year. Christmas itself is the true celebration of the birth of our Messiah over 2000 years ago. It is a festival or time of feasting for one and all. Yet we can so easily get caught up in those festivities that at times we may forget their true meaning. However I am no humbug priest and am not about to moan about Christmas overindulgence. After all we are celebrating the birth of Christ, the babe in the manger who changed the world.



If you go to a nativity play before Christmas I am sure you will experience, not just shepherds with tea towels for headdress but also a childlike innocence in the way children explain and re-enact this amazing story. A baby born to poor parents in an obscure part of the Roman Empire in, shall we say, less than perfect circumstances. Yet this baby has impacted upon us all, even those who profess to not being Christian actually often act in ways that Christ taught us do, by giving charitably, caring for strangers, acting kindly. Christ's teachings have touched us all and will continue to do so, long after we are gone.

So let us celebrate but also think and pray for those who do not have our advantages and comforts. We see all too often the suffering, sorrow and hurt in the world, just by watching the news. But here in Christ we have at the heart of our faith, a figure of infinite love and compassion. I cannot think of anything more uplifting, so I will be singing carols, giving charitably, visiting neighbours and friends but above all celebrating the birth of our Saviour.

There are too many events happening locally leading up to Christmas and the New Year but you will find them all listed in this magazine. You will be welcome at them all, be it a carol or crib service, a coffee morning or Christmas fair. So not just Happy Holidays but a blessed and peaceful Christmas to you all.

Richard



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

WHAT'S ON WEEKLY December & January 2025



Please contact group leaders before attending (or check the **Hallmaster Scheduler** on our **BOOK HERE** website page) – about Christmas and New Year dates for classes

Monday

- Pilates with Sally, 9.30, 07909 754 039
- Internet Café, 10am to 12, 01531 640 981
- Board Games, 2- 4pm, first Mondays, not Dec, then 6 Jan, 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, Dec 5 & Jan 2

First Thursdays, just turn up



- Valley Voices, James, alternate Thursdays, 5 Dec, 9 & 23 Jan, 07963 754873,
- Bingo with Jo, for various good causes. 5 & 19 Dec, 16 & 30 Jan. Eyes down 7.30pm 07804 045366

Friday

- Pilates with Sally, 9.30, 07909 754 039
- Shanties, 2 – 4 pm first Fridays, (6 Dec, 3 Jan) Richard 01531 640768
- Tae Kwon Do, White Phoenix 6.30pm, 07814 778 112

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 top of the Scheduler at the bottom of the page, 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



Main Hall



Conference Room



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

To arrange to have a look round

contact Wendy Roberts on 01885 490327

or email bishfromecentre@aol.com

Conquest Theatre

Live on Stage

Dec 6-15 Our Star Theatre Company Panto Jack and the Beanstalk

matinees Dec 7/8/14/15 2pm **Evenings** 7pm

Dec 21 Bromyard Symphonic Wind Band Christmas concert 3pm

Dec 28 The Enchanted Group Movie Musicals 7.30pm

Jan 11 Battle of the Bands come and support your favourite band 7.30pm

Jan 23-26 Disney: Frozen JR - Laura Gale Dance and Drama

Event Cinema

Dec 10 Royal Opera House Cinderella 7.15pm

Jan 2 Royal Opera House Nutcracker 7.15pm

Jan 15 Royal Opera House Tales of Hoffman (ballet) 7.15pm

Film

Dec 10 Ghostbusters Frozen Empire (12) 7.30pm

Jan 3 Beetlejuice Beetlejuice 7.30pm

Jan 17 The Bikeriders 7.30pm

For full programme details into 2025 visit conquest-theatre.co.uk or ring 01885 488575

Wishing all our patrons a very happy Christmas and new year, look forward to seeing you in 2025

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Frome Valley Lottery Results

November 2024 results

£25 111	Robert wall	JG
£20 293	J. Ross	MB
£15 48	Carl Pinches	CI
£10 163	Esme Williams	PD
£10 444	Connor Berry	YB
£10 140	Fred Morris	CI
£10 196	Julia Talbot-Cooper	BH

December 2024

£25 195	Roy Brooman	CI
£20 491	Andy Winterton	GW
£15 75	P. Baber	MB
£10 114	Edward Lewis	CI
£10 288	D. Hammond	P/castle
£10 88	Mark Russell	MH
£10 104	Neil Houghton	MH

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 Mary's Church Much Cowarne

December Services

Sunday December 8th, Matins

Sunday December 22nd Combined Carol and Crib Service

Christmas Day December 25th Holy Communion



Summerpool Garden Update

Upkeep and work on the Summerpool Garden continues this year, thanks to a number of volunteers who care for it; keeping the garden tidy and welcoming for visitors. It would be really great to welcome further volunteers.

14th December.

We are also hoping to host a community event at the garden in October, so any assistance with this would be greatly appreciated.

Our email address is
summerpoolgarden@gmail.com.

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 December 2009

This month's 'From The Archives' is taken from the December 2009 edition of the magazine, which had become 'Frome Valley News', as it is now.

'Bishop's Frome Church

presents

THE VALLEY'S GOT TALENT

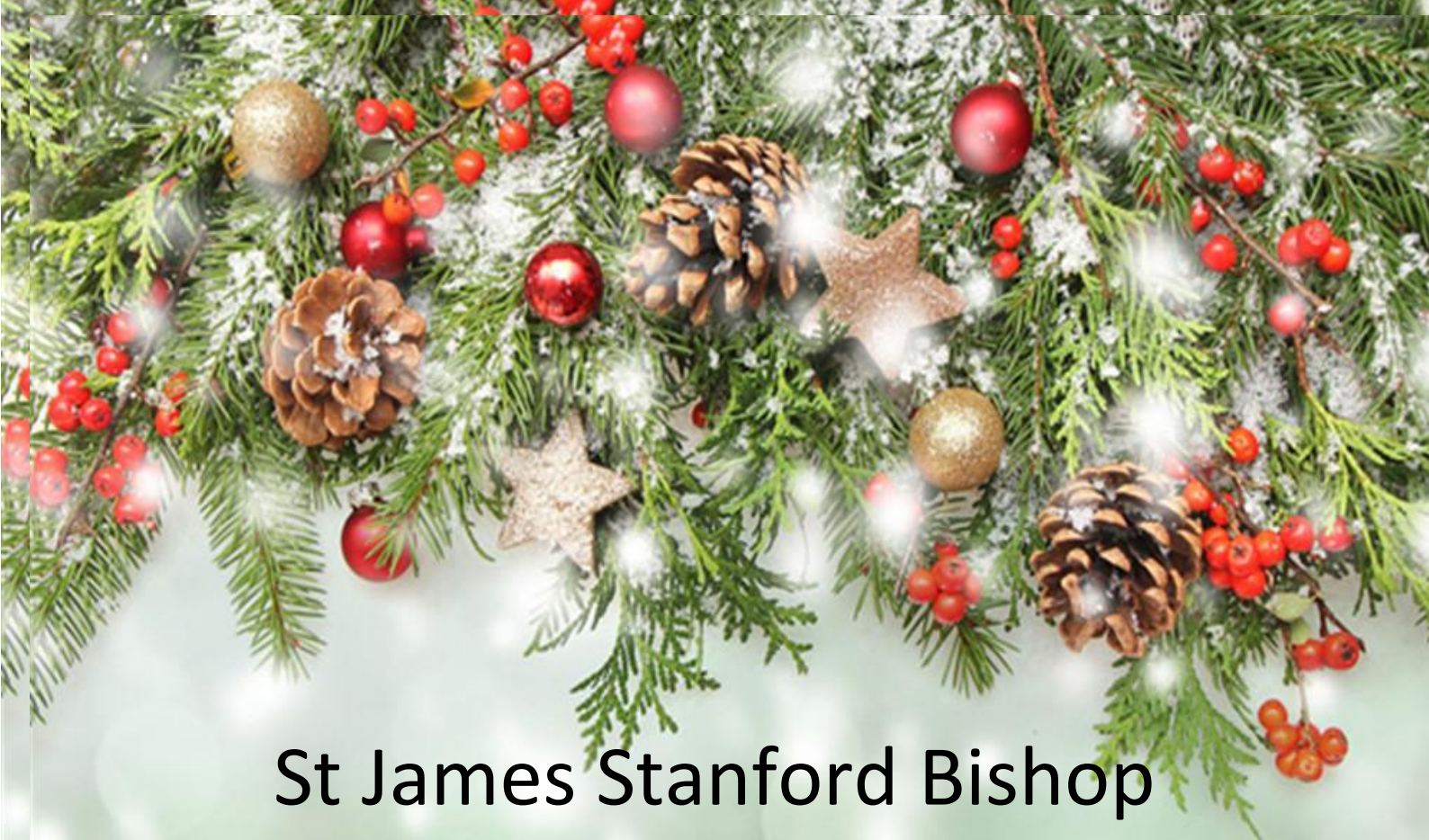
And Event In a tent... at The Fir Tree Inn

Stop Press

Last Saturday the Talent Show of the Valley was held at The Fir Tree with ten acts turning up and competing for the prize money. The Judges, Jane Davies, Shirley Lewis, Meena Davis, Keith Price

and John Pudge whittle these courageous artists who performed in front of 140 people in the Fir Trees down to five acts. The audience then decided between Gavin Dale, Paddy Shave, Mark Scholey, Joy Simmond's Dancers and Sharon for the first, second and third places. Sharon came third and Gavin Dale just being pipped into second place by Mark Scholey. Our thanks to the artist who made the show, Stewart Bevan for compering, Spider Webb for singing the warm up and during the show and Steve Slayman for looking after the sound. Thanks to our time keepers Gill Lynch and Sheila Pinches, our two door keepers Doug and Mike, Heather Partridge and Angie Lewis for selling raffle tickets, Perry for looking after the cars and bar and a very big thank you to eith and Ali Price for letting us have the venue and all the help in setting up the stage and venue for such a superb evening. Our thanks to those who donated time and equipment – we are grateful.

Another fantastic event for the valley – this was a brilliant variety show – that all that went enjoyed enormously. There is talk of a follow up next year. Watch this magazine for details.
John Pudge'



St James Stanford Bishop

Carol Service by candlelight

Tuesday 24th December 6pm

We look forward to Christmas Eve and our 6pm Carol service. During our service we create our Nativity Scene where we invite the congregation to assemble our display.

After the service we invite you to join us for mince pies and sherry.

Christmas Scratch Choir

Do you like singing Christmas Carols and songs ?

Join our community scratch choir!

Only two practises before Christmas!

No experience necessary just enthusiasm.

No age limit. Just come and sing.

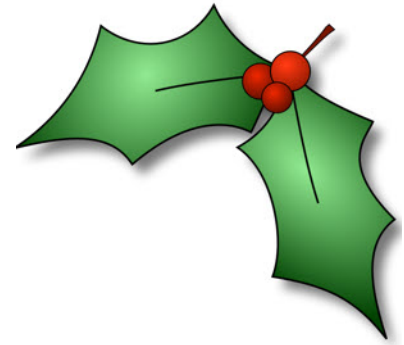
Meet at the Burley Gate village hall

Wed 4th December 6.30-8.00pm

Wed 11th December 6.30-8.00pm

Singing at the community Christmas lunch on Dec 15th , Much Cowarne's carol service on 22nd Dec and other carol singing round the villages on December 19th

For Info Ring Janet 01432 320485



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE BURLEY GATE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH 15th DECEMBER

This year we have a Big Hamper as the main raffle prize along with a variety of Bottles (unopened please!).

Contributions would be most gratefully received and can be left at Wanaki in the porch.

Thank you! Audrey 01432 820436



St James Church Stanford Bishop

Dates For Diary

Christmas Eve Carols by Candlelight at 6pm
(See main poster in magazine Page 8)

AGM Thursday March 20th 2025 at 7pm St
James Church
See also page 7 re advert for officers



Burley Gate Village carol SingeRs

The Carol Singers will be out on THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER to bring a little cheer to your Christmas. Please invite friends and neighbours to gather and we can have a very jolly singsong.

We hope a scratch choir will join us. This year we are collecting for: **Herefordshire Young and Young Adult Carers** www.hycclub.co.uk (they are aged 8-25 looking after loved ones). To book the Carollers contact Janet Bartlett: Tel. 01432 820485 Email: bartlett770@btinternet.com

DONATIONS, however small, can be the gift of Christmas to those who need it most.



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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Christmas Day Community Christmas lunch

Are you spending Christmas alone this year and feel you need some extra company?

look no further we are offering a free Christmas lunch with some festive cheer on Christmas day!

Venue- Bishops Frome Village Centre
Bishops Frome WR65AR
DATE- Wednesday 25TH December
12:00-16:00

TO BOOK PLEASE CALL STEVE **07939075245**

Donations of produce, meat, puddings, Christmas items, Gifts & other items to be able to put on this free event gratefully received please contact me steve on **07939075245**

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.



Castle Frome

December & January 2024/25

News, Views & Muse

Hilary's Nature Diary Written by Su

My husband and I are fortunate enough to own a small piece of woodland on the coast in West Wales. It is surrounded by farmland and the Welsh Coastal Path runs part way across the land. We are able to visit several times in the year and have a small single room cabin there to stay in. We decided we would put up some game cameras to see what wildlife uses and lives on our land whilst we are not around. Over the years we have managed to capture some lovely photos of the resident foxes, squirrels, mice and badgers. The badgers have a large sett on the land, and it is lovely to see them in their natural habitat. The last time we visited, my husband, Pete also spotted several small lizards and a large slow worm. If you are interested in seeing what wildlife frequents your garden, or land I would highly recommend getting a game camera. They are so easy to use and can be left for many months to catch the comings and goings of the wildlife.



Remembrance Service

We had a lovely and poignant Remembrance Service this morning, led by Louise Manning, and it was extremely well attended. The Flowers in the church were beautiful too.

Thank you to Judy, Charlotte & Lauren.



Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 15th December
At 4pm

Come and join us at our Christmas Carol Service.

Followed by Mince Pies and Mulled Wine
And plenty of festive spirit



WISHING YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR



Communion Service

Sunday 8th December
Sunday 12th January

11.30am



Carol Service

Sunday 15th December

4.00pm

Family Service

Sunday 26th January

10.00am

Christmas Service

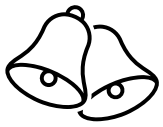
Wednesday 25th December

Time TBC

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.

Like our Facebook Page St Michaels Church, Castle Frome





ACTON BEAUCHAMP ST GILES



CAROL SERVICE

By candle light



Friday 20 DECEMBER



6.00 PM

ST GILES

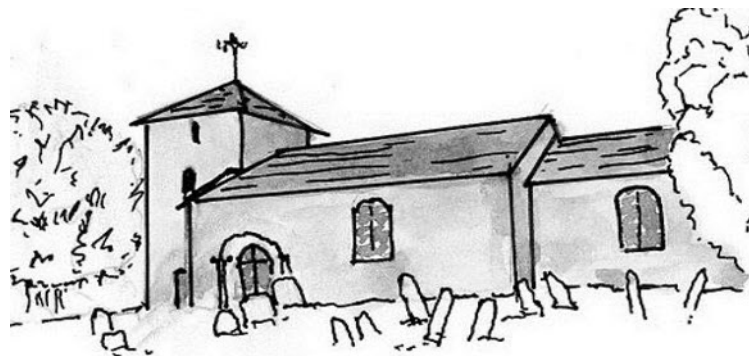
ACTON BEAUCHAMP

FOLLOWED BY

SEASONAL REFRESHMENTS

In the church afterwards.

ALL WELCOME



ST. GILES' CHURCH, ACTON BEAUCHAMP

CHRISTMAS AT ST. GILES' CHURCH

DECEMBER the 1st at 11.30am

Family Communion.

DECEMBER the 20th at 6pm

Carols by Candlelight.

There will be Festive Refreshments after the Service.

Wear sturdy shoes or wellies, wrap up warm and do bring a torch.

DECEMBER the 22nd at 6pm.

A CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER at The GRANGE, ACTON BEAUCHAMP, WR6 5AG.

By Very Kind Permission of Mr and Mrs. Antony and Jo Blackwell.

There will be Carols and Festive Food.

There will also be a raffle.

DECEMBER the 25th at 11.30am

Family Communion on Christmas Day.

EVERYONE VERY WELCOME TO ALL OUR CHRISTMAS EVENTS.

THERE WILL NOT BE A SERVICE IN JANUARY

St. Giles' Church, and Acton Beauchamp PCC, would like to say THANK YOU, SO VERY MUCH, TO EVERYONE who gives so much to St. Giles' Church.

To ALL those who care for the Church building and those who care for the Churchyard.

To EVERYONE who supports our fund raising activities and to ALL those who donate their time and talents.

To ALL the ladies who clean and tidy the Church, and those who arrange flowers throughout the year.

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We wish you ALL A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS and our VERY BEST WISHES for THE NEW YEAR.



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WR6 5AG**

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**MULLED WINE
SEASONAL REFRESHMENTS
CAROLS ROUND THE PIANO**

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 Great Church
Ocle Pychard*

Come one and all to
celebrate the Christmas
Crib Service
All children welcome



**Tuesday 24th December 2024
at 3:30 p.m.**

*Christmas Carol Service
by candlelight with the
PAX Singers
St James the Great
Ocle Pychard*



**Friday 13th December 2024
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with refreshments after

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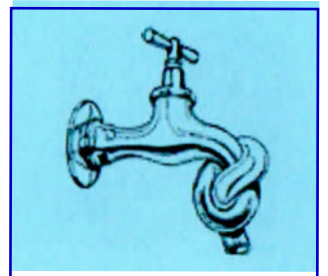
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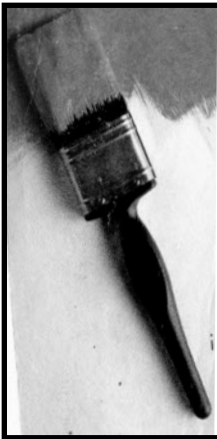
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VE DAY 80: HOW THE NATION WILL REMEMBER FALLEN HEROES AND CELEBRATE THE PEACE AFTER SIX YEARS OF WAR

On Thursday 8th May 2025 the nation will come together to remember the millions that paid the ultimate sacrifice fighting and securing the freedom we all enjoy today.

From early morning when the sun rises to evening as night descends, church bells will ring out, special flags will be flown, town criers will proclaim the victory, the haunting sound of bagpipes will fill the air and, in a final gesture of homage, beacons and Lamp Lights of Peace will be lit to signify the light that emerged from the darkness of war.

TOWN CRIER Peder Neilson will be joining thousands of others wanting to remember and pay tribute to the brave men and women who took part in WWII, not only from our country, but other countries that fought side by side with us during the dreadful dark days of war.

Peder Neilsen), who town crier says to be able to play even a small part in paying tribute is humbling and a great honour to be part of the Celebrations on Ward Hill Bishops Frome Thursday May 8th 7 pm onward culminating with a tribute, strawman Beacon and Fireworks.

Bruno Peek CVO OBE OPR Pageant master of VE DAY 80 said; "In order to celebrate the eighty years of peace and freedom given to us by the bravery and ultimate sacrifice of so many during WWII as a whole, hundreds of Town Criers will undertake the VE Day Proclamation, Flags will be raised, Church Bells will be rung, and over one thousand Beacons, including Bishops Frome and Fromes Hill's Strawman and several hundred Lamp Lights of Peace will be lit at 9.30pm across the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories on May 8, 2025, with the flames from the Beacons and Lamps representing the 'light of peace' that emerged from the darkness of war in tribute to the many millions that sacrificed their lives during WWII."

VE DAY 80 PROCLAMATION May 8, 2025

Jane Smith, Principal International Town Crier said - "The Guild and its members are enormously honoured to have been asked by Bruno Peek, Pageant master of VE Day 80 to support the VE Day 80 Commemoration by undertaking the Proclamation May 8, 2025, recognising a hugely significant anniversary event in the calendar, alongside the Guilds from North America, Australasia and Europe who will also be undertaking the reading of the VE Day 80 Proclamation throughout their countries too."

Bishop's Frome and Fromes Hill Parish Council
VE Day 80th ANNIVERSARY Celebrations



The Parish Council is proposing to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the VE Day Celebrations with a community event on Ward Hill.
At this event we will burn a strawman as part of the beacons being lit to commemorate the day.

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.
Come and have a picnic the gates will open at approx. 7 pm

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

WE NEED SPONSORS

The event will cost approx. £8,000 to £10,000

We have a reserve from the June Celebrations but need help to put the event on.

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How many of you are having anniversaries this year?

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THE FROME VALLEY GROUP DECEMBER 2024									
	1 st Dec	8 th	15 th	22 nd	24 th	25 th	29 th	Carol Services	
Acton Beauchamp	11.30am Holy Communion Fr David					11.30am Holy Communion SB		Friday 20 th December 6.30pm Carol Service SB	
Bishops Frome	10.00am High Mass SB 6.00pm Advent Carol Service SB	10.00am Holy Communion SB 6.00pm Sung Compline with Advent reflection SB	10.00am High Mass SB	10.00am Holy Communion SB	3pm Crib Service SB 11.30pm Midnight Mass SB		10am Group Service SB	Sunday 1 st December 6.00pm Advent Carol Service Wednesday 18 th December 6pm Carol Service SB	
Castle Frome		11.30am Holy Communion SB	4.00pm Carol Service SB			10am Holy Communion SB		Sunday 15 th 4pm Carol Service SB	
Evesbatch								Sunday 15 th December 6.30pm Carol Service SB	
Much Cowarne		10.00am Matins RA		10.00am Combined Crib and Carol Service RA		10am Christmas Day Communion RA			
Ocle Pychard					3.30pm Crib Service Lay Led			Friday 13 th December: 7.00pm: Carol Service with The Pax Singers	
Stanford Bishop					6.00pm Carol Service SB			Tuesday 24 th December 6.00pm	
11/11/24	Advent 1 Purple 1 Thessalonian 3. 9-13 Psalm 25. 1-9 Luke 21. 25-36	Advent 2 Purple Philippians 1. 3-11 Psalm 75 Luke 3. 1-6	Advent 3 Purple Philippians 4. 4-7 Psalm 50. 1-6 Luke 3. 4-7	Advent 4 Purple Hebrews 10. 5-10 Psalm 80. 1-8 Luke 1. 39-55	Christmas Eve Gold or White Hebrews 1. 1-12 John 1. 1-14	Christmas Day Gold or White Hebrews 1. 1-12 John 1. 1-14	Christmas 1 White Colossians 3. 12-17 Luke 2. 41-52		

THE FROME VALLEY GROUP					
January 2025					
	5th	12th	19th	26th	2nd Feb
Acton Beauchamp	No Service today				11.30am Holy Communion SB
Bishops Frome	10.00am High Mass Fr Ian Gibbs	10.00am Holy Communion RA	10.00am High Mass SB	10.00am Holy Communion SB	10.00am High Mass SB
Castle Frome		10.00am Holy Communion Rev Ros Trafford-Roberts		10.00am Family Service Lay Led	
Evesbatch					
Much Cowarne		10.00am Matins Lay Led		10.00am Holy Communion RA	
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11/11/24	Epiphany Gold or White Ephesians 3.1-12 Psalm 72.10-15 Matthew 2.1-12	Baptism of Christ White Acts 8.14-17 Psalm 29 Luke 3.15-17,21,22	Epiphany 2 White 1 Corinthians 12.1-11 Psalm 36.5-10 John 2.1-11	Epiphany 3 White 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a Psalm 19 Luke 4.14-21	4 before Lent Green 1 Corinthians 15.1-11 Psalm 138 Luke 5.1-11

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Dec 1 st	Sarah	Susie	Lyn and Sarah
Dec 8 th	Martin	John	Chris and Sue
Dec 15 th	Flo	Myra	Romey and David
Dec 22 nd	Angela	Maureen	Jan and Joan
Dec 24 th	Maureen	TBC	N/A: Midnight Mass
Dec 29 th	Group Service: TBC		
Jan 5 th	Sarah	Susie	Lyn and Sarah
Jan 12 th	Lucy	John	Chris and Sue
Jan 19 th	Susie	Moyra	Romey and David
Jan 26 th	Joan Rose	Maureen	Jan and Joan
Feb 2 nd	Sarah	Susie	Lyn and Sarah

Carol Services

Friday 13th December – 7.00pm at Ocle Pychard

Sunday 15th December – 4.00pm at Castle Frome

Sunday 15th December – 6.30pm at Evesbatch

Wednesday 18th December – 6.00pm at Bishops Frome:
Please note the change of time from previous publicity

Friday 20th December – 6.30pm at Acton Beauchamp

Sunday 22nd December – 10.00am at Much Cowarne:
Combined Crib and Carol Service

Tuesday 24th December – 6.00pm at Stanford Bishop

Services on Christmas Day

Acton Beauchamp – 11.30am
Holy Communion

Castle Frome – 10.00am
Holy Communion

Much Cowarne – 10.00am
Christmas Day Communion



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