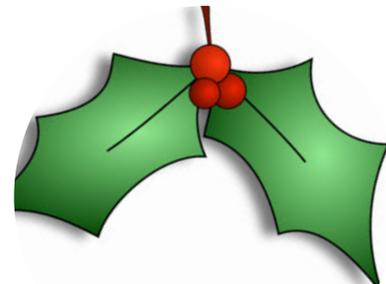
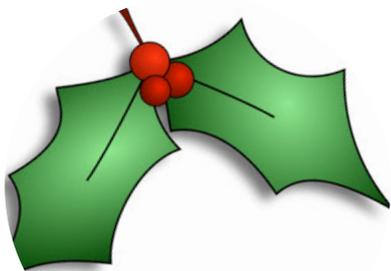
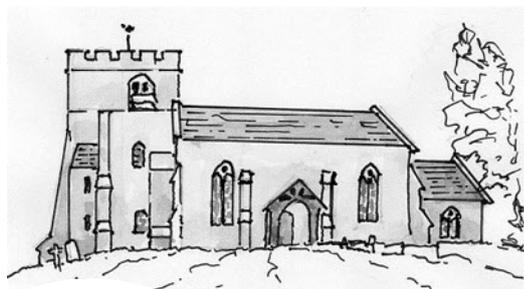


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Evesbatch, Fromes Hill, Much Cowarne, Ocle Pychard & Stanford Bishop.



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## Vicar's Letter

I think it was Bob Marley who wrote the lyrics, 'don't worry, be happy.' And I suppose the reverse is also true, when we do worry we become quite unhappy, stressed and even depressed.

Christmas is almost upon us and I suppose many of us are wondering what our festive celebrations will look like this year and we may well be feeling worried. Having just been through a week that started with me telling people there would be no Remembrance Services to then actually being able to hold one outside, then with government rules changing several times over the course of the week leading up to Remembrance Sunday it would seem somewhat premature of me to try and guess as to what we may or may not be able to offer in terms of worship in our churches this Christmas.



Flexibility has become a necessary attribute for any of us to survive these days and that's not always a bad thing. Within 24 hours of the announcement of the current lockdown I had re-scheduled a wedding planned for the following Saturday and brought it forward to the Wednesday afternoon. No time for a rehearsal but nevertheless it was a lovely afternoon for a wedding with beautiful sunshine in the wonderful setting of St James', Stanford Bishop. Things couldn't have been better if we had planned it for that day and we managed to do everything just hours before the final deadline after which weddings were once again banned for the next four weeks.

I suppose we have all had to adapt and become more flexible due to the current pandemic. Thankfully going back into lockdown this time seems a lot less stressful than the first time. We've all learnt new skills to help us adapt to the changes we have to make; I now know how to upload services onto YouTube and can live stream them from my office if necessary. I also know what to do when we get back to church, how to do things safely and more importantly that people will be there when we do return – all things that I didn't know during the last lockdown. Consequently I'm a lot less stressed this time and even with Christmas rapidly approaching I'm not worried.

With talk of a potential vaccine in the not too distant future we are beginning to see some light at the end of the tunnel, a great relief for us all but particularly for the more vulnerable members of society.

These things will all happen in their own time and the restrictions will undoubtedly affect our Christmas celebrations as they have affected everything else so far this year. All we can do is remain flexible and adapt to the ever-changing situation we find ourselves in, not plan too far ahead and learn to be a bit more spontaneous when we do have the opportunity to do things. And most of all try not to worry! As Jesus once said;

“And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest?” (Luke 12:25)

Blessings

Steven

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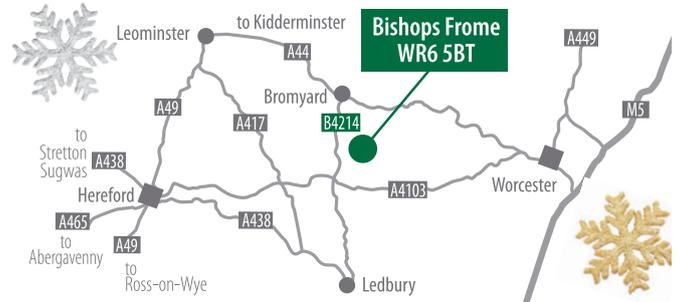
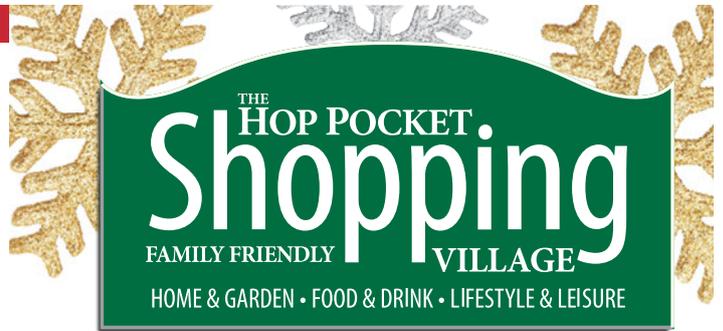
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**Due to Covid I will not be sending Christmas Cards this year, instead I will donate the money not spent to St Michael's Hospice.**

**I wish you all a Happy Christmas**

**Keep well and safe**

**Shirley Barber**



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## Ocle Pychard Ramblings

(Formally Ocle Pychard Church News)

I wonder how many of you have been thinking ‘when can we get back to normal?’ But what is normal?

The dictionary states: Normal – conforming to a standard, usual, typical or expected.

How many of us lead ‘normal lives?’ There doesn’t seem to be anything normal about life or living; no two days are ever exactly the same and no two people are exactly the same each day. I really wonder whether ‘normal’ is just a state of mind, something that we aspire to throughout our lives. What I do believe is that our way of life pre-Covid has now gone and we must look towards a more caring, thoughtful and considerate way of living our lives taking into account the needs of others and the environment that we inhabit. Perhaps this is Nature’s way of telling us that we ask for too much and give little in return and we need to redress the balance.

Over the past few months I have been watching a brilliant programme on the television called ‘The Repair Shop’ where expert crafts people repair family heirlooms and treasures that would otherwise be lost. This gentle programme is as much about the memories of loved ones as it is about the repairs. It is manna to the soul to watch repaired items returned to their owners and the emotions that are evoked. Perhaps we need to take a leaf out of The Repair Shops book and treat the past few difficult months as a time of rest and repair, to recalibrate our lives so that when we emerge from this pandemic we will be stronger in body and soul. And who knows we may have changed our lives for the better!

**Take care, stay safe and have an enjoyable Christmas and New Year.**

### Ocle Pychard Church Services

24<sup>th</sup> December - 1<sup>st</sup> Communion of Christmas @ 8pm

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021- 1<sup>st</sup> Communion of New Year @ 8.30am



### **ST MARY’S CHURCH MUCH COWARNE**

At the time of writing we are in the middle of the second lockdown and having to accept that the services planned for November will not take place.

We are still hopeful, however, that we shall have a Matins service at 10.00am on December 13<sup>th</sup> and a Communion Service at 10.00am on Christmas Day, both services to be taken by Richard Allaway. We look forward to welcoming

our parishioners to these services and please remember that although the Christmas Day service is a communion service, you do not have to have been confirmed to attend, nor do you have to take communion. We anticipate that social distancing and masks will be necessary at both services but the church is arranged to facilitate this and it has worked well for the services held recently.

Hopefully the virus will not be ruling our lives to such an extent in 2021 and we shall see services as normal and also be able to begin thinking about plans for social and fundraising events. In the meantime we wish you all a peaceful Christmas with the chance to meet some of your loved ones and a safe and healthy 2021.



## ST. GILES' CHURCH, ACTON BEAUCHAMP

St. Giles' Church and Acton Beauchamp PCC have, with regret, CANCELLED the Carol Service. A Carol Service without Carols would be very bleak.

We WILL BE holding The Family Communion Service on Christmas Day at 11.30am.

All measures will be taken to keep everyone safe.

We look forward to seeing you on Christmas Day.



St. Giles' Church and Acton Beauchamp PCC would like to say THANK YOU, VERY MUCH, to all those who give so much to St. Giles' Church. This year has been challenging and your support is appreciated, all the more.

**We wish you all a Very Happy Christmas.**

**We also wish you all the very best for The New Year.**

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY IN THE FROME VALLEY

### WE DID REMEMBER THEM

A Remembrance Sunday like no other, quietly we gathered at a social distance near our lychgate, a memorial to those who gave their lives in the two World Wars in service for our freedom. Thank you to Steven for arranging the ceremony.

November this year lived up to its name. No sun, no wind and sadly no singing. The lychgate was built in 1921 with money raised by public subscription. Next year should be special – 100 years since dedication. John read out the names from the memorial followed by representatives from our other churches reading out the names of their fallen. The wreath laid, there was two minutes silence for reflection.

I thought of Reginald Prosser lost in the Second World War. He and his family lived in the house where I now live. I used to deliver milk after school to his wife Etty and spent many happy hours with her and their two small daughters. When Reg came home on leave, he dug and planted the garden with vegetables to make sure they were well fed. Reg wrote home two or three times each week. Then the letters stopped - a week passed and then another and more. One day whilst I was there, the village errand boy came down the drive bearing a telegram, Etty was almost afraid to open it - 'Lost Presumed Killed'. It was hard for a twelve year old to deal with. I fetched a neighbour who took over the harrowing situation.

The last post was sounded, the church bell tolled, in our hearts we gave thanks. We are so fortunate in Bishops Frome to have such an outstanding memorial somewhere to make us think.

It was good to have our local Seacadet in full uniform present.

Thank you to all who made this day so special.

Let us hope for a better year to come.

Heather Partridge



# Stanford Bishop News

Dear All,

We are now in the last month of 2020, Covid 19 has made this an extraordinary year!

We can look forward to the arrival of the Christmas tree to be adorned with twinkling lights and colourful baubles. Slicing into the Christmas cake which has been patiently maturing, turkey and Christmas pudding amongst other delicious platters of food all to be enjoyed.

**Unfortunately, our Christmas Carol service is cancelled this year, due to these unprecedented times.**



**Stanford Bishop PCC would like to take this opportunity to thank Hugh Davis for keeping our church yard so neat.**

**Thank you to our community for supporting one another, also Steven, Eleanor and Sarah for their continued support.**

**Looking forward to a New Year and a New Start.**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2021** Snowdrops & Soup at Stanford Bishop 12noon to 1.30pm.

Your invited to St James' to admire the beautiful snowdrops, afterwards your welcome to enjoy warming homemade soup with fresh crusty bread £5.00 per person. If permissible a draw will take place.

We wish all our community & friends a healthy and peaceful Christmas filled with joy and light.

## St James' Stanford Bishop

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St James' is home to a great treasure St Augustine's Chair,  
while our Church Yard has magnificent Yew Trees.

If permitted a draw will take place

# Castle Frome Dec 20 Jan 21 News, Views & Muse



## Communion Services

Christmas Day  
10.00 am

To Be Confirmed ...



## Family Services

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>

December 10.00am

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>  
January 10.00am

To be Confirmed ...

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.



## Hilary's Nature Diary



### Making a meal of mistletoe

You don't need to go far from the churchyard to find mistletoe – partly because Herefordshire is in the heart of the mistletoe's British stronghold. It has certainly taken a liking to my Worcester apple tree and some of the older apple orchards not far from the church are adorned with huge balls of this semi-parasitic plant.

A real bonus is watching the local blackcaps gorging on the pearlescent berries – a species that is particularly efficient at spreading mistletoe seeds. Thrushes too are partial to mistletoe and in particular of course the mistle thrush – its Latin name translates as mistletoe-eater.

For more fascinating mistletoe facts, visit [www.mistletoe.org](http://www.mistletoe.org)

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 4.00 pm Carol service - if allowed to sing ... otherwise plan B.....



**Plan B** ....We are very much hoping that we can continue with our Carol Service on 20<sup>th</sup> December We know we are not able to sing, so the plan was to get 6 members on the congregation to sing (this is allowed with social distancing measures in place) and Mike play the organ. This would be recorded prior to the Service and we could play it during the Service. Also what was suggested is, because we will be unable to go Carol Singing around the Village this year, perhaps those who usually support the Carol Singing could purchase a copy of the CD and the proceeds would go to Acorns Charity.

Please let Louise know if you are interested in participating in the singing or purchasing the CD.



This year has been a very difficult year for everyone. A huge thank you to those who have worked all the way through Lockdown 1 and 2 and hoping that those who have been furloughed are able to return to secure jobs when this is all over. I am sure we will all be glad to see the back of 2020 and Hope and Pray that 2021 is a much better year .....

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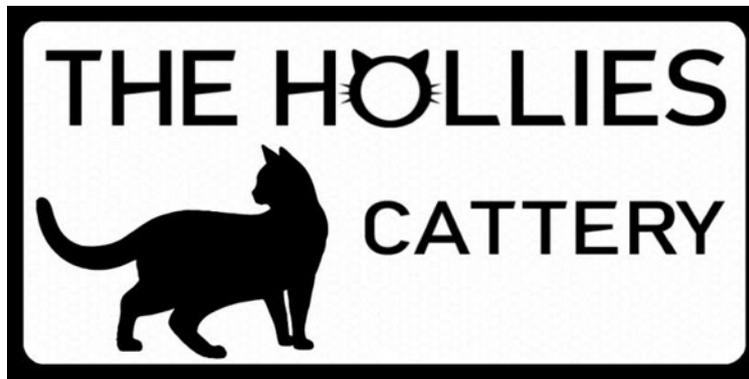
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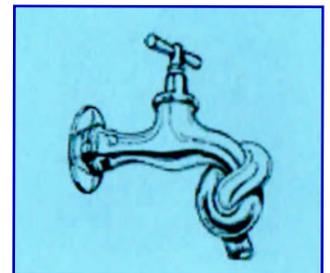
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	11.30am	'FitSteps Fab'
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	10.30am	Ballet
	11.45am	'FitSteps'
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THURSDAYS	10am	'FitSteps Fab'
	11.15am	Silver Swans Ballet/over 55's
	12.15pm	Ballet
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Dear all

As the days draw in and we approach the turning point of the year, I really do hope that we are approaching a turning point in the Covid pandemic. As I write, we've just had the very welcome news of progress on a vaccine – perhaps by the time this newsletter is published we will be closer to rolling it out, to the most vulnerable first. I do hope so!

But in the meantime there will be many more months in which our best defence against the virus is still our own behaviour. Washing **hands**, wearing a **face** covering, making **space** through social distancing... these measures are vital to protect ourselves and each other.

Although Herefordshire has not been as hard hit as many other places, every life lost to Covid is a tragedy so it's essential that we keep our guard up. It seems that the highest risks of all are in social settings – including in workplace interactions between colleagues – so please, everyone, do be careful!

Clearly Christmas won't be the same this year, but I do hope that for all of us there will be a chance to reconnect with loved ones in some way – and to rest, reflect, and find new energy for the new year. I hope 2021 will be an opportunity to rebuild in a better way, especially for those whose lives and livelihoods have been most disrupted by the pandemic.

For the council, as for families and businesses, 2020 has been a challenging year. Council staff worked their socks off back in the spring to support the community in the first lockdown (housing the homeless, delivering care and support to those shielding, disbursing grants to businesses in record time) – and they've geared up to do it again this autumn. Doubtless there will be more challenges to come through the winter, but I am just so grateful to all of the council staff – and the community volunteers – who have pulled together and gone way above and beyond the call of duty to serve everyone in Herefordshire.

As usual at this time of year, the council will soon be consulting on the budget. Frustratingly, central government has not yet told local authorities how much money they will be giving us next year – and they have not fully reimbursed us for all the additional costs and financial impacts of dealing with Covid. So as things stand we are facing some very difficult decisions.

Tax is the way that we pay collectively for things that we cannot do individually. Our biggest costs as a council are social care, especially looking after the most vulnerable children and elderly residents. Many residents don't have direct contact with these parts of our work, and perhaps might simply assume that the main role of the council is dealing with planning, roads and bins.

But it's key to remember that the core statutory duties of the council relate to looking after the most vulnerable in our community – and if central government won't fund this properly, we will face very difficult financial decisions. So as a council we are reviewing our budgets for next year to ensure we're spending every penny as effectively as possible. I hope that those of us who can afford to pay a little extra council tax to support fellow residents will be glad to do so, while the council also puts in place additional support for those that would struggle to pay. Please keep an eye out for the budget consultation here: <https://consultations.herefordshire.gov.uk/consultations>, and do share your views.

There will also be another key consultation coming up soon, on the Waste strategy, so please keep an eye out for that too!

There's also an opportunity to make your voice heard on the future of Hereford city. The Stronger Hereford survey will feed into the independent Town Board's work developing an Investment Plan. More info here: <https://www.strongerhereford.co.uk/>



### **Moving on now to local ward issues:**

First, road safety. As you probably know this is a top priority for me & I've recently been working with residents in Cradley, Fromes Hill and Munderfield to try to make progress. There have been delays this year to the regular schedule of speed monitoring by the Road Safety Partnership (due to lockdown) but I'm chasing this in all three locations. I'm also very much encouraging the Parish Councils to apply to install Speed Indicator Devices. And I arranged for a Herefordshire Council officer to brief the Cradley & Storrige and Bishops Frome parish councils in October on the 'Section 106' funds that are available to invest in transport-related measures like this. I'm hopeful that we'll see some progress soon.

In Fromes Hill this is ever more urgent as speeds increase on the A4103 and as new housing is built in the village. The Section 106 funds from the development next to the Wheatsheaf give us a real opportunity to tackle the speeding problem in Fromes Hill.

Meanwhile in Bishops Frome, there's still the opportunity to set up a Community Speed Watch scheme if we can find two more volunteers. Please let me know if this is something you feel you could help with!

Today I saw a newspaper poster saying 'Lockdown begins: let's be kind'. It's good advice, I think! Whether in lockdown or not, one of the things I have learned from 2020 is the timeless importance of kindness and good neighbours.

**I wish you all a peaceful Christmas with your loved ones, and a better, brighter 2021.**

**Ellie**

Please feel free to contact me about any local issues: [ellie.chowns@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:ellie.chowns@herefordshire.gov.uk),  
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### **Light up a Life**

Light up a Life is an invitation to everyone in our community to shine a light in memory of loved ones.

This year we will be unable to continue the tradition of organising our much-loved Light up a Life events throughout the community.

Instead, we're already busy filming a special service set in Hereford Cathedral which will be live-screened from St Michael's Hospice on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December and we hope as many people as possible will be able to join us online for the event.

We are also inviting people to play a part by filming themselves lighting a candle in memory of a loved one and sending the video to our Communications Team who will then create a montage of clips to form part of the online service.

There will also be an opportunity for people to remember their loved ones on a special website and on an installation which we hope to install in a public place in the centre of Hereford.

To find out more call the Hospice Communications Team on 01432 852 631 or visit [www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk](http://www.st-michaels-hospice.org.uk)



## FROME VALLEY GROUP SERVICES in DECEMBER 2020

	6th	13 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>
Acton Beauchamp					11.30am Holy Communion SB	
Bishops Frome	10.00am Holy Communion SB	10.00am Holy Communion SB	10.00am Holy Communion SB	11.30pm Midnight Mass SB		10.00am Holy Communion
Castle Frome			10.00am Family Praise Lay Led		10.00am Holy Communion SB	
Evesbatch						
Fromes Hill	10.00am Matins Lay Led JS/JR		11.30am Holy Communion SB		10.00am Holy Communion By Extension	
Much Cowane		10.00am Matins RA			10.00am Holy Communion RA	
Ode Pychard				8.00pm First Communion Of Christmas RA		
Stanford Bishop						
	Advent 2 Purple Isaiah 40.1-11 Psalm 85.1-2,8- 13 Mark 1.1-8	Advent 3 Purple Isaiah 61.1-4,8- 11 Psalm 126 John 1.6-8,19- 28	Advent 4 Purple 2 Samuel 7.1- 11,16 Psalm 89.1-4,19- 26 Luke 1.26-38	Christmas Eve/ Day Gold or White Isaiah 62.6-12 Luke 2.8-20	Christmas Eve/ Day Gold or White Isaiah 62.6-12 Luke 2.8-20	Christmas 1 White Isaiah 61.10 - 62.3 Luke 2.15-21

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December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Tony W	TBA
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	Lucy Cranmore	Liz
December 24 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	TBA
December 27 <sup>th</sup>	Angela	TBA
January 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sarah	TBA
January 10 <sup>th</sup>	Martin	TBA
January 17 <sup>th</sup>	Jill Southall	Liz
January 24 <sup>th</sup>	Sheila	TBA
January 31 <sup>st</sup>	Liz	TBA
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah	TBA



## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Weddings

The Wedding of David Preston and Anna Bamford took place on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at St James, the Greater, Stanford Bishop

### Funerals

The Funeral of Rose Leana Jones who died on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020, aged 79, took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 at St James the Greater, Stanford Bishop.

The Funeral of Imogen Massey-Field, who died on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020, aged 80, took place on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at St James the Greater, Stanford Bishop

May They Rest in Peace.

### FROME VALLEY GROUP OF PARISHES

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### For more urgent matters please contact

Rev Steven Baggs on 01885 490582

Rev Richard Allaway on 07969 699270

# The Frome Valley Group

## January 2021

	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Acton Beauchamp</b>					
<b>Bishops Frome</b>	<i>10.00am Holy Communion</i>	<i>10.00am Holy Communion</i>	<i>10.00 Holy Communion</i>	<i>10.00 Holy Communion</i>	<i>10.00am Group Service</i>
<b>Castle Frome</b>		<i>10.00am Family Service</i>		<i>10.00am Family Service Lay Led</i>	
<b>Evesbatch</b>	<i>No Services</i>				
<b>Fromes Hill</b>	<i>10.00am Matins Lay Led JS/JR</i>		<i>11.30am Holy Communion</i>		
<b>Much Cowarne</b>		<i>10.00am Matins</i>		<i>10.00am Holy Communion</i>	
<b>Ocle Pychard</b>	<i>8.30am Holy Communion</i>				
<b>Stanford Bishop</b>					
	<i>Epiphany Gold or White Psalm 72.10-15 Ephesians 3.1-12 Matthew 2.1-12</i>	<i>Baptism of Christ Gold or White Psalm 29 Acts 19.1-7 Mark 1.4-11</i>	<i>Epiphany 2 White Psalm 139.1-5,12-18* Revelation 5.1-10 John 1.43-51</i>	<i>Epiphany 3 White Psalm 128 Revelation 19.6-10 John 2.1-11</i>	<i>Candlemas Gold or White Psalm 24.7-10 Hebrews 2.14-18 Luke 2.22-40</i>

## BISHOPS FROME VILLAGE CENTRE



Hopefully by now we are coming out of Lockdown 2 and it may be possible to have some events at the Centre. There will be some full day hires for the NHS taking place during December, January and February.

We will continue to follow **Covid-19 Secure** guidelines especially hand sanitising, control on numbers and face coverings at all times.

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**census 2021**



Looking to next year, the Village Centre is hoping to be a support centre for the **Census 2021**, which will be digital and not on the usual paper forms. We hope to be helping the Good Things Foundation to provide support to ensure that those without digital skills or internet access can participate.

The census takes place every 10 years in the UK - and the next Census day is Sunday 21 March, but the support will be available over a longer period. The Census is a compulsory survey that gives the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. The information collected from the census helps inform local authorities and government about demands for vital public services such as school places, hospital and GP services and social care provision.

Family historians of the future will also be grateful that we completed the Census.



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