

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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Editorial:

Lots of Information re help available on pages 3 & 4 and this is kept updated on the website and Bishops Frome Facebook page. If you lose your paper copy of the newsletter It's always available on the website where it can be seen in full colour. It can also be emailed to you.

Many Thanks to all the advertisers who have renewed their space with us.

I always acknowledge receipt of emails - if I don't please send to Parish office as I have had some email issues.

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Vicar's Letter

"No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations." Genesis 17.5



In our Old Testament readings over the past couple of months we have been following the epic story of God's interaction with one particular family and how that interaction has shaped our understanding of God thousands of years later.

When Abraham and his wife Sarah felt called to leave their wealthy city lifestyle and wander through deserts and over mountains to follow God's call, I am sure that they had no idea just how difficult their lives would become. They must have had an enormous amount of faith in an age where 'gods' were seen as localised, to trust that their God could be found wherever they went and in whatever circumstances they found themselves.

As we have discovered Abraham and Sarah were far from perfect and they often tried to make things happen themselves rather than simply trusting in God's provision. It seems to have been Abraham's act of faith in preparing to sacrifice his son Isaac that was the real turning point in his life but I suppose like most of us his faith grew and matured slowly.

If we fast forward a few generations (and a few weeks in the Lectionary) it's easy to look back and see where God was at work shaping and moulding this family into a nation who would worship the one God. God's promise to Abraham that his descendants would be as numerous as the stars in the night sky and the grains of sand in the desert were starting to prove to be true, not just as his twelve great-grandsons formed the twelve tribes of Israel, but also in the nations founded by his many other descendants. To this day Judaism, Christianity and Islam all consider Abraham to be their patriarch and are known as the three Abrahamic religions.

As we try to live the life of faith ourselves, it's really only when we look back that we notice where God was at work in our lives and we can see the bigger picture. Perhaps, when we're in the moment, it's enough to know that God is there alongside us and that we can trust in his providence.

With this in mind we continue to plan ahead for services that may or may not happen in some of our churches, for harvest thanksgiving, for remembrance and even carol services. We are, as we have discovered, limited by government advice, which can change very quickly. As I write face masks are now mandatory in church for congregations and singing is still banned, yes even in churchyards!

When we look back on this experience in perhaps a year or so, I'm sure we will see quite clearly where God was at work among us. But for now perhaps it's enough to know that God is at work and that he is with us no matter what we are going through.

Blessings
Steven

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Frome Valley Pastoral Group

The Pastoral Group are all very actively engaged in emailing and telephoning people through out this difficult time. If you have any concerns or would just like to speak to someone please call one of the group;

Rev'd Steven Baggs	01885 490582	stevenbaggs@me.com
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Dear All

From the 8th August face coverings are required to be worn by law in more indoor settings including places of worship. There are exemptions for those who are leading services and those who assist them by reading, preaching, or leading prayers. This exemption does not apply to worshippers, who should wear face coverings to comply with the law unless they have a valid medical reason for not doing so. Please note that I am not able to judge who does or does not have a medical reason and will not be policing this or expecting anyone else in the congregation to do so.

Many thanks to those who signed up to Easyfundraising for Ocle Pychard Church. I have booked a couple of hotel rooms on [booking.com](https://www.booking.com) this week and made a few small purchases on Ebay and managed to raise **£11.01** for the Church so far without it costing me a penny. You can find our Easyfundraising page at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjameschurchoclepychard/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=gs-e1 Hopefully more of our churches will use this free method of fundraising in the future.

Also, the Parish Giving Scheme is starting to gain more support in some of our churches. St Giles, Acton Beauchamp have now joined the scheme, if you wish to help get them started by supporting them with a regular donation please contact PGS on 0333 002 1260 quoting Acton Beauchamp's reference number 180618041

Hope to see some of you on Sunday.

Blessings

Steven

St. Giles' church, Acton Beauchamp.

At present all our fund raising activities remain cancelled.

However we are hoping to have the annual Harvest Festival Service, followed by a charity produce sale, on
SUNDAY THE 4th OCTOBER AT 11.30 am.

We are also hoping to hold The Carol Service, if singing is allowed on
FRIDAY THE 11th OF DECEMBER AT 6pm.

We are really hoping that these services can proceed.
Take care and stay safe
Acton Beauchamp PCC.

Ocle Pychard Ramblings
(formally Oce Pychard Church News)

The seasonal clock is moving relentlessly forward and our summer with it. While we have been forced into a period of inactivity the world continues to turn. Has anyone noticed that the evenings are dusky a little earlier and the morning sunrise a little later?

The gardens are full of summer produce such as lettuce, onions and beans. The tomatoes are ripening to a bright red, the marrows and pumpkins are swelling and the sweetcorn are tantalisingly close to being fully ripe with their sweet, juicy, golden kernels. The hedge fruit are ready, the blackberries and elderberries are purple, full and sweet, while the hawthorn berries are rich red and enticing for the birds.

Soon the apples, pears, plums, damsons and sloes will add their bounty to the harvest store. Out in the fields the golden stalks of corn are swishing and swaying in the breeze as our farmers combine the fields leaving behind yellow lines of stubble and the scent of straw in their wake.

The myriad of wild life are enjoying the summer provender and will soon be setting their sights on stocking their larders for the winter months ahead. This year has been good for some of the native birds as they have been able to hatch two broods and the second family are now well on their way to adulthood although some juvenile starlings are still managing to make a big fuss about everything! They do bicker and squabble so!!

At Ocle Pychard Church the wild life have had the run of the grounds for the past few months but now that some of the restrictions have been lifted work is underway to mow the grass and generally tidy up. If anyone fancies some exercise the churchwardens can always do with some extra help. They are looking for volunteers to help with this large task. Just give John a call on 820328 or Rosie on 820763. The coronavirus has forced change upon us all and at present the church is only open on Tuesday and Saturday. Hopefully restrictions will ease soon and the church can open more often. We have organised a few events for the rest of the year. The dates are below.

- 16th October- Annual Church Meeting at Ocle Pychard Church @ 2.30pm.
- 16th October- Harvest Festival Service at Ocle Pychard Church @6.30pm
- 11th December- Carols and readings at Ocle Pychard Church @7.30pm (subject to covid 19 restrictions).
- 24th December- 1st communion of Christmas at Ocle Pychard Church @8.00pm
- 3rd January 2021- 1st communion of New Year @ 8.30am.

Please be aware that these dates and services are subject to change or cancellation due to the coronavirus.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and autumn and all the wonderful joys of the seasons as they unfold. Look after your families and friends and stay safe and well.

NEWS FROM BISHOPS FROME

It is now 4 months since the pandemic began and we all entered our own bubbles where we felt safe and secure. Little did we know when we celebrated the advent of 2020, as with all New Years – full of hope and anticipation – that we would be plunged into a world under pandemic and that life would change dramatically.

The experience has taught us the value of so much we took for granted and the number of things which are non-essential, that we could exist without, but non the less enhance our way of living.

Sunday July 5th – the day we could at last go back to church at St Marys Bishops Frome. Even though it was a different format from ‘normal’ it was spiritual, uplifting and soothing to the soul. We hardly noticed the social distancing as we saw like minded friends and embraced them with our eyes – bonds rekindled.

Thank you to Stephen and Richard for the meaningful address and prayers, to all who contributed to the service and to Duncan for the wonderful music. We may not have been able to sing praise with our lips but felt it in our hearts. Who knows what is in store for our services as we tip-toe into the future. We shall enjoy whatever Stephen is able to produce and we have been well served with our weekly sheet of prayers, readings and reflections, for which we give thanks to all who contributed – it was a life line and made us feel in touch.

Let us hope, pray and use our common sense!

Heather Partridge

Stanford Bishop

Dear All,

September, the end of the summer is approaching, ploughing and general cultivations restart, the temperature starts to drop, and leaves turn golden. In the garden plant spring bulbs and winter veg, collect seeds for next summers colour. From the hedgerow a variety of tipples can be made including Sloe Gin, Hazelnut liqueur, Elderberry liqueur, Blackberry whisky and Rose Hip liqueur. Take a walk and enjoy the wonderful ever changing countryside



**Harvest Open Air Service Sunday 4th October at 3pm,
weather permitting, following government guide lines.**



Communion Service

Sunday 13th
September
8.00am
To Be Confirmed



Family Service

Sunday 27th
September
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.



Castle Frome September 2020 News, Views & Muse



Hilary's Nature Diary



Forever on the wing



It is some time since swifts have nested in the church, but what a joy to still see their aerial acrobatics in the skies overhead – wherever they are nesting. Their captivating screaming is unmistakable as they soar, dive and sweep, catching flying insects on the wing. They are truly masters of the skies.

As I write, these forever flying birds are heading to their winter home south of the Sahara. As you read this, few will be left still packing their bags, a hazardous journey awaiting them.

We have lost more than half our swift population since the mid-1990s – a tragedy. Erecting swift boxes on your house or barn is one way you can help this extraordinary bird.

Coronavirus Lockdown & Social Distancing

I have put in the details of the services but **if the Lockdown continues, then these will not be happening**. Please follow the Government Guidelines on Staying Safe and Social Distancing.

Interesting Facts about September

The last day of September in any year always falls on a different day of the week from the last day of any other month. – I did not actually believe this, but have just gone through the calendar and it's correct. I wonder how many of you will do the same !!

My favourite poem is the one that starts ‘Thirty days hath September’ because it actually tells you something” (Groucho Marx). I use this poem a lot, I bet many of you do.

Traditionally **MICHAELMAS DAYS** is the last day of Harvest. The 1st August was the start of harvest “**Lammas Day**” Farmers made loaves of bread from the new wheat crop, This custom ended when Henry VIII broke away from the Catholic Church and now we have Harvest Festivals around the day of Michaelmas. Michaelmas Day was also the popular day for the start of winter curfew, indicating the start of Winter. The Church bell was rung (one strike for each of the days of the month that had passed) generally at 9pm. The bell was tolled every night (apart from a Sunday) until Shrove Tuesday.



ST MARY'S CHURCH MUCH COWARNE

Currently our church is open for a limited time on Sundays from 11am to 2pm and Wednesdays from 2pm to 5pm. We would love to feel that our parishioners are coming into our church at those times for private prayer, as we do feel it is safe for them to do that. Most of the church visitors over the first few weeks of the limited reopening have been outsiders, which does feel a shame. Our church, even with safety tape, is as beautiful as ever and the churchyard is still being kept trim and tidy. Our churchwardens have however contacted our regular congregation and a number of said that we would like to attend a service in our church again **so with that in mind we hope to have a socially distanced Matins, without hymns of course, at 10 am on Sunday 13th September.** If you wish to attend a communion service our Rev. Steven Baggs has been taking a 10am service each Sunday for over a month now at Bishops Frome, again with strict safe-guarding.

The pastoral work of the churches is not the only problem being faced in this pandemic and Much Cowarne is not alone in severe financial concerns due to the absence of fundraising events and collections from services. The PCC of our Grade I listed church has no hidden funds to pay for the upkeep of the church and it relies on regular donations and annual fundraising to keep it open and going. The churchwardens have recently put up notices in and around the church encouraging visitors and parishioners who have not already done so to join our Parish Giving Scheme. A donation box will also be put on the Vestry door so that donations can be made when the church is not open for services.

Because of the pandemic Much Cowarne PCC didn't hold its usual Annual General Meeting (APCM) in April but have now agreed to hold this meeting at in our church at 7pm on Friday 25th September. All parishioners are welcome to attend this meeting when churchwardens and PCC members are reappointed. We would encourage anyone who values our church its history and its role in the community to attend and so learn more about the role of the PCC and how it functions in Much Cowarne. In the meantime, we pray that you are all keeping safe and well and look forward like you to a time when we can get back to normal.

Some of you may not be aware of the Frome Valley Pastoral Group which offers support to anyone who wishes to share in confidence any concerns or just to talk to someone, especially at the moment when we are not easily able to meet socially with others. The members of the Group are always available if people have issues they wish to discuss and can be contacted as follows:

Rev. Steven Baggs 01885 490582

Rev. Richard Allaway 07969 699270

Mrs Judy Orgee 01531 640525

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Poetic thoughts while the Vicar is also away from Fromes Hill Church

We're lucky! by staying home - not caring to roam,
we've survived the Virus so far.

It's not over yet – so we'll just wait and see
but one day we'll be back to being free.

The whole World has been affected
not just life in Ledbury town;
Whatever one says, the Govt has tried hard
to keep the country from complete Shut-down.

Too many Jonahs like to say this and that
but would you like to run the place?
Would you like to have to keep up the pace
of daily meetings and constant TV chewings?

So by keeping busy with jobs in the house
And lots of gardening to do
We're keeping fit and as the saying goes
'Helping the NHS' too.

We can truly say we're keeping sane
We've beautiful flowers and roses in bloom;
The birds are singing and even the sun shines some days
So no need to be sad, no time for gloom.

Let's hope we don't have to wait too long
To be back at Church for prayers and a song
We're missing Mike's organ music played so lovingly
And Sybil's prayers read with such care can't return
quick enough for me.

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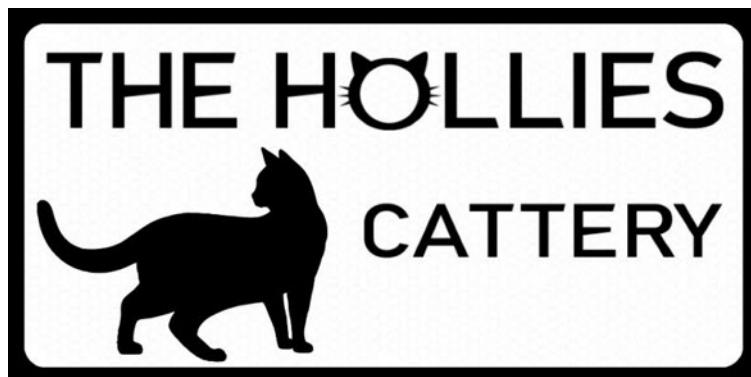
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- That you can't make bread out of surplus loo rolls. Even if you can find some yeast. Which you can't.
- That you really are never going to read *War and Peace*, learn French or put up that shelf, are you?.
- That clapping for the NHS was a good way of drowning out the embarrassing clatter of putting all those empties in the dustbin.
- That your wife's hair isn't necessarily the same colour all the way down.
- That your husband's 'working from home' shows quite how little he has to do when he's actually *at work*.
- That there are only so many times you can mow the lawn
- That Barnard Castle is Lourdes for the short-sighted.

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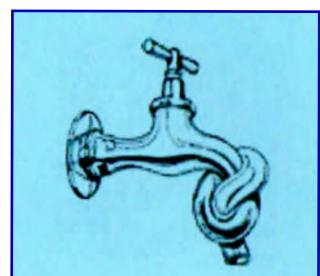
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**Our letting rooms have been refurbished
and reopened on the 25th July.**

Hygiene is at the top of our agenda to keep all our customers as safe as possible in this strange new climate in which we find ourselves.

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	10.30am	Tap Dance
	11.30am	'FitSteps Fab'
	1.45pm	Silver Swans Ballet/over 55's
	3pm	Belly Dance
	6.45pm	Advanced non syllabus Ballet
WEDNESDAYS	9.30am	Modern Jazz Dance
	10.30am	Ballet
	11.45am	'FitSteps'
	2pm	Ballet
THURSDAYS	10am	'FitSteps Fab'
	11.15am	Silver Swans Ballet/over 55's
	12.15pm	Ballet
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	11.45am	'FitSteps'
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From the Hereford Diocese

Dear Friends

I hope that as you read this you will have had a good summer. For the last few months I have spent a lot of time indoors! However, I'm delighted that as lockdown restrictions have eased a bit I shall be hitting the road around the Diocese on the [four Saturdays leading up to our Diocesan Gift Day](#) on September 20th. My plan is to visit every benefice around the diocesan land boundary over those four days and lead whoever joins me in prayer for the life of our diocesan family. The [times and venues can be found on the diocesan website](#) or from your parish priest.

12TH SEPTEMBER

St. Mary the Virgin, Bishops Frome

17:05

All that we do as Christians is based in prayer. However, the focus of this praying is particularly towards our gift day. Churches throughout the Diocese have faced unprecedented financial challenges due to COVID-19. Fundraising events have ground to a halt and fee income has dried up. Yet ministry still needs to be funded. In all of our churches what is given is received back in the form of clergy ministry and support. For most churches this doesn't cover the actual cost, so the gap is funded either through the generosity of other parishes giving over and above their own provision, or through our historic reserves.

I hope our Gift Day will be an opportunity to give thanks to God for His love and generosity towards us. I hope that it will enable us to contribute over and above our normal giving to the life changing ministry that is transforming lives all across our Diocese.

The importance of the four days of prayer leading up to September 20 is to reinforce that giving is part of our discipleship. Even if you can't join us at one of the venues, I hope you would be able to join us in prayer at home or in your parish. As someone once said, "prayer moves the hand that moves the world." As we face the effects of this crisis together, it can also move our hearts to sacrificial generosity and love.

I so look forward to meeting many of you in the coming weeks.

With every blessing

Bishop Richard

Dear Friends

I hope this letter finds you well. Firstly, I want to express my thanks for all your support for the ministry in one of our local churches in the Diocese of Hereford. These have been difficult months for all of us. Being out of our church buildings has been especially hard for many. Although we are rejoicing at our return, nonetheless the continued restrictions make this a challenging time.

I have been continually impressed by the creativity displayed over this time. Pastoral care has continued; new people have been contacted, especially through our online services, and the church has demonstrated sacrificial care and love in our communities. Our churches have truly shown what it is to be the body of Christ.

I am hugely grateful for the leadership offered in all this by our clergy and lay volunteers. They have shown clearly that buildings may have been closed but the church has been very much alive.

One of the struggles in this time has been financial. The loss of fee income and fund-raising events mean that many parishes are struggling. People's incomes are under threat if they are in employment. However, many of us find we have saved a lot of money over this period as we've been unable to access our normal social activities.

I am writing to ask you to prayerfully consider participating in our diocesan-wide parish Gift Day. This will be either on Sunday, September 20th or on a Sunday close to that date. In part this will be our response of gratitude to God for his gifts to us. Generosity is part of our response to a loving God. Parish Offer pays for the cost of the ministry so wonderfully demonstrated over these last few months. In most cases, what parishes give is well below these costs and the gap is made up either by the generosity of other parishes, or central reserves. This has been the case for a number of years. COVID has made the situation much worse and our current situation is unsustainable. If it continues, we will be forced into some very difficult choices about ministry provision.

This Gift Day is an opportunity to invite people to give to the ministry and mission at your local church to allow your PCC to have the confidence to make a generous Parish Offer towards the cost of ministry during 2021. Resources to support you hold a Gift Day at your church can be found at www.hereford.anglican.org/documents/gift-day-guide/. The reverse of this letter gives you more detail about how Parish Offer is used to help towards funding the costs of ministry within your parishes and deanery and throughout the Diocese. I want to reassure you that we run a very tight ship centrally. The vast majority of our costs go towards funding local ministry. Please do join me in praying for the life of our Diocese in the four Saturdays leading up to the Gift Day.

With every blessing and thanks in anticipation for your generosity.

The Rt. Revd Richard Jackson

Bishop of Hereford

In 2020, our Diocese planned a 'balanced budget', with income and expenditure of £5.9m. However, the COVID-19 restrictions have led to a reduction in voluntary income in parishes and, in turn, this has translated into an estimated 15% decline in Parish Offer contributions and a 40% reduction in statutory fee income. This means that, even with 12 diocesan staff furloughed, we are forecasting a full year operating loss of ~£700,000. We pray that through the forthcoming Gift Day in many parishes, PCCs will be able to make good some or all of the reductions in income they have experienced recently and be better placed to renew their Parish Offer commitments this year and next.

Generous giving from PCCs provides £3.8m or 65% of total diocesan income. Every pound of Parish Offer is used to resource our local churches – in fact £4.6m or 78% of total diocesan expenditure is invested in parish ministry & mission.

So, what are the costs of Parish Ministry in our Diocese? Perhaps a lot more than many of us realise! In 2020, the total cost of this ministry is around £77,000 per stipendiary clergy post. The Hereford Diocesan Board of Finance covers some £16,000 of this, leaving just over £60,000 for each group of PCCs to provide through their Parish Offer. While this is a significant challenge for many parishes, we are all invited to respond to God in prayer and in faith, and give to parish ministry and mission realistically and generously.

Annual 'current parish clergy' costs comprise £26k stipend, £10k pension contribution, £2k national insurance, £6.5k housing-related costs plus £8k provision of parsonage (met by Diocese), £3k ministry development and training, and £1.5k towards costs incurred by voluntary ministers and rural deans.

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BISHOP'S FROME

DATE	READER	PRAYERS
September 6 th	Sarah Parkinson	TBA
September 13 th	Jill Southall	TBA
September 20 th	Sheila Pinches	TBA
September 27 th	Angela Lewis	TBA

Frome Valley Group of Parishes Births, Deaths and Marriages

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

The Funeral of Michael William Farley who died on 11th July 2020, aged 70 years,
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May He Rest in Peace.

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Rev Steven Baggs on 01885 490582

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Has anyone got any new ideas for small scale activities to use the Village Centre and help people get out after lockdown?

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The regulations change, so please email for the latest version.

The Conference Room is not currently in use because better social distancing is provided by the Main Hall, and to reduce cleaning needs. When it comes back into use, in current circumstances the maximum number who can use it at one time will be 8

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