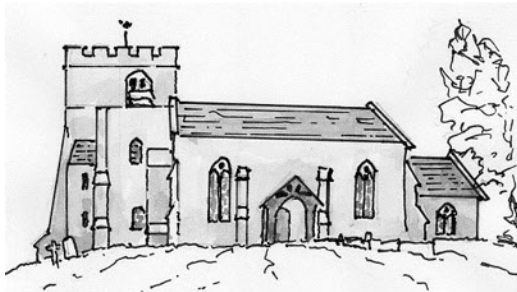
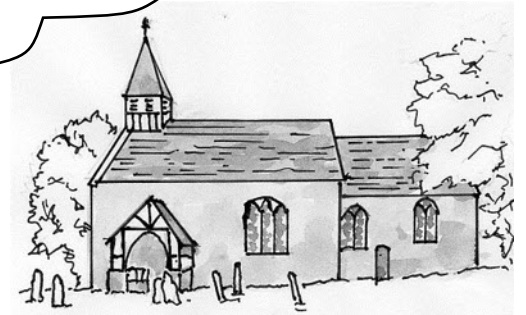


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The Parish Magazine for Acton Beauchamp, Bishops Frome, Castle Frome,
Evesbatch, Fromes Hill, Much Cowarne, Ocle Pychard & Stanford Bishop.



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Lots to see and do in February

Happy 2023 to you all



**FROME VALLEY NEWS
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Vicar's Letter,



I have been deeply moved by the stories of so many people who had a very difficult year last year. Many of us lost loved ones and many have also been ill with Covid, Flu or any one of a number of other things that have dragged us down both physically or mentally. In the run up to Christmas I had an unusually high number of funerals to take in the benefice. My father-in-law also died and I was asked to take his funeral down in Dorset and this was then shortly followed by the death of one of my aunts and then that of my grandmother.

Not really wanting to do anything at my grandmother's funeral other than help carry her coffin into the Roman Catholic Church in Poole, I was nevertheless collared by the priest to read the first lesson at the Requiem Mass, St Paul's letter to the Thessalonians 4.13-18.

“But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.” (Thessalonians 4:13-14)

It's a passage of scripture that reminds us that we are a people who have hope, that the Gospel turns everything upside down, even death and that we have something to look forward to beyond this life. St Paul is certainly not saying here that we shouldn't grieve, but he puts that grief into a Christian perspective alongside those who sadly don't share our Christian hope. Death is not the end, we are reminded. We will see those that we love again at the resurrection. The Christian hope is one that helps us move on with our lives as we hold on to the promises of Christ.

There's always an optimist lurking around each year after the 21st December to remind me that the days are getting longer, and I suppose that's a fact. It just doesn't always feel like it, but sure enough the light is returning once again, slowly, as the earth moves in it's seemingly endless rotation around the sun. It's no coincidence that Christmas is celebrated at this, the darkest time of the year, as the light is just slowly starting to return to the earth. And as surely as we believe that spring will eventually come, as Christians we also believe that Christ will come again. We know not the day or the hour, we don't understand how it will happen, but this is the hope we look forward to as the people of God.

At this time of year when the days are short and the nights are long, when we yearn for the light to return in more abundance, we can take heart that the Christ child, born in such humble circumstance came to this world for us. We have celebrated his birth and incarnation at Christmas, and now we can begin to look forwards to Easter as we to prepare to remind ourselves of his great purpose in coming to us.

Lent begins on the 22nd February with our Ash Wednesday service at 7pm in St Mary's Bishops Frome. Please do join us as we begin our Lenten preparations and as we look forwards to the Easter promise of the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

May 2023 be a happy and blessed year for us all.

Steven



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HELP IS STILL AT HAND

There is a Bromyard Support Group number -
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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;

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What's On February

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Comedy featuring Lesley Manville

Friday 10th Conquest Spotlight Productions - A Series of Public Apologies (drama) 7.30pm showcasing new directors and actors

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HELP FOR THE FARMING COMMUNITY

The preacher at the Harvest Festival 2022, in St Mary's church Much Cowarne, was Nick Read from the Borderlines Rural Chaplaincy and, at the request of some of those at the service, he has provided the following brief outline of the support available for farmers in Herefordshire and the Borders.

Herefordshire farmers have a number of agencies who can support them in difficult times, the two national helplines are the Farming Community Network (Tel 03000 111999, email: help@fcn.org.uk) and the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI) (Tel: 0800 188 4444, email: help@rabi.org.uk). Both offer practical and emotional support and RABI also provides tailored financial support to farmers, farmworkers and their dependents.

Locally, there are two other farming support agencies. Borderlands Rural Chaplaincy provide confidential support and are happy to come out to the farm if needed (contact the Herefordshire Co-ordinator, Nick Read, on 07973 361055 or email: agchap@btinternet.com). Borderlands also runs the Butty Van farmers' breakfasts and provides chaplains to Herefordshire Mart. The other local charity is We Are Farming Minds, who provide a 24hr helpline and counselling services (Tel: 0808 802 0070, email: wearefarmingminds@gmail.com).

None of these agencies charge for the services they provide.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH MUCH COWARNE

The following services took place in December but too late for reports to go into the December issue so they are briefly described here:

Burley Gate Primary School and Nursery Nativity Play

On Tuesday 6th December the children of Burley Gate Primary School and Nursery acted and sang an excellent Nativity Play, in front of a full church at Much Cowarne of Parents, Carers, Grandparents and Community members. It was led by Rev Steven Baggs, and mince pies and drinks were offered to the congregation afterwards. The school head said that the children had thoroughly enjoyed singing and performing, and that she had received lovely feedback, and the children look forward to performing again next year.



Christmas Coffee Morning

This social occasion took place on Saturday December 10 and coffee and homemade cakes were enjoyed by an encouraging number of people. There was also the opportunity to browse and purchase from our collection of books while a selection of plants, produce and Christmas items was also for sale. The event raised over £320 which was donated to the Hereford Salvation Army Christmas Homeless Persons Appeal. We hope to repeat these coffee mornings at intervals in 2003.

Carol Service, Sunday December 18

Over 30 people braved the very cold morning and threatened snow to attend this popular service of lessons and carols and taken by the Rev. Richard Allaway. Many thanks to those who took part in the service or provided mince pies and mulled wine which helped to warm us up after the service.

The fundraising group are meeting early in January to discuss social and fundraising events for 2023. Although the meeting will have taken place before this issue of the Frome Valley News is published we are always very pleased to hear from parishioners of any ideas they have for such events. If you would like to share ideas please contact the churchwardens or any members of the PCC.

Frome Churches Lottery

November 2022

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£10 494 Gaynor Blandford PP

My Thoughts about Inge Harris

It feels as if Inge is someone I have known forever. It's not that she dressed or spoke flamboyantly, on the contrary she blended into the background and spoke softly. But Inge noticed things. She would probably be the first to welcome and chat to a visitor in church. Church was a very important part of Inge's life – always faithfully there praising the Lord with her lovely voice. Inge came carol singing with us, and one night in driving snow she let us haul her into the trailer with Father Christmas, aka Martin Hewitt, driving the tractor to Lower Hope. Once there in the courtyard Inge broke the silence of the snow flakes with her haunting *Stille Nacht*. Inge's inimitable determination manifested itself on a trip to the Abbey of Iona.

A walk was arranged and Inge was not going to be left out in spite of the rainy Scottish weather. Inge was wearing smooth soled little black booties and really struggled on the muddy path and uneven ground. She hung on to me with total faith that I could hold her up! When we arrived back at the Abbey we had to dry out both Inge and all her clothing, yet there was never any doubt of Inge's gratitude and even joy at succeeding with the challenge. How could you refuse Inge anything she wished to experience?

For Inge, Christmas began after Christmas for the following year. In her generosity she wanted to give gifts and pleasure to everyone, and Christmas was the time for expressing appreciation of friendship. With careful saving, some ingenuity and a beady eye on craft stalls, Inge had enough gifts. So come early December her living room became Santa's grotto piled high with presents and pretty paper. Inge's kindness, caring, thoughtfulness and above all her total selflessness were incredibly beautiful and powerful gifts rarely seen in such abundance in one human being. She lived a life of love, may she now rest in the love of the Lord.

Audrey Nunn November 2022

St James Church Stanford Bishop

St James Church Stanford Bishop

A big thank you to everyone ,who helped to decorate the church for Christmas, it looked splendid and very festive for the Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve, and to those who kindly provided some lovely home baked Christmas refreshments following the service.

As we look forward to 2023 our next event will be Snowdrops and Soup on Saturday
4th February

at St James 12noon to 1.30pm(See main poster)

Perhaps plan a walk and call in for some home made soup and crusty bread before continuing your journey. A warm welcome awaits.

Our next service at St James will be April 9th Easter Sunday

Finally Stanford Bishop PCC would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year



Castle Frome February 23 News, Views & Muse



Communion Service

Sunday 12th February

11.30am



Family Service

26th 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.



Christmas now seems a long time ago. It always goes so quickly. We had some lovely well attended services over the Christmas period. The Carol Service, despite being held on the evening of the World Cup Final, was well attended. The Christmas Day service was also very well attended and it was so lovely to see so many there. The Church had been beautifully decorated with flowers, a Christmas Tree and Knitted Nativity.



Hilary's Wildlife Diary



Robin redbreast

One bird species that is a constant presence in the churchyard is the robin. This plump little bird with its splash of red and cheerful year-round song, is a success story - numbers are increasing according to data from the BTO's Breeding Bird Survey. Robin redbreast may look cute, but looks can be deceiving - this fearless passerine will protect its territory with a rod of iron.

As I write, temperatures are hovering around zero. If the robin (and our other small garden birds) can't access water and food, any prolonged cold spell will be disastrous - 10% of body weight can be lost in one cold night. If the weather remains firmly at the base of the thermometer, please remember to feed our robins.



Hilary



Congratulations to Jack Webber (Castle Frome Church) & Hayley Rogers on their recent engagement.



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I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year

‘Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.’

And he replied,

‘Go into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way!’

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.



These words have become well known because King George VI used them in his Christmas message in December 1939 as the country found itself once more at war. They were actually written by Minnie Haskell who was a Bristolian by birth and who had travelled to India as a mission partner with the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society. She went on to work as a tutor at the London School of Economics where she was a pioneer of Industrial relations and was committed to a spirit of cooperation between worker and employer.

The words seemed rather apt as we stand at the beginning of a New Year with the war in Ukraine still raging, COVID still causing problems, rising heating costs, strikes and economic turbulence all impacting our lives. If 2022 seemed to be to quote the late Queen an ‘annus horribilis’ it might seem that 2023 feels all rather uncertain and unpredictable. As humans, we struggle with change and uncertainty and the last year has added to a sense that we are no longer in control of our world. Interestingly, as Christians, we know that we are not in control, so we approach things from a different perspective. The poem captures something of God’s promises to us that we will never be left on our own and that God will walk with us through the difficult moments of life.

The Message Bible puts it rather well:

“Don’t be obsessed with getting more material things. Be relaxed with what you have. Since God assured us, “I’ll never let you down, never walk off and leave you,” we can boldly quote, ‘God is there, ready to help; I’m fearless no matter what. Who or what can get to me?’”

Hebrews 13:5-6 Message

Alongside the sense that we will never be on our own is that we have a God who cares and listens. One of the positive things in our Diocese this year will be our Year of Prayer which if nothing else reminds us that at the heart of our faith is our relationship with God who longs to hear our prayers and who loves us without measure. As we begin a New Year, the one thing we can all do is pray and bring to God our communities, our concerns, doubts and fears knowing that whatever comes our way in 2023 can never overwhelm us or separate us from Jesus.

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.:

Romans 8:38-9

As we begin the New Year let us pause to give thanks for what has been a momentous year and offer to God all the possibilities that the unknown future holds, knowing that as Minnie Haskell put it there is a safe path:

Go into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way!’

From Derek Chedzey is Archdeacon of Hereford

**Bishops Frome and Fromes Hill Parish Council, Fromes Hill Village Hall Trust
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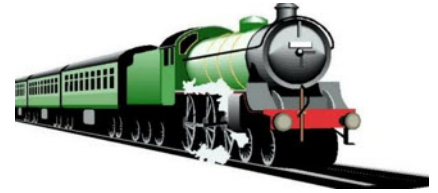
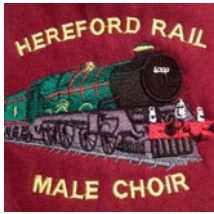
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ops Frome

by Monday March 6th.**
- 2. If there are more than one bidder, a meeting of the representatives of
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Ash Wednesday
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22nd February 2023
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ST. GILES' CHURCH ACTON BEAUCHAMP

THE NEW YEAR

Acton Beauchamp PCC would like to send many, many thanks to all those who give so much of their time, talents and financial support to St. Giles' Church. We very much appreciate all that you do.

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THANK YOU.**

We wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

From The Hereford Diocese

One of the most moving services I have ever attended took place on **Ash Wednesday** 2009, in Westminster Abbey. I was an ordinand, in training for ministry, and was on placement at the Abbey. As the choir sang the achingly beautiful setting of Psalm 51 “Miserere mei, Deus” (Have mercy on me, God) by Allegri, complete with perfectly piercing top C from the chorister given the solo that year, we all went forward.



The Dean said the solemn words, “Remember you are dust, and to dust you will return,” as he marked my forehead with the sign of the cross, using ashes from the previous year’s palm crosses.

It was a new experience to me, as the imposition of ashes hadn’t been part of the tradition I’d known up to then. I confess I was overwhelmed - by the depth of my human sinfulness, the depth of God’s mercy, and the depth of the love of Christ in going to the cross for the sin of the world, including mine.

Far from being frightening, or leading me to despair, those words, “Remember you are dust, and to dust, you will return,” seemed in that moment to be strangely comforting. They reminded me of words from Psalm 39, where the Psalmist says to God, “Show me, Lord, my life’s end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting my life is.” We, humans, are frail and fragile creatures of the creator – a truth we don’t always recognise or accept. To dwell on that truth during Lent, holding it together with the equal and opposite truth that we are, as the title of a book says, “*Beloved Dust*” seems to me a good spiritual discipline for these 40 days.

For by the grace of God in Christ, we are both fragile *and* strong, mortal *and* immortal. We are dust, and to dust, we will return, yes. But that’s not the end of the story, for from dust we shall rise, clothed with life and immortality, to live with God eternally.

As we move through Lent together, I invite you to take time to meditate on these paradoxical truths: that we are creatures, limited, finite, and weak, *and* that we are held in the hands of an unlimited, infinite, and strong God; that our time in this life is brief, *and* that our time with God in the world to come is eternal; that we are as humans deeply flawed, *and* we are deeply loved – and that in the cross with which we are marked in baptism, and may be marked on Ash Wednesday, all of that comes together.

Arch Deacon Fiona

January 2023

I've been reflecting a lot on health and social care recently. I'm sure many of you have too. It's been shocking to see and hear how overwhelmed the NHS has become. We probably all know people working within the health service who say it's never been so bad. I really sympathise with the nurses and others who've worked so hard through Covid and everything else, and are now just at the end of their tethers due to insufficient funding.



One of things that's been so frustrating about the current crisis is hearing that, nationally, there are many people stuck in hospital who are medically fit for discharge, but who can't be discharged because of lack of capacity in the care system. I'm really not an expert in this area, but it does seem to me that health and social care need to be one fully joined up system... and care services need as much support and investment as the health service. Carers also need more public recognition for the amazing work they do.

I was however really proud to hear that Herefordshire Council's discharge support team, which is based at the hospital, did a really brilliant job over the Christmas period in finding care placements and packages to enable people to be discharged in a timely manner. I understand this played a really important part in ensuring that Hereford hospital didn't become overwhelmed, in contrast to some other hospitals. However, it also meant that ambulances started bringing patients to us from other counties because Hereford hospital was coping so much better than others... all of which goes to show that we desperately need a health system that is equally good everywhere, for everyone.

As well as fixing the urgent problems in the NHS, we need to invest in preventive health too. There have been some major improvements in this area – not least the reduction in smoking – but there is still more to do. Wouldn't it be great for Herefordshire to be a model county for healthy living – a place where every child and adult has access to plenty of opportunities for exercise, good food, and social contact – all the things that contribute to good physical and mental health! At the council we've been able to do some really good things in this regard – for example, providing free Halo gym membership for teenagers, and encouraging more walking and cycling – but there is definitely more to do!

All this focus on health (and a couple of recent serious injuries and health scares in my own wider family) have renewed my own determination to try to be a bit fitter and healthier. New year is always a good time to make resolutions, isn't it! So I wish you all a happy and healthy 2023, with plenty of exercise (and fresh air, and sleep, and good food!) and many happy social times too.

All the very best, Ellie

To contact me about any council-related issues, please call 01531 670729 (landline) or 07950 714947 (mobile), or email ellie.chowns@herefordshire.gov.uk. I'm always happy to hear from you!

My monthly ward surgeries are:

- Bishops Frome Village Centre, 3rd Thursday of each month, 10.30am to 12.00 midday.
- Cradley Village Hall, 3rd Thursday of each month, 1.00-2.30pm.

I also do a 'Sunday Service' session once a month, usually on the second Sunday of the month at 10am – litter-picking, cleaning road signs, logging potholes etc. You are welcome to join me for fresh air, exercise and company! Just get in touch on the contact details above to find out the location of the next one. J

Letter from America.... Or your FVN Editor on her hols in USA From Sarah Sevastopulo

Rob and I had a fabulous 2 weeks in USA, travelling in a huge circle from Baltimore and back, culminating in me judging and lecturing at West Friendship. My invitation was to judge the 25th anniversary show for the Mid Atlantic Leonberger Club (MALC) on the Sunday, preceded by a breed seminar lecture on the Friday with an extra bonus of judging gundogs for the Catonsville society on the Saturday.(English,Irish & Gordons, then ESS Clumbers & Sussex)

So the dogs were to stay at Bev's kennels for the duration which for them is a great holiday with about 20 acres to play in and they had a fab time. We then continued down to Heathrow to get the 4pm flight direct to Baltimore. Immigration was a breeze, the car collection worked well and we drove the 2 miles to our overnight hotel.



Then off on our adventures, 1st stop Gettysburg, a really insightful museum and tour of the civil war battlefields, well worth it for 2 days and getting over the jetlag. Great brew pub for dinner too just across the road from our motel.

Next stop Harpers Ferry on our way to Winchester for a 4 night stay. Using it as a base to cover the 4 points of the compass - day 1 the local area, Shenandoah museum and old town and civil war museum, lunch in the sun in a pavement café.



Day 2 north to Cumberland and a 4 hour steam train journey up through the hills and back, fabulous scenery and a great day out.



Day 3 was to the south through various towns and point of interest. The hotel was well placed and had a variety of restaurants in walking distance.

Day 6 & 7 Off on leg 3 to Luray, famous for its Caverns, which were spectacular - On the Sunday there was a heritage fair, sunshine, crafts and food too. Bought several unique Christmas presents there. The caverns were outstanding as were the various museums on site.

Day 8 We then went down to Monticello for the day, about 1 ½ hours drive south, the home of Thomas Jefferson. Informative guided tour and then you could wander around the whole area in your own time. Monticello was the primary plantation of Founding Father Thomas Jefferson, the third president of the United States, who began designing Monticello after inheriting land from his father at age 26.



Now it was time to wend our way back to Baltimore - we travelled the route called Through Hallowed Ground". (This journey is a wonderful pilgrimage to sacrosanct Civil War sites, pristine natural sanctuaries and land considered by many to be sacred. Maryland's "hallowed ground" falls in the middle of a scenic and historically significant route that stretches from Gettysburg, Pa., to Monticello, Va.

Days 9,10 & 11 This was the culmination of our tour and included a great French style lunch in a pavement café in Leesburg. The plan was to spend a day in Washington DC on the Thursday and Friday morning in Baltimore but the torrential rain meant we only ended up at Baltimore aquarium and had a chilled afternoon back at the hotel. Met up with the show managers for the weekend, Danny for Catonsville and Matt for the Leo show, so all good.

Friday and the lecture went well, I used my slightly tweaked powerpoint and a good rapport and questions followed.

Saturday, 8.30 judging for me so left Rob snoring away and caught the judges' shuttle to the show. 42 spaniels and setters kept me busy for the morning.



Then it was time to catch up with some old acquaintances who have had both Sussex and Leos from me over the decades. Sitting in the sun and "shooting the breeze".

Later I had to judge Best in show owner handler. My Springer had won the gundog group, with my Sussex 3rd and Gordon 4th (so I was delighted). I gave a glorious Cavalier BIS with my ESS reserve.

Sunday, I was scheduled second in the ring as it was the final part of the specialty weekend, so time to pack and have a leisurely breakfast, check in for our flight home and get to the showground.

Then into the fray - 48 Leonbergers. There were some super dogs to go over, some were average and some just needed more time to mature. In my opinion the Americans are overly concerned with glamour and presentation and not the actual construction of the dog underneath all that fluff and the movement on the day !! My BOB was outstanding

I considered that any major award should be equivalent to giving a CC, res CC and what that entails, therefore I didn't hand out all the award available as they are geared to their championship, grand championship and so on.

Judging over and lunch in the sun with friends of 20 plus years standing and then back to Baltimore airport and the long flight home. A great trip and one we both really enjoyed.





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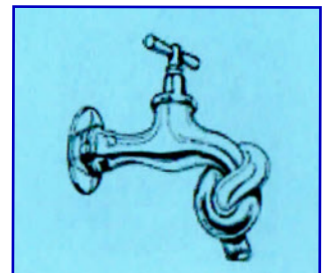
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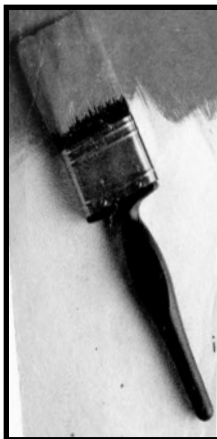
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FROM THE REGISTERS

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Funerals

The Funeral of Ingeborg Maria Harris took place on 23rd November 2022 at St James the Great, Ocle Pychard.

The Funeral of Maisie Emily Goodchap who died on 13th November 2022, aged 90, took place on 3rd December 2022 at St Mary the Virgin, Bishops Frome.

The Funeral of Margaret Ellen Boulcott who died on 14 th November 2022, aged 99, took place on 7th December 2022 at St Mary the Virgin, Much Cowarne.

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