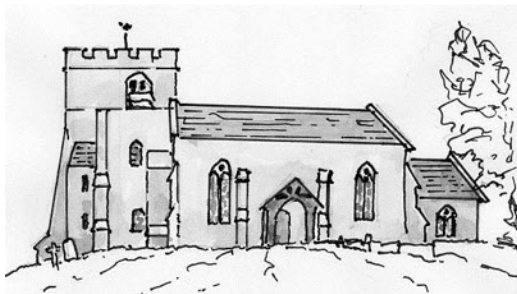
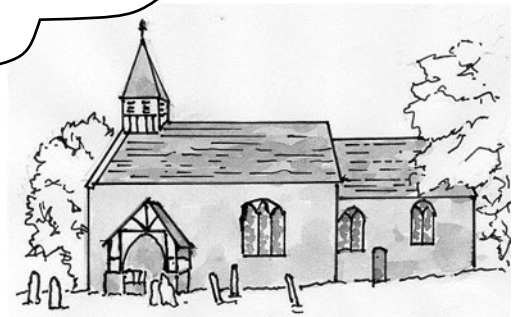


# **FROME VALLEY NEWS**

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



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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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**Just to let you know we are moving  
to Worcester , hopefully in July.**

**I will still do the FVN so please use my email  
OR contact the Parish Office for more  
information.**

**Here's hoping we have a good summer and  
19th July, really is Freedom Day.**

**All the best - Sarah**

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Could volunteers from all churches kindly collect their new batch of issues from the Parish Office TBC

If this time is not convenient please contact Eleanor at the office to arrange an alternative time.

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Dear Everyone

Well sadly we are all still in lock-down (of one sort or another) and some of our freedoms have still yet to return. We will have to continue to show patience and forbearing in the hope that the amazing NHS vaccination programme will get to everyone and then we can return to whatever the 'new normal' looks like.



Recently in church one of the Bible readings we listened to was the Parable of the Mustard Seed. This seemed to have some parallels with our current state of change and Covid confusion. The mustard seed of course represents the Kingdom of God and the parable itself shows how we cannot control or harness that force. So it seems neither can we fully control Covid 19 but step by tiny step we are getting our lives back (if not at the pace we would like).

Patience is also a virtue I have spoken about in a number of sermons I have preached lately, when I have referenced that great writer Julian of Norwich. We are so used to everything happening immediately in our lives, be that ordering goods from Amazon, fast food, online activity, even our impatience in awaiting a response to an email we may have sent. So much so that we may have forgotten the art of waiting. Yet some things cannot be rushed just as plants will only grow in their own time, so also many things in our lives take time to develop. Covid and the lockdowns have taught us again this valuable lesson. But we need to use this time of waiting to perhaps think not just about what we have or what we don't have but like Julian of Norwich about who we are and our relationship with God.

Summer is upon us, a time we can be outside hopefully enjoying the good weather and seeing friends and family. And like the mustard seed perhaps we can grow into the people God wants us to be.

**Blessings, Richard**

### **Ocle Pychard Ramblings**

Greetings,

What a glorious late May bank holiday we have had. After so many weeks in the wet, cold and gloom it has been wonderful. As I sit in the garden writing this article I can see house martins and swallows dipping and diving overhead hunting the myriad of insects that have hatched and taken to the air. Just in front of me two small blue butterflies are dancing their courtship display; what a joy! Everywhere the sounds of small birds, larger birds, pheasants and lambs permeate the atmosphere: there is an almost tangible feel of growing, greenness and new beginnings in all the trees, bushes, gardens and wild life; so many things going on in the countryside around us. Who said "the countryside was peaceful and quiet?" Hopefully this wonderfully warm spell of good weather will continue as it lifts the spirits and revives the soul.

Over at Ocle Pychard Church there continues to be a Holy Communion Service at 8.30am on the first Sunday of every month and at the time of writing social distancing rules still apply. Let's hope that the Covid 19 coronavirus and all its variants are kicked into touch very soon.

In the meantime stay safe.

**Contact Sally on: 01886884727 or email: [maryann.ed.tom2@btinternet.com](mailto:maryann.ed.tom2@btinternet.com)**

## **A Pilgrimage Through the Frome Valley**

The Camino Frome Valley, which was postponed from last year, is finally being launched on the Feast of St James, 25th July. The pilgrimage walk is 15km long and starts at St James Stanford Bishop and ends at St James Ocle Pychard.

Pilgrims are free to start any time or even walk (or complete the walk) on a different day as we hope to have everything open from this date onwards. Pilgrim passports can be collected in Stanford Bishop and ink stamps are available in each church to record your pilgrimage on your pilgrim passport.

On 25th July refreshments will be available in all four churches along the route with services of Holy Communion in Stanford Bishop 8.30am, Bishops Frome 10am & Much Cowarne 11.30am, feel free to walk in and join a service at any point.

**Further details can be found on our website**

**<http://caminofromevalley.simplesite.com>**

### **Dog Walkers in Bishops Frome please note...**

I have received a complaint via the Parish Council about the amount of dog mess in Bishops Frome Churchyard. This is a situation that has been getting progressively worse over the past few years. If you walk your dog through the Churchyard can you please keep your dog on a lead and clean up after it if it when on Church property? I have recently had to lead funeral processions up the church path where there was dog mess along the route. Allowing your dog to foul this sacred place is disrespectful and simply not on. If anyone is seen allowing their dog to foul in the churchyard in future it will be reported to the local dog warden who has offered to come and deal with the situation.

Rev'd Steven Baggs

### **ST. GILES' CHURCH**

St. Giles' Church have now resumed the monthly, family communion, services.

These services take place on the first Sunday, of every month, at 11.30am.

It is wonderful to have our regular services back and people within the walls of St. Giles' Church.

We love to see new faces and everyone is very welcome.

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August 27	The Good Liar	15

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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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## ST. MARY'S CHURCH MUCH COWARNE

Following the success of our Plant Sale which raised a final total of just over £1027, we began to anticipate the reopening of our church with the annual Spring Clean when volunteers undertake a more thorough clean than is possible at the monthly clean (again done by volunteers on a rota basis).



As can be seen from the windows and reaching the involved ingenuity but after sweeping and polishing, the the sunshine when it reopened of June. The small band of brilliant job and we thank



photographs, cleaning the multitude of spiders' webs two days of mopping, church was ready to greet for services at the beginning ladies and gentlemen did a them most sincerely.

Our regular pattern of services (Matins on the second Sunday of each month and Communion on the fourth Sunday) has now resumed and although we still have to wear masks and keep to social distancing with no hymns sung inside, at recent services we have sung a hymn outside at the end of each service and also taken coffee outside so that people are able to enjoy a chat after the service whilst still observing the regulations. The church is also now open every day thanks to the efforts of those on the Key Rota and there is a permanent Book Sales Table in the church with provision for people to make a donation for any books they take. The Prayer Tree is also still inside and all requests for prayers are collected and the prayers offered, usually at the next service. If you wish prayers to be offered for anyone please use one of the papers provided under the tree to write the request and then hang it on the tree.

Although it is unlikely that we shall be able to hold any large social or fundraising events this year, we are discussing what might be possible and in the interim there are 3 events for your diaries:

**COFFEE MORNING** on Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10.00am to 12 noon although we were originally intending this to be a celebration of the lifting of most, if not all restrictions, we felt it should still take place as a celebration of the reopening of our church building and a return to regular services with the chance for parishioners and visitors to come together again in worship and friendship. Do please therefore come and join us and enjoy our homemade cakes and a cup of coffee or tea or a cold drink, and take the chance to mix and talk with others. This will also be a chance to browse the Books Sales Table.

**PILGRIMAGE FROM STANFORD BISHOP TO OCLE CHURCH** on Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup>. The official opening of the Camino Frome Valley (see elsewhere in this Newsletter) on the Feast of St James will be marked by a pilgrimage from St James Church at Stanford Bishop to Ocle Church. Participants will be able to collect a "credencial" at Stanford Bishop and have it stamped at all churches along the route. Services will be held at three of the churches, the final being at Much Cowarne at 11.30am rather than our usual time of 10.00am.

**CHURCH CRAWL** on Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup>. This is organised by the Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust for their members, this year it will start and finish at Much Cowarne where we shall be providing refreshments. Whilst the actual Crawl is mainly for members/supporters, any parishioners who wish to hear about the history of St Mary's Much Cowarne are welcome to come along to the church.

All these occasions will require refreshments and the Churchwardens would be pleased to hear from anyone who is willing to provide cakes or biscuits for any of them.

Whilst the postponement of the lifting of all Covid is a disappointment we hope that the next few weeks will see containment of the virus and an easing of the pressure on all those who have worked so hard to keep us safe.



# Stanford Bishop

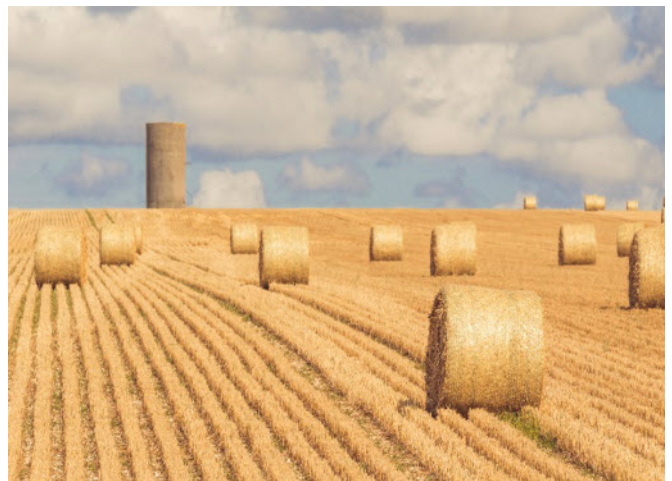
*Dear All,*

*Long days, sunny skies. The bountiful fruit harvest and cereal harvest are under way all expertly grown to help feed the nation. Look out for butterflies such as peacocks, small tortoiseshells, red admirals to name but a few. The gardens are a celebration of colour and scent from flowering shrubs including roses, hydrangea, lavender and buddleja. Along the verges cow parsley stands umbrella like with clusters of white frothy flowers, while below the flowers of the dandelions, red campion, butter cups and brook lime all add to the splendour of colour. If foraging in the countryside you could find wild strawberries along with blackberries and hips.*



*Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 8.30am our regular services will resume; this coincides with St James' Day 15km pilgrimage walk from St James' Stanford Bishop to St James' Ocle Pychard.*

*Refreshments available at St James' Stanford Bishop from 8.30am*



# Castle Frome July/August 2021 News, Views & Muse



## Family Service

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July &  
8<sup>th</sup> August

10.00am



## Family Service

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July &  
22<sup>nd</sup> August

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.



## The Knife Angel arrives in Hereford

The Knife Angel, a 27 foot sculpture arrived in Hereford on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June. It was commissioned for an anti-violence campaign and as has made been made from 100,000 knives that have been either confiscated or handed into a Knife Amnesty.

Jo and I went and watched the Knife Angel being installed. It arrived on the back of a very large lorry with 3 cranes, and a group of Motorbike out riders. It must have been a logistical nightmare, it took over an hour for the installation to be completed. It drew quite a large crowd whilst it was being lifted by crane into position. The Knife Angel was in Hereford for a month and will then move on to other parts of the United Kingdom, doing a tour around the Country to raise awareness of the horrors of knife crime. It is such a beautiful sculpture made out of something which can cause such catastrophic injuries when wielded in anger.





## **Bishops Frome Parish Council**

The council held its Annual Parish meeting via zoom in May, here are a summary of the reports that were made.

The Chairman Councillor Andrew Nash reported that it had been a difficult year for the Council learning to cope with a new way of working with meetings being held via zoom. During the year a new Councillor – Cllr S Fallas had joined the Council and Mrs Nicky Carless had been appointed Clerk. The Council had worked with the Village Centre by installing CCTV cameras and smart water signs had been set up around the village. Financial support had been given to the Community garden volunteers who were making good progress in making this a welcome space in the heart of the village. In the coming year the Council would continue to working with responsible bodies to investigate ways of reducing speeding in the Frome's Hill area, the Parish Plan would be reviewed and the stewardship of the Frome's Hill Field would continue.

Reports were also made from the

### **Sports Committee**

The use of the sports field had been limited due to the pandemic but Bromyard FC is hoping that 2021 would allow the resumption of the league. The field continues to be an open space enjoyed by residents.

### **Bishops Frome Village Centre committee**

It was reported that as currently the Trustees had unlimited liability they were looking to restructure the committee using a model constitution from ACRE. On the 24 June there would be an open meeting at which the proposed new structure would be put to the village. In the Centre CCTV had been fitted in both the hall and shop, 2 solar panels had been installed and hot water was now available in all the toilets. During the pandemic the hall had been used by the NHS which had helped to support the finances of the Centre.

In the coming year their attention would turn to refurbishment of the disabled toilet and all internal doors. The committee were also going to consult the community garden volunteers about a piece of waste land by the side door of the hall.

### **Frome's Hill Field Committee**

It was noted that a mowing licence has been let during the year and another licence had been awarded for 2021. Currently the management committee was receiving quotations to replace the styles with easily accessible kissing gates and a new field gate off the main road was been moved back into the field to allow better access by agricultural machinery.

**Also in May the Annual meeting of the Parish Council was held when Councillor John Pudge was elected as Chairman.**

Meetings of the Parish Council will resume in the Village Centre on the second Tuesday of the month starting at 7.30pm, except in August and December, and members of the public are always welcome to attend.

Nicky Carless

Clerk to the Parish Council, [clerk@bishopsfromeparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@bishopsfromeparishcouncil.co.uk)

June 2021

Hello everyone – I hope you are enjoying the sunshine as much as me! As I write this column early one morning in mid-June, the birds are singing and it's a cloudless sky once again. Despite the delay to the final stage of lifting lockdown, I know I have been appreciating the fact that we can now meet family and friends more easily. And I am incredibly grateful to the wonderful NHS that has vaccinated so many of us so quickly. Fingers crossed that we really are emerging from the pandemic now...



There is a lot to do in terms of recovery, which is why as a council we are currently working on a £6million recovery plan, centred around helping boost the local economy, and supporting residents' wellbeing. The plan is currently being consulted on, and will be launched in early July. It includes measures to tackle unemployment, to support local businesses, and to support residents with mental health and wellbeing – all vital parts of the recovery.

At the end of May the council held its AGM. For me this was an opportunity to look back on the last two years, in which the Greens (7 councillors across the county) have been in administration with the Independents for Herefordshire (now 20 councillors). It's been quite a couple of years, what with Covid and flooding and continued funding pressures. But I do think we have a lot to be proud of.

For one thing, we've been trying to do politics a bit differently – more consensually, reaching out across party lines to try to work with others. For example, some months ago we invited a Lib Dem councillor (Paul Symonds) to be a 'cabinet support member' working with John Harrington (Cabinet member for transport) on highways issues. Our efforts at cross-party cooperation are unfortunately not always reciprocated (as we sadly saw at the AGM), but we will keep trying because we think that ultimately we should be looking for common ground wherever possible!

We've also been working to change various aspects of the council's culture. I have to be honest, there is considerable work to do to fix some of the problems of the past. A lot of this work is behind the scenes, but absolutely vital.

For example, we've been working to ensure that infrastructure projects are delivered on time and to budget – something that should be standard practice, but unfortunately hasn't always been achieved in the past. We are still dealing with emerging details of issues to do with projects from previous administrations – including road-building projects that were very poorly handled, and for which our administration is having to pick up the pieces financially. I can't always go into details while we are trying to unpick the problems internally, but I do want to assure you that I am on the case! Going forward, we are now in much better shape as a council to avoid such problems in future, because we have introduced robust project management for all our capital projects to ensure they have the attention and oversight needed.

Another area where a root and branch review is taking place is in Children's Services. The council received a deeply saddening High Court judgement in April this year, which was highly critical of the actions of our Children's Services department in a case stretching back to 2012. The case has highlighted some very serious issues, and the council is taking major steps to set things right. We now have a new Interim Director of Children's Services in place plus several other new key staff, and an Improvement Partner appointed by the Department for Education. We've conducted a full review of all children's care cases to identify any other issues of concern, and a detailed improvement plan is being developed and implemented. We have appointed a new cabinet member and a new chair of the Children's Scrutiny Committee. And we've put in place new whistleblowing mechanisms, and an email address that any resident can contact if you have any concerns you would like to raise about experiences with Children's Services: [careconcerns@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:careconcerns@herefordshire.gov.uk). I am deeply sorry and saddened by what has come to light. It was shocking to find that there had been so much drift and delay in how the council handled the case that was subject to the High Court judgement, over many years. It highlighted the need for further improvement to how we as councillors carry out our oversight and challenge function – because

the issues simply had not come to light through the monthly 'Childrens Performance Challenge' and 'Corporate Parenting Panel' sessions that I try to attend every month. I am hopeful that, now that the issues are fully recognised, and action is being taken to address them, the situation will improve – and I am committed to asking even more, and tougher, questions to scrutinise the council's work in this vital area.

One more thing that gives me hope is that we have appointed a new Chief Executive, Paul Walker, who started work with us at the beginning of May. The issues that have come to light regarding infrastructure projects and children's services indicate that new leadership is sorely needed in the council, and Paul is definitely providing that! He is a very experienced Council Officer, who was previously a Chief Exec in a rural Lakeland authority, so he brings lots of very relevant experience. He's clearly a doer, and he's brought renewed focus and energy to several projects that were previously stalled, so things are looking positive on that front.

There is lots to look forward to. For example, last week we got the fantastic news that the Hereford Towns Fund bid has been awarded £22.4 million to invest in projects to boost the city. If you haven't yet had a chance to look at the Stronger Hereford bid, I highly recommend having a look at the website: <https://strongerhereford.co.uk/>. There's a 2-minute video animation that explains the vision. The projects in the bid were agreed by a diverse and dynamic Towns Fund Board made up of representatives from business, the community sector, and the council. I've been the council's rep on the Board, but it's very much a team effort! I'm really pleased that the vision of a 'green and fair' Hereford has won so much support, and am very excited about the next stage! Each project now needs to submit more detailed plans, and then a full business case, so it will take a year or so until construction can actually start, but we're on the way!

The Towns Fund is central government funding, allocated to 100 towns across the country. But of course in Herefordshire we are very conscious that we need to invest in the whole of the county, not just the city. That is why our administration has set aside £20 million for investment in employment land and economic development in the five market towns. Over the past 9 months we have been supporting the market towns to develop their own Economic Development Investment Plans as a basis for identifying projects that could be funded either from council funds or government funds. The reports are nearly finished now – I'm going to a meeting about this today – and I am really hopeful that this will give us a great platform for generating more investment all around the county. (Please note - I haven't forgotten about the rural areas! The next step is to make a plan for rural economic development investment – but of course the market towns are key hubs for the rural areas too).

So, overall there is a lot to feel positive about. Our Independent/Green administration has had a lot to deal with in the past couple of years – on top of all the day to day challenges of potholes and drains! – but we have been working our socks off to fix the problems of the past, and mobilise investment in the future of Herefordshire. There's lots more of course – I've run out of space here to talk about the work we are doing on sustainable transport, and our ongoing very hard work to try to address phosphates pollution in the Lugg and Wye catchments – so I will update you on those in my next column. Until then, I hope you enjoy the sunshine and the opportunity to spend time with family and friends in the sunshine! Keep well, and please do get in touch if you would like my help with anything:

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All the very best, Ellie

Dr Ellie Chowns

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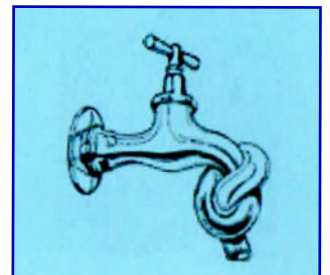
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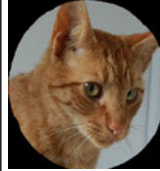
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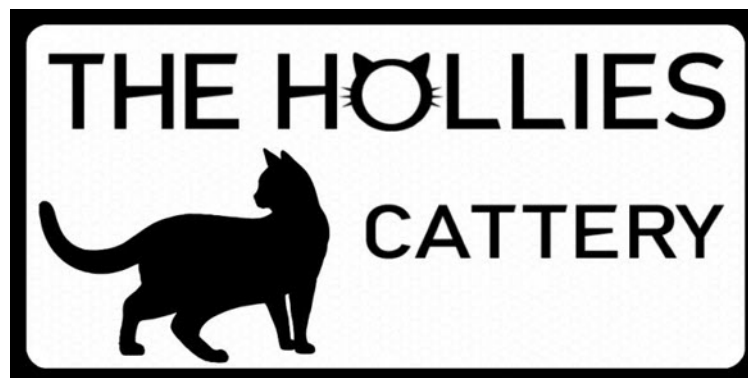
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## From Hereford Diocese

As you read this the Wimbledon tennis tournament will be well underway, albeit with reduced seating capacity. A recent development in coverage has been the thrusting of a microphone into the players' faces immediately after the final. It usually starts with the question, "how are you feeling now you have won/ lost?" with the cameras poised to zoom in at the first sign of moisture around the eyes. Gone are the delightful days of Ile Nastasi, who when asked by a reporter how he felt after losing, replied, "absolutely fantastic, next stupid question!"

A few weeks ago, the Japanese tennis player Naomi Osaka was forced to withdraw from a tournament because she refused to participate in post-match publicity. Quite rightly, she suggested that to put losing players under that sort of pressure in public wasn't good for their mental health. Some would say, that being in the public eye makes you fair game. But this isn't the same as the press offering proper scrutiny. It's using the pain of others as a form of entertainment. You see it all the time in certain news programmes. The same zooming in as the tears flow; the same probing questions to elicit an emotional response.

I think Jesus is mercifully more respectful of our privacy than that. Even if Christians have a dispute with one another, he suggests trying to deal with it in private first, not sharing our grievances through blind copied emails. It may be that over this time of COVID disputes have festered electronically. As we can more freely meet face to face, it will be good to get back into the habit of these private conversations.



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This is the first time I've written one of these articles since I moved to south Shropshire and was collated as Archdeacon of Ludlow at the end of April, so I'd like to begin by thanking you for the very warm welcome my family and I have received among you here in the archdeaconry and the wider diocese. Moving house during a pandemic was a challenge, but we were well supported all the way, not least by the prayers of those in both dioceses: St Albans and Hereford.

Like you, I'm hopeful that we may now be entering a time where the necessary restrictions under which we've lived for the past year will ease, and I can get out and about more to visit parishes, beginning to get to know the clergy and people in our schools, churches, and wider communities.

You may be wondering what my hopes and prayers for the coming years are. In many ways they're summed up in the reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians which was read at my collation:

"I pray that out of his glorious riches God may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

- Ephesians 3:16-21

I long that each of us in the churches across the diocese may know the fullness of the love of God in Christ ourselves, and may be equipped and inspired to share that love with those around us in our homes, families, schools, workplaces, and places of leisure. I pray that this faith and love will fill you, and our churches, villages, and towns.

A tall order? Maybe. But at the end of the passage we're reminded that God can do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us. That's the grounds for my confidence as, together, we move on and out in faith, filled with hope, to share the love of Christ with our lips and our lives.

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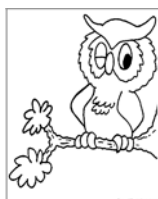


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<b>Acton Beauchamp</b>	11.30am Holy Communion Fr David West				11.30am Holy Communion SB
<b>Bishops Frome</b>	10.00am Holy Communion RA	10.00am Holy Communion SB	10.00 Holy Communion SB	10.00 Holy Communion Rev Michael Gallagher	10.00am Holy Communion SB
<b>Castle Frome</b>		10.00am Family Service Lay led		10.00am Family Service Lay Led	
<b>Evesbatch</b>					
<b>Fromes Hill</b>	10.00am Matins Lay Led		11.30am Holy Communion SB		10.00am Matins Lay Led
<b>Much Cowarne</b>		10.00am Matins TBA		11.30am Holy Communion SB	
<b>Ocle Pychard</b>	8.30am Holy Communion RA				8.30am Holy Communion SB
<b>Stanford Bishop</b>				8.30am Holy Communion SB	
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# THE FROME VALLEY GROUP

## AUGUST 2021

	1 <sup>st</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>
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## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Weddings

The Wedding of Kate Leese and Gerald Allen took place on 5th June 2021 at St Mary the Virgin, Bishops Frome.

### Funerals

The Burial of Stan Little who died on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021, aged 72 took place on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at St Giles, Acton Beauchamp.

The Funeral of Ralph Pullen who died on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021, aged 92, took place on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at St Mary the Virgin, Bishops Frome.

The Funeral of Doris Hooper who died on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021, aged 86, took place on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 at St Mary the Virgin, Much Cowarne.

May They Rest in Peace.

## ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BISHOPS FROME

DATE	READER	PRAYERS
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah	TBA
July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Tony W	TBA
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Lucy Cranmore	Liz
July 25 <sup>th</sup>	Martin	TBA
Aug 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sarah	TBA
August 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sheila	TBA
August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Gill S,	Liz
August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Angela	TBA
August 29 <sup>th</sup>	Group Service 10.00am St Mary's, Much Cowarne	
Sept 5 <sup>th</sup>	Sarah	TBA

## ST JAMES THE GREAT, OCLE PYCHARD

Date	Day	Time	Service	Reader	Sidesman	Flowers/Cleaning
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 5	8.30am	Holy Communion	J Ridler	S Ridler	R Morgan
Aug 1 <sup>st</sup>	Trinity 9	8.30am	Holy Communion	J Godfrey	J Ridler	E Ecroyd





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Monday -	Board Games, 2pm to 4pm, first
Mondays	Monday - Tai Kwon Do, 6pm
Tuesday -	Zumba with Nicki, 10am
Tuesday -	Zumba with Bev, 7pm
Wednesday -	Needlecraft, 2pm to 4pm
Wednesday -	Kick Boxing, 7pm
Thursday -	Talk Community Café (see below) - all welcome
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