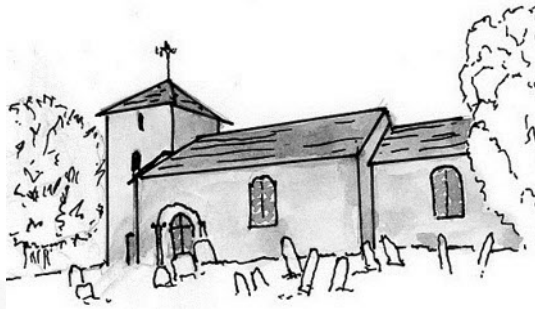
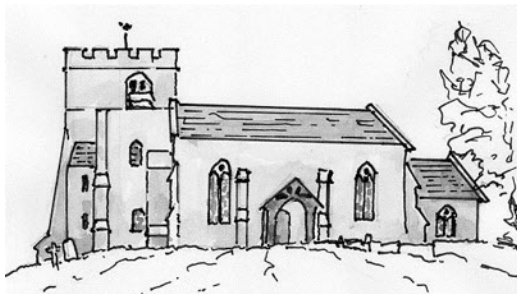


# Frome Valley News

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



*September 2022*



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## Editorial:

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.

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 had a fab long weekend in  
Dorset, hot, sunny and the whole  
family got together - Home again  
now and the September edition is  
complete. Sarah**



**FROME VALLEY NEWS  
COLLECTION DAY**

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

## Vicar's Letter,

It was good to be together worshipping as a benefice in Evesbatch on 31<sup>st</sup> July when we were able to say goodbye to our intern Ewan Gillings and congratulate him on being accepted for ordination training. Ewan goes with our prayers as he starts his training this September at St Stephen's House in Oxford. Many thanks to all those who gave so generously towards a cassock for Ewan. We managed to raise £420.00 which will purchase a good cassock that should last him for many years and also give him some spare funds to buy books for his studies.



Having an intern for a year has been a positive experience for me. Having to explain what I am doing and why has helped me look at what I do with a critical eye. The most frustrating part of the experience has been when I have simply not had the time to get out of my office and away from my computer to spend more time out in the parishes with Ewan. I know clergy are not the only ones in an occupation where we have more and more administration to deal with but I am sure things are getting worse.

As legislation demands more of the church, the church demands more and more of less and less clergy. I seem to be communicating with the support staff at the Diocese now on a daily basis who are helping with safeguarding, stewardship, buildings and the one thing that seems to take more and more of my time, churchyards. I was once told as a curate never to take on a parish with an open churchyard and I ignored that advice and took on eight. In my previous parish all the burials were carried out in a council cemetery and we didn't have to deal with any of the problems associated with graves and headstones.

I wonder what the rural church will look like when Ewan completes his training in three years time? Church closures in the Diocese have doubled in the last two years with many churches such as our own St Matthews in Fromes Hill applying for closure. Many of the churches in the Diocese can no longer sustain the numbers for regular worship and have become festival churches. This option at least keeps them open for use in their communities, but even these still need dedicated PCC's and officers to look after them properly.

As Bob Dylan once said, 'the times they are a changing' and I suspect that clergy numbers will have to be cut once again as the Diocese cannot continue to subsidise the cost of ministry at its current deficit of £1 million a year beyond 2025. Lay people will take on more and more of the day to day ministry and I suspect clergy will have more of an episcopal role over a larger area. Leading worship, pastoral care and mission are three areas that Bishop Richard is keen to train and commission lay people to do locally. In Bromyard Deanery we are already training 13 lay people in some form of worship leading and a good number of those are from our benefice. This is a positive response to the circumstances we find ourselves in with people offering and exploring their gifts and calling.

Despite all the administration and potential changes within the Diocese and wider Church of England, somehow we didn't manage to put Ewan off rural ministry which I think is a testament to the strength of his calling as it is to the commitment of many of you to your parishes and to God. What an amazing thing, that God would call a young man to ordination and to minister in such uncertain times in such a changing rural context as our own!

I am reminded that it is God who holds the future in his hands, as the psalmist says, 'For I know the plans I have for you, declares the *Lord*, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a *future* and a hope.' (Psalm 31:15) No matter what changes and challenges the Church faces in the future this remains true and for this reason we can look to the future with some excitement and hope.

The English mystic, Lady Julian of Norwich heard Christ speak to her saying, 'all shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well.' I will have that put on my headstone ... as long it complies with the churchyard regulations and doesn't cause the vicar too much paperwork!

Blessings

Steven





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For information please speak to our Careline team on 01432 384100. Herefordshire Careline is run by the Independence Trust, part of the Herefordshire Housing Group.

**HELP IS STILL AT HAND**

There is a Bromyard Support Group number -  
07824 660480

is there to help anyone who is isolating or just feel like some support during these exceptional times.

**Childline: 0800 1111**

**Samaritans 116 123**

**Domestic Violence Hotline: 0808 2000 247**

**Mind 0300 123 3393**

**Age UK 0800 169 6565**

**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

01880490582 [stevenbaggs@me.com](mailto:stevenbaggs@me.com)

Rev'd Richard Allaway

07969 699270 [rja5204572fco@gmail.com](mailto:rja5204572fco@gmail.com)

Mrs Judy Orgee 01531 640525

Tony & Liz Davis 01885 490394

**During the COVID-19 pandemic Bromyard Community Transport are remaining open.**

Transport for Covid Vaccinations

**Cathy Marsh (Manager) Bromyard**

**Community Transport Tel: 01885 488452**

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# CONQUEST THEATRE

## Live on stage

### **Stevie Geoghegan and Swing Easy**

Welcome back to Bromyard Stevie Geoghegan who for many years was involved with music in and around the area. Now established with the Swing Easy Jazz this is a show not to be missed and say, welcome back! Sept 24th 7.30pm

## **Coming soon.....**

Oct 19-22 Conquest Productions Legally Blonde the musical, booking now open

## Films

Sept 16 Operation Mincemeat (12) 8pm

## Cinema Events

Sept 8 NT Live Much Ado About Nothing 7pm

Sept 27 ROH Madam Butterfly 7.15pm

Sept 28 RSC Richard III 7pm

Why not join us on a Saturday morning for coffee and a chat

For full programme online [www.conquest-theatre.co.uk](http://www.conquest-theatre.co.uk) or call 01885 488575 new items always being added



**A Late Summer Lunch in the Old Barn  
at Frome Manor by kind invitation  
from Andrew and Hilary Younger.**



**11th September in aid of St Andrew s Church, Evesbatch.**

**We are going ticket free this year, could you please  
contact Diana Harrison to reserve your place  
on 01531 805058/ [dihharrison@icloud.com](mailto:dihharrison@icloud.com).**



**We will be having a raffle  
and there will be a bar.**



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# HARVEST FESTIVAL

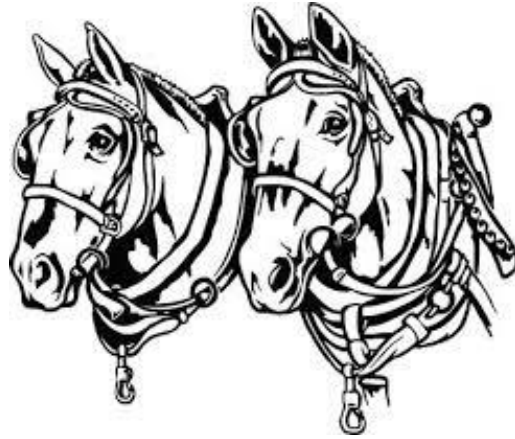
FRIDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 2022  
SERVICE at 6.45pm

followed by **supper** at

**The Wheatsheaf**, Fromes Hill at **7.30pm**  
tickets £17.00

from Joan Rose 01531 640587

EVERYONE WELCOME



The Trumpet & District  
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***Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022***

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# St JAMES CHURCH STANFORD BISHOP

## HARVEST CELEBRATION

The harvest festival service will take place on Friday Oct 7th at 6pm

Followed by supper

Everyone very welcome

Please see poster within magazine for more details. (Page 16)

### Harvest Festival dates 2022

Acton Beauchamp	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 11.30am
Bishops Frome	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> October 10am
Castle Frome	TBC
Evesbatch	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 11.30am SB
Fromes Hill	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September 6.45pm SB
Much Cowarne	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> October 10am
Ocle Pychard	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm
Stanford Bishop	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 6pm SB



### Ocle Pychard Ramblings

Dear Friends,

This month's ramblings will be short as I do not have much to report. Firstly I would like to say a heart-felt thank you to the few people who have stepped up to the plate to help John with the churchyard maintenance. He is most grateful for your help.

On to other things, the vicar has decided to suspend the once a month 8.30am communion service, on a temporary basis at present, due to the absence of participants at the last two services. However the church remains open and will be in use for all the church festivals throughout the year. The next festival is Harvest Festival on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. It will be good to get together to celebrate the completion of harvest and catch up with friends and acquaintances. The church will still be open for baptisms, weddings and funerals, as always.

**The following is a short list of events up to the end of 2022.**

**October 14<sup>th</sup>** – Harvest Festival @ 7.30pm.

All donations of tinned and dried foods will be gratefully received and can be left in the church from Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> onwards.

**December 16<sup>th</sup>** – Carols By Candlelight Service @ 7.30pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion of Christmas @ 8.00pm

PS -I would be most grateful for help to decorate the church for the Harvest Festival service. I will be at the church on Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup> @ 3.00pm if you would like to come and help.

**Many thanks,  
Sally Ridler**



## ST MARY'S CHURCH, MUCH COWARNE

After the busy time around the Jubilee celebrations, the summer months have been relatively quiet with our fortnightly services on the second and fourth Sundays continuing as usual.

However there was one very special occasion in June described below by Martin Hewitt:

### **Music in Quiet Places**

In Much Cowarne Parish Church, on the evening of Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June, an audience of about 130 were lucky enough to hear some most beautiful singing. As part of a series of concerts called 'Music in Quiet Place', organized by the Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust, girls and boys aged between 12 and 18 of Hereford Cathedral School sang a wide range of choral pieces from Purcell to 'Coldplay'. The three choirs; the Cantabilia & Cantabile Girls Choirs, and the Senior Chamber Choir were conducted by David Evans, and Jo Williamson. Special singers, in their solos or duets, were Maia Carter, Seyi Adeyemo and Isabel D'Avanzo, but all the singing was simply outstanding.



*Admission was free, with payments by donation, and the takings will be shared by the Trust and our church.*

*The splendid refreshments were donated by Tanners Wines, and ladies of the parish.*

*Everybody who attended hoped that the occasion could be repeated at some time in the future.*

### **Books & CDs in St Mary's**

We are pleased to see that our corner area of second hand books and CDs is being well used, there is an encouraging turnover of books and the venture is also providing a small but welcome addition to our income. The church is open every day, thanks to the small number of volunteers who form the Key Rota and everyone is welcome to browse our collection and/or purchase by donation.

### **Key Rota**

The current Key Rota which, as mentioned above, enables us to keep the church open every day for anyone wishing to visit the church from interest or for private prayer or meditation, ends this October. We have lost several volunteers over the last few years and Jill Cooksley, who runs the rota, would be pleased to hear from anyone within reasonable reach of the church who would be willing to join the rota. The task involves opening and closing the church each day for a week from a Monday morning to the following Sunday evening. As this is a voluntary task we do not stipulate particular times for opening or closing and indeed the times will vary but ideally the church would be open from around 9am until early evening. Depending on the number of people involved, you would have the task 4 or 5 times in any 12 months. If you are interested in helping please contact Jill on 01432 820264 or [jjcooksley@hotmail.com](mailto:jjcooksley@hotmail.com)

### **Lead Rein and Short Novice Fun Ride**

As fully advertised in previous Newsletters, this fun ride for juniors will take place on Saturday September 3, over a route of 3.5 miles of cider orchards, farmland and green lanes around Much Cowarne. Anyone wishing to take part should contact Martin Hewitt on 07580 575784 [panksbridge@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:panksbridge@hotmail.co.uk) or Nicky Hoskins 07966 405643 [nicky.lam@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nicky.lam@hotmail.co.uk)

At the time of writing no further social events have been arranged but the next special service will be the Harvest Service in October; details will be on posters in due course.

## ST. GILES' CHURCH      ACTON BEAUCHAMP

On the 26th June, Acton Beauchamp PCC held a fund raising, Cheese and Wine Evening for Ukraine, at Beauchamp House, Acton Beauchamp, by very kind permission of Mr and Mrs. Alan and Jane Fowler. Many, many thanks, Alan and Jane, for allowing us the use of your home and garden.

Many thanks must also go to all those who donated all the wine and cheese, for the evening. We also had donations of biscuits, for cheese, as well as relishes. Thank you, very much, for these donations. any thanks must also go to those who made cakes, all those who helped to set up, for the evening, and all those who decorated the tables and surrounding space. Thank you, also, everyone who donated raffle prizes and also food items for the hamper, which was the main raffle prize. Thank you, to all those who made donations and many thanks to those who came along, on the evening.

**£1000 was raised and has been donated directly to a Ukranian Charity.**

Again, MANY, MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE For making the evening a success.

**On the 2nd July, after an absence of 2 years, the Dog Show and Summer Fete** was held at Sevington Manor, by very kind permission of Dr and Mrs. David and Victoria Best. Thank you, David and Victoria, for the use of your lovely garden.

Many, many thanks must also go to everyone who manned the various stalls and games. Many thanks to those who ran the various raffles. Huge thanks to all those who donated, very generously, plants, cakes, tombola prizes, prizes for the different games, items for the silent auction, ice cream and cones, wine for the bar and rolls, onions and sausages for the BBQ. Thank you , also, those who provided the prizes for our 4 legged friends and their owners. Thank you for all the prizes, that were donated, and the food items for the main prize, a food hamper.

Many people donate their time and talents and Acton Beauchamp PCC are very grateful and send many thanks to you all.

### **The result for the Dog Show are:**

CHAMPION DOG: BRANDY..... Proud Owner Fiona Francis.

RESERVE CHAMPION DOG: TIGER..... Proud Owner Stacey Mutkin.

Huge Thanks to everyone who made the evening such a success.

### **EVENTS FOR THE AUTUMN**

On the 2nd October, at 11.30 am, we are holding the Harvest Festival, at St. Giles' Church.

Within this service, there will also be a Christening for Dottie Morris, Anthony and Victoria's baby girl, making this a very special gathering, at St. Giles' Church.

The Harvest Festival is the service were we gather donations, of non - perishable food items, for Bromyard Food Bank.

We will also donate, to St. Michael's Hospice, all monies given during the collection. Hoping, very much, that you can join us.

On the 30th July Andrew Hodson and Charlotte Moreau were married, at St. Giles' Church.

Acton Beauchamp PCC and the wider Church community wish them all the very, very best for their future.

**MUCH COWARNE**

**Lead Rein & Short Novice**

**FUN RIDE**



**Saturday September 3rd 2022**

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Thursday 29 September  
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Village Centre



*Let's do whatever it takes to support people living with cancer.*

You (and your cakes!) are very welcome to come along and help us raise money for this very worthwhile cause



Local rural charity, Community First, and Share Energy Consultants are carrying out a project aimed at exploring the issues related to installing car charging points at village halls in Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

The project will look at the nuts and bolts of installing car charging points, solar panels and batteries at halls. Aiming to make the best use of off demand power, renewable energy and supporting electric community vehicle schemes to help with rural transport challenges.

As part of the project we are collecting opinions from individuals in areas around village halls in Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

Please can you consider circulating this survey in your local newsletter or bulletins and hopefully filling in the form yourself.

No personal information will be shared from the surveys or used in any marketing.

The link to the SHORT electronic survey is here:

<https://forms.gle/ohHRbhn8L1X24JAJ8>

The survey will close in mid September and the more information and views we have about this issue the better will be our advice and support for village halls when they are considering installing car charging points.

Many thanks in anticipation.

Richard Timney [www.comfirst.org.uk](http://www.comfirst.org.uk)

Community Buildings Officer at Community First in Herefordshire and Worcestershire. Mon until 12.30, Tues until 5.00, Thurs until 12 noon.



# St Mary's Church Much Cowarne



## Harvest Service

**10.00am**

**Sunday October 9th**

**\*\*\*\*\***

**Harvest Lunch at  
The Plough Inn, Stoke Lacy  
12.30 pm. Carvery & Dessert £20**

**Book in numbers to  
Martin – 07580 575784 or  
Jean – 07792 314696**



# Calling all local artists and crafters!



There is to be an ARTISAN FAIR on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at Burley Gate Village Hall, 10am – 4pm.



If you create *anything* – words, pictures, crafts, flower arranging or edible produce – then why not book a table - £7.50 for a small one and £10 for a large one – why not share with a friend? - and show off and hopefully sell your creations to the local community?



Please email [marilyn.pemberton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:marilyn.pemberton@yahoo.co.uk)

or call **0785 220 2353** if you want further information or to request a booking form.

Go on – you know you want to – it won't be an ARTISAN FAIR without you!



## Herefordshire h.Art Exhibition

3rd - 11th September 10.00am - 5.00pm daily

Nigel and Daphne Montandon will be opening their new home, art and pottery studios on the above dates.

Exhibiting with Nigel's art and pottery will be fellow artist Anthony James and David Preston's blacksmiths artistry.

During this Exhibition the potters wheel will be available for any person young or older to have a go with a little help from Nigel, if required.

We look forward to welcoming you at .....

**GRAIN FARM (Bungalow) LINLEY GREEN, WHITBOURNE, WR6 5RQ**

Readers of the Frome Valley News may like to know that the grave of Colonel Robert Bourne d.1915 and his wife Anna Eliza d.1917 in Much Cowarne churchyard has recently been renovated.



They were the parents of the family who rebuilt Cowarne Court and were central to parish life until the estate was sold in 1921. Funding for this work was given by the Bourne family with assistance from the Much Cowarne History Group.

The previously unreadable inscriptions - mostly in Latin ! - have once again been made visible and complement the beautiful East Window and family memorial plaque in the church.



Copies of the History Group book "The Bournes of Cowarne Court", priced at £7.00 may be obtained from the Burley Gate Community Shop or from the church book table.. The photographs below show the grave before and after renovation.

## Information Request

I am making some enquiries regarding the friends and family of the Roni family, originally from Sicily, who have established a catering operation in Herefordshire, I think in Bishops Frome area.

I cannot divulge the reason for my enquiries but I am particularly interested to hear from anyone who has travelled from the UK to Italy on behalf of the Roni family and anyone who has a business interest in the family's restaurant operation or their wine business  
I appreciate that there may be some anxiety or concern about passing information to me but I can assure you that I will be very discreet and not divulge the source of any information provided.

If you have information and would prefer a meeting, I shall be travelling to England around the middle of September.

**My contact details are:**  
Detective Inspector Romano  
Polizia di Stato  
Email [a.romano@ipl-italia.it](mailto:a.romano@ipl-italia.it)

## VACCINATION SEASON IS HERE AGAIN!

We are here to provide you with your free NHS flu and COVID jabs to help protect your health this vaccination season.



### Flu Vaccines

We are due to receive our first batch of flu vaccines in early September, so allowing for delays in delivery, we aim to hold our first clinics in mid-September. We are planning to run a couple of Saturday clinics and some evening and morning clinics too. If you are in one of the categories below, we will also offer you the flu vaccine anytime you come to the surgery for a booked appointment.

### We are offering flu vaccines to people who are:

- aged 65 years and over
- aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2022
- aged six months to under 65 years with long-term conditions including conditions of the lungs, heart, liver, kidney and neurological system, diabetes, a learning disability, problems with your spleen, if you have had your spleen removed or if you have a weakened immune system
- pregnant
- living in long-stay residential care homes
- carers
- living with someone who is more likely to get infections
- frontline health and social care workers – if this service is not provided by your employer
- healthy 50-64 years olds – we will invite you as soon as the majority of medically vulnerable have been vaccinated

Ledbury Health Partnership  
Tel: 01531 825925  
[www.ledburyhealthpartnership.com](http://www.ledburyhealthpartnership.com)

### COVID Autumn Booster Programme

The COVID vaccine supplies are managed centrally so unfortunately we have no influence over deliveries. However, if they arrive in time to coincide with the start of our flu clinics and you are in one of the categories below, we are happy to offer you both vaccines at the same time. This is perfectly safe and can be more convenient for you.

### We are offering COVID vaccines to people who are:

- aged 50 years and over
- pregnant
- residents and staff of care homes for older adults
- frontline health and social care workers

### Care Home and Housebound Residents

If you live in a care home, we will come out to give you your flu and COVID vaccines. If you are housebound and living in your own home, you will be given your jabs by the Taurus roving team who will contact you directly.

### How do I get my Flu/COVID Vaccine?

Everyone in the categories above will be invited by text, phone or letter if you do not have a telephone. This year we are hoping to be able to offer you the additional option of booking online, as well as by phone or in person. If you are in one of the categories above and have not been contacted by the end of October, please do get in touch with us.

If you are in any other eligible group for a COVID jab than those listed above, you can book by calling 119 or online at [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk).

We look forward to seeing you and helping to give you and your nearest and dearest the best protection for your health this autumn and winter.





## Communion Service

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>  
September  
11.30am



## Family Service

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>  
September  
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.



# Castle Frome September 2022 News, Views & Muse



## Hilary's Nature Diary



### Drought is hitting out wildlife too

As I write, the drought is headline news. For our wildlife, it is also a disaster. Garden birds are struggling to obtain food, caterpillars are finding little foliage on their host plants, dried up ponds and streams are impacting our wetland species. How can we help? As well as keeping birdfeeders topped up, the RSPB suggests leaving out live mealworms for invertebrate-eating garden birds such as blackbirds. Chopped up moist fruit and vegetables will be popular with a range of species too. Rehydration stations are vital: bird baths and smaller dishes or saucers of water for insects, smaller birds and hedgehogs. There are numerous sources online offering advice to help our wildlife, but perhaps by the time you read this the drought will be old news – I hope so.



## Michaelmas Celebration



In the fifth century, a basilica near Rome was dedicated in honour of Saint Michael the Archangel on 30 September, beginning with celebrations on the eve of that day. 29 September is now kept in honour of Saint Michael and all Angels throughout some western churches. The name Michaelmas comes from a shortening of "Michael's Mass."

Originally, Michaelmas was celebrated as a Holy Day of Obligation, but this tradition was abolished in the 18th century. In medieval England, Michaelmas marked the ending and beginning of the husbandman's year, which is the time when harvest was over, and the bailiff of the manor would be making out the accounts for the year.


Because it falls near the equinox, this holy day is associated in the northern hemisphere with the beginning of autumn and the shortening of days. It was also one of the English, Welsh, and Irish quarter days, when accounts had to be settled.

### What is the significance of Michaelmas?

St Michael is one of the principal angelic warriors, protector against the dark of the night and the Archangel who fought against Satan and his evil angels.



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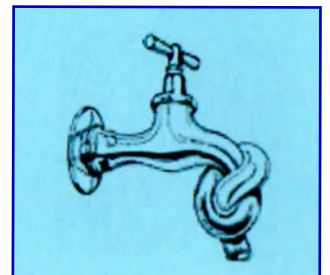
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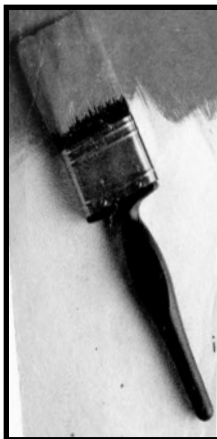
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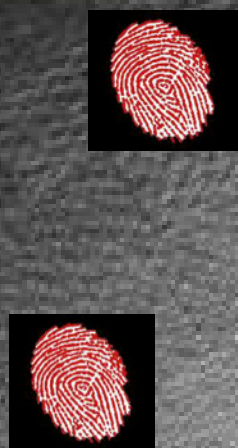
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<b>Acton Beauchamp</b>	11.30am Holy Communion SB				11.30am Holy Communion SB
<b>Bishops Frome</b>	10.00am High Mass SB	10.00am Holy Communion Rev Anthony Ellis	10.00am High Mass SB	10.00am Holy Communion SB	10.00am High Mass SB
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	Trinity 12 Green Psalm 1 Philemon 1- 21 Luke 14.25-33	Trinity 13 Green Psalm 51.1-11 1 Timothy 1.12-17 Luke 15.1-10	Trinity 14 Green Psalm 113 1 Timothy 2.1- 7 Luke 16.1-13	Trinity 15 Green Psalm 91.1- 6,14-16* 1 Timothy 6.6- 19 Luke 16.19-31	Trinity 16 Green Psalm 37.1-9 2 Timothy 1.1- 14 Luke 17.5-10

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## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Weddings

The Wedding of Joe Orgee and Zoe Cousins took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2022 at St Mary the Virgin, Much Cowarne.

The Wedding of Andrew Hodson and Charlotte Moreau took place on 30<sup>th</sup> July at St Giles, Acton Beauchamp.

### Funerals

The Funeral of Walter Frayling who died on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022, aged 87 years, took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 at St Mary the Virgin, Bishops Frome.

The Funeral of Frederick Thomas Stephens who died on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022, aged 88 years, took place on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at St James the Great, Ocle Pychard.

The Burial of Ashes of Cynthia Parker took place on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at St Michael and All Angels, Castle Frome.

The Funeral of David Michael Stubbs who died on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022, aged 76 years, took place on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at St James the Great, Ocle Pychard.

The Funeral of Aileen Margaret Philp who died on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022 aged 68 years, took place on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at St Mary the Virgin, Bishop's Frome.

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- Board Games, 2pm to 4pm, 5th Sept, Susanna 01885 490 440
- Tai Kwon Do with White Phoenix, 6.30pm, 07814 778 112

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- Pilates with Sally, 9.30am 07909 754 039
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- Needlecraft, 2pm to 4pm, Beryl 01531 640 359
- Kazoku Kick Boxing, 7pm, 07495 427 993

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