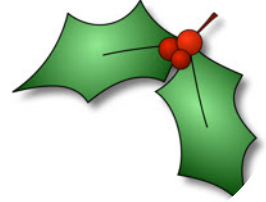
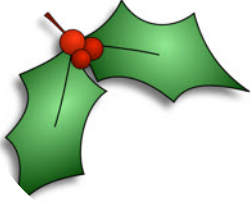
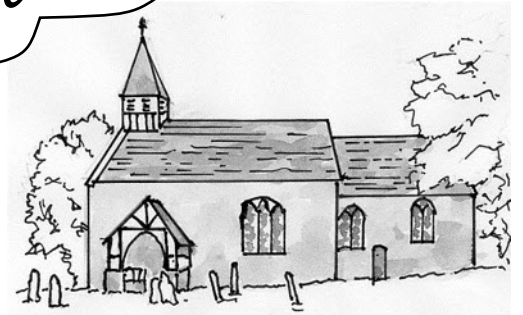


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The Parish Magazine for Acton Beauchamp, Bishops Frome, Castle Frome,
Evesbatch, Fromes Hill, Much Cowarne, Ocle Pychard & Stanford Bishop.



*December / January
Winter Special*



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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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Associate Priest's Letter

Welcome.

At this time of year newspapers attempt to sum up all the events of the last twelve months. However, I'm not sure that anyone can adequately convey all the ups and downs of 2021 – there have been so many. This has been yet another testing year for us all but now, as we come closer to the festival of Christmas and the arrival of a New Year we can look forward with more hope than in December 2020. I hope these are not prophetic words, but the vaccination programme does at last seem to be putting the brakes on the pandemic, albeit slowly. And there is good reason for such hope as the vast majority of us have been double and for many of us triple vaccinated. New treatments for Covid are being discovered almost weekly and we must put our trust in the hands of the scientists and medical staff who have done so much to help us arrive at a better place. They have worked tirelessly to find new medications and to care for those who have fallen ill. They have maintained a work ethic in both clinical and personal standards, that many, including our leaders, would do well to copy. We have much to be grateful for and at last we can start to see, hopefully, the beginning of a happier and safer world



It is that same hope that Christ brought into the world over 2000 years ago - hope that began as a tiny flame in a tavern's stable in a remote part of the Roman Empire; a child born in humble surroundings who would shape the history of the world. A child who became our saviour, teacher and example. Hope that turned into trust and faith. We have much for which to be grateful, for what happened in Bethlehem so long ago and for what is happening in our hospitals, laboratories and care homes today.


It would be wrong not to point out the many injustices that still exist throughout the world and in our own country. Poverty and homelessness are two issues that we all think of at this time of year, so let us continue to support our foodbanks and those charities dedicated to supporting the homeless and those in need. We should be a nation that gives generously and strives to help those who are less fortunate; we should not be self serving or grasping. I have faith that the majority of us know how to convey kindness and compassion evident in so many ways in our own community.

So let us celebrate, be it as a family, with friends, at our services (listed at the back of this magazine) or even on our own. Christmas is a time for celebration and on behalf of Steven and myself we wish you all a joyful Christmas and a Happy (and healthy) New Year.

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Richard





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OclePychard Ramblings

Dear Friends at this time of the year I like to sit in front of the fire and think about all the things that I have done throughout the past year and what an odd sort of year it has been with the covid pandemic taking up a lot the year and my thoughts. For many of us it has been a very lonely and frightening time not knowing whether we would be able to see or visit our family and friends anytime soon. Thankfully that has passed as most of us are now double vaccinated although I for one still wear my mask in shops and enclosed places as that pesky virus is still out there waiting for the less vigilant amongst us. Hopefully the New Year will herald a healthier time ahead. I am so grateful that all my friends and acquaintances have kept well.

As I write these ramblings the trees are well into the last throws of leaf fall and soon the winter months will enfold us all. The shortest day will soon be here and we can look forward to the daylight lengthening again. The dark nights make me want to hibernate until spring arrives in a few months! Even at this time we still have lots to look forward to as Advent will soon begin and the Christmas Services start in all the parishes of the Frome Valley.

Christmas Services At OclePychard Church

- **December 17th - Carols by Candlelight with the Pax Singers @ 7.30pm followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies.**
- **December 24th – 1st Communion of Christmas @ 8.00pm.**

NB: There will be no 8.30am communion service on January 2nd 2022

I wish everyone a joyous and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Sally Ridler

ST. GILES' CHURCH

The PCC would like to say a very, very big thank you to all those who give so much to St. Giles' Church. We are surrounded by a very generous community who give us their time and financial support.

We really do appreciate everything you do for us. Wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas and all the very best for The New Year.

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

10th DECEMBER 6.30pm

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT.

Wrap up warm, wear some sturdy shoes and bring a torch.

25th DECEMBER 11.30am

FAMILY COMMUNION.



At the Carol Service we are collecting for Bromyard Food Bank. Just ONE donation per family. As it is Christmas we thought something Christmassy or Toiletries would be nice.

Into the New Year, and hopefully Covid 19 behind us, we are looking forward to arranging the fund raising events. We would also like to support St. Michael's Hospice. Like St. Giles' Church, the fund raising events, for the hospice, have been much reduced.

We will NOT be having a service in January.

Following the Christmas activities, we do not feel there will be much enthusiasm to attend Church on a cold, bleak January morning.

Thank you, once again, to all those who give so much support.

Have a Lovely Christmas. Acton Beauchamp PCC.

Conquest Theatre

December/January

Films

Friday 3rd Dec Off The Rails featuring Sally Phillips, Kelly Preston and Judi Dench 15 8 pm

Friday 17th Dec Summerland A romantic wartime period drama starring Penelope Wilton and Gemma Arterton 12A 8 pm

Friday 7th Jan Official Secrets featuring Kiera Knightley 7.30 pm

Friday 21 Jan The Englishman Who Went Up a Hill But Came Down a Mountain

Starring: Hugh Grant, Tara Fitzgerald 12 7.30 pm

Screenings

Saturday 4th Dec NY Met Opera Eurydice (a Met premiere) 5.55 pm

Thursday 9th Dec ROH Nutcracker (live broadcast) 7 pm

Dec 11 & 12 Andre Rieu "Christmas with Andre" 7.30 pm & 3pm

Wed 15th Dec ROH Tosca (live broadcast) 7 pm

Sat 1st Jan NY Opera Cinderella (English translation) 5.55 pm

Wed 19th Jan Exhibition on Screen Raphael Revealed– one of the three Renaissance greats 7.30 pm

Thurs 27 Jan NT Live Leopoldstat 7pm

Live on stage

Saturday 18th Dec A Christmas Charivari. Open the windows of our Christmas Calendar and be surprised! Be prepared to participate in a gallimaufry of Christmassy titbits! 7.30 pm

Saturday 15th Jan Bromyard Windband New Year concert 7.30 pm

Saturday 22nd Jan A Soul Story - Soul Manifesto - music through the decades, 9 piece band 7.30 pm

Saturday 29th Jan Race Night (Conquest fundraiser sponsored by Strickland Wealth Management) enjoy a glass of fizz and a picnic...place your bets...they're off! 7pm

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A big thank you to all our patrons who have stayed with us during these trying times, we look forward to an exciting New Year and wish you all a very happy, healthy Christmas and 2022

Christmas in the Frome Valley

Friday 10th December 6.30pm Carol Service Acton Beauchamp

Sunday 12th December 10.00am Carol Service Much Cowarne

Friday 17th December 7pm Carol Service Frome's Hill

Friday 17th December 7.30pm Carol Service with the Pax Singers Ocle Pychard

Sunday 19th December 4pm Carol Service Castle Frome

Tuesday 21st December 7pm Carol Service Bishops Frome

Wednesday 22nd December 6.30 pm Carol Service Evesbatch

Christmas Eve

3.00pm Crib Service Bishops Frome

6.00pm Carol Service Stanford Bishop

6pm Carol Service Stanford Bishop

8.00pm First Communion of Christmas Ocle Pychard

11.30pm Midnight Mass Bishops Frome

Christmas Day

10.00am Holy Communion Much Cowarne

10.00am Holy Communion Castle Frome

10.00am Holy Communion Fromes Hill

11.30am Holy Communion Acton Beauchamp





St James Stanford Bishop
Carol Service by candlelight
Friday 24th December 6pm

We look forward to Christmas Eve and our 6pm Carol service. During our service we create our Nativity Scene where we invite the congregation to assemble our display.

After the service we invite you to join us for mince pies and sherry.

ST. MATTHEWS CHURCH

FROMES HILL



***CAROL
SERVICE***

on



Friday 17th December
7:00pm

PLEASE COME & JOIN US

Drinks & nibbles afterwards

EVERYONE VERY WELCOME

Stanford Bishop News



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

Friday 24th December 6pm Carol service by candlelight, while the nativity scene is assembled. Following the service sherry & mince pies will be served.



No 4th Sunday service on 26th December.

Stanford Bishop PCC would like to take this opportunity to thank Hugh Davis for his excellent work keeping the church yard so neat. To all who have helped clean and decorate the church over the last few months. Many thanks you to Tony our organist for keeping us all intune! Thank you to our community for supporting us. Thanks Eleanor and Sarah for their continued support behind the scenes.

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



January & February 2022 there will be NO usual 4th Sunday 8.30am services.

The next 4th Sunday service will be 27th March 2022.

Looking forward to the New Year

Saturday 5th February 2022

Snowdrops & Soup at Stanford Bishop 12noon to 1.30pm.

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



St. James Church

Ocle Pychard

Presents

Carols by Candlelight

With The Pax Singers

On

December 17th at 7.30pm

Followed by mulled wine and hot mince pies

Everyone is welcome.



Communion Service

Sunday 12th
December
8.30am

Sunday 16th January
8.30am

Christmas Day
Service
25th December



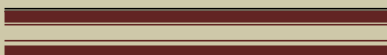
10.00am

Carol Service

Sunday 19^r December
4.00pm

Sunday 23rd January
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 Dec 21 / Jan 22 News, Views & Muse



Hilary's Nature Diary

A winter's sleep



We have a healthy bat population around the church which means good insect numbers (including a thriving midge population in my garden this year!). I have recorded many bat species, from the high flying noctule accompanying the swifts and swallow to the delightfully delicate lesser horseshoe bat characteristically hanging by its spindly legs. With winter upon us, these bats are safely tucked away in their winter bolt holes: some species will hibernate in trees, others in caves or cave-like structures such as tunnels or unheated cellars. At times, on mild nights, the bats will wake from their winter torpor to feed and drink. It is certainly not one big sleep. Do watch out for them.



Hilaryx



Carol Service



Sunday 19th December
4.00pm
At
Castle Frome Church

Followed by Mulled Wine/Cider & Mince Pies

Collection will be for
St Michael's Hospice

(as there is no Carol Singing
around The Village this year)



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AND
A HAPPY
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St Michaels Church, Castle Frome



St James' Stanford Bishop

Snowdrops & Soup

Saturday 5thth February

12 Noon to 1.30pm

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To admire our wonderful carpet of snowdrops

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH MUCH COWARNE

As we come to the end of 2021 it is encouraging to feel that we are able to look forward to the next twelve months with more optimism than we felt this time last year. Unfortunately Covid is still very much with us and we have not escaped cases in our local area; it is clear that the vaccination programme has resulted in a reduction of cases, hospitalisations and deaths but we should still remember that the basic precautions such as handwashing, wearing masks and observing sensible social distancing are vitally important if we are not to see things go backwards during the next few winter months. It has been necessary to curtail our usual major social and fundraising events this year but we hope that it will be possible to resume at least some of them next year whilst still observing all sensible precautions relating to larger inside and outside gatherings. If we are to do this successfully it is important that we have more people - especially younger people - willing to help with ideas and organisation of such events. In recent years some of our active supporters have moved away, or for various reasons are unable to give the same amount of time to our social and fundraising events and the PCC would welcome an injection of new ideas and enthusiasm. You do not have to be a regular churchgoer to get involved, just have a desire to see the community in and around Much Cowarne thriving and working together to look after our church and each other.

We have two events taking place in St Mary's church in December: On **Saturday December 4th** we are holding a **Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy Book Sale** from 10.00am to at least 12 noon. As always, biscuits and homemade cakes will be available as will tea or cold drinks for those who prefer them. There are always books or sale by donation on the table in the church, further additions to these will be welcome as would any Produce and Christmas items. Everyone is welcome so please do come and join us for this first such event since the church reopened. Money raised will be given to the **Street Pastors of Hereford**, a dedicated team of volunteers working on the streets of Hereford to provide a safe and caring presence both day and night for people of all ages and situations. Drawn from local churches and the wider community they provide care, help, advice or a listening ear to anyone in need.

Advent Services: Following the Advent Communion service on November 28, Rev. Allaway will be taking **3 Advent Evening Prayer services** using the Book of Common Prayer. These will be **at 3.00pm on Sundays December 5, 12 and 19** and we hope the early time will encourage those who prefer not to attend services during the dark evenings. Our **Carol Service** will be on **Sunday December 12th at 10.00am** and we look forward to welcoming as many parishioners and friends as possible to this traditional service which will be taken by Rev Richard Allaway. Mince pies and mulled wine, in addition to the normal tea and coffee will be available after the service. Our **Christmas Day Communion Service**, again taken by Rev Allaway, will be held at 10.00am and, as usual, everyone, whether confirmed or not, will be very welcome.

Looking ahead we hope to welcome the Malvern Theatres Young Company to St Mary's when they will present a short performance of readings and songs followed by refreshments. Further details in the New Year.

Finally the Churchwardens and PCC wish you all a peaceful and happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

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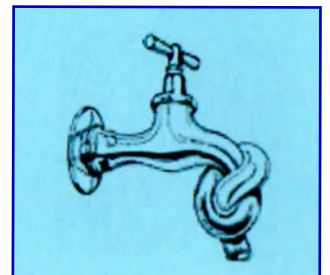
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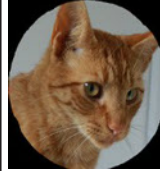
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Hello everyone. I hope you're keeping safe and well and warm!

As conditions get colder, wetter and more icy, I hope you don't mind if I start by passing on a plea that I often hear from local residents: to all of us who drive, let's make a pledge to do so as carefully and considerately as we possibly can. I've just received another letter from a resident worried about speeding, and I have to say I share these concerns. Yesterday I was litter-picking along the B4214 near Bishops Frome and felt quite anxious about the speeds of some vehicles whizzing past. Twice a week I cycle my e-bike to the station (in the dark), and each time I'm reminded how vulnerable pedestrians and cyclists are, and how easy that is to forget when you're behind a wheel. While the Parish Councils continue their efforts to get Speed Indicator Devices and other speed-restriction measures put in place, let's all do our bit to make the roads safer! (By the way, I have to say I like the 'speed awareness guys' that have been popping up in various places – they certainly help draw attention to the issue of road safety which is so, so vital.) I've been really enjoying getting back into doing 'ward surgeries' in Bishops Frome Village Centre (first Monday of the month, 2-4pm) and Cradley (third Thursday of the month, 2-4pm) and I hope to continue doing these in the New Year. Thank you to everyone who's come along to see me in the last couple of months! Unfortunately the Cradley surgery sometimes clashes with a Cabinet meeting, which I have to attend; when this is the case (as it is for 16th December, unfortunately), I'll try to reschedule for an alternative date and let people know via my Facebook page. You can always contact me by email of course – details at the bottom of this column.



I've also been enjoying my monthly 'Sunday Service' sessions! In the last couple of months I've cleaned road signs in Cradley and picked litter in Bishops Frome; next I'll be in Fromes Hill on Sunday 12th December at 10am. It's always lovely to be joined by volunteers, so please do let me know if you'd like to come along so that I can bring enough litter-picking sticks!

I'm writing this column on the Monday after the COP26 climate conference finished, so the climate crisis is very much on my mind. This time last week I was up in Glasgow myself, having joined 100,000 others marching through the city on the Saturday, urging world leaders to 'unite behind the science' and take the bold action needed to cut emissions. I also joined the 'Fridays for Future' march the previous day – it was full of families and young people, and they really did give me hope.

I confess to having mixed feelings about the outcome of COP26. On the one hand, I'm deeply disappointed that the conference didn't get anywhere close to where it needed to. On the other hand, I feel deeply determined, too. The goal of limiting global heating to a maximum of 1.5 degrees is still just about there, hanging on by a thread – but only if we all do everything we can. So that's what we need to do! Addressing the climate crisis needs all of us to do everything we can.

For Herefordshire council that means lots of things. We've made some significant changes already in recent years, and reduced our carbon footprint by 60% - so we are on track to be zero carbon by 2030. Some of the changes we've made include:

- Switching to 100% renewable electricity in 2019;
 - Replacing our vehicle fleet with hybrids and electric vehicles (EVs);
 - Installing super-efficient LED street lighting;
 - Putting solar PV panels on lots of Herefordshire schools;
 - Ensuring all new-build schools are at least Passivhaus standard (ie super-energy-efficient);
 - Building our new council housing to net zero standard (i.e. even better than Passivhaus Plus!).
- As well as reducing the council's own emissions, we've also done lots of things to help everyone in Herefordshire to reduce their carbon footprint, including:
- Investing in buses and bikes instead of subsidising car parking;

- Expanding the Beryl Bikes system in Hereford, and introducing ebikes (by the way, if you haven't tried one yet, I really recommend it - they are so easy to ride! Do give it a go next time you're in Hereford);
- Helping businesses to get energy efficiency advice and grants for insulation, solar panels, ebikes and more;
- Supporting tree planting and 'greening' in the city and the market towns;
- Setting up new community car share clubs – three have launched this autumn (Fownhope, Leominster and Kington) and more are in development;
- Creating a checklist on climate and nature for planning applicants, to encourage them to 'build greener'.

There are also lots more exciting initiatives in development, including:

- A big scale-up of EV charging infrastructure throughout the county, coming soon;
- A big push to significantly increase recycling levels, and to reduce waste to landfill;
- New supplementary planning guidance on environmental building standards, and on protecting river water quality from pollution;
- A big boost to buses – not just in the city but crucially in the market towns and along the routes between them;
- A new public transport hub and a co-ordinated, integrated public transport system as part of a joined-up city plan.

Hopefully these lists give you a sense of hope, as they do for me! There is a lot that we can do to tackle the climate crisis starting right here in Herefordshire – and of course there's lots more we need to do. It takes effort and political will, but it is definitely doable!

I also wanted to let you know about two things I think will really help us on this journey. The first is the new 'Herefordshire Climate and Nature Partnership Board'. This had its first meeting on Friday 12th November. It brings together 16 people from various sectors of Herefordshire, including industry, the public sector, community representatives, and climate and nature experts. Its purpose is to help engage the whole community of Herefordshire in achieving our 'zero carbon, nature rich' goals as set out here: <https://zerocarbon.herefordshire.gov.uk/>. I'll keep you posted on how it develops!

The other super-exciting news is that we will be running a Hereford Citizens Climate Assembly in January. This will bring together a representative sample of 48 people from all parts of Herefordshire and all walks of life to explore the question 'how can Herefordshire respond to the challenge of climate change?' You can find more information about what a Citizens Assembly involves here: https://www.sortitionfoundation.org/citizens_assembly. Some of you will have received invitations to participate and if so I really encourage you to respond! The final group of participants will be selected by lottery to ensure that there is no potential bias. Citizens' Assemblies have been hailed as a really interesting experiment in extending and expanding democracy, so I hope this will be a really positive experience for Herefordshire! I will keep you posted in future columns, of course.

I think all that remains now is for me to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! (Although it seems a little early, since I'm writing this in mid-December... J). I do hope that Christmas this year is restful and joyful for you all.

As always, please do get in touch if there's anything you'd like my help with. Landline: 01531 670729, Mobile: 07950 714947, Email: Ellie.chowns@herefordshire.gov.uk. I'm always happy to hear from you.

Until the new year, take care! Very best wishes, Ellie

Diocese Newsletter - December

In the recent COP26 Conference run-up, some of us have been planting trees as part of the Queen's Green Canopy Project. It is a fitting way of marking Her Majesty's 70

years as sovereign, and the tree-planting project acquires an urgent relevance in the light of the climate crisis. Gardeners will have collected seeds to multiply their stocks. It is a longer-term view and cheaper way than buying established plants from our suppliers.

Seeds are remarkable things. There is little correlation between their size and the size of the plant that emerges. What is more extraordinary is that the complete blueprint for the established plant resides in such a small package. Every detail is written in the DNA, ready to emerge when the conditions are suitable for germination. The seed is as much the plant as the tree is, despite their very different appearance.

All metaphors have their limitations. But when we contemplate the events of Christmas and the reality of God's incarnation in Christ, the seed to plant metaphor can be helpful. In his letter to the Philippians, St Paul said that Jesus Christ was God in very nature. In Jesus, God reveals himself not just as the creative hand behind all that is but also as personal. The human (albeit extraordinary) attributes of personality we see in Jesus are the characteristics of God himself. Paul is essentially saying that because Jesus was God, he took the lowest place, showed humility, and gave himself up for others. Appearing in human form, born as the infant Jesus was not a disguise for God, but God in his very essence.

The humble familiarity of the Christmas story reminds us that we can know God. The good news is that knowledge can be transformative as we enter into a relationship with him. I pray that we all enter afresh into this reality and prepare to celebrate his coming to us.

+Richard

THE JACKDAW MAFIA

Many people in Bishops Frome rightly put out food for the garden birds that visit and I am no exception to this, I tend to find that as soon as I put food out the local Jackdaws descend and scoff most of it before the smaller birds have a chance to feed, it seems our local Jackdaws have an inner sense when food is on the menu. Where I live in Knights Court I can see these birds in the tall trees on sentry duty, bordering St Marys churchyard and they know exactly when to pounce. I have no problem with this as I merely put more food out when the Jackdaws have had their fill.

Jackdaws (Latin *Corvus Monedula*) are highly intelligent birds, their name comes from the 'Tchack Tchack' call they make and also from the the old Anglo Saxon word Daw which apparently means Small or Dark. There is a famous poem called the Jackdaw of Rheims(80 miles NE of Paris) written by a man called Thomas Ingoldsby who was in reality a cleric by the name of Richard Barham he in 1837 wrote a poem about a Jackdaw who lived in Rheims Cathedral tower and stole the ring of the Bishop there, Jackdaws are known for their love of bright things, after the Bishop prayed for the rings return the Jackdaw returned it and was made a Saint .

My Father actually had two Jackdaws which he caught as chicks which he tamed and came to his call called Robbie and Jack. The Jackdaws formal name is the Western or European Jackdaw, they are distinguishable from Crows by their smaller size and grey collar. Jackdaws pair for life and if one dies the surviving bird pursues a solitary existence, in past history the Jackdaw was a sacred bird in Wales. Adolf Hitler who in the late 1930s embarked on the systematic theft of art treasures initially in Austria on behalf of the Nazi Party was known as the Jackdaw of Linz for his love of bright objects.

Jackdaws are pretty clever when it comes to nesting, there are a few nests in St Marys tower but usually they will find an exposed house chimney and collect sticks to drop down the chimney until one sticks across the chimney then they will build on that, or a hollow in a tree. Jackdaws are a bit of a pain at times but you have to live and let live and I think people in the country are more attuned to that than their counterparts in towns

Godfrey (Geoff) Norman



The Frome Valley Group December 2021

	5 th	12 th	19 th	24 th	25 th	26 th	Carol Services
Bishops Frome	10.00am High Mass SB	10.00am Holy Communion SB	10.00 High Mass SB	3pm Crib Service RA			21 st December 7pm SB
Castle Frome		8.30am Holy Communion SB	4pm Carol Service SB	11.30pm Mass SB	10.00am Holy Communion SB		19 th December 4pm SB
Evesbatch							22 nd December 6.30pm SB
Fromes Hill	10.00am Matins Lay Led		11.30am Holy Communion SB		10.00am Holy Communion Fr David West		17 th December 7pm SB
Much Cowarne	3pm Advent Evening Prayer BPC RA	10.00am Carol Service RA 3pm Advent Evening Prayer BPC RA	3pm Advent Evening Prayer BPC RA		10.00am Holy Communion RA		12 th December 10am RA
Ocle Pychard	8.30am Holy Communion SB			8pm First Communion of Christmas RA			17 th December 7.30pm with the Pax Singers RA
Stanford Bishop				6.00pm Carol Service Fr David West			24 th December 6pm Fr David West
	Advent 2 Purple Psalm 75 Philippians 1.3-11 Luke 3.1-6	Advent 3 Purple Psalm 50.1-6 Philippians 4.4-7 Luke 3.7-18	Advent 4 Purple Psalm 80.1-8 Hebrews 10.5-10 Luke 1.39-55	Christmas Eve/ Day Gold or White Hebrews 1:1-12 John 1:1-14	Christmas Eve/ Day Gold or White Hebrews 1:1-12 John 1:1-14		

The Frome Valley Group

January 2022

	2 nd	9 th	16 th	23 rd	30 th
Acton Beauchamp					
Bishops Frome	<i>10.00am High Mass SB</i>	<i>10.00am Holy Communion SB/Fr David West</i>	<i>10.00 High Mass SB</i>	<i>10.00 Holy Communion SB</i>	<i>Group Service SB</i>
Castle Frome		<i>8.30am Holy Communion Fr David West</i>		<i>10.00am Family Service Lay Led</i>	
Evesbatch					
Fromes Hill	<i>10.00am Matins Lay Led</i>		<i>11.30am Holy Communion SB</i>		
Much Cowarne		<i>10.00am Matins RA</i>		<i>10.00am Holy Communion RA</i>	
Ocle Pychard					
Stanford Bishop					
	<i>Epiphany Gold or White Psalm 72.10-15 Ephesians 3.1-12 Matthew 2.1-12</i>	<i>Baptism of Christ White Psalm 29 Acts 8.14-17 Luke 3.15-17,21,22</i>	<i>Epiphany 2 White Psalm 36.5-10 1 Corinthians 12.1-11 John 2.1-11</i>	<i>Epiphany 3 White Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a Luke 4.14-21</i>	<i>Candlemas Gold or White Psalm 24. 7-10 Hebrews 2.14-18 Luke 2.22-40</i>

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

The Baptism of Felicity Pippa Hunt took place on 24th October 2021 at St Mary the Virgin, Bishops Frome.

Weddings

The Wedding of James Lewis and Ruth Bishop took place on 23rd October 2021 at St James the Great, Ocle Pychard.

Funerals

The Funeral of Robert John Fenner who died on 12th October 2021, aged 85, took place on 29th October 2021 at St Mary the Virgin, Much Cowarne.

The Funeral of May Andrews who died on 23rd October 2021, aged 88, took place on 9th November 2021 at St Matthews, Frome's Hill.

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Dec 19 th	Moyra Taylor	Liz
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Jan 9 th	Tony W.	TBA
Jan 16 th	Lucy Cranmore	Liz
Jan 23 rd	Angela	TBA
Jan 30 th	Liz	TBA
Feb 6 th	Sarah	TBA

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Tuesday - Zumba with Bev, 7pm, 07900 640 467
Wednesday - Needlecraft, 2pm to 4pm, Beryl 01531 640 359
Wednesday - Kick Boxing with White Lotus, 7pm, 07495 427 993
Thursday - Talk Community Café (see below), Tony 07764 578 410
Friday - Pilates with Sally, 9.30am, 07909 754039 (some Fridays)
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