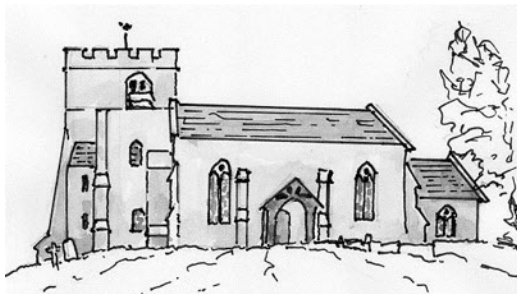


# **FROME VALLEY NEWS**

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



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### Editorial:

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.

### Stay safe and here's to vaccinations and freedom

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

Dear Everyone

Given the speed things with which are changing in the UK you may well be reading this with far fewer restrictions in place and hopefully a greater degree of freedom. Of course with that freedom comes responsibility and we will undoubtedly still have to continue with many of the current safeguards such as mask wearing and social distancing. However, the reality is that as a country we are embarking upon an enormous reset of our lives. But how will things change? Will we be kinder, more community minded, more environmentally aware? Will we change as individuals or as a society? Will the way we 'do' church alter? At the moment we simply don't know, but one thing is sure that after this year of pandemic, there will be change.



This change seems all the more apt given that we are about to celebrate the Easter season. At this time we celebrate the greatest change and transformation in the history of faith - the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. After the resurrection the world as we know it was changed in ways that are still shaping our lives today. We all respond differently and personally to the Passion of Christ and his resurrection - it provides us with an opportunity to examine ourselves and consider not just our beliefs but our actions and motivation.

The same could also be said about the end of this pandemic, again we can look at our lives and perhaps consider our future aspirations and how we can contribute differently to society.

But this Easter I am aware that many of us will be focussing on returning, eventually, to the simpler pleasures of our lives, pleasures that have been denied to us for a very long time: meeting up with our friends and family, travelling outside of our 'local' area, enjoying a meal in our local pub, giving and receiving a hug and returning to our churches. Being denied these for so long offers the chance to enjoy and appreciate them anew. Their importance to our souls and wellbeing can help us consider the deeper questions posed by Easter in a new light. The things that bind us and in which we can all share are rooted within our commitment to and communion with God.

And for those of you who are worried about not being able to touch and hug those whom you love, the experience of Mary Magdalene in the garden that first Easter morning has new significance and meaning. And remember at first, the disciples fail to realise the possibility of a new future. The men stay behind closed doors while the women visit the tomb early that morning. It takes some time for them to accept the news the women bring back from the empty tomb. But for the next 40 days, two phrases are repeated constantly by the Risen Christ: 'Peace be with you!' and 'Be not afraid!' Christ repeats these words over and over again ... for, even in the darkest days, there is always hope, and hope that offers new life.

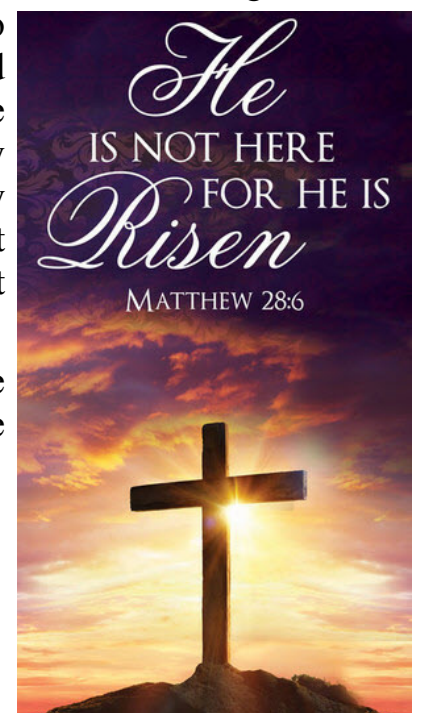
Although this will be a simpler Easter than those in the past, let it be one that we celebrate sincerely and one where we can look to the future with optimism and a determination to make the world a better place.

*Christ is risen!*

***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

Best wishes and blessings

Richard





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### Frome Valley Pastoral Group

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

Rev'd Steven Baggs      01885 490582      [stevenbaggs@me.com](mailto:stevenbaggs@me.com)

Rev'd Richard Allaway      07969 699270      [rja5204572fco@gmail.com](mailto:rja5204572fco@gmail.com)

Mrs Judy Orgee

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Tony & Liz Davis

01885 490394

## ST. MARY'S CHURCH MUCH COWARNE

At last there is some positive and welcome news! Assuming that the really encouraging decrease in Covid19 infection and death rates continues and the government does not re-impose restrictions which prevent it, we shall have our own Easter service at St Mary's and our regular pattern of two services per month will resume after Easter.

Proposed details are:

**Easter Sunday April 4:** 11.30am, Easter Communion, celebrant Richard Allaway

**Regular services:** Beginning in April, services will be held on the second Sunday (Morning Prayer) and fourth Sundays (Communion) of each month. Where possible these services will be at 10.00am but times may vary.

PLEASE REMEMBER that until we are notified to the contrary, face masks must be worn at all services and social distancing must be observed. For the moment and until we feel it is completely safe to resume, there will regretfully be no after-service coffee.

CHURCH OPENING – until at least June 17<sup>th</sup> St Mary's Church will remain closed except on the Sundays when there is a service, on these days it will remain open after the service until evening to allow the opportunity for private prayer.

Let us hope that nothing will make it necessary to change any of these welcome moves towards a fuller release from the present lockdown.

### St. Giles' Church, Acton Beauchamp

We will be having a service on Easter Sunday, the 4th of April, at 11.30am.  
Everyone very welcome.

All precautions will be taken to ensure Covid safe surroundings.

With best wishes from Acton Beauchamp PCC and wishing you all a Happy Easter.

Acton Beauchamp PCC will be making decisions a little later in the year regarding our fund raising activities.

### **Instone Court, HR7 4JS - Farm Vending**

We realise this is a difficult and very scary time for many with some of our customers concerned with visiting busy supermarkets on a regular basis. With this in mind, is there any produce you would like to see stocked in the vending machines? This week we have introduced butter. Vegetable stew packs and bake at home baguettes will be stocked by the weekend. Blue paper and disinfectant is available in the shed along with sanitiser for your use

**We would just like to thank all of our customers over these trying months,  
we really appreciate your business.**

Now taking contactless card payments and cash!! Take away curry - Friday and Saturday nights. Cakes and Bakes from Taynton Farm. **Other Produce:** Free range eggs, free range whole and semi milk, crisps, organic potatoes, veg, apples, cobnuts, walnuts, cream, Wallers meat (bacon, sausages, pork pies and more) tomatoes, jams and chutney. Now having Peter Cooks bread.

**Simon and Elaine**

## Churchyards in the Frome Valley

The majority of people who have loved ones buried in our churchyards try to comply with the regulations that are in place. Sadly this isn't always the case and a number of churchwardens have approached me recently concerned that more and more items are appearing on graves.

This year has been particularly difficult for families with so many restrictions in place regarding funerals and losing loved ones without the opportunity to say a proper goodbye. We understand this and have tried to be as sensitive as possible to the needs of those who are mourning but unfortunately things are beginning to get out of hand. If we don't address this issue mowing is going to be particularly difficult for our teams of volunteers this summer.

The Churchyard Regulations 2008 address some of the issues we are facing;

Flower vases – these may be incorporated into the base of a headstone but separate flower vases must not be placed on graves except where no headstone, cross or other memorial will be erected. In this case a permanent stone vase may be erected with permission. We now have graves with 2, 3 or even 4 vases on them. Glass and plastic vases are a safety hazard, particularly when strimming the grass around them.

Flowers – only fresh flowers may be placed on a grave, no artificial flowers are allowed with the exception of Christmas wreaths and remembrance poppies, which should all be removed one month after being placed.

**No solar lights, garden gnomes, statues etc should be placed on graves.**

**Bushes, shrubs and other plants should not be planted in graves.**

**Fencing should not be placed around a grave.**

**Temporary grave markers should be removed once a permanent memorial has been placed.**

I hope this clarifies the situation. Thank you to all those who help maintain our churchyards as special places for those who come to visit them.

Rev'd Steven Baggs

Vicar

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### Easter Day Eucharists

8.30am Ocle Pychard

10am Bishops Frome

10am Fromes Hill

11.30am Acton Beauchamp

11.30am Much Cowarne

## Although Census Day was 21 March you can complete your questionnaire until 4 May

You will have received information through the post about this national survey which takes place every 10 years. This is the first UK Census managed mainly online, and you will have received a unique access code to enable you to take part.

To make sure that everyone can participate, lots of help is available, including at **Bishops Frome Village Centre**, where there is a Census Support Centre with advisers trained by the Good Things Foundation.

Help will be available until **4 May** either from us or the national Census Contact Centre

- If you have no internet at home, no computer, tablet or smartphone, or are not confident about filling in the questionnaire, we will be able to help you; confidentiality will be a top priority. We have laptops that you can use to complete the questionnaire yourself when it is possible to visit the Village Centre and we will be able to help you if you like
- you will be able to bring your own device to the Village Centre and log on to the internet there to complete your questionnaire
- we can help you complete the questionnaire on paper, though you may need to apply for a form
- we can complete your questionnaire with you over the phone

Lots of **support is available: phone to make an appointment**

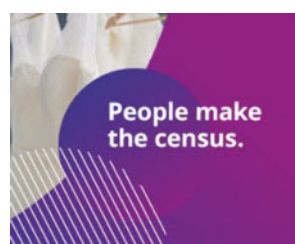
**0333 0064 754** – calls on this line are charged at normal rates, or we can call you back.

You can contact us by email on [censusbfvc@gmail.com](mailto:censusbfvc@gmail.com)

We are hoping that by now we are able to welcome you into the Village Centre, with appointments, hand sanitizer and a mask, etc, so that we can help you. If not, that should happen soon. You can call the phone line at any time 9am -5pm to make enquiries or book an appointment for help in person or on the phone.

We will keep you posted about the opening hours on the **Bishops Frome Village Centre** website [bishopsfromecentre.co.uk](http://bishopsfromecentre.co.uk) and on Facebook, or of course if you phone or email us.

*It's really important to complete the Census (and a legal requirement) to help the Government and charities with planning their provision. Census information helps a wide range of people and organisations to do their work. All information is anonymised and the actual census records are kept secure for 100 years after which they will be greeted with delight by family historians.*



## Ocle Pychard Ramblings

Dear Friends,

Today has been a beautiful day. Although it was a little chilly the sun has shone brightly all day and there has been a distinct spring-like feel, a sort of expectancy; the birds has been singing and the woodpecker has been drumming on a tree trying to summon a mate who will be impressed by his musical male prowess! Everywhere the signs of spring are emerging from their winter slumber. Just up the lane from my cottage the snowdrops and daffodils are in full bloom, such a contrast between the white and the bright yellow. In the hedges the hawthorn buds are beginning to make tentative steps towards unfurling their new leaves in a show of fresh, bright green. As I walked down the lane I spotted the small, delicate white heads of violets lifting their faces towards the sun. With the appearance of these tiny blooms I always feel that Easter is not far away. When I was a child my brother and I would, each, pick a small bunch of these exquisite flowers for our mum on Mothers Day. We would wrap the stems of our small bunches in tin foil and present them to mum at lunch time. She would be overjoyed with these small gifts that meant so much to her and to my brother and me. These days I prefer to see these lovely flowers bobbing their heads in the grass, not in a vase!

We cannot fail to have noticed that the nights are drawing out so there is more time to spend in the garden attempting to tidy up the remnants of dead leaves and make sure that everything is ready for spring. There is so much to look forward to this year and the sense of anticipation grows with every day. The vaccine roll out is moving along swiftly and covid 19 cases are decreasing with every passing day; the children are going back to school and hopefully we will all be able to have haircuts in just over a months' time!! Hooray, hooray, hooray! No more shaggy dog hair styles. There is so much optimism in the country it is infectious!!!! It will be great to go and visit friends and relatives whom we haven't seen in person for well over twelve months now. I am looking forward to seeing friends and dining in restaurants again. Of course we are all going to have to be careful and cautious for some time to come, wearing masks, sanitising hands etc.; I will still be wearing my mask in shops and supermarkets for the foreseeable future and maybe it will become the norm from now on.

I am looking forward to sunny, warm days ahead with bucket loads of optimism and a touch of caution. Take care of yourselves and those you love. Sally Ridler

**STOP PRESS- Ocle Pychard Church will be holding Easter Sunday Communion Service at 8.30am (April 4th). Do come if you can.**

### **Community First's oil buying group.**



Community First is a long established charity, in Herefordshire and Worcestershire, with aims to support strong and vibrant rural communities. Great value and convenience. In 2013, we set up a bulk buying group for heating oil for anyone in the two counties. The scheme keeps money in the local economy, builds a greater sense of community and cooperation and helps tackle fuel poverty. Over the years, with hundreds of members, we have saved many thousands of pounds across both counties.

#### **How does it work?**

At the end of each month we collate orders placed by our members and negotiate with a number of suppliers. Our savings are often between 2p and 4p a litre against the average English price and can be much more against local individual quotes. Our prices are the same for 500 as for 1500 which is good for spreading your costs.

To register your interest or ask a question please contact: [info@comfirst.org.uk](mailto:info@comfirst.org.uk) or ring Richard on 07515 881231. More details can be found at [www.comfirst.org.uk](http://www.comfirst.org.uk)

Membership costs £20 per year. We are very happy to work with established local groups too for instance by sharing good practice and energy efficiency tips.





### Communion Service

Sunday 11th April  
8.30am  
To Be Confirmed ...



### Family Service

Sunday 25th April  
10.00am  
To be Confirmed ...

This is a reverent and informal service for the family of the Church. All are welcome. Coffee, tea and squash served at the close of the service, offering a time to socialise.



# Castle Frome April 21 News, Views & Muse



## Hilary's Nature Diary

Hark, hark! the lark at heaven's gate sings

It wasn't just Shakespeare who was clearly a fan of the lark; he is amongst many a playwright, poet, musician and composer. There is something about the complex lyrical song of the territorial male skylark, as he soars 100s of feet to announce his presence. 'As up he wings the spiral stair, A song of light, and pierces air' (George Meredith).

Classified as red in the UK Red List for birds, we are all the more fortunate to have skylarks in the skies above our church, attracted to the arable fields and grasslands nearby. To me the skylark evokes thoughts of picnics on sunny summer days – but I hear them from February onwards, and they are present all year.

Hilary



## Meteor Showers

You may have seen recently a large meteor over the UK. Thousands of reports swept in to news outlets across the United Kingdom after a loud 'explosion' type noise and 'fireball' at around 9.55pm on the evening of 1<sup>st</sup> March. Something to look forward to .....

April is a great month for meteor showers. One of which is the Lyrids meteor shower, which appears from April 16<sup>th</sup> to April 26<sup>th</sup> each year. There's another one called the Eta Aquariids meteor shower that can be seen onwards from April 21<sup>st</sup>.



Lyrid meteors are little pieces of Comet Thatcher, a long-period comet that orbits the sun about once every 415 years. Pieces of debris left in the comet's wake, however, make an appearance every year.

The Lyrids are one of the oldest recorded shower, with observations going back to 687 B.C. You don't need any kind of special equipment to see the meteors; just look up at the dark sky, be patient and enjoy the show. You may want to wrap up warm though.

March 2021

Things always seem better when the days start getting longer and warmer, don't they?! I know many people are feeling that there is some light at the end of the tunnel now, with schools returning and the vaccine rollout going well.

I thought I'd use my column this month to talk about the work that Herefordshire Council has been doing to help support Herefordshire's visitor economy. Our beautiful county has so much to be proud of – fabulous countryside, wonderful places to eat, creativity galore... and tourism is a sector with great potential for us. It creates jobs, and has knock-on positive effects on the retail sector too. Since Covid, many more people are taking 'staycations', so it's a great time to do more to market the delights of Herefordshire!



With this in mind, last year the council was successful in winning £444,000 funding from the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) for a project to support the visitor economy with a major marketing campaign. A Steering Group was formed with representatives from a wide range of businesses, sectors and parts of the county; and two local businesses, Orphans in Leominster and Travel Tonic from near Ross, were appointed to do the work.

As a result we now have a completely revamped Visit Herefordshire website <https://www.visitherefordshire.co.uk/> with lots of enticing suggestions for things to do and places to go. We've also got a fantastic marketing campaign which has already been winning us coverage in many major newspapers and all sorts of other outlets. And now, as lockdown begins to lift, the campaign will step up a gear. The aim is to persuade more people to come and spend their holidays here – supporting the local economy (tourism creates lots of jobs), and discovering for themselves why Herefordshire is a wonderful place to spend time!

So – if you're a tourism-related business yourself, please do register on the new Visit Herefordshire website – it's completely free. And if you have friends or family who might consider coming on holiday here this summer, do encourage them to have a look. Personally, I can't wait to be able to go canoeing on the beautiful river Wye again!

In the meantime, I wish you all a warm and sunny springtime as everything begins blossoming back into life again.

Please do get in touch if you would like my help with anything.

And please do remember that you can report any issues with any council services here: [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-it](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/report-it).

Wishing you all the very best, Ellie

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## **Tour de Hereford**

Following last year's success, St Michael's Hospice will be embracing the thrill of the world's most famous cycle event by inviting you to explore your favourite routes on two wheels during the Tour de Hereford.

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And don't worry if you haven't got a bike; our friends at Beryl Bikes are offering eight Tour de Hereford fundraisers free hire throughout the Tour's three-week duration, in return for pledging to raise at least £100 in sponsorship. This is on a first-come first-served basis.

For further information, including sign-up details, visit [st-michaels-hospice.org.uk](http://st-michaels-hospice.org.uk)

Tour de Hereford | 26th June – 18th July



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## **Welcome to Simon**

St Michael's is set to benefit from the fundraising and commercial skills of a former Commercial Manager at Hereford Racecourse

Simon Kershaw joins St Michael's Hospice as Events and Community Fundraising Officer, and says he can't wait to get going.

'I'm delighted things have come full circle and that I'm back in Herefordshire,' he said. 'It's a huge honour for me to join St Michael's, a charity which is respected across the county and further afield.'

Following his time at Hereford Racecourse, Simon worked as General Manager at Bath Racecourse, then Commercial Director at Newmarket Racecourses. He joined Cardiff Bay-based sponsorship agency Fusion, helping establish a charity called 'The Level Playing Field' to generate funds for children from disadvantaged backgrounds using the power of football.

Simon later returned to horse racing with a post as Commercial Director at Sandown Park before becoming Head of Catering & Events at London's Natural History Museum, then Director of Events at The Honourable Artillery Company, also in the capital.

'These wide-ranging positions have given me an invaluable insight into the corporate world and the huge role businesses can play in helping support and raise the profile of charities and other good causes,' he added.

'I look forward to re-establishing relationships with companies and other community organisations in Herefordshire as well as working with the already successful fundraising team at St Michael's to help ensure the Hospice's prominent profile continues.'

Simon can be contacted by calling 01432 852 603 or emailing [skershaw@smhospicehereford.org](mailto:skershaw@smhospicehereford.org)

For more information contact Paul Broome, Communications Officer at St Michael's Hospice, on 01432 852 643 or email [pbroome@smhospicehereford.org](mailto:pbroome@smhospicehereford.org)

## **THE SPECIAL BLACKBIRD**

Way back in 2014 when my good lady wife Sally was still here we often used to sit in our Dining Room watching the birds visit the bird table and feeders we had in the garden. One day a blackbird turned up he/she was a bit different in that it had white flashes on the side of its head, breast and left hand wing and also the end of the top part of the beak was turned at the end up resembling a knob. This bird turned up at least 5-8 times a week to feed, and eventually nested and raised 4 chicks in a Pyracantha Bush in our garden (unfortunately 2 were killed by the Partridge Garage Cat) however the next year, 2016 another brood was raised in the same bush I think all these survived. Well this bird has visited our garden ever since at least 5-6 times a week up until now. I have no idea how long Blackbirds live but this one was mature in 2014 so is at least 7-8 years old, I would imagine this bird has visited other gardens in the village so it would be nice to hear if anyone else has spotted it

## **THE NON-HIBERNATING HEDGEHOG**

One night at the back end of November last year I was putting some stuff into the recycling bin and when walking up my garden path literally tripped over a hedgehog, so on spec. I put out some food in a small tray on the path comprising dried worms and dog food plus a container of water the next night, well the next day all the food had gone, so pretty much every night since then I have done the same thing, the hedgehog turns up like clockwork about 10 o'clock every night, and I have seen it many times by torch light, this hedgehog is now much bigger than when I first saw it, how it gets underneath my gate is a mystery. I thought all hedgehogs hibernated in the Winter but this one is obviously an exception to the rule is Climate change responsible ?

## **MRS SHEILA SUTTON**

I guess a fair few villagers know Sheila, to say she was a troubled soul is a bit of an understatement and she had her problems as I have been told by several people and was not the easiest of persons to get on with. She is now in semi-permanent residence at Pencombe Hall where she has been since December 2019 and it is unlikely she will return to Bishops Frome. I first met Sheila some 3 years ago when I found her dog Dollie who had run off and became friendly with her mainly because of that. Sheila is a very well educated, came from a well to do family and is a highly intelligent woman who for many years held senior posts with the National Trust, for example she managed a large NT property called Cragside in Northumberland, Sheila is also a highly skilled seamstress specialising in embroidery, produced some beautifully embroidered pictures which hang in her house and also made many of the clothes she wore. Given her recent history Sheila is now in the best place she could be where she is looked after and has the company and friendship she wanted. I have produced this short article as various individuals have asked about her status and well being. Should anyone wish to contact her she can be reached on 01885 400 217

From Godfrey (Geoff) Norman



## Local Online Therapy - with Dr David Best

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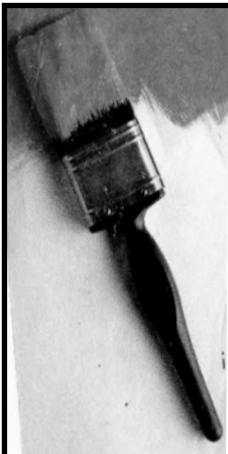
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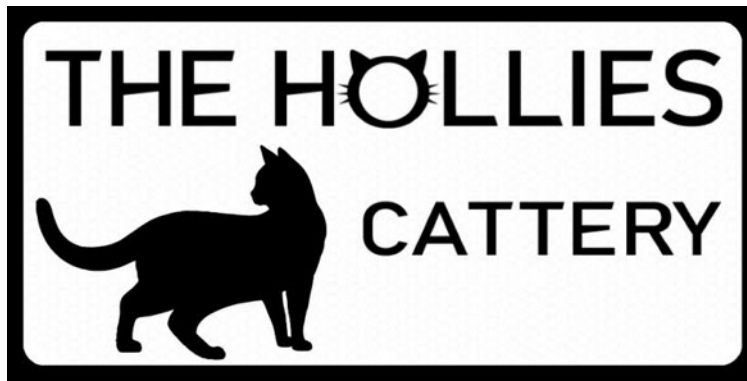
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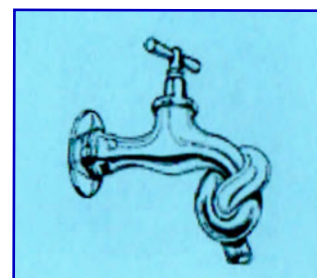
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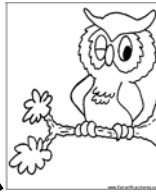
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TUESDAYS	9.45am	Beginners Tap Dance
	10.30am	Tap Dance
	11.30am	'FitSteps Fab'
	1.45pm	Silver Swans Ballet/over 55's
	3pm	Belly Dance
	6.45pm	Advanced non syllabus Ballet
WEDNESDAYS	9.30am	Modern Jazz Dance
	10.30am	Ballet
	11.45am	'FitSteps'
	2pm	Ballet
THURSDAYS	10am	'FitSteps Fab'
	11.15am	Silver Swans Ballet/over 55's
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## April 2021

	<b>4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>
<b>Acton Beauchamp</b>	<i>11.30am Holy Communion SB</i>				
<b>Bishops Frome</b>	<i>10.00am Holy Communion RA</i>	<i>10.00am Holy Communion</i>	<i>10.00 Holy Communion</i>	<i>10.00 Holy Communion</i>	<i>10.00am Holy Communion</i>
<b>Castle Frome</b>					
<b>Evesbatch</b>					
<b>Fromes Hill</b>	<i>10.00am Holy Communion SB</i>				
<b>Much Cowarne</b>	<i>11.30am Holy Communion RA</i>	<i>10.00am Matins</i>		<i>10.00am Holy Communion</i>	
<b>Ocle Pychard</b>	<i>8.30am Holy Communion SB</i>				<i>8.30am Holy Communion</i>
<b>Stanford Bishop</b>					
	Easter Sunday Gold or White Acts 10.34-43 John 20.1-18	Easter 2 White Acts 4.32-35 Psalm 133 John 20.19-31	Easter 3 White Acts 3.12-19 Psalm 4 Luke 24.36b-48	Easter 4 White Acts 4.5-12 Psalm 23 John 10.11-18	Easter 5 White Acts 8.26-40 Psalm 22.25-31 John 15.1-8

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**The Bishops Frome Support Group**  
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In the Centre, full day hires by the NHS continue and the Post Office will remain open. Although we are hoping that lockdown restrictions will be continue to be eased, we will be continuing to follow **Covid-19 Secure** guidelines for the time being, especially hand sanitising, control on numbers, distancing and face coverings at all times. Guidelines change so if you are thinking of booking for the future, please email for the latest version of the Special Conditions of Hire.

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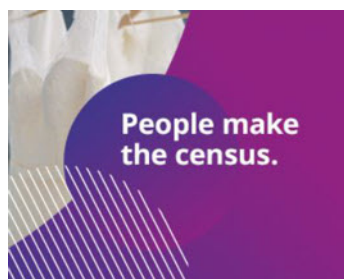
Planning is continuing for the Bishops Frome Village Centre

**Talk Community Hub** which aims to

- help to bring people together, build friendships and strengthen our community
- help people connect to the local community and services
- help people to access information and find available services, groups and activities to support wellbeing and independence using the WISH website (Wellbeing Information and Signposting for Herefordshire)



Look out for the **Talk Community Café** on Thursday mornings, in a few weeks – and Tony on 07764 578410 will still be glad to hear from people who can volunteer to help. Could you welcome people, help make the coffee, bring a cake, help people search for services and activities?



Census Support continues at the Village Centre until 4 May. There is detail elsewhere in this magazine about when we are open and what form assistance will take as Covid restrictions lift.

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