

The ARCH Messenger



May 2026

**Abbots Morton, Rous Lench, Church Lench,
Harvington, Norton & Lenchwick**

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May
2026

Readings

3rd May	Acts 7. 55 -end – Psalm 31. 1-5 - 1 Peter 2. 2-10 – John 14. 1-14
10th May	Acts 17. 22-31 – Psalm 66. 7-end – 1 Peter 3. 13-end – John 14. 15-21
17th May	Acts 1. 6-14 – Psalm 68. 1-10 – 1 Peter 4. 12-14; 5.6-11 – John 17. 1-11
24th May, Pentecost	Acts 2. 1-21 – Psalm 104. 26-end – 1 Corinthians 12.3-13 – John 20. 19.23
31st May, Trinity	Isaiah 40. 12-17, 27-end – Psalm 8 – 2 Corinthians 13. 11-end – Matthew 28. 16-end

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Thought for the month

Let's be clear; people who have been crucified do not come back to life.

The first followers of Jesus in the first century knew it and we know it now. When someone is crucified, that is definitely the end.



But the heart of the Christian faith; the living, beating heart of what Christians believe, is that Jesus Christ - a human being like you and me, was crucified, died and then rose again. And that impossible truth, that Jesus rose from the dead, marks the moment when the usual pattern of things - life followed by death - was turned upside down. And from that reversal of what's normal, flow other truths that turn the world upside down.

For instance, it looks 'normal' that powerful people who are in charge get to have the final word - but all the power of the Roman Empire didn't manage to keep Jesus dead.

Or it's normal to think that punishment is the right response to injustice and wrongdoing - but the risen Jesus didn't seek out those who had failed him and nailed him to a cross. Instead, when he meets people, he forgives them and gives them back their dignity.

Or it seems normal that suffering, sin and evil always have the loudest voice in our world - but Jesus' resurrection promises that their power has been defeated and that there are more important voices at work. The voices of hope, generosity and courage, for instance.

In a world in which violence, injustice and suffering seem so normal, the resurrection opens the door to a new normal and to an alternative pattern of life. Easter tells us that the horrors of war in Ukraine, unimaginable suffering in the Middle East and poverty in our own communities, are not normal and never will be. Easter cries out that homelessness and mental illness are not inevitable and never will be. Easter promises us that hope, forgiveness and mercy are available - that they are the normal that God longs to see. The risen Jesus says - 'I have turned what you thought 'normal' upside down and started a revolution of hope. Join me and let's build a new 'normal'.'

I pray that you will know the new 'upside down normal' in your own lives and in your communities and that, seeing the revolution of hope at work, you'll join in.

Happy Easter and God bless, **Bishop Hugh**

Pastoral

Daily prayers:
8.30am

via Zoom – contact either Fr Glenn or Rev'd Chris for details
(e-mail rector@archbenefice.org.uk
chris@archbenefice.org.uk)

Pastoral calls and contacts

Please telephone Fr Glenn in the first instance:
07964282278

If you would like to meet with Fr Glenn, please email to arrange a suitable time.



"Whilst I appreciate the thought, would whoever it is please stop tweeting, 'So far, so good...!'"

Benefice News



Wind & Fire



www.freebibleimages.org

The Lenches and Harvington Messy Church team invites you to Harvington Village Hall on

Sunday 24th May, 3.30 - 5.30pm
for an afternoon of crafts, story and song,
focused on the story of Pentecost,
finishing with a full 2-course meal -
all completely free!

ALL AGES WELCOME!

Notice is hereby given for the Annual Parochial Church Meetings across the Benefice. All are welcome to attend.

Harvington	Wednesday 20th May, 7:30pm
Abbots Morton	Monday 13th May, 6pm
Norton & Lenchwick	Sunday 3rd May, 11am

Men's Night

Wednesday 13th May, 8pm,
Coach & Horses



Benefice News

**Thirty-six famous stories
displayed as you've never seen
them before (maybe!)**



THE KNITTED BIBLE

Evesham Methodist Church

21 May to 5th June 2026

Daily from 10am to 4pm

(except Friday mornings and Sundays)

ADMISSION FREE

(Donations to Christian Aid Week)

Caring Hands foodbank – please keep it going

Please remember Caring Hands when doing your weekly shop and purchase an extra item or two for the foodbank: toilet rolls, toiletries, tinned and dried goods are always welcome.

Items can be left in the donation boxes in our parish churches.

Benefice News

U3A Silver Anniversary

The members of the u3a in Evesham and District are celebrating their 25th **Anniversary** in 2026. From small beginnings in November 2001, they have grown to over 1,200 members and now offer over 90 different interest groups, everything from Archaeology to Italian to Board Games, as well as numerous walking and physical activity groups.

The u3a is open to all who are no longer in full-time employment. Look us up on Facebook or find details of groups and activities on our website **Evesham.u3asite.uk**. Why not come along to our Open Meetings that take place on the first Wednesday of each month at 2 pm in the Methodist Centre on Bridge Street, with an outside speaker followed by tea and biscuits?

Did you know that there are u3a branches across the Cotswolds and Gloucestershire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire, and if you are a member of your local branch, you are welcome to join u3a groups in Evesham.

For the Silver Anniversary year, we are contacting **founder members** who may still be in the area. Were you or someone you know a member of Evesham u3a in the early years? If you have any information regarding founder members, we would like to hear from you. Please contact Lorna Slaughter via the u3a Evesham website.

Enjoying a good walk

If you enjoy a good walk, the Arch Messenger distribution team are looking for new volunteers to join our team of deliverers throughout the Benefice.

You do not have to commit to walking the Wychavon Way every week: we need people who can just deliver in their local patch once a month. There is lots of flexibility and volunteers usually have a week or so to fit in the deliveries.

If you would be interested in helping us, please contact Tom: tom@archbenefice.org.uk



What's the Big Idea? An Introduction to the Books of the Old Testament: Ezekiel

Editor: Canon Paul Hardingham continues his series on the books of the Bible.

Ezekiel was a prophet who proclaimed judgment to God's people in the 6th century BC. He was among the group of Jews exiled in Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar. Ezekiel received his call when he was 30 years old through a vision of the glory of God. His ministry finished 22 years later with a vision of the restored Temple in Jerusalem.

Ezekiel spoke to a community forced from its home, who had broken faith with God. He presents a God who rules over all people and history. He is a God who desires to be known and acknowledged (*'then they will know that I am the Lord'*). As a priest, Ezekiel was deeply concerned with the holiness of God. This call to holy living includes an emphasis on individual responsibility (chapter 18), which is a significant milestone in biblical thought.

Ezekiel offers a vision of true hope for those who have undergone judgment. He promises a restored Temple as a sign of God's presence among his people. He also promises a future *'prince'* who will rule with justice and restore God's relationship with his people (34:23-4).

In restoring them morally and spiritually, God promises to use them to bring light to the Gentiles. They will demonstrate the holiness of God's name, because they will know him from the heart. This is the promise that is fulfilled in Jesus and made possible for us:

'I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.' (36: 26-27).



Pentecost

Abraham: the man who made the biggest leap of faith in history

Lester Amann considers the man who is our 'spiritual father'...

If we need to get somewhere by public transport, we look at the route and trust the driver knows the way. By faith, we accept that he or she will get us safely to where we want to go.

It was very different for Abraham. God told him to leave his homeland and begin a journey, physically (and spiritually) to an unknown destination. He didn't even understand why God wanted him to move, but he trusted God anyway.

Abraham was born in a country far from Israel, now modern Iraq. His story covers hundreds of miles along with various events and incidents. Although he encountered numerous difficulties and challenges, Abraham lived in close fellowship with God.



We might like stability in our lives, but Abraham was unable to settle permanently anywhere. He lived a temporary existence. Slowly, gradually, God revealed to Abraham what he had to do. He was not perfect. In fact, he made several mistakes but God's plans for Abraham were not thwarted. God showed patience. Despite this man's failings, at times, God revealed His purposes.

God often calls people without giving them all the details! If we knew everything, we would not need faith. God does not always explain to us His ways - neither completely nor in one go. Abraham discovered aspects about God as time went on. It was a journey of faith; a life lived one step at a time.

We may look at Abraham's life and think we cannot have faith like him. If we were put to severe testing, we know we would fail. Our journey with God is different from his, but by his example we can rely on God's promises.

Abraham's life challenges us to believe in a great God and to obey Him. Like Abraham, at the end of *our* journey of faith, we have an eternal destination waiting for us.

Saint for the Month: Josephine Butler, 30th May

Josephine Butler is the 'saint' for anyone who believes in social justice. This remarkable 19th century clergyman's wife became a renowned campaigner for women's rights and for putting a halt to human trafficking.



Josephine was born in Northumberland in 1828, the daughter of a wealthy family of liberal politics and committed Christian faith. They had already been deeply involved in the abolition of slavery and the extension of the franchise. Such notions of equality instilled into Josephine a passionate desire to combat social injustice.

In 1852 Josephine married George Butler, the son of the Headmaster of Harrow, who shared her views. George was ordained in 1854 and they moved first to Oxford and then to Cheltenham. In 1863 tragedy struck when their daughter Eva fell to her death.

Josephine's grief found expression a few years later, when in 1865 George had become Headmaster of Liverpool College, and the couple were settling in Liverpool. Josephine was horrified at the lives of destitute women in Liverpool, and so she founded a 'home' to care for them, as well as a hostel to train them for suitable work. In 1869 she agreed to head a campaign against the Contagious Diseases Act of 1866, and by 1871 she had addressed a Royal Commission, explaining how this Act brutalised these women, already trapped in the slavery of prostitution. She got the Act rescinded.

By 1882, when George had become a Residentiary Canon of Winchester Cathedral, Josephine had not only founded a refuge for recovering prostitutes in Winchester, but she had also begun to fight sex trafficking across the world. This included freeing British girls from Belgian brothels. By 1885 Josephine had exposed the white slave trade in London, and had persuaded Parliament to increase the age of consent for girls from 13 to 16, and to penalise those engaged in the transport of women for profit.

In 1890 her husband George died, but Josephine continued her work until retirement to Northumberland, where she died in 1906.

All in all, Josephine Butler's deep Christian compassion transformed the lives of many tens of thousands of suffering women. She has been described as one of the most important early members of the feminist movement.

From 'St James the Less, Letters to a Young Curate'

My dear nephew Darren,

So, you are beginning to plan your first Summer Fete in your new parish. That you appear to be looking forward to it shows how little you know about them.

Parishes hold Summer Fetes so that their clergy can preach more meaningfully on purgatory. Their ostensible purpose is to raise money for the church - which is wholly illogical. The parish could double the money raised if the Fete were dropped, none of the endless preparations made, if everyone spent a pleasant afternoon in their own gardens and each person simply donated £20 to the church instead. But we still feel obliged to go to endless trouble, making ourselves miserable so we can show each other what a good time we are having. That it generally pours seems to make the entire event even more grimly satisfying.

No, the real reasons for a Summer Fete are twofold. First, it gives the entire parish the chance to inspect the Rector's garden. Whatever state it is in, it will cause disapproval. If it is poorly kept, then I am clearly being ungrateful for having three acres of lawn to enjoy. Mowing it each week should be one of my delights; what else would I do with a whole day off each week anyway? The hand mower, kindly given by Colonel French, is assumed to be quite adequate. The mower was presented to me when the Colonel bought his own gardener a sit-on motor mower - which is of a size and opulence that makes me assume it has a drinks cabinet and satellite navigation.

The second reason for a Fete comes as a special perk for the organisers. It gives them a chance to inspect the inside of the Rectory. Under the pretence of looking for a little more sugar, they can systematically inspect all the kitchen cupboards and comment on their contents. By the end of the day, the whole parish will know what marmalade I spread on my toast, that I use unnecessarily expensive washing powder, and where I have unsuccessfully tried to hide the gin.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace



Editor's Note: For completely different reasons to the above, please note that the St James the Great's Summer Fair on 6th June is held in the Churchyard!

St Peter's, Rous Lench

Coffee Morning at Rous Lench Village Hall

You are warmly invited to a coffee morning at Rous Lench Village Hall on Saturday 16th May from 10am to 12 noon.

This is the perfect opportunity to catch up with neighbours and friends over a cup of freshly brewed coffee or tea, while supporting your local community. There will be a delicious selection of home baking on offer, including freshly made scones, the perfect accompaniment to a leisurely morning.

It's pig roast time again!

This traditional village event will take place on Saturday 27th June this year. All the usual fun to be had by all the family.

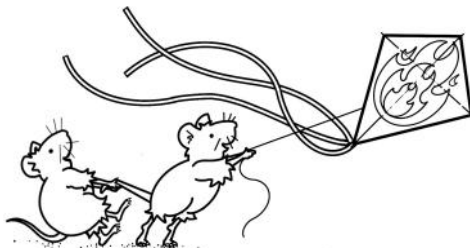
In order to ensure the future of the pig roast we need lots of helpers. If you can help in any way – eg setting up and clearing up, helping on the bar or one of the stalls or serving the food please get in touch with Fran on *****

Rous Lench Parish Council Meetings

All held at 7pm at the Village Hall:

26 May 2026, 22 September 2026, 24 November 2026, 26 January 2027 and 23 March 2027.

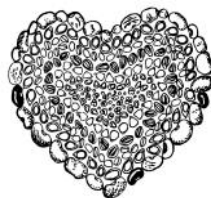
The parish council can be contacted via the Clerk, Michelle Marriner, at info@rouslenchparishcouncil.gov.uk or via the website at www.rouslenchparishcouncil.gov.uk



All Saints, Church Lench

FLOWER ROTA for Church Lench

2nd May	Anne Quickenden
16th May	Maggie Stroud
30th May	Jenny Dainty
18th June	Nadine Woakes



Chris Cross (ex The Beeches, Church Lench) wishes to thank everyone for their cards, support and kindness during and after Mike's illness and subsequent passing. The love shown by everyone has been overwhelming and humbling.

FLOWER FESTIVAL WEEKEND Friday 26th, Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th June

We hope all flower arrangers and scarecrow builders will feel inspired by this year's theme , **A WALK THROUGH HISTORY!!** From the Stone Age to the Space Age, maybe the Elizabethans or the Egyptians, the Victorians or the Romans.....the list of historical inspirations is endless and we hope you will have fun designing and assembling your amazing creations.

In addition to the floral arrangements in the church and the scarecrow trail around the villages many gardens will be open to the public together with plant sales, craft stalls and refreshments in the Village Hall.

The weekend will commence in All Saints' Church on Friday evening with a concert featuring the Vale Connection Singers and the pianist Rory Woodward . Tickets for this event must be bought in advance.

If you would like to know more, or be involved in any way, please contact **Lyndall (*****)** or **Nadine (*****)** or one of the following:

- **Open Gardens:** Lara Hailwood Sparkes (*****)
- **Scarecrows:** Lyndall Bagnall (*****)
- **Plant Sales:** Mike Knight (*****)
- **Concert tickets:** Richard Ball (*****)

Church Lench CE First School

Easter Service

The children delivered a wonderful service at the end of the term in church! The story of Easter was shared confidently through songs, poems, and prayers. It was lovely to see so many families and carers attend and offer such kind feedback. A big thank you to Ms Munro for teaching the choir their beautiful Easter song, performed so well after the Easter parade. We would also like to thank our Friends of Church Lench for providing refreshments after the service—it was greatly appreciated by all.

Cross Country Success

A huge congratulations to Florence for her fantastic achievement in the Year 5 Girls' National Cross Country Finals held recently in Warwick. Competing against a strong field, Florence finished an impressive 57th out of 185 runners in the 2400-metre race — a remarkable accomplishment at a national level. We are incredibly proud of Florence and all the hard work, determination, and dedication she has shown. Well done!

Summer Term at Church Lench.

We have lots of exciting learning taking place at Church Lench this term, including class trips to the Hindu Temple in Tividale, Repoint Climbing Centre, Top Barn Farm, and bellboating at Fladbury Paddle Club!

Class 1 will be exploring school life during Victorian times. They will experience historical resources and uniforms, comparing them to school life today. As part of this topic, children will have the opportunity to dress up as a poor Victorian child and take part in a Victorian school day. In art, they will study L. S. Lowry and create drawings of the school in his distinctive style, featuring matchstick people.

Class 2 will focus on their local area, learning about the town of Evesham. They will explore key historical facts as well as the town's geographical features. In art, they will study Pablo Picasso and create their own portraits inspired by his work. In science, the focus will be on plants and living things.

Class 3 Our will continue their exploration of ancient civilisations, with a focus on the Maya Civilization. In geography, they will study South America, including the features of rainforests. They will also examine the impact of deforestation and how it affects indigenous tribes. In science they will investigate how sound travels and art will focus on the artist Paul Cezanne and create still life paintings in his style.

Church Lench

School Summer Fete

Our school fete takes place on Saturday June 13th from 12-2pm. We really hope for a lovely sunny day after a wet one last year! More information will follow soon but we hope to welcome lots of the community through our gates to support our school.

Mrs S Price, Headteacher

THE LENCHES TENNIS CLUB

All new members are made very welcome
Membership is not necessary to attend the coaching courses

Junior Coaching

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8+ years. Sat morning & Mon evening. £6.00
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Beginners and young players who have not had coaching for a while



Mon 6pm £6.00
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All abilities
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Adults contact: *****
Juniors contact: *****

Membership details: www.thelenches.org.uk/lenches-tennis



St James's, Harvington



SATURDAY 16th MAY - 5pm
eyes down first game at 5.30pm

Come along to St James's Church, Harvington and enjoy a fun evening with friends and family
4 games of Bingo (2 cash & 2 prize bingo)
plus quiz and mini raffle

Entrance ticket - £2pp - on the door or pre-purchased includes tea, coffee, biscuits, raffle ticket & quiz sheet

Bring your own drinks and snacks

Bingo Books sold on the night £3 / £5

Proceeds to St James's Church, Harvington

Further information or to purchase tickets,

contact eventssjch@outlook.com or message on facebook St James's Events

CAMEO TEAS 13th May 2.00pm at Blenheim Café **7 Stratford Road, Bidford-on-Avon**

This is our special Afternoon Invitation to meet at the Blenheim Café at 2.00pm for Tea & Cakes. The majority of our friends have put their name down indicating that they would like to join us. Please get in touch if you like to come along, a few more places are available.

For information please contact Sophie *****

FAITH TODAY Friday 22nd May 10.00am Breslau

The subject for this month meeting is **"Safe in God's Hands"**
Liz Griffith will be leading and helping us to appreciate that we are protected by God Hands.

This may help us to find solace when facing the vagaries of life!!

We are a friendly group and always like to receive newcomers.

Refreshments are served.

For information please contact Sophie *****

St James's, Harvington

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THE

SUMMER FETE

SATURDAY 6TH JUNE

11am - 3pm

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for further information or to get in touch
find us on Facebook - St James's Events
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are a musician
or performer, and
would like a slot on the
stage - please get in
touch.

If you
have an unusual /
vintage/ interesting
vehicle - please get
in touch

If you
are a small local
business / craft &
would like a stall -
please get in
touch

Financial emergency? Extra help needed? Live in Harvington?

St James' Church manages an emergency fund on behalf of the community. If you need a little financial assistance, please call ***** and we will offer what support we can.

If you are in a position to top up the funds, we would be very grateful!

Harvington

Harvington Phoenix Ladies

Harvington Phoenix Ladies Group met at the beginning of April to a quick Tai Chi lesson from Fran Merroney, which was great fun and very informative too. We all felt really relaxed afterwards (but that may have been the wine!).

Our next meeting is a demonstration and talk from Avril Pulley of porcelain flowers which she created for Royal Worcester. She will be sharing her stories of working there for the last eleven years before it closed down.

All ladies are very welcome, we meet at the Village Hall at 7.45pm on the first Wednesday of each month and enjoy company, entertainment and a glass of wine or cup of tea/coffee. £5 non members or join for the year for £25.

If you would like further information please get in touch with Lesley on
*****.

Harvington Community Support Group

Just a reminder that our team of volunteers are always around to lend a helping hand to Harvington villagers. So if you are stuck for transport to an appointment, need help with admin or occasional shopping, have minor DIY tasks etc, do feel free to give us a ring.

We can be contacted on*****, and if you don't get an answer do please leave a message - we check the phone regularly and will get back to you.

Best wishes Wendy and Konrad Monks, (co-ordinators)



Harvington

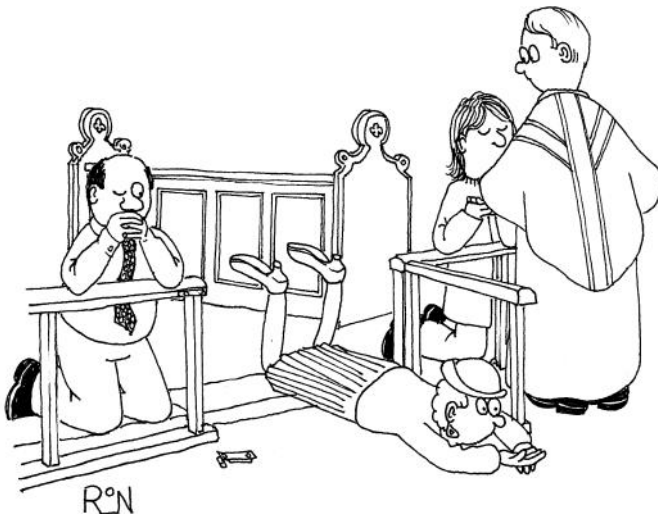
Harvington History Tour - Coming This Summer

Most of us walk past them every day without a second thought. But Harvington has been here since the Romans and its buildings have stories to tell - if you know where to look.

As part of this year's Harvington Festival (June 19th - 28th), there will be guided, and self-guided, walking tours to explore the village's past. Starting at St James's Church it will wind its way through the village's most ancient and interesting sights, with QR codes linking to photographs and potted histories at each stop. A children's version with its own questions for our younger residents will also be created.

If you think your house has a story to tell, then why not add it to the tour? Contact harvingtonfestival@gmail.com, or speak to Mirren Brodie.

With many thanks to Julian Rawls and www.harvington-history.org.uk for the amazing knowledge and insight into our wonderful village history.



Terry made a note to fix the bolt

**Abbots Morton
St Peter's Church**
(www.abbotsmorton.info/st-peters-church)



A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with our church tidy up. Big shout out to Jenny who not only took the tower to task but also cleaned all the windows! The church looks amazing so well done everyone.

In sad news we have lost both Paul Massey and Clive Holt. Both men gave significantly to our communities and their generosity lives on. They will be sadly missed and our prayers go out to their families at this hard time.

Upcoming dates for your diary:

- **Flower Festival** – 26 – 28th June
- **Flower Festival bring and share lunch** – Sunday 28th June, Village Hall
- There will be a **village summer event** in the church yard, details to be confirmed later in the summer.
- **Harvest Supper** date to be confirmed..... Roast Pork Dinner with Apple Crumble pudding

Our services will continue through the summer with times in the ARCH Messenger and also posted on the notice board outside the church which is now fully functioning.

Abbots Morton Village Hall

(www.abbotsmorton.info/abbots-morton-village-hall)

HIRE Please consider hiring our lovely hall for your next party or event. It is light and airy and very well equipped. To discuss further, please contact the VH Bookings officer, Sue Bunce via the VH email (address above).

RECENT EVENTS

Easter Quiz - A cracking good Evening

March 27th saw one of our ever popular themed quiz nights organised by the Village Hall Committee with Sue and Antony Bunce running the quiz and posing tricky questions. The Hall, beautifully decorated for the occasion was almost at capacity as we tucked into the tasty treats provided for each table. It was great to see many pairs of bunny ears worn and the fancy dress competition was won by the lovely Amelia. The winning quiz team "Smutty Daffodils" went home with a hamper full of chocolate eggs, which apparently were delicious, and the raffle was gratefully supported by both generous donations and tickets buyers alike. It was lovely to see so many people from Abbots Morton and surrounding villages, along with their friends & families and we'd like to thank each and every one of you for coming to support a fabulous night that raised over £600 for VH funds which will make a tremendous contribution towards the running costs of the Hall. We look forward to welcoming you to our next themed quiz for Halloween!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Bimble 2026, August 8th. Following the success of 2025's inaugural Bimble event, we are organising a second celebration of the motor car for this summer. A similar format but a different route! Those with interesting, classic or vintage cars are encouraged to attend to travel together through our beautiful countryside and return to the Village Hall for delicious refreshments with guest speakers to be announced. More details to follow shortly.

Flower Festival June 28th. A regular feature in the Village calendar.
Harvest Supper October 2nd.

Halloween October 23rd. Our next themed Quiz Night will be held on October 23rd and fancy dress will of course be encouraged! It will be preceded by a Halloween themed children's event, more details to follow nearer the time but it will involve pumpkins and sweets!!

Abbots Morton

REGULAR EVENTS

Community Coffee Morning, first Tuesday of every month in the Village Hall with the next one being on Tuesday 5th May. Please drop by anytime between 10am and 12 noon. It's absolutely free and a lovely opportunity to spend a couple of hours with others in the community. Donations to the "Power Pot" help to pay for electricity and are gratefully received.

Tai Chi Wednesdays 10am - 11am: taichiworcestershire.com

Yoga Sessions Monday mornings, 9.45-10.45am: 07745 713493.

EASYFUNDRAISING

We have 28 supporters to date. The Village Hall has benefitted from the scheme by almost £1,400 thanks to our supporters:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/abbotsmortonvillagehall

Abbots Morton Parish Council

All parishioners are welcome to attend our Parish Council meetings. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 14th May at 8pm in Abbots Morton Village Hall**. Further details and agendas can be found at **www.abbotsmorton-pc.gov.uk**.

Residents are invited to put forward any ideas, concerns or queries during public question time. If you cannot attend in person then please raise issues with the Clerk at **clerk@abbotsmorton-pc.gov.uk**

There are currently **two vacancies** on Abbots Morton Parish Council. These two posts will be filled by the co-option process through the Parish Council. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor please contact the Clerk at clerk@abbotsmorton-pc.gov.uk for more information.

Annual Parish Meeting

This will be held on **Thursday 14th May at 7.30pm** in Abbots Morton Village Hall. This is not a Parish Council Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is for the Parish Council and other local organisations to let parishioners know what they have been doing over the past year. It is also an opportunity for you to have your say on anything that you feel is important to the people of the parish. Local organisations will be invited to attend, and all parishioners are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there.

The Parish Council meeting will follow this at 8pm.

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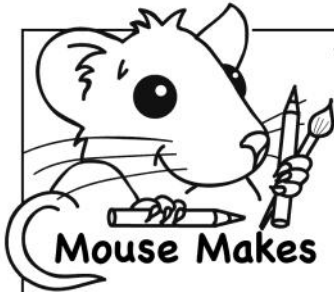
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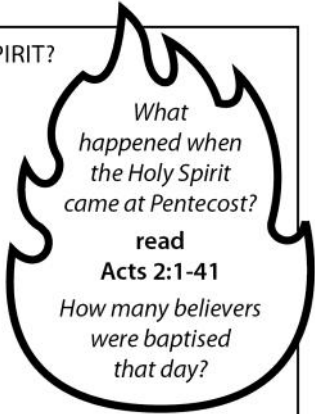
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 Genesis 1:2

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 Acts 1:4



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 Romans 8:15

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3rd May 5th Sunday of Easter

10.00am	Norton & Lenchwick	Holy Communion
10.00am	Harvington	Church @ 10
11.00	Church Lench	Holy Communion
11.00	Abbots Morton	Church @ 11
6.30pm	Harvington	Holy Communion Trad Lang

10th May 6th Sunday of Easter

10.00am	Norton & Lenchwick	Church @ 10
10.00am	Harvington	Holy Communion
11.00am	Church Lench	Lay Led (Church @ 11)
10.00am	Rous Lench	Church @ 10

17th May 7th Sunday of Easter

10.00am	Norton & Lenchwick	Holy Communion
10.00am	Harvington	Church @ 10
11.00am	Church Lench	Holy Communion BCP
11.00am	Abbots Morton	Holy Communion

24th May Pentecost

10.00am	Norton & Lenchwick	Church @ 10
10.00am	Harvington	Holy Communion
11.00am	Church Lench	Church @ 11
08.30am	Rous Lench	Holy Communion
3.30pm	Harvington	Messy Church

31st May Trinity Sunday

10.00am	Norton	Holy Communion
10.00am	Harvington	Church @ 10
11.00am	Church Lench	Holy Communion

Mid-week Eucharist: 11.00 am Wednesdays at St James The Great, Harvington

Key: CW: Common Worship Holy Communion Service, BCP: Book of Common Prayer Service