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Morville Church Easter Day Service
Sunday 5th April

The communion service on Easter Sunday at Morville Church will be led by Rev Ian Terry and will commence at 11.15am. Everyone welcome.

The Morville Annual Community Event
Monday, 18th May 2026, 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Morville Village Hall

The Morville Parish Council would like to invite members of the community from all the villages within the parish, to drop into The Morville Annual Community Event.

Come along, enjoy free refreshments in a welcoming and friendly environment, meet people within your local community, there will also be the opportunity to access service providers, such as your local parish council, the safer neighbourhood team, and other local groups.

We are looking for volunteers to help this event run smoothly. Thank you in advance.

If you would like to be involved by offering your help on the evening or by donating sweet or savoury treats, please contact Katie BriggsThomas via email: cll.katiebriggsthomas@morville-pc.gov.uk

Please share this event with neighbours and friends. We look forward to welcoming you on the 18th of May.

Morville Parish Council

The Parish Council's Restore Shropshire's Verges Project [RSVP] aims to establish wildflowers on verges along the A458 from just beyond Morville to Muckley Cross - visually attractive, of biodiversity benefit and, in the long run, cheaper to maintain than the previous management regime. Volunteers have litter-picked these verges in advance of the first "cut & collect" of 2026 which should have been completed by the time you receive this Newsletter.

Anyone prepared to litter pick before the second "cut & collect", due late July/early August, please contact Cllr Pam Yuille pamyuille@gmail.com 07793939291.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 13th April at 7.00pm. For further information please see Morville Parish Council website at www.morvillepc.gov.uk and like or follow our page on Facebook: Morville Parish Council.

Morville Churchyard Working Party - Saturday 25th April

The next working party at Morville Churchyard will be held on Saturday April 25th 10am to 12pm (weather permitting). Main tasks will be a general tidy up after winter including trim the grass below the hedges and trim as necessary, clear gutters, rake over holes in drive and tidy beds and shrubs around lychgate. We will also undertake a churchyard safety check. Everyone welcome. If you can spare a morning to help, please come along with gloves and tools for a job you would like to do such as rake, strimmer, blower, fork and secateurs. Contact: Tim Morris (01746 789271) for information

Morville Community Award 2026

Last year Morville Parish Council introduced a new award to show gratitude within our community for those unsung heroes who are often quietly behind the scenes doing many wonderful or mundane but necessary tasks, 2025 saw a very worthy winner Mr Ian Rowe.

We are looking for nominations of a worthy **candidate, group, or family**. The award is open to those living, meeting, or working within the Morville Parish who fit the below criteria.

This is an award that recognises people who have made outstanding contributions to the community, such as through voluntary activities, helping others, or being an excellent role model.

To nominate please contact: morvillecommunityaward@gmail.com with the following information.

Nomination Name:

Age (if under 18):

Reason for nomination:

Closing date for nominations: 26/04/2026

This award will be presented at The Morville Annual Community Event, on Monday the 18th of May 2026

(Morville Parish: Morville, Monkhopton, Aston Eyre, Acton Round, Upton Cressett, Weston)

With thanks from the Morville Parish Council Events Subcommittee

THANK YOU:

to the children of Morville School's Oaktree Class for the creative and inspiring Easter Gardens placed in St. Gregory's Church.

BEST WISHES TO:

Keely, who is leaving the Bridgnorth Team Office for pastures new and Mary-Jane, who is taking up the reins soon

Morville WI

Our March meeting was well attended with 22 members and 2 visitors.

After business of the evening had been dealt with we welcomed our speaker, Diane Monether and a volunteer, Sarah who came to talk to us about "Feed the Birds".

Feed the Birds is a Shropshire based befriending charity with the aim of combating loneliness and social isolation among individuals through feeding the birds. Trained volunteers set up a bird feeder in a garden or window and then do weekly visits to maintain the feeder and provide companionship. It was founded by Shropshire Wildlife Trust and became an independent charity in 2024.

Our members were moved by stories of how many people in Shropshire really suffer, often in silence, from lack of social interaction. Diane and Sarah explained that both volunteers and clients gain a huge amount from this connection to nature and they have supported over 200 individuals.

Oh and Iolo Williams, the Welsh TV wildlife presenter is an acknowledged supporter of the Feed the Birds charity.

After that wonderful talk our members enjoyed a delicious tea provided by Helen S & Jackie H with support from our lovely president, Gel. The competition, a yellow item, was won by Helen S with 2 very pretty antique pots filled with flowers.

Finally as Morville WI prepare to celebrate our 100th birthday with a circus themed party at The Astbury in Chelmarsh on Wednesday 13th May we would very much like to welcome former members to join us.

Limited tickets are available at £ 25.00 per person, so please contact us by April 8th to book your place. We would really love to welcome you back to celebrate Morville WI's milestone.

Please contact us on morvillewomensinstitute@gmail.com

If you would like to see what WI is all about, visitors are always made welcome, and the first meeting is free. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at Morville Village Hall, from 7.15pm.

Our meetings have a speaker or activity, supper, a raffle, a competition and sales table each month.

You can just turn up on the night or if you would like any further information we can be contacted by e mail at morvillewomensinstitute@gmail.com or check us out on Facebook.

Morville School News

Hello from the Morville school family.

What a busy and joyful end to the term we have had!

Last week, our Morville school family gathered in church for a wonderful Easter service. The children made us all incredibly proud. Their joyful singing filled the church as they shared the hymns they've been practising throughout the term.

Chestnut Tree Class led the service beautifully with their confident narrating, while Birch Class brought the story of *The Three Trees* to life with their excellent acting. Oak Tree Class added a lovely creative touch with their fantastic artwork and Easter Gardens, which they have kindly left in the church porch for our community to enjoy.

We also celebrated the achievements of our joint Morville and Beckbury team at the East Shropshire Inter-School Swimming Gala, held at William Brookes School. All the children swam brilliantly in what proved to be a highly competitive event. Their effort, determination, and team spirit shone through from start to finish. We are incredibly proud of their achievements, finishing 7th out of 10 schools—many of which were much larger than ours.

In **Oak Tree Class** this half term, the children have been thriving as young artists, exploring colour and experimenting with colour mixing. They have enjoyed plenty of wonderfully messy fun, discovering how to combine colours to create new shades and tones. The children also learned about the work of Mondrian and Kandinsky, using these famous artists as inspiration to create their own beautiful artwork. Alongside their art, our younger children have also been learning about the seasonal changes from winter to spring. They have been observing closely how our natural environment transforms at this time of year and, thanks to the lovely weather, were able to head out on a Spring walk. The children were excited to spot many signs of the new season appearing throughout our local area.

In **Birch Tree Class**, the children have been happily exploring the outdoor area using all of their senses. They began by developing their sense of sight through creating imaginative clay tree monsters and enjoyed experimenting with sound by making their own rhythm sticks. Some of their favourite moments came from exploring the senses of smell and taste. The children loved creating their own fragrant “potions” and were especially delighted to take part in a gentle foraging experience within our school grounds.

Chestnut Tree Class were delighted to visit Bridgnorth Endowed School last Thursday, to watch their fabulous whole-school production of *The Lion King*. The children were captivated from start to finish and thoroughly enjoyed the performance. It was a wonderful opportunity to see the impressive acting, singing, and creative talents of the older students, and we are very grateful for the invitation.

This week, we were delighted to begin with a wonderful Rock Steady Concert. Our talented young musicians put on a fantastic performance, proudly sharing the amazing progress they've made with their grown-ups and the rest of the school. It was a joyful way to start the final week of term and a lovely opportunity to celebrate all their hard work together.

We will end the term on Friday with our much-loved annual Egg Decorating Competition, followed by the ever-popular egg-rolling event – always an *egg-citing* way to bring the Spring term to a close!

Looking forward to sharing our next update – Mrs Billington

Open Days at Pam's Pools, Bridgnorth, WV16 6TY

What3words: relegate.hush.tribes

We are very pleased to invite you to the Pam's Pools Open Days from 11am until 3.00pm on Sundays 17th May and 14th June.

See the reserve's wetlands and wildflowers,
on foot or riding behind a vintage tractor.

Plant sales and stalls, children's activities, disabled access,
dogs on leads welcome.

Beautiful cottage garden with advice on fruit and veg gardening
and bee-keeping.

Music.

Light lunches, hot & cold drinks, homemade cakes and ice-cream.

Entry by ticket with profits going to Shropshire Wildlife Trust, ring-fenced for Pam's Pools.

Book your tickets in advance for £5 by clicking on the TicketSource link which will be in the next newsletter or pay £6 cash or card on the day.

Children under 10 free

Adults who volunteer in advance for a two hour shift also get in free!

For any queries, email Pam on pamela.yuille@doctors.org.uk or phone 07793939291 - no texts.

Clergy Thoughts

The teacher I had for PE at my school (yes, I have a long memory!) was apparently asked in his interview, “Thank you Mr. Before we finish, we just need to ask, Do you have any ‘skeletons in the closet’ that we should know about?” (He did, actually, and if you want to know what the particular ‘skeleton’ was, please do ask me!)

We don’t like skeletons do we? There is something unnerving about them. They remind us, probably, of death, and we don’t like to think about that. But, a few weeks ago we had a reading in our services from Ezekiel chapter 37 in which skeletons had a starring role. The prophet had seen a valley of dry bones, utter desolation, but he was told by God to tell the bones to ‘hear the word of the Lord’. He obeyed, and the bones became skeletons which were then literally ‘fleshed out’. As he continued to preach, the bodies came alive because God’s Spirit went into them. It’s an extraordinary vision.

We prefer to see living bodies, but the bones are vital for the body to function – otherwise we’d just be jellyfish! Perhaps we can look on the bones as the painful things we go through in this life, not something we want to spend ages on, but we know that without them our lives wouldn’t be anything. We need the bones, but we also need the life-giving breath of the Spirit of God.

We are at the very start of the Easter season. Jesus went through the Cross for us. He was ‘reduced’ just to bones – a skeleton, in a way. But then, on that first Easter Sunday, He rose again and transformed the bones of suffering into a glorious Spirit filled Resurrection body. And we can share in that reality, become truly alive.

What does it mean to be truly alive? Because Jesus died and rose again, the promise He offers isn’t just hope for today — it’s hope that lasts for eternity. The resurrection points us towards a future where loss, disappointment and death will not have the final word. Whatever we are facing, the risen Jesus offers a hope that begins now and carries us into the life to come.

Want to find out more? Please just get in touch.
Rev’d Simon Boxall

Celtic Prayer

Take a little time from the busy-ness of life to be still, to worship God and to pray for our world.

St Mary’s Church, Bridgnorth
Sunday 10th May at 4pm

For more information contact Vickie 07503180872
Email bridgnorthandmorvillecurate@outlook.com

Dean of Hereford's Letter

As we reach the end of the first quarter of the 1351st year of the life of the Diocese, I find myself reflecting in a rather “Life of Brian-ish” kind of way on what the anniversary actually means. ‘What’ one might wonder, ‘has Christianity ever done for us?’

Apart from define the character and culture of each one of our villages and towns visually, spiritually and ethically; apart from instil timeless rhythms of life and worship that have fitted hand in glove with those of land, weather and season; apart from put this place surprisingly often at the epicentre of national history through those called to serve under God in church, state and commerce; apart from inspire us to creativity in art and music and poetry and to endeavour in caring for others and offering freedom, education and sometimes just bread to all in need, what has Christianity ever done for the people of this place?

Christianity has had a tangible impact on countless lives and wellbeing in these parts and has been part of the warp and weft of life. Sometimes it has led to terrible things, but mostly it has been the making of us, and though there is alarming and rapid change and apparent decline at present, it will prevail. In the last 1350 years, a pageant of nobles and peasants, artisans and farmers, businesspeople, clergy and laity have lived out life's joys, sorrows and unpredictabilities within these inherently Christian communities, which have sometimes flourished and sometimes not.

But all this stems from a single event and a single man. The man who was God came to show us what God is like and how much he loves us. He modelled love and peace and justice and wholeness such as no one had ever known, showed us that we are not alone in this difficult and wounded world and filled hearts with yearning for a promised Kingdom and with passion to see it fulfilled. His teaching captivated the needy and the pure in heart and made the powerful afraid and very dangerous. They nailed him to the cross in the most brutal of criminals' deaths and his friends tenderly laid his corpse in a tomb.

On the third day, he rose again from the dead and changed our relationship with life and death, sin and righteousness forever. For 1350 years, Christians here have celebrated that day which is the heart of our faith and the hope of all creation. Those early saints who brought the faith here 1350 years ago brought us Jesus and Easter and the hope and desire for eternal life under our God on earth as it is in heaven.

1350 Easter celebrations later, we can still say ‘Allelulia’

The Very Revd Sarah Brown

Dean of Hereford

SERVICES FOR APRIL

MORVILLE

Sun	5 th	11.15am	Easter Day Holy Communion (IT)
Sun	12 th	11.15am	Morning Prayer (TM) Refreshments
Sun	19 th	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Lay)
Sun	26 th	11.15am	Holy Communion (SW) Refreshments

ASTON EYRE

Sun	12 th	10.00am	Morning Prayer (RT)
Sun	26 th	10.00am	Holy Communion (SW)

MONKHOPTON

Sun	5 th	11.15am	Easter Holy Communion with Morville
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ACTON ROUND

Sun	12 th	10.00am	Morning Prayer (Lay)
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Morville Readers and Readings for April

	First Reading	Second Reading
Sun 5 th	Acts 10: 34-43 (Alison Foxall)	Matthew 28: 1-10 (Helen Smith)
Sun 12 th	Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 (Louise Shropshire)	John 20: 19-end (Tim Heatley)
Sun 19 th	Acts 2: 14a, 36 -41 (Tim Morris)	Luke 24: 13 - 35 (Elaine Crisp)
Sun 26 th	Acts 2: 42-end (Hilary Evans)	John 10: 1-10 (Mike Skinner)

Readings for Sunday, May 3rd Acts 7: 55-end John 14: 1-14

Brighter days Cafe

Grief feeling too heavy to carry alone? A friendly space to be listened to, share cake, meet others and find non-judgmental support, wherever you are in your journey through loss.

When? 1pm – 3pm on the second Wednesday of each month

Where? St James' hall church, Lodge Lane, bridgnorth WV15 5DD

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Food Bank Collection Box

A collection box has been placed in Morville Church Porch.
All donations gratefully received and will be gifted to Bridgnorth Food Bank.
Regrettably no fresh, perishable or packaged produce. Tins and jars only please.

Thank you!

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