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JUNE 2026

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13th JUNE
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£10 per head
At West Farm
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All welcome
TO RAISE MONEY FOR
Aston Eyre Church

MORVILLE VILLAGE HALL
AGM 2026

Wednesday 17th June 7.30pm

All welcome

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!

The Morville Annual Community Event Thank You To All Who Helped & Attended

The Winner of The Morville Community Award 2026: Mrs Carol Skinner

For tirelessly and cheerfully editing the Newsletter for decades.

For nearly 40 years, Carol has given her time and energy on an entirely voluntary basis to produce the Morville Newsletter. Her contribution extends well beyond editing: she also coordinates the printing and undertakes all the preparation necessary for its distribution.

In addition, Carol manages the advertising that funds the Newsletter, ensuring its continued availability at no cost to residents.

Carol's commitment, care, and quiet dedication are truly exceptional. She has become the driving force behind a publication that informs, connects, and strengthens the entire community. An unsung heroine in every sense, Carol's contribution has had a lasting and meaningful impact, and Morville is profoundly grateful for all that she continues to do.

Nominated by: Morville Church & Elaine Crisp

The Morville Annual Community event was an opportunity for local people to get together, whilst also accessing local service providers. We would like to thank the community who attended for supporting Morville Parish Council & we hope you found the evening beneficial.

**This event could not have run smoothly without the support of the volunteers:
Thank you to all who helped!**

The refreshments team, & especially the delicious donations of cakes.

With Thanks To The Attending Exhibitors: The Safer Neighbourhood Team, Morville Village Hall, Morville PCC & The Church Groups, Severn Trent, National Trust, Community Flood Group, Morville WI, Morville Parish Council, Bridgnorth Food Bank, Brown Clee Councillor George Hollyhead, Concordia Ladies Choir, & The Community First Responders.

On Behalf Of The Events Subcommittee & Morville Parish Council,

THANK YOU

**If have any questions, comments, or suggestions for next year please contact
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Morville W I

Wednesday 13th May Morville WI were at The Astbury in Chelmarsh to celebrate our 100th birthday.

What a wonderful night! The theme was the circus and the perfect venue was the tepee at The Astbury which we decorated with balloons, circus posters (kindly lent to us by Robert Foxall, who is himself a Ringmaster in the circus), feathers and streamers. It was such a colourful sight especially as so many of the guests were in fancy dress - we had some fantastic clowns, ring masters, rodeo riders, an usherette complete with a tray filled with popcorn, and flappers girls.

The evening started with group photographs outside on the terrace steps which were kindly taken for us by Megan & Cal. In that perfect setting, overlooking the lake, we also sang the WI anthem, Jerusalem.

Morville WI were delighted to welcome to the celebration the president of Shropshire Federation of Womens Institutes, Bridget Thurgood & her colleague Josephine Bennett who got a bit lost travelling from Shrewsbury, but arrived in time to see our entertainment for the night the wonderful Jack Dent. Jack is a professional magician, but also has a background in, and passion for, the circus. His act combined the history of the circus with juggling, plate spinning, riding a unicycle and lots of humour & audience participation. He ended his show with a baffling magic trick involving roses and a table.

We were then ready to enjoy the excellent Astbury buffet, however we managed to leave a bit of room for some delicious cup cakes baked and decorated by the Morville WI committee.

Everyone was given a beautiful commemorative apron made and donated by the very lovely Chelsea Booth, whose business Sew Work Wear is based just outside Bridgnorth, and a pen to remember a wonderful night.

We are very proud that Morville WI is still going strong after 100 years.

If you are curious to see what a WI meeting involves we are always pleased to welcome visitors, and the first one is free. We meet on the second Wednesday of each month usually at Morville Village Hall, from 7.15pm.

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

For our June meeting you will get the opportunity to try line dancing - 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.

Open Days at Pam's Pools

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We are very pleased to invite you to the
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or pay £6 cash or card on the day. Children under 10 free

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

Morville School News

Hello from the Morville School family.

We are now into the final half term of this academic year and, whilst it is perhaps a little early to start looking back at the year to remember everything we have achieved, we can certainly look forward to enjoying an equally busy and successful half term.

In fact we are reaping the rewards of our previous fundraising already. In PE lessons the children have been trying out the new wooden hockey sticks and badminton sets. During every lunchtime play the children are enjoying playing with the new sports equipment – honing the skills they will need for these sports when they learn and play in formal PE lessons. Sports day should be an excellent event this year!

We were delighted to see so many of our Morville families completing the Bridgnorth walk – adults and children alike joined the throngs of people on Bank Holiday Monday ready to meet the challenge of the twenty-one-and-a-half-mile trek through our beautiful Shropshire countryside. Many of the children completed seven and five mile walks and a significant amount of money was raised through sponsorship. So, watch this space for news of more resources that have been purchased to enhance the children's learning.

Our Rock Steady bands continue to practise every Monday, for their concert in the penultimate week of term. There are guitarists, key board players, drummers and vocalists of all ages, all performing different songs; their talent is amazing! Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles and the rest of the school are all in for a treat on that day.

Chestnut Class have all been working hard, not least the year six children who have been sitting their end of key stage statutory assessment tests (SATs). They are tested in Spelling, Grammar, Reading and Maths. They have worked incredibly hard revising and hopefully we will see the fruits of all this hard work when we receive their results at the beginning of July. When the tests are over the children are given their new leavers' hoodies which they are very excited about.

The children have chosen a whole range of colours for their tops, so year six are going to have a very colourful ending to their time at Morville! Chestnut class also spent time being super scientists – using knowledge and skills that would have been at home in any forensic laboratory.

It was fascinating to observe their investigative skills and listen to their conversations as they endeavoured to work out solutions and solve problems.

Birch Class have been busy being cartographers! They have planned, designed and created their own maps. The detail that they have included is quite remarkable for such young children. It has taken quite a lot of hard work researching what makes a good map so they knew just what to include on their own maps. In addition to these geographical skills the children have been making moving crocodile puppets. These are still under construction but already look quite realistic. We are all looking forward to seeing the final products.

Oak Tree Class have been enjoying the newly refurbished outside learning space. A group of parents and staff gave up their own time to revitalise the area with new plants and flowers. With some new equipment added to the existing resources and the area being given a complete overhaul, the children have been ‘cooking’ in the outside kitchen, building obstacle courses, investigating plants, spending time pond dipping and even making their own volcanoes! The enquiring minds of our youngest children never fail to delight and seeing their enjoyment in learning is very rewarding.

Once again we look forward to sharing our next update

Miss Docherty and Mrs Aston.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Morville WI on their 100th birthday

OUR BEST WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

Mr John Edwards.

Clergy Thoughts June arrives with a gentle but unmistakable shift. The long light, the easing of schedules, the sense that life is widening again after months spent indoors—it all feels like invitation.

Not an invitation to hurry or to accomplish, but to notice.

Nature preaches its own small sermon this time of year. Flowers that seemed hesitant in May now open without fear.

Trees stand fully clothed, confident in their greenness. Even the air carries a kind of generosity.

Creation seems to say, “There is enough. There is room. Breathe.”

In the church, June often signals transitions— Year 6 pupils preparing to move up to secondary, younger children preparing for primary school, although I often wonder if it’s a bigger shock to us parents rather than the children themselves who are often ready and well prepared. Weddings beginning new stories, congregations slowing into their summer rhythm.

Some of us welcome these changes; others feel them as a reminder of time’s relentlessness. But beneath both comfort and discomfort runs the same truth: God remains steady.

And we all go through seasons of life where change is welcomed openly and in others the cause and source of anxiety and fear.

A verse I return to often is Phillipians 4:13: “*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*” God promises to be that source of courage, strength and ability to persevere even when the odds are stacked against us.

There’s a sense in this season that God is calling us to commit to pray, pray for the revealing of his plan and purpose for us across the churches in the Bridgnorth and Morville Team and to share that plan with those that we walk alongside. We might seek to do that in practical ways that ground our connections with one another, in eating together and meeting in small groups to explore more fully what it means to follow Jesus’ example to us to “*Love the Lord our God with all our mind, all our soul, and all our strength and to love our neighbour as we love ourselves.*” Over the coming months we will be meeting to explore what that looks like in our different contexts. Across our schools and worshipping communities. So please keep your eye on the Benefice website, the pew sheet and additional notices.

June invites us to pay attention to those moments—not to grasp them, but to receive them. Gratitude grows not from collecting blessings but from recognizing them while they’re still unfolding.

As this month begins, consider what fullness might look like for you. It may not be perfection. It may not be ease. It might be as simple as choosing presence over distraction, or hope over resignation.

May June be a month in which the path ahead feels just a little clearer, and the joy God offers meets you in surprising places.

Every Blessing Suzan

**Joint Benefice Holy Communion
to celebrate**

Vickie's Priesting

Saint Gregory's Church

Morville

Sunday, 5th July

10.30am

**To help with refreshments, donations of cakes would
be very welcome**

Please tell Mary-Jane (at the Bridgnorth Team office) if
you will be attending and what kind of cake you would
like to provide

Thank you in advance!

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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

Contact Vickie bridgnorthandmorvillecurate@outlook.com

Building together

BENEFICE DAY



PLANNING AHEAD FOR A NEW SERVICE ROTA

A day for everyone involved in worship across our benefice to come together, share ideas and plan a sustainable and life-giving service pattern for the future.



SHARE EXPERIENCES

What's working well and what challenges do we face?



EXPLORE OPTIONS

Creative ideas for worship that serve our communities.



PLAN TOGETHER

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TOGETHER IN FAITH
TOGETHER IN MISSION

Letter from the Archdeacon of Hereford

One of the things I have not quite got used to since living in Herefordshire is the multiculturalism of a large city. We simply don't have the diversity of faiths and culture our more metropolitan areas take for granted. Difference can bring great benefits and the opportunities to discover cultures and traditions other than our own. Yet if we are not careful the politics of division and hatred can draw attention to cultural diversity in an unhelpful way which creates tension and divides communities.

So, the question I want to pose is how do you cope with difference? We all think we are good at dealing with diversity, but the reality is that most of us like and feel most comfortable with people just like us! We all have a certain amount of preference and bias, and it is important that we know how to spot our blind spots and the issues that can trip us up. Yet the bible speaks about difference in a positive way because it recognises all of us are unique expressions of God's love.

In the very beginning of creation God created diversity and difference not just in humanity but in the entire creation. However, uniquely, he created human beings to reflect his divine nature. Whatever preferences we have, at heart we are called to treat others as we ourselves want to be treated. When we reject those who are different, we are in effect rejecting God's love for our world.

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” The second is this: “Love your neighbour as yourself.” There is no commandment greater than these.”

Mark 12:30-31

Paul recognised that difference was a key part of our faith. Christians are called to live counter culturally and that alone marks us as different from those around us. Our values are shaped by the kingdom and in the kingdom the differences that matter in this world are meaningless. Instead, Paul wants us to know that what is important is our trust in Jesus as our Lord because this enables us to be citizens of heaven.

“So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.”

Galatians 3:26-29

Finally when we look elsewhere in the New Testament, we also find a similar message, in fact John goes further in his letters because he says if we love God but hate those we can see then our faith is flawed. John says when we reject difference, we have not let our faith shape who we are.

“We love because he first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.”

1 John 4:19-21

The Venerable Derek Chedzey

SERVICES FOR JUNE

MORVILLE

Sun	7 th	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Lay)
Sun	14 th	11.15am	Morning Prayer (JP) Refreshments
Sun	21 st	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Lay)
Sun	28 th	11.15am	Holy Communion (SB) Refreshments

ASTON EYRE

Sun	14 th	10.00am	Morning Prayer (JP)
Sun	28 th	10.00am	Holy Communion (SB)

MONKHOPTON

Sun	7 th	10.00am	Morning Prayer (Lay)
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ACTON ROUND

Sun	14 th	10.00am	Morning Prayer (Lay)
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Morville Readers and Readings for June

	First Reading	Second Reading
Sun	7 th Romans 4: 13 -end (Alison Foxall)	Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26 (Helen Smith)
Sun	14 th Romans 5: 1-8 (Louise Shropshire)	Matthew 9:35 – 10:8 (Tim Heatley)
Sun	21 st Romans 6: 1b -11 (Tim Morris)	Matthew 10: 24 - 39 (Elaine Crisp)
Sun	28 th Romans 6: 12-end (Hilary Evans)	Matthew 10: 40-end (Mike Skinner)

(Readings for July 5th Romans 7: 15- 25a Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-end)

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