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PLEASE NOTE: Copy for the June newsletter must be with the editor by 21st May at the very latest. Thank you in advance.

**The Morville Annual Community Event
Monday the 18th of May
6:30pm - 8:30pm
Morville Village Hall**

The Morville Parish Council would like to invite members of the community to attend The Morville Annual Community Event. Discover Morville's village hall & enjoy the free refreshments on offer in a welcoming & friendly environment.

This will be an opportunity for local people to meet and chat, whilst also accessing local service providers. Mostly informal, people can freely move around, whilst small stands will guide them to the services on offer, opening the opportunity to network, discuss any concerns & make suggestions.

EXHIBITORS

• SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM • COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS • MORVILLE PARISH COUNCIL • BRIDGNORTH FOOD BANK • COMMUNITY FLOOD GROUP • SEVERN TRENT • MORVILLE VILLAGE HALL • CONCORDIA LADIES CHOIR • MORVILLE WI • FIRE & RESCUE • BROWN CLEE COUNCILLOR • MORVILLE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL & THE CHURCH GROUPS • NATIONAL TRUST •

6:30pm: Doors Open

7:30pm: Chairman's Report

7:40pm: Morville Community Award Presentation

8:30pm: Doors Close

The safer neighbourhood team will be available between 6:30pm-7:30pm.

Just a few of the topics that our exhibitors can help you with during the evening.

Flooding • Road Safety • Biodiversity • Restoring Shropshire Verges Project • Local Crime

Feel free to drop in or stay for the duration.

OVERFLOW PARKING ON MORVILLE CHURCH MEADOW.

For anyone wishing to volunteer on the evening or donate sweet or savoury treats please contact Katie [07799893300](tel:07799893300) cllr.katiebriggsthomas@morville-pc.gov.uk Thank you in advance.

Your Parish Councillors Look Forward To Welcoming You On The Evening.

ALL GOOD WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

Mrs Alison Foxall

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 litter-picked these verges in advance of the first “cut & collect” on 30.3.2026.

Anyone prepared to litter pick before the second “cut & collect”, due in August, please contact Cllr Pam Yuille pamyuille@gmail.com 07793939291.

Cllrs Paul Davis-White and Lesley Moxon-Jones are working with Coll MacDonald to get a second SID installed in Morville, to be followed by two more, in Weston and Monkhopton. The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 11th May at 7.00pm and immediately followed by a Parish Council Meeting. The Morville Annual Community event is the following Monday at 6.30pm.

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 VILLAGE HALL

AGM 2026

Wednesday 17th June 7.30pm

All welcome

The A 458 between Much Wenlock and Morville is programmed for Surface Dressing, between Monday 11th May and Wednesday, 10th June 9.20am to 4pm on weekdays and 6am to 6pm at weekends

Road closures as follows:

- May 11th - 13th stud removal
- May 17th - 19th surface dressing
- June 1st – 3rd surface sealing
- June 4th- 5th white lining
- June 8th – 10th white lining

Everyone living and working along the route will be given access

Morville WI

After welcoming everyone to our April meeting our president Gel asked everyone to stand to sing Jerusalem and then went on to deal with the business side of our meetings.

One of the highlights of March was a visit to The Cavalier Centre in Much Wenlock, the charity that we are fund raising for this year. The centre helps children and adults with physical and/or learning difficulties through interaction with horses and ponies. The ladies thoroughly enjoyed their visit and were impressed by the dedication of the staff and volunteers. We will be doing what we can to help the centre raise enough to purchase a motorised "poo trailer".

Our speaker for the evening was the amazing Natalie Cummings who had so inspired us last year when she came to talk to us about the Missing Person's charity. Her talk this time was all about the violin which her grandfather brought from Russia when Tsar Nicholas II abdicated in 1917. It was a harrowing tale of a family fleeing for their lives through the freezing Russian weather before eventually reaching Britain.

The violin then passed to Natalie's aunt Rosa who joined the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra and who was arrested by the Nazis in 1938. She was sent to concentration camps in Mauthausen and Auschwitz before ending the war in Belsen and then testifying at the Nuremberg Trials. Eventually the violin came to Natalie who, after having it restored by the team at The Repair Shop at the Weald & Downland Living Museum, donated it to the Yehudi Menuhin school so that students can benefit for years to come. It was a spell binding talk which will stay with us for a very long time.

We then enjoyed a delicious tea provided by Heather, Helen B, Rose & Jo and a chance to catch up with friends.

If you would like to sample a WI meeting we love to welcome visitors, and the first one 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.

Next month however we will be at The Astbury at Chelmarsh celebrating Morville WI's 100th birthday.

When we are back in the hall in June, 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 wonderful start we are having with the sunshine peeping through those grey clouds and lots to look forward to this term.

As you are aware we had an Olympic Athlete visit the school last term and the children were inspired by her talk on determination and resilience. As part of the visit the children did some fundraising so we could purchase some additional sporting equipment for the school. Thanks to their hard work and enthusiasm, we have been able to purchase a number of items including, outdoor badminton sets which include rackets, nets and shuttlecocks, allowing us to introduce badminton into our PE curriculum as well as offer it as a lunchtime activity and an after school club, as well as new wooden hockey sticks for both KS1 and KS2, these new resources and many more will enrich our PE lessons and provide even more opportunities for active play and skill development throughout the school day.

Chestnut Tree Class's topic for this half term is 'Enough for Everyone' where they will be learning about sustainability, food miles, and seasonality. As part of the topic, the children will be visiting the Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre and will take part in a 'Field to Bowl' workshop where the children will have a tour around the Discovery Centre's community garden allotments to learn more about which vegetables are in season and which parts of the plants are edible. The children will then have the opportunity to make delicious, seasonal soup with ingredients from the allotment. This will really help them to develop their kitchen safety skills, chopping and cooking vegetables as well as learning how to prepare bread and butter to accompany the soup.

In Birch Tree Class this half term the children have been looking at endangered and vulnerable animals as part of their English work. As part of this work the children will be visiting the WILD Zoological Park in Wolverhampton. The school visit will offer a unique, up-close experience with nature, unlike any other zoo. Where the children will be able to enjoy awe-inspiring, educational, and hilariously entertaining shows, including the UK's largest bird show. This is a trip the school have made in previous years and the children from the older classes have already been sharing their memories and experiences of the visit with Birch Class.

In June a select choir of Morville children have the wonderful opportunity to perform at an annual music event, 'Shropshire Sings', organised by Shropshire Music Service at the West Midlands Show Ground. The children have already begun practicing this week and they are quickly learning a whole range of new songs and perfecting their techniques.

Later this term **Oak Tree Class** will be heading into their topic on 'Planes, Trains and Automobiles' where they will delve into not only the different types of transport but into how transportation has changed over time. As part of this topic the children will be visiting RAF Cosford. The children will view a range of original RAF uniforms, original artefacts as well as experiencing a multi-sensory story telling of the RAF through history. The museum and transport itself always offers an awe and wonder experience for all the children who visit.

Looking forward to sharing our next update – Miss Docherty and Mrs Aston

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, ringfenced for Pam's Pools.

Book your tickets in advance for £5 by clicking on the TicketSource link <https://www.ticketsource.com/shropshire-wildlife-trust-pams-pools/e-dldvbd> 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.

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

Bishop's Letter

May is a month of transition. At the beginning, we can feel like we're still in winter, with frosts and rain. By the end, summer feels just around the corner with longer evenings and warmer days. Our lives are still governed by these rhythms even though many of us no longer have the farming connections we once did. Our ancestors were much more bound by the clock and the seasons. The calendar and liturgical years were intertwined; the church was more central to people's lives.

Ecclesiastes contains that well known passage about times and seasons, a time to plant and a time to harvest; a time to mourn and a time to laugh; a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing. This year, our diocesan family is focusing firmly on celebration. I have always thought that the continued existence of the church is one of the surest proofs of the resurrection. How could an organisation composed of frail, sinful people like you and me still be here but for divine intervention? No other human organisation has continued in this way. The world was vastly different 1350 years ago when Putta made the gruelling journey here from Rochester to become our first Bishop. England didn't exist. Our diocese was carved out of the corner of a Mercian kingdom and part of an old Roman settlement. Over the course of our existence, kings have risen and fallen; cathedrals have been burnt down and rebuilt, fallen and been rebuilt again! Previous Bishops, in a variety of acts of architectural vandalism, have used their own (or their wealthy wife's) money to remodel the Palace and even demolish bits of it they didn't like. Meanwhile, in over 400 churches, faithful Christian people have gone about the work of the gospel. Priests have hatched, matched and dispatched, celebrated the sacraments and taught the faith. We have made the transition from Catholic to protestant; from Christendom to being a minority in a largely secular, indifferent and occasionally hostile culture. We have both remained faithful to the tradition and found ways to proclaim the faith afresh to each generation. There have been times of relative ease and times of real struggle. Churches have fallen down and been rebuilt, and populations have shifted.

All this has happened in the power of the Holy Spirit, whose gift we will celebrate at the end of this month. We have never had to do it on our own, dependent on our own ingenuity. To be a Christian is to be supernaturally empowered by the Holy Spirit. God's faithfulness and that power are definitely worth celebrating.

+Richard

Clergy Thoughts

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me ... to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.” (Luke 4:18-19)

Apparently, the fifth month, May, is the month of Grace. I have been unable to find out why it is so designated, or by whom, and whether other months have their own attributes – perhaps someone out there can enlighten me – but I would like to think that all months are months of grace, that indeed we live our whole lives in God’s grace, his undeserved favour towards us. For, without his grace, we would all still be in thrall to sin. Instead, we can look forward to the coming of the Kingdom of God when grace and mercy will abound. And the church has picked up on that theme for the period between Ascension and Pentecost, this year 14th-24th May. In recent years, since 2016 in fact so just 10 years, this period has been devoted to a global ecumenical prayer movement called *Thy Kingdom Come*. (TKC) The Church of England promotes it and always puts out accompanying literature. (This can be obtained from Church Publishing and Outreach. cpo.org.uk.) But this is not just a CE thing. It has become a worldwide project which unites a million Christians worldwide, in nearly 90% of the countries of the world and across 85 denominations. We are all invited to join them to pray particularly during this period that more people will come to know Jesus – that the Kingdom may indeed grow. This is from the CE website:

It is our hope and prayer, that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and His love for the world, will hear it for themselves and respond and follow Him. Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the globe to pray that God’s Spirit might work in the lives of five people who have not responded with their ‘Yes’ to God’s call.

It’s a good idea to note down the names of five people you have chosen to pray for so that you can remember them each day.

This year, the subtitle for TKC, if you like, is *God With Us*. There is a Prayer Journal available, and also a booklet suggesting ways your church can join in. But on a personal level, there is a Novena, a programme for nine consecutive days of prayer, simply called *God With Us*. And this year, it has been written by our very new Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally and contains ideas for your own prayers over the period. Archbishop Sarah admits that we often feel powerless to change the world, especially in these recent weeks of escalating conflict, but we still know that the Spirit is at work in the world. And our prayer must be that he will continue to work and bring the Kingdom into being. This is an opportunity for us all to join in his work, so that the people that we have chosen to pray for, and indeed many others around the world, this Ascensiontide, will come to know for themselves that God is indeed with us.

Marjorie Brooks

SERVICES FOR MAY

MORVILLE

Sun	3 rd	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Lay)
Sun	10 th	11.15am	Morning Prayer (JP) Refreshments
Sun	17 th	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Lay)
Sun	24 th	11.15am	Holy Communion (SB) Refreshments

ASTON EYRE

Sun	10 th	10.00am	Morning Prayer (JP)
Sun	24 th	10.00am	Holy Communion (SB)

MONKHOPTON

Sun	3 rd	10.00am	Holy Communion (PH/SW)
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Sun	10 th	10.00am	Holy Communion with Baptism (SB)
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Morville Readers and Readings for May

	First Reading	Second Reading
Sun	3 rd Acts 7: 55-end (Alison Foxall)	John 14: 1-14 (Helen Smith)
Sun	10 th Acts 17: 22-31 (Louise Shropshire)	John 14: 15-21 (Tim Heatley)
Sun	17 th Acts 1: 6 -14 (Tim Morris)	John 17: 1 - 11 (Elaine Crisp)
Sun	24 th Acts 2: 1-21 (Hilary Evans)	John 20: 19-23 (Mike Skinner)

Readings for Sunday, June 7th

Romans 4: 13 - end

Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

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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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