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Remembrance Sunday at Morville Church, November 9th

There will be a Remembrance Sunday service at Morville Church on **Sunday 9th November starting at 10.50am**. The Union Jack will be paraded before the one minute silence at 11.00am. Those poignant words known as the Kohima Epitaph will be read:

When You Go Home,
Tell Them of Us and Say,
For Your Tomorrow,
We Gave Our Today.

The collection from the service will be donated to the Royal British Legion. Everyone welcome.

Quiz

at

Ditton Priors Village Hall

Saturday, 15th November 7pm for 7.30 start

**£7.50 per person to include hot supper and puddings
tea and coffee**

(Bring your own additional drinks and glasses)

Hot food served at 7pm & puddings at the interval

Prior booking is preferred but not essential

Teams of 4 or come along and make a team up on the night

Prizes and raffle

Contact Derek or Gill Pugh on 01746 789403 (leave a message if no answer)

or [email pughsfeeds@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pughsfeeds@hotmail.co.uk)

All profits to St Peter's Church, Monkthopton

The next **Parish Council Meeting** will be held on Monday 10th November , at 7.00pm at Morville Village Hall. For further information please see Morville Parish Council website at www.morville-pc.gov.uk and like or follow our page on Facebook: Morville Parish Council

Morville W I

October is the month when WI's around the country hold their Annual General Meetings. An impressive 27 members were welcomed to Morville WI's AGM, by our president Gel Bunning, and we then sang the WI anthem, Jerusalem.

Business for the night was dealt with first including confirmation that next year's programme is almost finalised, and we will be kicking off the year with a "sound bathing" session on Wednesday January 14.

We then had the AGM.

The financial report and appointment of the independent examiner and the village hall report were carried forward to November's meeting. Therefore the first presentation was the President's annual report. This took the form of photographs taken from meetings and outings which we had enjoyed this year, reminding us all of what a brilliant 2025 we have had.

The next item on the agenda was the appointment of the committee. The current committee of Gel Bunning, Beverley Doggett, Shelley Caine, Yvonne Buxton, Keely Nicholls & Jackie Bowen were re-elected on mass. We were also delighted to welcome 4 new committee members, Alison Greenan, Becky Bratt, Debbie Watson and Karen Preece.

We did not have a speaker for this meeting, but our lovely Rose Steedman hosted a "getting to know you" session. She handed out pieces of paper and asked everyone to write something about themselves that was interesting or amusing. Rose then conducted "interviews". Which one of our members was once strapped to a board and flown over 4 countries, who had a job as an assistant funeral director, who once met an olympic gold medal winner and who had danced with Anton Du Beke?

Of course, fun over we got down to the serious business of supper, which seemed to go down extremely well, but as the writer was responsible for making the cakes, I will only say that the sandwiches were delicious.

The raffle drawn, the competition winner selected, the meeting drew to a close.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about Morville WI why don't you come along to a meeting the first one is free. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month and have a welcome drink from 7.15pm with the meeting starting at 7.30. We have a very varied programme with, we hope, something for everyone.

We follow our meeting with a delicious tea giving members the chance to socialise, and have a raffle and competition each month. There is also a sales table.

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 Churchyard Working Party Saturday November 15th

The next working party at Morville Churchyard will be held on **Saturday November 15th 10am to 12pm** (weather permitting). Main outdoor tasks will be to collect leaves, trim the inside of the hedges and the grass below, clear gutters and tidy beds and shrubs around lychgate. 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

At a Morning Service in St Gregory's, Louise and Faye Shropshire read out the following as a different view of God.

In a cosy, quiet place, two babies floated side by side. The world around them was soft, peaceful, and all they'd ever known.

One baby turned to the other and asked,

"Do you think there's life after we're born?"

The other smiled.

"Of course! There must be something after this. Maybe we're here to get ready for the world that comes next."

The first baby frowned.

"That's silly! How could there be life after being born? What would it even be like?"

The second baby thought for a moment.

"Well... maybe it will be brighter than here. Maybe we'll walk on legs and eat with our mouths! Maybe we'll see and hear things we can't even imagine now."

"Impossible!" said the first baby.

"Walking, and Eating... that sounds Ridiculous! We get everything we need from the cord. How could we live without it?"

The second baby said softly,

"Maybe we won't need the cord anymore. Maybe something even better will take care of us."

The first baby shook their head.

"Nonsense! No one has ever come back from being born. When we're born, that's the end! After that, there's only darkness and nothing."

The second baby looked up toward the faint, glowing light.

"I don't know," they whispered, "but I think we'll meet someone wonderful—someone called Mother. She'll love us and take care of us."

The first baby laughed.

"Mother? You really believe in Mother? Where is she, then? I don't see anyone!"

The second baby smiled again.

"She's all around us. We're inside her right now! We live because of her. Without her, none of this would exist."

The first baby was quiet for a while,

"Well... I still don't see her."

The second baby closed their eyes,

"Sometimes, if you're very still and listen closely, you can hear her heartbeat... You can hear her voice... and one day, I hope you hear it too."

Morville School News

Hello from the Morville School family.

Our whole school kick started October on Monday 6th with a joyful Harvest Festival celebration at St Gregory's. The children's voices rang out across the church and fields with their beautiful renditions of 'Harvest Samba' and 'Thank you for a Million Brilliant Things'. The children gave real thanks for all the things Harvest brings us and invited our Morville families to do the same. It was wonderful to read and share the many things that we are all so thankful for.

The sports season has continued to bring new opportunities, with four pupils taking on the role as Bronze Ambassadors for the school. These children are excited to lead new sports activities and games across the school for their Morville friends. The children did a fantastic job showing real determination and skill. Our Year Two children also really enjoyed their opportunity to attend the KS1 multi-skills event at Oldbury Wells school. The children were enthusiastic and demonstrated determination and resilience in the range of activities they took part in. **In Oak Tree class** this month the children have been having great fun exploring their senses. The children have taken part in a range of activities to really understand not only the different parts of our bodies but the purpose they play in our everyday lives and functions. The children started their work on the senses by exploring how sight can keep them safe before moving on to touch and the words we use to describe objects. The children have also used tasting plates to discover the differences between sour, bitter, sweet and salty and sniff pots to explore how we can identify objects including foods and plants by their smell alone. The children will be completing their work on this at the end of the week by considering why the sense of hearing is important and taking a fun sound test to see if they can identify different sounds, as well as seeing if they can identify their classmates from the sound of their voice. **In Birch Tree Class** the children have been learning what a monarch is and what they do. They have learnt that the current monarch of the UK is King Charles III before travelling back into the past to find out about three famous queens from British history: Elizabeth I, Victoria and Elizabeth II. The children enjoyed using paintings of Victorian artist, James Stephanoff, to explore Buckingham Palace and find out how Queen Victoria used Buckingham Palace to perform her royal duties. The children have also been comparing and contrasting the time periods associated with the reign of each of our famous queens, discussing the similarities and differences between the time periods. This has helped the children to develop a robust understanding of how some aspects of our daily lives have changed over time. **In Chestnut Tree Class** the children have really been enjoying their learning all about 'The Marvellous Maya'. The children have analysed a range of Maya artefacts and discuss what materials they were made from, how they were made and what they were used for. They were then challenged to make their own Maya tile or stella from clay using the techniques they have learned about to shape, join and decorate clay. There have been some amazing creations that the children are particularly proud of.

The children have also been learning about Rock 'n' Roll, finding out the history and learning to play a walking bass line. The children have even performed a hand jive as well as learning to sing 'Rock Around the Clock'

Looking forward to sharing our next update – Miss Docherty

(Thank you to Mrs Helen Smith for this. It was sung at Barrow Church; an old hymn but with very different words)

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
God the Lord made everything,
So we must care for all.*

He gave to us this planet,
The land, the sky; the sea,
To live in and to nurture,
There is no Planet B!

All things bright and beautiful.....

But we, through thoughtless actions,
Have made a world in need,
Its beauty is polluted
Through selfishness and greed.

All things bright and beautiful...

The plastic in the oceans,
The rubbish everywhere,
Are signs of wasteful living,
And show that we don't care.

All things bright and beautiful...

Lord, help us make a difference,
To change the world we see,
Remake, reuse, recycle,
And live responsibly.

All things bright and beautiful...

May we and all earth's people
Live lives that honour you,
May love and care and kindness
Be seen the whole world through.

All things bright and beautiful...

County Councillor George Hollyhead

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This month I was able to facilitate finally bringing high speed internet into Morville.

If you have any issues locally then please do not hesitate to contact me via email and I will do all I can to help.

George

Bishop's Letter

The parish where I served as vicar in Sussex had a population of around 3000. In the first world war there were about 800 and 33 names were recorded on the roll of honour. It is hard to imagine now that level of loss. The vicar lost his son and nearly every family in the village was affected. Every year, helped by an exhibition of their lives by a wonderful Church Warden, the number at Remembrance Day service grew. His research at one point called into question whether one of the names remembered on the WWII board had actually died! A brief panic was relieved when he discovered the person living in Canada was the same name but a different person. Few had any connection now with those we remembered, even from WWII when another twenty lost their lives. For many people it was the only service of the year they attended. It never failed to be a moving occasion.

In part, attendance was an opportunity to pay respects to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. But there was a deeper action as well. Those we remembered died because they believed a particular set of values were worth fighting for. They fought against tyranny, the treating of one group of people as inferior to others, and the idea that might makes right. The Nazi regime was the antithesis of the love that Jesus urges as our root value from which all else flows. These Christian values are not intuitive to human beings. As the historian Tom Holland has conclusively argued in his book *Dominion*, a society wouldn't have these values but for Christian faith. Even the nihilist philosopher Nietzsche recognised this when he said, "When one gives up the Christian faith, one pulls the right to Christian morality out from under one's feet. Christianity is a system, a whole view of things thought out together. By breaking one main concept out of it, the faith in God, one breaks the whole: nothing necessary remains in one's hands." He did this ending up with a philosophical system where power was the ultimate goal and looking out for the weak was despised.

In the confusing mixture of motivations that drove people to attend the 'Unite the Kingdom' march in London a few weeks ago were calls to reclaim the Christian heritage of the nation. In some way this is commendable, but the wielding of crosses in that context felt anything but the sacrificial love that the cross represents. Symbols are powerful things and need to be wielded with care. Crosses can be symbols of love and sacrifice or burnt by men in white robes on the way to a lynching. As Christians we assert the former as the only true representation of our nation's values. +Richard

Christmas Services at Morville Church

The Carol Service at Morville Church will be on **Sunday 14th December at 4pm** followed by mince pies and mulled wine. On Christmas Day there will be a service (Holy Communion) at 11.15am, led by Rev Simon Boxall. There will be no service on Christmas Eve or on Sunday 28th December.

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

MORVILLE

Sun	2 nd	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Lay)
Sun	9 th	10.50am	Service of Remembrance (JP)
Sun	16 th	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Lay)
Sun	23 rd	11.15am	Holy Communion (SW/VD) Refreshments

ASTON EYRE

Sun	9 th	10.50am	Remembrance Service at Morville
Sun	23 rd	10.00am	Holy Communion (SW/VD)

MONKHOPTON

Sun	2 nd	10.00am	Holy Communion (SB)
Sun	9 th	10.50am	Remembrance Service at Morville

ACTON ROUND

Sun	9 th	10.50am	Remembrance Service at Morville
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Morville Readers and Readings for November

	First Reading	Second Reading
Sun 2 nd	Ephesians 1: 11- end (Alison Foxall)	Luke 6: 20-31 (Helen Smith)
Sun 9 th	Remembrance Sunday	
Sun 16 th	2 Thessalonians 3: 6- 13 (Tim Morris)	Luke 21: 5-19 (Elaine Crisp)
Sun 23 rd	Colossians 1: 11-20 (Hilary Evans)	Luke 23: 33-43 (Mike Skinner)

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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