

# NEWSLETTER

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**NOVEMBER 2024**

**There will be a Service of Remembrance at St Gregory's Church, Morville on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November, starting at 10.50am**

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.

(from For the Fallen by Laurence Binyon)

### **Monkhopton Quiz Night**

Monkhopton Church held a quiz on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> October to raise funds for repairing one of the windows in the Church.

The quiz took place at Ditton Priors village hall and was attended by 15 teams from all over the area.

There were prizes galore for both quiz and raffle and everyone enjoyed the homemade soups and array of puddings during the interval.

In all we made £550 for the Church, which was a wonderful result.

### **Christmas Services at Morville Church**

The **Carol Service** at Morville Church will be on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Monkhopton Services**

There will be no service at Monkhopton on November 3<sup>rd</sup> but Bishop Richard will officiate at Monkhopton on November 24<sup>th</sup> at the 10am service.

There will be the usual monthly service on December 1<sup>st</sup> and then the **Carol Service on Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.**

## Morville Parish Council

Following the discussion at the September meeting of the Parish Council, a meeting has been arranged between parishioners and councillors, the Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion, and Stuart Anderson MP. We will be making them aware of the problems that we are experiencing with speeding motorists, particularly through Morville, and hopefully investigating possible sources of funding for appropriate traffic calming measures.

We will also be meeting with representatives of Bloor Homes, the principal developer of the proposed 'Tasley Garden Village'.

During November, the Planning Inspectors are holding Public Hearings regarding Specific Sites – along with Tasley PC and Bridgnorth TC, we have submitted written statements to the Inspectors, concerning our continued opposition to the proposals, which we will follow up with participation in the Hearings.

Bloor Homes have also submitted their contribution, and we will be discussing this with them at our meeting, prior to the Hearings.

A report of each of these meetings will be presented at our next PC meeting, on November 11<sup>th</sup>, when we will also be discussing a Draft Budget for the coming year.

Parishioners, as always, are welcome to attend.

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## Morville Churchyard Working Party Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup>

The next working party at Morville Churchyard will be held on **Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am to 12pm** (weather permitting).

Main tasks will be to clear leaves in car park area, cut the inside of hedges and trim the grass below.

It would be nice to re-instate the short path from the field gate to the church path including spreading some fresh gravel.

We could also clear undergrowth by shrubs around the 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

## **Morville School News**

Hello from the Morville school family.

As we now enter the final week of this half term we already have so much to reflect upon.

One of the highlights from the last few weeks was when the whole school walked across to St Gregory's Church where Rev. Boxall carried out a mock baptism on a baby doll from Oak Tree Class. Children from each class were then encouraged to ask insightful questions to support their learning about the Christian faith. The children really enjoyed sharing this experience as a whole school and it has led to some wonderful conversations across the different age groups.

Our Year 6 pupils have attended different open mornings at the local senior schools in the last few weeks as they are already being encouraged to make their choices for the next stage of their learning journey. As part of Morville's links with Oldbury Wells, the children and Mrs Aston attended a transition morning where they worked in teams to create kites. These are now ready to proudly display in school and I must say they are some of the best examples we have ever seen.

Further links have also been made with the school nursing team with a presentation and workshop in school, all about handwashing and good hygiene supporting the children's learning in PSHE. This is especially important at this time of year before the start of all the winter bugs.

The children have been busy with sporting achievements this half term too. In particular, Miss Owen was especially proud of the way our school worked in co-operation with the girls from Beckbury CE Primary School to form a girls' football team to represent both schools at Oldbury Wells school. Both the Beckbury and Morville girls were a credit to their schools. They didn't let the awful weather dampen their spirits, got stuck in and were so well behaved. To top it off they were placed 3rd which was much deserved. We are so proud of them all.

The school Harvest Service was a wonderful celebration at St Gregory's Church this half term, with the children showcasing their wonderful work. The children led the service beautifully with confidence, compassion and respect for their surroundings which was a wonderful reflection on our school values.

A number of families and our own Local Academy Board members sent lovely feedback about how much they enjoyed the service.

We had some wonderful donations to pass on to the Bridgnorth Food Bank once again, it also gave us a chance to promote our year-round food donation drop off box outside the school so we can continue to support a wonderful cause.

Next half term we will be looking forward to taking part in a Bridgnorth Symphonia workshop, Live Music Event, Hereford Cathedral Christmas Choir Concert as well as our own Christmas Nativity and Carol Concert.

Miss Docherty

## **Morville W I**

The October meeting of Morville WI had a slight change to our usual format; after we had sung Jerusalem, our president introduced the speakers who were from the charity that we have been raising money for this year, Read Easy.

They started by telling us a bit about the history of Read Easy which was founded in 2010 in Dorchester Prison by Ginny Williams-Ellis who was responsible for running the prisoner-to-prisoner reading programme.

She quickly realised that many more people could benefit from the one-to-one approach to teaching adults to read, and it became clear that for various reasons there were a number of adults that did not have even a basic level of reading.

When Read Easy UK was established in 2011 to help volunteers to set up groups in other parts of the country, a government survey put the number of adults unable to read at 2.4 million in England alone.

Read Easy are in the process of setting up a group in Bridgnorth where they will be looking for safe spaces to use for one-to-one training. They will be putting out more information on social media and printed leaflets soon.

After business of the evening had been concluded, it was onto the AGM.

Our Treasurer kicked off proceedings with the presentation and adoption of the Financial Statement.

Our President followed with a report on the Village Hall and then our Vice President gave a report on the Shropshire Federation of Women's Institutes AGM which she attended at the end of May, when the speaker was none other than Sarah Clarke, better known as Black Rod.

Then it was our President's turn to present the Annual Report which this year was a slideshow of the year's events.

Who could forget the lovely guest speakers; Lucinda Lovesey from the TV programme The Great Pottery Throw Down, or Emma Spenser and her fascinating talk about the Women's Land Army, or Daisy Askins who taught us willow weaving.

Then there were outings to Farlow Farm Nurseries and Much Wenlock for the Olympic Trail. There were some great photo's of another great year for Morville WI.

Next came the appointment of the committee. The current committee had all agreed to continue as follows:

President Geraldine Bunning

Treasurer Shelley Caine

Secretary Beverley Doggett

Vice President & Procurement Officer Jackie Bowen

Events and Programme Organiser Yvonne Buxton

Social Media Officer Keely Nicholl

The AGM concluded, we had a delicious tea supplied by Margaret B and Jenny C and a chance for a catch-up.

If you are curious about Morville WI come along & see what we are all about, we are always delighted to welcome visitors.

We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at Morville Village Hall, from 7.15pm.

For more information please turn up on the night or if you would like any further information we can be contacted by e mail at [morvillewomensinstitute@gmail.com](mailto:morvillewomensinstitute@gmail.com) or check us out on Facebook.

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## **On Remembrance**

Dear Friends,

A Christian poet once wrote, "History repeats itself; it has to, no-one listens!" These are words we do well to remember in our current international climate, with wars in the Middle East and Ukraine. As we remember the great conflicts of the 20th century and the political context that led to those wars, there has been some progress, in the West at least. A lot of the warlike rhetoric and posturing, the appeal to patriotism, and the sense of our individual identities being tied up with national ones seems strange and dated. At the time, these attitudes, combined with the arrogance of empire, were a toxic combination that led to the horrific conflict with the loss of so many lives. However, elements of these attitudes remain. We always prefer our own tribe. There is an alienation that has opened people to the rise of the far right with its attempt to blame all our ills on immigration. A knowledge of history shows where these things can end up.

Christians are instructed to pray for our political leaders and to live in peace where we can, but one of the things that got the early Christians into trouble was their political subversion. There will always be elements of our culture and politics we want to affirm, but there will be others we want to challenge. Early Christian worship declared that Caesar wasn't Lord; Jesus was. That sort of talk could (and did) get them killed. The personal security that sustained this courage was a conviction that they were first and foremost citizens of heaven. In Jesus they had experienced the power of the other country breaking into their experience. We will remember our national tragedies and sacrifice on Remembrance Day. But every Sunday we remember a tragedy and sacrifice that turned into a glorious victory. Christ's death. It points us to the ultimate powerlessness of violence to achieve real change. It subverts the doctrine that might is right. Sadly, it may take a lot of bloodshed for that to come home to Hamas, Hezbollah, the Israeli government and the Russian army.

With best wishes

+Richard

(The Rt Rev'd Richard Jackson, Bishop of Hereford)

# SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

## MORVILLE

Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup>	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Lay)
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>	10.50am	Remembrance (JP)
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Lay)
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Holy Communion <b>at Aston Eyre</b> (JS)

## ASTON EYRE

Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>	10.50am	Remembrance Service at Morville
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	11.15am	Holy Communion (JS)

## MONKHOPTON

Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>	10.50am	Remembrance Service at Morville
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Holy Communion (Bishop Richard)

## ACTON ROUND

Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>	10.50am	Remembrance Service at Morville
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## Morville Readers and Readings for November

		First Reading	Second Reading
Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Revelation 21; 1-6a (Alison Foxall)	John 11: 32-44 (Helen Smith)
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Sunday	
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>	Hebrews 10: 11-14, 19-25 (Tim Morris)	Mark 13: 1 -8 (Elaine Crisp)
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	Revelation 1:4b-8 (Hilary Evans)	John 18: 33-37 (Mike Skinner)

Advance notice of readings for Monkthopton on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Luke 21:25-36

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