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OCTOBER 2026

Morville Church Harvest Festival Service and Lunch

Sunday October 11th 11.15am

Morville Church Harvest Festival Service will be held on Sunday 11 October at 11.15am. All welcome and if you can bring some produce or packaged food even better. All packaged food collected will be donated to the Bridgnorth Food Bank (sadly the Food Bank does not accept fresh produce).

This year the service will be followed by a harvest lunch of soup, sandwiches etc. This will be served after the service at approximately 12.30pm – everyone welcome even if you can't make the service. Donations welcome towards church funds.

Monkhoppton Harvest Festival Service

Sunday, 4th October at 3.00pm

Aston Eyre Harvest Festival Service

Sunday, 11th October at 6.00pm Refreshments

Acton Round Harvest Festival Service

Sunday. 11th October at 6.00pm

Tour of Morville Church

In August, Morville Church provided a tour of the church for 33 members of Bridgnorth & District u3a (University of the Third Age) including talks on the history of the church from Saxon times, its bell tower and its historic artefacts. The visitors then enjoyed refreshments including home made cake and biscuits. Thanks to all those who helped at the event and for providing cake and biscuits. The event provided a welcome addition to the church funds and it was nice to see a local group enjoy the church history.

Monkhoppton Church Saturday, 3rd October 10am – 12 noon

Church cleaning and tidy up ready for the Harvest Service on Sunday at 3pm. Please come along if you can help.

Also, we would be grateful for any Raffle Prizes for the quiz on 24th October. Gill is making up a hamper for 1st prize, so any groceries etc could go in that.

You can phone 01746 789403. Thank you. Derek Pugh

Morville Parish Council

Parishioners have reported concerns about Salop Sand & Gravel vehicles crossing Hangman's Lane without the promised traffic lights – which were to give priority to traffic along the lane – having been installed. SS&G did install traffic lights but say Shropshire Council insisted on their removal. Cllr Pam Yuille and SS&G are working together to resolve this.

The parish council is also putting pressure on Shropshire Council to replace the broken bus sign in Morville.

Our 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. Peter Carty, Chair of the Marches Meadow Group, did a survey on the 15th June and is advising us how to proceed. The second "cut & collect" of 2026 was carried out on the 3rd July and we may need a third one in the autumn. Anyone who might be free to litter-pick before this third cut, please contact Pam on 07793939291 or pamyuille@gmail.com

We are still looking for someone prepared to carry out paid environmental maintenance work – trimming vegetation blocking road signs and pavements, unblocking gulleys etc. If you are interested or know of anyone who might be, please contact Pam for an informal chat.

We still have two councillor vacancies and would be grateful if anyone willing to consider being co-opted would contact our new clerk, Rosie Buggins-Allsop, or any of the councillors. Rosie is doing a great job updating our website and making it more user friendly <https://morville-pc.gov.uk/> or you can contact us on Facebook: Morville Parish Council.

Morville Churchyard Working Party Saturday November 7th

The next working party at Morville Churchyard will be held on Saturday November 7th 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

BRIDGNORTH HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

As you may have seen in the news recently Bridgnorth Hospital is celebrating its 130th birthday, there are displays in Bridgnorth Library and the League of Friends Coffee Shop in the hospital.

I (Jane Peeler) am privileged to be a trustee of the League of Friends and immensely proud of all it has contributed to support the hospital and the community over the years.

Our Treasurer Phil Palfrey, who has done an amazing job, will be stepping down as he is leaving the area. Therefore, we are seeking someone to take on this role, as we cannot work without a treasurer.

Please consider if you can do this or know someone who can. If you would like to know more about this role, please leave your name and contact details in the Coffee Shop or email : bridgnorthlof@gmail.com

Even if you cannot offer your services as treasurer we would love to have you join as a member. Membership forms are available in the Coffee Shop or you can email : bridgnorthlof@gmail.com

Membership in the League of Friends of Bridgnorth Hospital costs £8.00 annually for a single membership or £12.00 for a family membership .

Membership Benefits and Details

Perks: On joining as a member you receive a free tea or coffee and a slice of locally made cake at the hospital's volunteer-run Coffee Shop.

Support: Fees and donations directly help fund equipment, patient comfort, and the Bridgnorth Community Hospital facilities, including the local Butterfly Café for people with memory loss.

100+ Club: An optional separate 100+ Club membership is available for £12.00 per year, featuring quarterly monetary prize draws.

Remembrance Sunday at Morville Church November 8th 10.45am

There will be a Remembrance Sunday service at Morville Church on Sunday 8th 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

All profits for St Peter's Church, Monkhoppton

Ditton Priors Village Hall

Saturday, 24th October, 6.30 for 7pm start of Quiz

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

(Bring any other drinks and glasses)

Hot food served from 6.30pm and puddings at the interval

Prior booking is preferred but not essential

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

Prizes and Raffle

Contact Derek or Gill Pugh on 01746 789403 and leave a message if no answer, or
email pughsfeeds@hotmail.co.uk

DON'T FORGET

ASTON EYRE HISTORY DAY

ASTON EYRE HALL GUIDED TOUR AND TALK

11a.m. 10th October 2026

Refreshments will be available in the church from 10am where there will also be a display on the history of the church and village.

All proceeds to go to Aston Eyre Church.

Morville WI

Morville WI would like to say a heart felt thank you to everyone who contributed to making the September open meeting such a resounding success.

On Wednesday the 9th we were delighted to welcome Mike Clayton and Emma Porter, who were part of the Thai Cave Rescue mission in 2018, along with our WI members and 60 visitors.

The story of how a young football team (their ages ranged from 11 to 16) and their coach (who himself was only 25) became trapped in Tham Luang Nang Non, a cave system in Chiang Rai province in northern Thailand is well known, but hearing about it from 2 people who were directly involved was an incredibly thought provoking and moving experience. The video showing when the boys were first found, having thought they had little hope of being rescued, brought many of the audience close to tears.

Shortly after entering the caves on the 23 June heavy rainfall partially flooded the cave system which blocked the football teams way out and trapped them deep inside the rock. Attempts to find them were hampered by rising water levels and strong currents and they were out of contact with the outside world for more than a week. The rescue effort expanded into a huge operation which involved international rescue teams from around the world, but it was British divers John Volanthen and Rick Stanton who advanced through the narrow passages and muddy waters and found the group alive on a elevated rock about 2 kilometers from the cave entrance on the 2 July.

How they were able to bring the whole football team out alive and relatively unscathed was an amazing story involving an estimated 10,000 people including more than 100 divers and which necessitated the pumping out of a billion gallons of water before the operation could start. As the football team had no experience of diving and some of them were not even able to swim, they were fitted with oxygen masks and sedated and then brought out attached to an experienced diver over the course of 2 days.

It was an incredible rescue mission which the British Cave Rescue Council (BCRC) played a crucial role in. The BCRC, which was formed in 1967, is a coordinating body which supports voluntary rescue groups and is funded by donations, and it represents and supports members at National and International level. Morville WI were privileged to welcome them to share some of what they do and to be able to support them and our charity for 2026, The Cavalier Centre in Much Wenlock, through the generosity of all who were part of this event.

If you would like to see what the WI is all about Morville WI love to welcome visitors, 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 and of course a chance to chat!

October is our AGM and we will also be welcoming Laura Hunt whose talk will be "From Hedgerow to Home" Herbstdeko & the German Art of Autumn Decorating. Feel free to 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. Hope to see you there.

Morville School News

Hello from the Morville School family!

It has been a very busy and positive start to the new academic year and it has been wonderful to welcome all of our children and families back to Morville. A particularly warm welcome goes to our new Reception children and their families, who have settled brilliantly into school life. It has been lovely to see the children arriving each morning ready to learn, play and enjoy everything that Morville has to offer.

We have certainly packed a lot into the first few weeks! We recently welcomed colleagues from the Diocese of Hereford Multi Academy Trust into school. They spent time visiting classrooms, talking to children, looking at their work and getting to know our school. We were delighted with their positive feedback, particularly about the commitment of our staff and the positive learning behaviours demonstrated by our children. Their feedback also closely matched the priorities we have already identified as we continue to develop and improve our school.

Our children have already been busy representing Morville beyond the school gates too. A number of pupils took part in our recent Cross Country event and represented the school brilliantly. We were incredibly proud of their determination, enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

We have also enjoyed some special events in school. Roald Dahl Day was a particular highlight, with children taking part in activities inspired by his wonderful stories. There was a real buzz around school and it was fantastic to see the children enjoying reading, writing and creative activities together.

Oak Class have made a fantastic start to the year and our new Reception children are becoming increasingly confident with their routines and surroundings. Their learning has been centred around The Wonderful Woodlands, giving the children lots of opportunities to explore the natural world around them. They have been investigating woodland habitats, thinking about the plants and animals that live there and developing their understanding of the importance of caring for our environment. It has been wonderful to see their curiosity and enthusiasm as they explore, ask questions and learn together.

Birch Class have been travelling much further back in time as they begin their study of the Shang Dynasty. The children have been discovering what life was like in ancient China and developing their understanding of this fascinating civilisation. They have been exploring where and when the Shang Dynasty existed and beginning to investigate what historical evidence can tell us about people who lived thousands of years ago. Their enthusiasm for asking questions and finding out about the past has been fantastic to see.

Chestnut Class have been turning their attention to one of the biggest issues facing our world today: climate action. As part of their learning, they have been studying the work of climate activist Greta Thunberg and considering how individuals can use their voice to raise awareness and encourage change. This has prompted some thoughtful discussions about climate change, our responsibility towards the planet and the actions that individuals and communities can take. It has been particularly pleasing to see our oldest children confidently sharing their ideas and considering different perspectives.

It has also been wonderful to see our families getting involved in school life already. Thank you to everyone who attended our recent Meet the Teacher drop-in session. We had a fantastic turnout and it provided a valuable opportunity for families to meet staff, visit classrooms and find out more about the year ahead. Building strong relationships between home and school is incredibly important to us, and we look forward to developing these further throughout the year.

A special thank you must also go to the parents who have already volunteered their time to help improve our school grounds. Your support makes a genuine difference and is another example of the strong community spirit that makes Morville such a special place.

We are now looking ahead to another busy few weeks. Preparations are underway for our Harvest celebrations, including our non-uniform day and Harvest collection, before we come together for our Harvest Service at St Gregory's Church.

There is lots to look forward to as we continue through the Autumn Term. These first few weeks have given us a fantastic foundation on which to build, and I have been incredibly proud of the way our children, staff and families have started the new school year.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I look forward to sharing more of what has been happening at Morville in our next update.

Mr D Russell
Head of School

Clergy Thoughts

You'll never guess in what direction my thoughts are going for this month! Yes, it's Harvest time. I help out at our local Foodbank and it is absolutely amazing how generous so many people are, throughout the year, but especially at Harvest. It is wonderful. Sadly, I have to say that we sometimes come across food that is out of date or 'fresh' produce that is well past it's best. It all just has to be thrown away. We can find the origins of Harvest Thanksgiving in the Bible, and there we are strongly urged to give God the very best of the Harvest, the 'first fruits'. And we will find that there are times in the Bible when we read that God is really cheesed off when people think they can make sacrifices of animals that are no good to anyone. So my first thought is to encourage us all to give of our absolute best to God, not just at Harvest, but throughout the year.

But we'll only get a Harvest if we sow, even I know that! You know that expression "We are what we eat"? It's so true. If we stuff ourselves with rubbish type food, our bodies will feel the effect. It's the same with our lives, and the lives of those around us. The Bible talks about those "who sow the wind shall reap the whirlwind". If we sow pollution, hatred, distrust, lies, then we can't be surprised when the harvest is climate change, wars, fear and violence. Paul reminds us in his letter to the Galatians:- " ¹⁹When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarrelling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, ²¹envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!" (Galatians 5.19-23.)

So, this Harvest perhaps we can promise ourselves and God to do two things; 1) Give God the best we have and 2) Make sure we sow good (ie seeds of the Holy Spirit) and not evil.

Rev'd Simon Boxall

These are the answers to the fun W I quiz :

1. Wings - 4
2. Dendrology - trees
3. Ants - pheromones
4. Malus Domestica - apple
5. Smallest British bird- Goldcrest
6. Eyes of a spider - 8
7. Most common freshwater fish in UK - Brown Trout
8. Squirrels Nest - Drey
9. Grassy area - meadow
10. Centre of a flower- pistil
11. Fruit with seeds on the outside - strawberry
12. Queen of Flowers - rose
13. "L" complex life form - lichen
14. Female peacock - peahen
15. Study of birds - ornithology
16. Plant that can grow 12" in a day - bamboo
17. Flamingo's colour comes from - beta carotene
18. Group of crows is called - a murder
19. Saffron comes from - crocus
20. Bird with a long tongue - woodpecker
21. Land creature with most teeth - garden snail
22. Flower - cornflower

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SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

MORVILLE

Sun	4 th	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Lay)
Sun	11 th	11.15am	Harvest Festival (JP) and Lunch
Sun	18 th	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Lay)
Sun	25 ^h	11.15am	Holy Communion (SB) Refreshments

ASTON EYRE

Sun	11 th	6.00pm	Harvest Festival (JP)
Sun	25 th	10.00am	Holy Communion (SB)

MONKHOPTON

Sun	4 th	3.00pm	Harvest Festival (SW)
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ACTON ROUND

Sun	11 th	6.00pm	Harvest Festival (SW)
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Morville Readers and Readings for October

•		First Reading	Second Reading
Sun	4 th	Philippians 3:4b-14 (Faye Shropshire)	Matthew 21:33-end (Helen Smith)
Sun	11th	Deuteronomy 8: 7-18 (Louise Shropshire)	Luke 12: 16-30 (Tim Heatley)
Sun	18 th	Acts 16: 6 – 12a (Tim Morris)	Luke 10: 1-9 (Elaine Crisp)
Sun	25 th	Colossians 3: 12-17 (Hilary Evans)	Matthew 24: 30-35 (Mike Skinner)

1st November readings

Revelation 7: 9-end

Matthew 5: 1-12

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