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SEPTEMBER 2025

Morville Church St Gregory's Day

September 7th

We shall be marking the Morville Church patronal day on 7th September. There will be a lay service (morning prayer) at 11.15am which will commemorate St Gregory the Great, followed by refreshments.

Week of Prayer Event at Morville Church

Wednesday 3rd September at 6.30pm

As part of the Week of Prayer events in the benefice, there will be a short prayer service at 6.30pm on Wednesday 3rd September at Morville Church focussing on the Holy Spirit.

The service will be led by our newly appointed curate Rev Vickie Dunlop and will be followed by refreshments.

More Week of Prayer events:

Monday at Acton Round 11.45am led by Bishop Richard (Creation)

Tuesday at Aston Eyre 10am (Incarnation)

Wednesday at St Peter's 5.30pm (Holy Spirit)

(see also table below)

Morville Church Harvest Festival Service Sunday October 5th

This year's Harvest Festival at Morville Church will be held on Sunday October 5th at 11.15am. All welcome. Bring along produce for donation to the Food Bank.

Morville Parish Council

The next Parish Council Meeting will now be held on **Monday 1st September, at 6.30pm** at Morville Village Hall.

Week of Prayer

Day and prayer focus	Monday – Creation (pray for the environment/climate etc)	Tuesday – Incarnation (pray for the Church's mission)	Wednesday - Holy Spirit (pray for revival)	Thursday – Community (pray for the parish, benefice, diocese, country, world)
Morning	St Mary's, Bridgnorth 7:30	Aston Eyre: 10am		St James Hall, Bridgnorth: 9:30am
Afternoon	Acton Round 11:45 (led by Bishop Richard)	St Nicholas, Oldbury: 12:30	St Leonard's Hall Church, Bridgnorth: 1:30	St Calixtus, Astley Abbots: 12pm
Evening	St Mary's, Quatford: 5:30pm	St Peter's, Monkhopton: 5:30	St Gregory's, Morville: 6:30pm	St Peter and St Paul, Tasley: 5:30pm

Each day has a specific focus for prayer in addition to personal requests (with the exception of Bishop Richard's service)

Services adapted from David Adam's *Celtic Daily Prayer*.

Morville WI

As previously mentioned, Morville WI offers a varied programme of events during the year and for our July meeting we went on a visit to Severn Valley Alpacas in Romsley.

What a fabulous time we had! We couldn't have asked for a more perfect summer evening to enjoy the beautiful Shropshire countryside, and we were greeted with a warm welcome from the lovely Loraine and Andy who own Severn Valley Alpacas.

We learnt about alpacas' welfare, their food and how so many people benefit from being able to spend time with these gentle funny animals. We were also able to feed and walk the alpacas, who all have very different personalities.

We were delighted to meet the latest addition to the family, a gorgeous black baby alpaca who had had a tough start in life as he needed to have a major operation when he was a few days old.

We all agreed that this outing was one of the highlights of 2025.

We do not have a meeting in August, but for our September meeting we will be back in Morville Village Hall and welcoming Tania West whose talk is entitled "Overcoming Life's Curve Balls".

You would be very welcome to come along to a meeting and the first one is free. We have a welcome drink from 7.15pm and the meeting starts at 7.30pm.

We follow our meeting with a delicious tea 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.

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WELCOME TO:

Rev'd Vickie Dunlop, our new Curate

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Jennifer (nee Meredith) and Jamie Underhay on their marriage

BEST WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY TO:

Mrs Annabel Wadlow

CONGRATULATIONS and BEST WISHES TO:

Mrs Louise Shropshire, for her Confirmation on 21st September
(the service is at Little Wenlock at 3pm)

BEST WISHES TO:

Keith and Bobby Battersby, who have moved from Morville to Ellesmere

Morville Heath Vintage Club

Tractor Road Run

In June, 59 tractors started out from Home Farm, Monkthopton and travelled 21 miles around the base of the Clee

The amount raised was £1393 . 60 for Dementia UK

Morville Heath Vintage Ploughing Club

Ploughing Match 14th September

to be held at

Larden Grange Farm

Starting at 10am

Refreshments available all day

**Proceeds for
Lingen Davies**

**Little Explorers
and Shipton Church**

Dear friends

Despite the adverts in the shops suggesting that parents buy new school uniform in July, the new school year is just beginning. Education has been part of my life and vocation from when I left school myself. I spent eight years teaching in primary schools, then worked as a lay children's minister, with involvement in our local church school. Then I swapped sides of the teacher's desk as our children entered their school years, and I had the novel experience of receiving reports rather than writing them!

Ordination brought ongoing opportunities to support the spiritual growth of children and staff alike in the parishes where I served, and since becoming Archdeacon of Ludlow I have had the enormous privilege of chairing our Diocesan Board of Education which oversees the wonderful work of our 78 church schools and academies and supports the diocesan education team in all that they do.

Our church schools and academies are not just places of learning information and life skills, but of putting down roots and building foundations so that each child and young person in our care has a chance to explore the Christian faith and experience the life in all its fullness that Jesus Christ promises.

There are so many ways we can all support this life-giving and life-changing work. Some may be called to become Foundation Governors, supporting and upholding the Christian foundation of the school. This is a vital lay ministry role. Yes, it can be demanding, but it is also immensely rewarding. If you'd be willing to explore what that might mean for you in your context, do contact me or our Diocesan Director of Education, Gemma Martin.

Others may be willing and able to support collective worship in our schools, perhaps by joining an Open the Book team if there is one in your benefice, and helping a new generation to hear and understand the stories of our faith. You could talk that through with your parish priest, who could let you know the safeguarding and training requirements.

And all of us can pray for our church schools and academies, for children, young people, staff, parents, governors, and Multi-Academy Trust teams. 24/7 Prayer has a downloadable PDF guide to praying for schools, available here <https://www.24-7prayer.com/resource/pray-for-students-and-teachers/>

However you may be able to support the life of our church schools and academies, I pray that it may be a blessing and encouragement to you as you bless and encourage others. Happy New (School) Year!

The Ven Dr Fiona Gibson

Archdeacon of Ludlow

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER (Please also see Week of Prayer events)

MORVILLE

Sun	7 th	11.15am	St Gregory's Day morning Prayer (Lay) Refreshments
Sun	14 th	11.35am	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	Holy Communion (SW)
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ACTON ROUND

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

		First Reading	Second Reading
Sun	7 th	Philemon 1- 21 (Alison Foxall)	Luke 14: 25-33 (Helen Smith)
Sun	14 th	1 Timothy 1:12-17 (Louise Shropshire)	Luke 15: 1-10 (Tim Heatley)
Sun	21 st	2 Corinthians 4: 1- 6 (Tim Morris)	Matthew 9: 9-13 (Elaine Crisp)
Sun	28 th	1 Timothy 6: 6-19 (Hilary Evans)	Luke 16: 19-end (Mike Skinner)

Monkthopton: Readings for 5th October

Lamentations 1: 1-6

or

2 Timothy 1: 1-14

Luke 17: 5-10 (please check with clergy)

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