

NEWSLETTER

FOR

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SEPTEMBER 2026

Thank You to All Concerned

On behalf of myself, my sister, and all Pat Rowe's family, I'd like to express my sincerest thanks to everyone who has been so kind and supportive to us since her death in Bridgnorth Hospital on July 12th

The level of attendance at her thanksgiving service on August 4th was truly heartwarming to see, and the magnificent tea that followed it is something that we'll never forget. We thank everyone from Morville and further afield who generously gave cake and other food to make it into a proper afternoon tea party, and those who worked so hard to serve it. One thing I'm quite certain of is that my mother would have loved it. This genuinely happy event was held (quite intentionally) on the day that my late father would have had his 100th birthday, thus we were able to remember both of them. I'm sorry that I couldn't get to speak to everyone who was in church that afternoon, but as you'll no doubt recall, there were so many of you...! £1,070 was collected for Bridgnorth Hospital League of Friends that day, with the total now nearly £1,300, which is very generous of you. My sincere thanks once again, Ian Rowe.

The People's Emergency Briefing

Abdon District Community Wildlife Group are hosting a screening of *The People's Emergency Briefing* film, followed by a short discussion, at **Ditton Priors Village Hall, WV16 6SS**, on **29th September 2026**;

doors open at 6.30pm with the film starting at 7pm.

It's been shown at Bridgnorth, but not within our parish, so this is an opportunity to learn how experts are addressing the implications of climate breakdown. The initiative is strictly non-partisan, and is supported by organisations including the National Trust, Church of England, the Royal Meteorological Society, WWF, and the National Education Union. The film aims to inform people about the climate and nature crisis while at the same time giving us agency to respond, grasping the implications and opportunities that this crisis represents for us locally.

Everyone welcome, (aged 16+) - free entry - booking helpful but not essential.

More info from Lesley Moxon-Jones, lesleyvandyke@gmail.com

Click on the link below and scroll down to book

<https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/climate-action/community-groups-and-events/people-s-emergency-briefing-screenings-across-shropshire/>

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. 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 Cllr Pam Yuille pamyuille@gmail.com 07793939291.

We are currently looking for someone prepared to carry out 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 get in touch with Cllr Yuille for an informal chat.

Rosie Buggins-Allsop, already the Chetton Parish Clerk, has agreed to be our clerk for an initial 12 months and we are very much hoping she will stay with us long-term.

For further information and all councillors' contact details please see Morville Parish Council website at www.morvillepc.gov.uk and like or follow our page on Facebook: Morville Parish Council.

Alpha

Starts 16th September

You're invited!

Explore life, Faith and Meaning

Wednesday evenings 7pm – 8.30pm

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Light refreshments provided

Let us know you're coming:

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OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF:

the late Mrs Pat Rowe, of Morville

the late Mr Bryan Hill of Monkhopton

WELCOME TO:

Mr Dan Russell, Head of Morville School

Morville W I

Morville WI's July meeting was hosted by the lovely Janet Brick at Hurst Farm. We had a fantastic evening, the weather was perfect and the setting beside the lake with views across our glorious Shropshire countryside could not have been better.

Everyone brought food for the picnic, we walked round the lake doing a treasure hunt, we challenged our brains with a nature quiz and our co-ordination skills with a win the bottle hoopla game, and of course had plenty of time to sit and chat!

If you are curious to see what a WI meeting involves we are always pleased to welcome visitors, we meet on the second Wednesday of each month usually at Morville Village Hall, from 7.15pm. Our meetings have a speaker or activity, supper/tea and biscuits, a raffle, a competition and sales table each month.

However, our 9th September meeting will be an open meeting (we are happy to invite gentlemen as well!) for which there will be a charge (£7.00 a head to include tea/coffee and cake) to hear the amazing story of the Thai Cave Rescue. Please come along but spaces are limited so book yours via our e mail address

morvillewomensinstitute@gmail.com.

We will also have raffle with some brilliant prizes. This event is another fund raiser for Morville WI's charity for this year, The Cavalier Centre in Much Wenlock. Hope you see you there.

Morville W I Fundraising Event

Thai Cave Rescue

Guest speakers Mike Clayton and Emma Porter

Morville Village Hall

Wednesday 9th September 7.30pm start

Limited tickets available at £7 (to include coffee and cake)

Cash raffle Big ticket prizes

Proceeds to The Cavalier Centre

Everyone welcome, Ladies and Gents

Book tickets at morvillewomensinstitute@gmail.com

ASTON EYRE HISTORY DAY
ASTON EYRE HALL GUIDED TOUR AND TALK

11a.m. 10th October 2026

ASTON EYRE CHURCH

Endowed in 1132.



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

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Aston Eyre Hall is a Grade II* high status stone built medieval dwelling. It is situated on a formerly defended area immediately to the north of the Norman church and associated with a Gatehouse now in separate ownership to the east.

The Hall had an unusual building history and seems to have taken over a century to complete; by the end of the 16th century it appears to have been converted to agricultural use and remained so until the end of the 20th century. Despite being re-roofed and pierced with agricultural openings the building retained its essentially medieval character and survived because it still had purpose. Since the end of farming on the site the building has been redundant and inevitably maintenance became neglected further. The site was divided into two properties and the now owner began a campaign of repairs to the medieval buildings and there are intentions to restore some or all of the site to residential use in order to ensure its long term future.

The owner of Aston Eyre Hall will commence the guided tour at 11a.m and the tour will take between one and one and a half hours. The cost for the tour is £5 per person. Please wear sturdy shoes and appropriate clothing as much of the tour will not be under cover.

The Time Team crew visited Aston Eyre Hall and the programme (series 5 episode 6 is available free to view on YouTube)

All proceeds to go to Aston Eyre Church.

THANK YOU TO:

everyone who provided refreshments and help at Pat's Thanksgiving . There were so many helping hands and all the support that we received to make the day a success.is really appreciated

Ecumenical 24/7 Prayer Breakfast

Tuesday, 8th September at 8am

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Dean of Hereford's Letter

On being yourself

I remember my first day of school in September 1969. "Just be yourself!" exhorted my grandpa - which at the tender age of four made no sense whatsoever but which I have had good reason to think about many times since.

I have learned that 'being yourself' is an important part of living a full and faithful life. Each of us is unique yet we feel continual pressure to fit in with the expectations of others. As my grandpa tried to point out to the anxious four-year-old in the oversized blazer, happiness comes from embracing who God made us to be. When we are comfortable in our own skins, we are able to contribute authentically to our communities and build stronger relationships with others.

It is true of the church too. A church that is unsure of itself can easily drift into simply reflecting the preferences of society. A confident Church that knows who and whose it is can lovingly but clearly proclaim its beliefs even when they are unfashionable and teach the gospel in all seasons even (perhaps especially) at the hour of death.

Which brings me to the horror of what are euphemistically called "Pure Cremations". One might also accurately call them Carcass Disposal. Increasingly, society is sold on direct cremation because it appears simple, efficient and cheap. It is also pastorally destructive leaving families with no space to grieve and acknowledge death. The Church should ask itself why it is handing the business of dealing with death over to the secular and profit-seeking funeral industry and whether something important is being lost on our watch. Christian funerals are not simply about disposing of a body. They are acts of worship in which we commend a loved one to God's mercy, support the grieving, give thanks for a life lived, and proclaim the resurrection of Jesus.

The Church of England is a custodian of the Christian understanding of death, burial, resurrection, and hope. For two millennia, Christians have cared deeply about the treatment of the body because the body matters to God.

When the Church conducts a funeral, whether culminating in burial or cremation, it is being itself. It is doing what Christians have done for centuries: gathering around the dead and the bereaved, speaking words of hope, praying together, and declaring that death does not have the last word. If the Church becomes hesitant about offering this witness, it risks forgetting part of its own identity.

To be confident in whose we are means being confident enough to say that people need more than efficiency at the end of life. They need prayer, community, ritual, remembrance and hope. The Church serves society best not by surrendering these things but by offering them generously and joyfully and unashamedly in the way that it knows. Let's be who we are.

The Very Revd Sarah Brown

Dean of Hereford

Nature Quiz

1. How many wings does a bee have?
2. What is a person who studies Dendrology very interested in?
3. To lead others to a food source an ant will lay down a scent trail of what type of chemical?
4. What common food with the scientific name *Malus domestica* floats because it is 25% air?
5. What is the name of the smallest British bird?
6. How many eyes does a spider have?
7. What is the most common freshwater fish found in the UK?
8. What is the name of the nest that squirrels build?
9. What term describes a grassy area typically found near a river?
10. What is the centre of a flower called?
11. What is the only fruit with seeds on the outside?
- 12 Which flower is known as the "Queen of Flowers"
13. What "L" is a complex life form which is sometimes moss-like in appearance, consisting of fungus & alga?
- 14 What is a female peacock called?
- 15 What is the study of birds called?
16. What plant, frequently associated with the Asian continent, can grow up to 12 inches in a single day & is technically a giant grass?
- 17 Flamingos, which are born white or light grey, get their colour from a nutrient in their diet that humans obtain from carrots & sweet potatoes - what is it?
18. What is a group of crows called?
19. Saffron comes from which flower?
20. Which species of bird, which can be found in Britain, has a tongue so long it wraps around the back of their skulls when not in use?
21. Which common land creature has the most teeth?
22. With its signature Prussian blue colour that represents hopefulness for the future, what purple-blue flower is the national flower of Germany & legend has it that Queen Louise of Prussia used a field of these flowers to hide her children while escaping from Berlin?

(Thanks to Jackie from Morville WI. Answers next month)

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

MORVILLE

Sun	6 th	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Lay)
Sun	13 th	11.15am	Morning Prayer (JP) Refreshments
Sun	20 th	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Lay)
Sun	27 ^h	11.15am	Holy Communion (SB) Refreshments

ASTON EYRE

Sun	13 th	10.00am	Morning Prayer (JP)
Sun	27 th	10.00am	Holy Communion (SB)

MONKHOPTON

Sun	6 th	10.00am	Holy Communion (IT)
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ACTON ROUND

Sun	13 th	10.00am	Holy Communion (VD)
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Morville Readers and Readings for September

		First Reading	Second Reading
Sun	6 th	Romans 13: 8-end (Faye Shropshire)	Matthew 18: 15-20 (Helen Smith)
Sun	13 th	Romans 14: 1-12 (Louise Shropshire)	Matthew 18: 21-35 (Tim Heatley)
Sun	20 th	Philippians 1:21- end (Tim Morris)	Matthew 20: 1-16 (Elaine Crisp)
Sun	27 th	Philippians 2: 1-13 (Hilary Evans)	Matthew 21: 23-32 (Mike Skinner)

Readings for 4th October

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-end

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