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OCTOBER 2024

Reverend Suzan Williams

The Licensing Service for the newly appointed Bridgnorth Priest in Charge, Reverend Suzan Williams, will take place at St Mary Magdalene Church Bridgnorth on Monday 9th December at 7pm, led by the Bishop of Hereford. All are welcome.

Reverend Nicole Kinrade, the Bishop's Chaplain, will organise the ceremony.

Morville Parish Council

The Parish Council met on September 9th.

A group of parishioners from Morville came to the meeting, and there was a very constructive discussion about the traffic problems in the village.

Consequently, we voted to initiate, and pay for, the Data Survey that is necessary before the installation of Vehicle Activated Signs can be considered.

We also discussed the possible relocation of the 30mph speed limit signs, and agreed that we should request that they are re-positioned further out of the village, by the Telegraph Lane junction, and nearer to the Aldenham Park gateway.

The signs in Houghton Lane should also be moved further along the Lane, past Prestwich Close.

Our Shropshire Councillor, Robert Tindall, agreed to raise these matters with the Highways Department.

Two more road accidents in the village, on September 17th, have emphasised the need for these improvements.

The next meeting, the last one in 2024, will be on November 11th.

Quiz in Aid of Monkthopton Church

Ditton Priors Village Hall
Friday, 18th October
7 for 7.30pm

Teams of four
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Morville W I

Our September meeting started as usual with business of the evening before Geraldine welcomed our lovely speaker, Daisy Askins.

Daisy started by telling us a bit about herself and how 5 years ago she fell in love with the ancient craft of willow weaving. Daisy explained that basket making is one of the oldest crafts and it is practised all over the world using the same techniques that have been used for hundreds of years. What started as a hobby snowballed until she took the plunge and it became her full time job. Daisy is based at Maws Craft Centre, where she makes beautiful handmade basketry and sculptures using willow, vine and wood. As well as being commissioned to create sculptures, Daisy also runs workshops teaching others the ancient art of willow weaving.

Then it was our turn to have a go. We all had great fun and managed to produce a spiral fat ball/ garlic holder to be proud of!

We were then treated to an amazing supper provided by Carol and Debbie. So why not come and see what Morville WI 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 or check us out on Facebook.

Morville School News

Hello from the Morville school family.

It has been a wonderful start to the academic year 2024/ 2025 here at Morville school.

All our new children and families have settled into school well and are already part of the Morville family.

All the children have been excited to return to school and have had so much news and happy memories of their holidays to share with us.

In Chestnut Tree Class the children are already so engrossed in their new topic of 'The Empire Strikes Back.' The children are learning where and when the Roman Empire started and how it went on to conquer Britain with some Roman army role play. The children are going to be learning all about roman buildings and structures as well as locating roman roads and aqueducts.

The children are already busy gathering facts ready for their debate at the end of the topic all about what, from the Roman times, has had the greatest impact on our lives now.

In Birch Tree Class the children will be studying changes from the Stone Age to the Iron Age including farming, art and culture and begin to give reasons for these changes. The class will be focusing on the

challenges for survival that early man faced.

Later in the topic the children will be exploring how developments in tools led to changes in life and diet and the importance of Skara Brae and its contribution to understanding ancient life. The children will be taking on the role of cave men and women during the topic to create their own stone age cave paintings and murals.

In Oak Tree Class the children have started the school year with their topic 'Our House'.

They will be exploring where they live and what features are in our local area. They have begun by looking at what their different houses look like and exploring the different parts of their houses.

The children will be exploring local area maps to see if they can identify where they live.

Later in the topic the children will be going on a walk of our local area before creating simple maps of our school road with simple features and will learn the difference between 'human' and 'physical' features.

In sport the children are really enjoying their lessons with Ben Bennett from Oldbury Wells School with even some of our youngest children using technical vocabulary to describe their gymnastic techniques.

Children from KS1 are also currently having fun in the local sports partnership cross country competitions with children running at Idsall, Oldbury Wells and Comer Woods.

Our team of girls are looking forward to attending the upcoming Football tournament at Oldbury whilst some of our Year 6's will be attending the Bronze Ambassadors Sport Leader training later this half term.

Lots of exciting things ahead and we can't wait to share more with you next month.

Miss Docherty

Letter from the Archdeacon

As I write this in early September the shops are filling up with Christmas cakes and mince pies but alongside these are Halloween goods. When I was growing up Halloween was barely mentioned and Trick or Treat was something the Americans did on Greenham Common Airbase. We had Guy Fawkes nights, with fireworks, parties and 'Penny for the Guy'. Whilst Halloween celebrations have become a feature of our culture it has become associated with spooks, ghouls and witches and things that go bump in the night! Yet it actually a Christian festival, All Hallows' Eve - this is the traditional title for what we now call Halloween.

Halloween has its heart in the Old English word 'hallowed' meaning holy or sanctified. In the Christian tradition it was a day of preparation and fasting prior to celebrating All Saints day. It certainly wasn't associated with pranks, spooks, ghouls and witches but much more about preparing our hearts and minds to remember the Saints and those Christians who had died and joined the Communion of Saints. The festival that followed was deliberately designed to counter some of the superstitions surrounding the old end to summer and the coming of winter - the old Celtic festival of Samhain. Within church history it was only later that the commemoration of the dead, All Souls followed All Saints. It has become today an opportunity to remember loved ones who have passed and to give thanks for lives well led. As Christians we can rejoice that those who die in faith are now at rest and peace with God.

"But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep." 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

In more recent liturgical thinking this season now marks the beginning of the Kingdom season when we reflect on what it means to be citizens of heaven. However it is the idea of setting aside a day of fasting and prayer which struck me. I think somewhere along the way we have lost the real art of fasting not least because various slimming companies have rather stolen the idea to simply mean going without food! Fasting is not simply about going without food or giving something up, it is primarily about taking something on, it is about giving ourselves space and time to allow God to speak with us and to shape who we are. It also isn't about telling everyone that we are doing it to draw attention to our spiritual well being. Jesus was clear that fasting is something we do quietly and privately.

Fasting in biblical terms is also a call to action. It is a moment when we draw near to God but we also look out to the world in acts of love and service. Fasting in the scriptures is always for a purpose beyond ourselves and for the benefit of others. It is part of the mission of the church that we are called to serve those who we live amongst and to reach out with God's love to our world. Seen through God's eyes fasting is a call to action and mission.

"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, ... " Isaiah 58:6-7

As October brings autumn on and the nights draw in let us not forget to pray, give thanks for loved ones we see no longer and remember that we are called to serve our communities. The Venerable Derek Chedzey Archdeacon of Hereford

Caring for God's Acre: Wonderful Waxcaps

By October, the areas of long, meadow grass within a churchyard or cemetery will have been mown short and raked, making it is easy to wander around and look for colourful fungi. Old grasslands, like those found in burial grounds, have a fabulously complex web of life beneath the sward, of which fungi are a key part. These grassland fungi, which are different species from those found growing on trees or on deadwood on the ground, are 'indicator species' showing an observer that this grassland is precious, has not been ploughed, fertilised or treated with chemicals for a long time (if ever).

The mycelium of the fungi is the part below ground, this consists of thread-like 'hyphae' which may be connected to a range of grasses, mosses, trees and flowering plants. After rain, and often in the autumn, the mycelium pushes up the fungal equivalent of a fruit above the ground where we can see it. Fungi are largely made of water and so can appear quickly, pumped up by hydrostatic power. The purpose of this is to spread the species far and wide, with a single mushroom able to contain vast numbers of microscopic spores. In the grassland the fungi you find might be waxcaps and pinkgills both of which are shaped like a small mushroom, or spindles and earth tongues, both of which are long and thin. Many fungi are long-lived and may not fruit every year, some only fruiting once in a decade so are rarely seen. They continue to grow and spread beneath the ground however.

Grassland fungi have long captured our imaginations as their names indicate. Look for scarlet, parrot, snowy, butter and ballerina waxcaps. How about skinny club, crested coral, golden spindles or hairy earthtongue.

Although shiny and brightly coloured, these grassland fungi can be difficult to identify as they can change colour with time. Some of the colours are water soluble so fade or change quickly, particularly if it rains. They are however delightful to look at, and even if you don't know which waxcap or spindle you are looking at, the presence of these grassland fungi is relevant and worth recording. If you take a photo of the top, side and ideally the underside showing the gills where the spores are found, it may be possible for someone to identify it, particularly if you use the iNaturalist app on a smartphone or tablet.

Grassland fungi need our help so please look after them. Always rake off the cuttings after mowing, strimming or scything grassland, whether it is long or short grass. This helps to keep the soil fertility low which the fungi need, as do the wildflowers. Avoid any chemicals and keep grasslands managed with regular cutting so that they don't turn become coarse and rough. You may be rewarded with a scattering of colourful fungi looking like jewels across the sward. As well as looking pretty and adding to the richness of biodiversity they, and the other plants, lichens, invertebrates and microbes are all storing carbon in our soils, one of the many natural solutions to climate change.

All the best,

[Harriet Carty](#) Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor

SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

MORVILLE

Sun	6 th	11.15am	Holy Communion (SB)	Refreshments
Thurs	10 th	2.30pm	Morville School Harvest Festival	
Sun	13 th	11.15am	Morning Prayer (JP)	Refreshments
Sun	20 th	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Lay)	
Sun	27 th	11.15am	Holy Communion (DP)	Refreshments

ASTON EYRE

Sun	13 th	10.00am	Morning Prayer (JP)	
Sun	27 th	11.15am	Holy Communion (JP) with Morville	

MONKHOPTON

Sun	6 th	6.00pm	Harvest ES (JS)*	
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ACTON ROUND

Sun	13 th	6.00pm	Harvest Evensong* (Lay)	
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Morville Readers and Readings for October

	First Reading	Second Reading
Sun	6 th Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12 (Alison Foxall)	Mark 10: 2-16 (Helen Smith)
Sun	13 th Hebrews 4: 12-end (Louise Shropshire)	Mark 10: 17-31 (Tim Heatley)
Sun	20 th Hebrews 5: 1-10 (Tim Morris)	Mark 10:35 - 45 (Elaine Crisp)
Sun	27 th 2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4:5 (Hilary Evans)	John 5: 36b - end (Mike Skinner)

***Readings for Harvest Services in Monkhood and Acton Round**

Joel 2; 21-27

Matthew 6: 25-33

For Monkhood : Advance notice of readings on Sun. 3rd November
Revelation 21:1-6a John 11:32-44

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