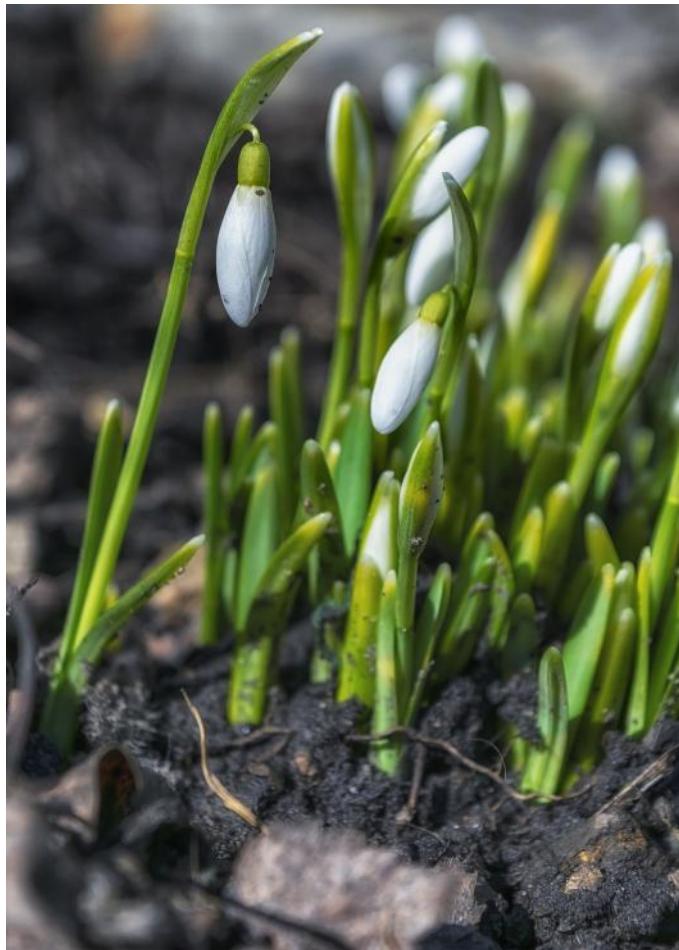


# The ARCH Messenger

*To show our love for God and You*  
**February 2026**



Abbots Morton, Rous Lench, Church Lench & Harvington  
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ARCH Benefice: Parishes of Abbots Morton, Rous Lench, Church Lench and Harvington, with Norton & Lenchwick  
Rector: The Rev. Glenn Reading  
Pioneer Deacon: The Reverend Chris Sheehan

## Readings

**1 February** *Malachi 3.1-5, Psalm 24.1-end, Hebrews 2.14-end, Luke 2.22-40*  
**Candlemas**

**8 February** *Genesis 1.1-2.3, Psalm 136, Romans 8.18-25, Matthew 6.25-end*  
**2 Before Lent**

**15 February** *Exodus 24.12-end, Psalm 2, 2 Peter 1.16-end, Matthew 17.1-9*  
**Sunday before Lent**

**18 February** *Ash Wednesday*

**22 February** *Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7, Psalm 32, Romans 5.12-19, Matthew 4.1-11*  
**Lent 1**

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## Thought for the month

Remember the Winnie the Pooh stories? And Kanga's insistence on Baby Roo's taking his Strengthening Medicine? It's 'really quite a nice taste when you get used to it', she explained, although I'm not convinced Baby Roo always agreed.

It can be helpful to think of Lent as a sort of medicine; an opportunity to strengthen us in the things that are good, rein in other facets of our personality, and reset the compass to the true North of following Jesus. A Spring-clean of the soul, if you like.

Baby Roo (and Piglet on the one occasion he was subject to it) found Strengthening Medicine not to their liking, and we may groan inwardly at the thought of 'giving up something for Lent'. Think of what lies behind this 'giving up'. It's so that we may be strengthened, our character refined, our prejudices examined, our junk thrown overboard, and we may come to Passontide and Easter more fit to walk the way of the Cross, and rise in new life with Jesus at His Resurrection.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on 18<sup>th</sup> February. Many Christians go public with their intention to keep a good Lent by being 'ashed' - the sign of the Cross made on the forehead in a mixture of ash and holy oil at a special service that day. The ash is usually the burnt remains of the palm crosses from last year. Having been ashed, the intention of the 40 days of Lent is to maintain a steady course closer to God, symbolised by the giving up of something - like chocolate - which has a hold on us. We walk with Jesus on the way to the Cross, mindful of the 'riches of God's kindness, forbearance and patience' as St Paul has it, and mindful too of Jesus' choice of the Cross as a way for us to enter those riches more fully.

And to face the immensity of that sacrifice, and the immensity of God's riches made available to us in Jesus, we need all the Strengthening Medicine we can get!

- Rev'd Roy Shaw (ret'd)

*Stop date for February issue: **Monday 9th February***

## Pastoral

Daily prayers:  
8.30am via Zoom – contact either Fr Glenn or Rev'd Chris for details

### Pastoral calls and contacts

Please telephone Fr Glenn in the first instance:

Updated Parish Office Hours and further details will be published in the next edition.

### From the Registers

3rd January	Marriage	Rosie Dixon & Andrew Chalk
7th January	Funeral	John Frederick Wheeler
15th January	Funeral	George Brian Howard
23rd January	Funeral	Hetty Campbell
26th January	Funeral	Di Badger



## Inductions



We would like to thank everyone who made the service and afternoon tea for the Installation of our new rector such a success. The service was a very special occasion, led for us by Bishop Alan Winton, and Archdeacon Mark Badger, whom, along with Revd. Sarah Dangerfield our Area Dean, we would also like to thank for their guidance and support during this time of change.

Fr. Glenn is now very much getting to grips with leading the Benefice and incorporating Norton and Lenchwick into our family of churches, and we look forward to the years ahead.

As a continuation of establishing our growing family of churches, on **Sunday 1st February at 3pm** at St James the Great Harvington there will be a further celebration service for the licensing of Rev Chris Sheehan, Rev Andy Green and Rev Caroline Green within the enlarged Benefice.

Please note that this will be a Benefice Communion service, replacing all other services normally held that Sunday. We welcome everyone from across the Benefice to join us, and as is becoming rather a tradition, to join us for tea and cake afterward.

# Benefice News

## LENT COURSE

Our lent course this year is titled: **LOVE IN ACTION**

It will involve a journey around all the churches in the benefice as we investigate what love means to us.

25.02.26 - How to have a great Marriage – Abbot's Morton Village Hall - Panel discussion

04.03.26 - Love in Dark places - Norton - Bible study and panel discussion

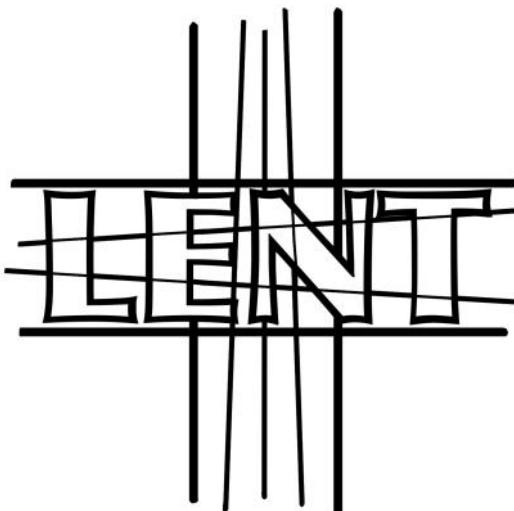
11.03.26 - Love expressed in Music - Harvington - A walk through sacred and non-sacred music with Sally Livingstone and guests

18.03.26 - Surviving Grief – Church Lench - Bible study and panel discussion

25.03.26 - Jesus and how to touch the ultimate love – Rous Lench - Steve Tilley

We are looking for panel members who would like to share some of their stories so if you think you have something God is calling you to share then please contact Pippa on \*\*\*\*\*

We look forward to seeing you all for love, laughter and reflection. Being together through the Lent season is a huge highlight of our year.

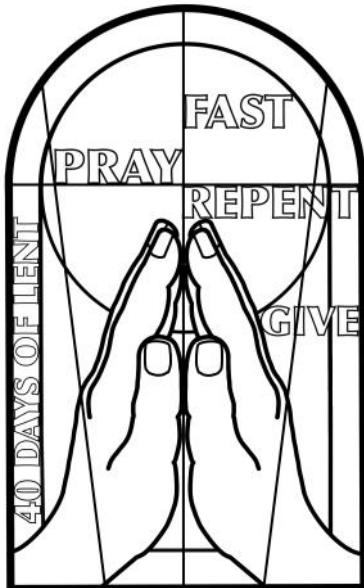


# Benefice News

## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2026

Confirmation preparation for 2026 will be done in the Deanery (Rev' Chris will be involved). Confirmation courses are a wonderful opportunity to explore Christian faith over ten weekly sessions, together with others.

The course may be in preparation for your Confirmation, or, the course may be a refresher about the Christian Faith for you or. A Confirmation Service is a service where the promises made at your baptism are now affirmed by you as an adult and you receive the laying on of hands and anointing with oil by a bishop confirming you in the Christian faith. (If you have not been baptised, this may happen during the confirmation service at in your parish before the Confirmation Service.)



The course will ten one hour sessions from 7-8pm. The venue will be at Church House next to All Saints Church in Evesham.

Dates: 20, 27 April, 11, 18 May (missing bank holidays), 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 June, 6 July

If you are thinking of being Confirmed or you wish to do the course as a refresher, do speak to Father Glenn or Rev Chris.

### Caring Hands foodbank – please keep it going

Please remember Caring Hands when doing your weekly shop and purchase an extra item or two for the foodbank: toilet rolls, toiletries, tinned and dried goods are always welcome.

Items can be left in the donation boxes in our parish churches.



# Brave!

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

Harvington Village Hall, 3.30 - 5.30pm

Crafts, story, song and a

FREE 2-course meal.

ALL welcome!

### Men's Night

The Coach and Horses

11th February at 8pm

Newcomers welcome!



## Benefice News

### YOUR LOCAL CHARITY NEEDS A CAREFUL DRIVER LIKE YOU!

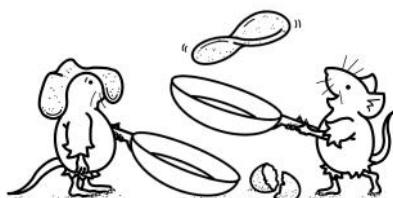


Shine is an Evesham based after school club charity that provides high quality after school care for 4-10 yos from local schools often with a range of needs. 80% of our income comes from grants to help those families who cannot otherwise afford this care.

We run a 16 seater semi-automatic minibus between 2.30 and 4pm on school days collecting from 3 schools and dropping the children off at our club in Evesham.

We need additional drivers with D1 licence permissions under the age of 70 to help trustee Rev Chris with driving rotas when he is unavailable, maybe 2-3 times per month.

For more details please contact Chris on \*\*\*\*\*



## What's the big idea?

*Canon Paul Hardingham continues his very short introductions to books of the Bible:*

### **An Introduction to the Old Testament: Isaiah**

Isaiah is often regarded as the greatest of the prophets. His name means 'The Lord saves' and he began his 50-year ministry in 740 BC when King Uzziah died (6:1). Many scholars challenge the claim that Isaiah wrote the entire book, however there are striking verbal parallels between chapters 1–39 and 40–66.

Isaiah spoke during the stormy period marking the expansion of the Assyrian empire and the decline of Israel. The Assyrians destroyed the northern kingdom in 721. Judah was left to decide whether they would make alliances with other kingdoms or rely on God to protect them. Isaiah warns Judah that her sin would bring captivity in Babylon, which eventually took place in 586.

Isaiah sees the Messiah coming from the line of David. He speaks of a new temple being established (ch2); a child born with a new kingdom (ch9) and judging differently to other kings (ch11) as well as the nature of His suffering (ch53). The 'suffering servant' (chapters 42–53) also applies to Israel as a nation, who are called to be a 'light for the Gentiles' (42:6). Not surprisingly Jesus applies Isaiah's words to His own life and ministry. eg Is 61:1 quoted in Luke 4:18. Throughout his book Isaiah presents the full dimensions of God's judgment and salvation as 'the Holy One of Israel' (6:1), as well as the 'Sovereign Lord' far above all nations (40:15–24).

Isaiah looks forward to the promise of a new city of Zion (chs 60–66), in which the people offer praise to the Holy One of Israel. *'Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.'* (65:17).

*The Bible tells the story of Jesus and His stressed disciples in a boat in a storm. Like them, we also get hit by storms in life. And like them, we can know that Jesus is also with us. Why not take a moment to ponder these promises:*

Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous be shaken. (Psalm 55:22)

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. (John 14:27)

## Saint of the Month: Caedmon, 11 February

### **Caedmon, the poetic shepherd**

Caedmon (d 680) should be the patron saint of all farmers who enjoy humming to themselves as they do the lambing this Spring. For Caedmon of Whitby was a bit like David in the Bible; he grew up as a simple herdsman out on the hills who enjoyed composing songs and poetry for himself while watching his flocks.



Like David, Caedmon also had a keen awareness of God, and used his creative gift to express his devotion and love for his Creator. When his poems and songs became known to others, they liked them so much that soon Caedmon left his sheep in order to become a monk. This gave him time to compose many poems based on the stories in the Bible: from Creation and Genesis, to the Exodus and entry of the Jews into the promised land, to the birth, passion and resurrection of Christ, and finally to the future Last Judgement, Heaven, and Hell.

Then one day Caedmon suddenly announced that he knew he was going to die soon. And so he did, in a state of charity and peace with everyone. There was great mourning.

Sadly, only nine lines of his poetry have survived, and we have the great historian, Bede, to thank for even that much. But in his time, Caedmon's gift of telling Christian stories in the vernacular must have been of great value in evangelising the common folk. He remains the earliest known named poet writing in English.

### **Caedmon's Hymn**

*Now [we] must honour the guardian of heaven,  
the might of the architect, and his purpose,  
the work of the father of glory  
as he, the eternal lord, established the beginning of wonders;  
he first created for the children of men  
heaven as a roof, the holy creator  
Then the guardian of mankind,  
the eternal lord, afterwards appointed the middle earth,  
the lands for men, the Lord almighty.*

## From St James' The Least of All

My dear Darren

I do hope you have now settled down in your first parish – although it is such a pity that you did not choose a more distinguished one. I know you feel your vocation lies in inner city work – whereas mine, fortunately, has always been to the better sort of rural village. I have always felt that the Almighty understands me well in that regard.



We had a little flurry of activity in church on Sunday. At the signal "let us pray", as the congregation dutifully flopped to their knees, sounding like a flock of geese settling in for the night, Major Hastings lost his glass eye. Yes, *again!* That man is so careless at times. Anyway, released from captivity, the eye rolled under the pews like a fugitive marble, ricocheting from hassock to handbag over the stone flags.

My sonorous entreaties to the Almighty were completely lost as the entire congregation scuttled under pews, trying to retrieve it. It finally appeared on the collection plate – along with £4.17, 100 pesetas and Miss Simpson's front door key. I was unsure whether the last item represented a fit of absent-mindedness or an improper suggestion. I returned it to her very firmly at the end of the Service.

The eye stared at me mournfully as I blessed it, along with the money. But it left a small social dilemma. What is the etiquette of returning a lost glass eye to its owner?

To have processed down the aisle with it, accompanied by crucifer and verger seemed a little too public. To sneak it to him as we shook hands at the door seemed a little too furtive. I finally decided to send a server to deliver it during the last hymn. I still wonder if it was the right decision. Perhaps you could look through that new Common Worship book and see if they have included an appropriate rite for returning lost glass eyes. We here at St James-the-Least-of-All haven't yet got round to Common Worship. The days are evil enough as it is.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

# All Saints, Church Lench

## LENT LUNCHES

Once again the PCC Social Committee are pleased to announce that they are organising five Lent Lunches this year, commencing on Wednesday 25th February and finishing on Wednesday 25th March. Each week for just £7.00, a selection of homemade soups followed by cheese and biscuits will be available at The Lenches Club between 12 noon and 1.30pm. The bar will be open for hot and cold liquid refreshments and there will also be a raffle. Advance booking for the lunches is not required.

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Social Committee would like to thank everyone who supported or helped in any way at the Christmas Fayre held at the end of November. There was a truly festive atmosphere in the Village Hall and thanks to all your wonderful donations and generosity the total raised for the church and its associated charities was over £1, 700.

## SAVE THE DATE!

Also from the Social Committee comes advance warning that this year's Flower Festival and Open Gardens Weekend will take place from Friday 26th to Sunday 28th June. Further information will appear in future issues of the ARCH Messenger or may be obtained in advance from Lyndall Bagnall \*\*\*\*\* or Nadine Woakes (\*\*\*\*\*)

## Church Lench Village Hall

Tickets are now on sale for the Church Lench Big Breakfast to be held on Saturday, 7 February, from 9-10:30am. The meal will include bucks fizz or orange juice, pastries, fresh fruit, eggs, bacon, sausage, mushrooms, tomatoes, baked beans, toast as well as tea or coffee. Tickets are £10.50 for adults and £5 for children and are available from all village hall committee members. You can also contact churchlenchvillagehall@gmail.com for more information.

Below are the winners in our recent 100 Club Draws.

First prize: £25, Second Prize: £15, and Third Prize: £10.  
1st Christina Bacon, 2nd Peter, 3rd Chris Seabourne

Interested in hiring the hall? For booking enquiries, please contact Bev Gillis at [clvillagehallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:clvillagehallbookings@gmail.com) and see our pages on [www.thelenches.org.uk](http://www.thelenches.org.uk) website.

# Church Lench CE First School

## Worcester Cathedral School Christmas Tree

If you visited Worcester over the Christmas period, you may have spotted our wonderful Christmas tree made entirely from books, displayed outside the café in the cloisters. It received many positive comments from visitors. Our pupils created beautiful recycled decorations inspired by book characters, which could be seen hanging from the tree. A huge thank you to Ms Munro for planning and organising this spectacular creation last year.

## Christmas Service at All Saints

What a truly wonderful way to end the school term together on Thursday 18th December 2025. The church was filled with music, joy and the Christmas story, which the children conveyed so clearly.

## Pantomime

Chaplain's Travelling Pantomime visited us once again last year. The children had an amazing time watching *Little Red Riding Hood*, laughing at the silly jokes and funny moments throughout the performance. We even enjoyed some fantastic dance moves at the end!

## Choir

Well done to our amazing choir, who sang beautifully to the residents at Willow Bank Dementia Care Home on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Carols included *Hark the Herald, O Little Town of Bethlehem and Ding Dong*. They were a real credit to the school, and we were incredibly proud of them all.

## Looking Ahead in 2026

We are delighted to welcome everyone back for a new term filled with exciting learning across the school. Our youngest children will be exploring the theme of cold climates, learning about animals that live in the polar regions and discovering what the season of winter is like where we live. They will also be finding out about the historic race to the South Pole, led by Captain Scott and Roald Amundsen in the early 20th century. In Class 2, pupils will be learning about life during the Stone Age, focusing on the importance of trade and settlements while developing their skills in exploring historical sources. Our oldest pupils will be studying Ancient Greece, using a range of fascinating texts to discover what life was like during this influential period of history.

From all the staff and pupils

Happy New Year!

*Mrs S Price Head teacher*

# St James's, Harvington

## SAVE THE DATES



6th  
MARCH

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE - TBC  
St James's Church , Harvington



4th  
APRIL

EASTER FUN - trail, craft activities & more  
St James's Church, Harvington



16th  
MAY

QUINGO - Family friendly bingo & quiz  
St James's Church, Harvington



6th  
JUNE

SUMMER FETE - 11am - 3pm  
St James's Church, Church Street, Harvington

*\*any local small businesses that would like a stall please contact us.\**

Please look out for more details about each event in further copies of the Arch Messenger and on our events Facebook page St James's Events



## SAVE THE DATE

**FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026**



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

ST JAMES'S CHURCH, HARVINGTON

TIME - TBC

A service prepared by the Christian women of Nigeria  
"I will give you rest: Come"

Please contact us on [eventssjch@outlook.com](mailto:eventssjch@outlook.com) or message on Facebook at St James's Events , if you would like to take part, help, volunteer or have any Nigerian artefacts - we'd love to hear from you!

## St James's, Harvington

### **CAMEO TEAS 11th February 3.00pm Breslau**

This is going to be a very special get-together as we are celebrating **Valentine's Day** again. So please join us to make it a joyous occasion in a warm and cosy environment. Tea and cakes are awaiting you! It is a friendly group and we love to meet new people. For information please contact Sophie \*\*\*\*\*

### **FAITH TODAY Friday 20th February 10.00am Breslau**

The subject we are going to discuss is "**Hymns**"!

Hymns support us throughout all walks of life. In joyous and sad times; not only in church but also at home when we might read a passage at a quiet moment. We are going to bring our favourite hymn or two and share our thoughts as to what it may mean to us. Solace and peace in this troubled world!!!

We are a friendly group and always like to receive newcomers.  
Refreshments are served.

For information please contact Sophie \*\*\*\*\*

#### ***Financial emergency? Extra help needed? Live in Harvington?***

St James' Church manages an emergency fund on behalf of the community. If you need a little financial assistance, please call \*\*\*\*\* and we will offer what support we can.

If you are in a position to top up the funds, we would be very grateful!

#### **Harvington Community Support Group**

A reminder that our team of volunteers are always around to lend a helping hand to Harvington villagers. So if you are stuck for transport to an appointment, need help with admin or occasional shopping, have minor DIY tasks etc, do feel free to give us a ring.

We can be contacted on \*\*\*\*\*, and if you don't get an answer do please leave a message - we check the phone regularly and will get back to you.

## Harvington

### **HARVINGTON CE FIRST SCHOOL**

Each half term our morning collective worship is associated with one of the school's core values. Throughout January the children have been focusing on the value of courage. We have been reflecting on how important it is for us all to step out of our comfort zone. This helps us to take risks and to grow. The children have shared that examples they have of stepping out of their comfort zone include putting their hand up in class, going swimming and reading aloud to others. Doing these hard things take them out of their comfort zone but also help them to develop.

The school's vision is that 'Together we love, learn and grow.' We have been sharing stories in collective worship, considering what is the right thing to do in different scenarios, usually it is not the easy thing to do. By discussing situations, considering our choices and offering advice to others we have been living the school's Christian vision and making good choices.

We use our collective worship to share, reflect and use our values to consider the impact of our choices on ourselves and others. It is always a special time together.

### **PHOENIX LADIES GROUP**

Phoenix Ladies Group had a lovely relaxed meeting this month in the Village Hall, playing games and catching up. Next month our meeting is open to all villagers - we have one of our local Police Officers coming to tell us about the work they do and present day issues they deal with. It sounds like a fascinating opportunity to hear about modern day policing.

We will meet at 7.45pm at the Village Hall on Wednesday 7th February and everyone is welcome. Annual Membership is £25 or £5 per visit for non-members. If you would like further information please call Lesley on \*\*\*\*\*

### **HARVINGTON WARM HUB AT THE CHAPEL**

We have been running a warm hub every Wednesday in the chapel for several weeks now. We are open from 10.30 until 1pm; we serve hot drinks and biscuits throughout, and a soup and roll lunch between 12 and 1. All are welcome.

**Abbots Morton  
St Peter's Church  
([www.abbotsmorton.info/st-peters-church](http://www.abbotsmorton.info/st-peters-church))**

HAPPY NEW YEAR - we had such an exciting end to 2025 and here's to a fun-filled 2026!

First a huge thank you to Jenny who has tidied and decorated through the Autumn and even finally resolved the problems with our notice board.

A grand sum of £99.60 was raised at the Carol singing around the tree on the 13th December, and also so well attended. A big thank you to Martyn Whalton for organising the event. We will now try and make this an annual event.

I would like to thank my amazing volunteer flower team for the spectacular display in church over Christmas. At the Candlelit Service on Christmas Eve, the church looked wonderful, lit only by candles, it showed off the white flowers and green foliage perfectly, it was admired by all who attended. I can also say its still looking good. Thank you once again.

*Flower rota dates for 2026*

**February**

1st & 8th Pippa

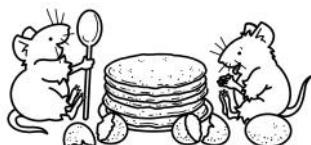
15th & 22nd Lent - no flowers

**March**

Lent no flowers

We are putting together a Church Working Party to help maintain and improve our churchyard and keep the church tidy and ordered and small bits of maintenance under control. If anyone would like to help with this all help is gratefully received, either big or small.

Please contact Martyn Wharton or Pippa on \*\*\*\*\*



# Abbots Morton Village Hall

([www.abbotsmorton.info/abbots-morton-village-hall](http://www.abbotsmorton.info/abbots-morton-village-hall))

**HIRE** Please consider hiring our lovely hall for your next party or event. It is light and airy and very well equipped. To discuss further, please contact the VH Bookings officer, Sue Bunce via the VH email (address above).

## REGULAR EVENTS

**Community Coffee Morning**, first Tuesday of every month in the Village Hall with the next one being on Tuesday 3rd February, 10am to 12 noon. If you haven't been to one of our coffee mornings yet, please drop by any-time between 10am and 12 noon. It's absolutely free and a lovely opportunity to spend a couple of hours with others in the community. Please join us - you'll get a warm welcome. Donations to the "Power Pot" help to pay for electricity and are gratefully received.

Please see the website for details of Tai Chi, Pilates and Yoga classes.

**AGM.** The Village Hall AGM will be held on February 3rd 2026. This will take place straight after the coffee morning. Please feel free to join us for the meeting and anyone wishing to join us on the committee would be made to feel very welcome!

## FUTURE EVENTS

We have a full calendar of events planned for 2026.

27th March will see us holding another, ever popular quiz night, with our "Eggheads" Easter Quiz. Antony and Sue Bunce will be quizmasters and Easter themed wear will be very much encouraged!

28th June Flower Festival a joint effort between St. Peter's church and the Village Hall.

2nd October Harvest Supper an important day in the Village calendar!

27th November is the date planned for Christmas Quiz night

Bimble 2 Following on from the success of last year's inaugural Bimble event, we will hold our second one in the Summer of 2026. Watch this space for the date and more information!

In addition ...

We are planning to hold a Music event featuring local talent, which we will release details for once we've been able to firm up plans with all involved. If

## Abbots Morton

you are interested in being part of this, please contact us on the email address given above.

**Indian Summer** we intend to hold an Indian summer event where we will be able to sample Indian cuisine and hopefully have a go at some traditional Indian dance moves. This was an event we held several years ago and proved very popular.

**CPR Session. On Saturday 17th January 2026** Antony will be holding a CPR Session at **2pm**. This time has been chosen to allow families to attend and will be **FREE** of charge. There will be an opportunity for donations to be shared equally between **AMVH** and **The Vale of Evesham Community First Responders**.

### **EASYFUNDRAISING**

We have 28 supporters to date. The Village Hall has benefitted from the scheme by almost £1,400 thanks to our supporters. By joining you can help to raise funds for your Hall every time you shop online at NO cost to yourself. Just go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/abbotsmortonvillagehall](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/abbotsmortonvillagehall) and sign up to help the Village Hall every time you shop online.

### **ABBOTS MORTON PARISH COUNCIL**

#### **Christmas Tree Lighting Event**

The Christmas Tree lights switch on held on Saturday 29th November was a lovely evening, it was great to have so many residents in attendance. Our special thanks go to Cllr Martyn Walton for organising the Christmas tree and refreshments. £269.76 was raised in donations which has been put towards the cost of the event, thank you for your generosity.

#### **Meetings & Councillor Vacancies**

All parishioners are welcome to attend our Parish Council meetings. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 19th March at 8pm in Abbots Morton Village Hall. Further details and agendas can be found at [www.abbotsmorton.info](http://www.abbotsmorton.info). Residents are invited to put forward any ideas, concerns or queries during public question time. If you cannot attend in person then please raise issues with the Clerk at [abbotsmortonpc@gmail.com](mailto:abbotsmortonpc@gmail.com).

# Rous Lench

## VILLAGE HALL

### **Family Valentines Beetle Drive** 14th February 6pm -8pm

What better way to spend Valentines than with your family at a fun beetle drive?! All ages welcome. Come along to the village hall and join in. Tickets cost just £5 each for adults and £3 for children (under 16) to include light refreshments. Prizes galore for the lucky winners.

Please watch out for posters and emails and contact Fran on \*\*\*\*\* tickets.

## **Pub Nights**

Happy New Year! The ever popular pub nights are back in 2026 - relax after a hard week in front of the roaring log burner and enjoy some great conversation and camaraderie, not to mention a fully stocked bar and maybe some surprises.

The pub is open on the following dates (all Fridays):

13th feb 7.30pm  
27th feb - family night starts at 6.30pm  
13th March 7.30pm  
27th March - family night starts at 6.30pm

Hope to see you there.

## **ROUS LENCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** 7pm on 24 March 2026 at the Village Hall.

Residents are welcome to attend and the Clerk, Michelle Marriner can be contacted at [info@rouslenchparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@rouslenchparishcouncil.gov.uk)





Henry is making a real effort for Lent –  
he's giving up the remote control and  
walking to the TV

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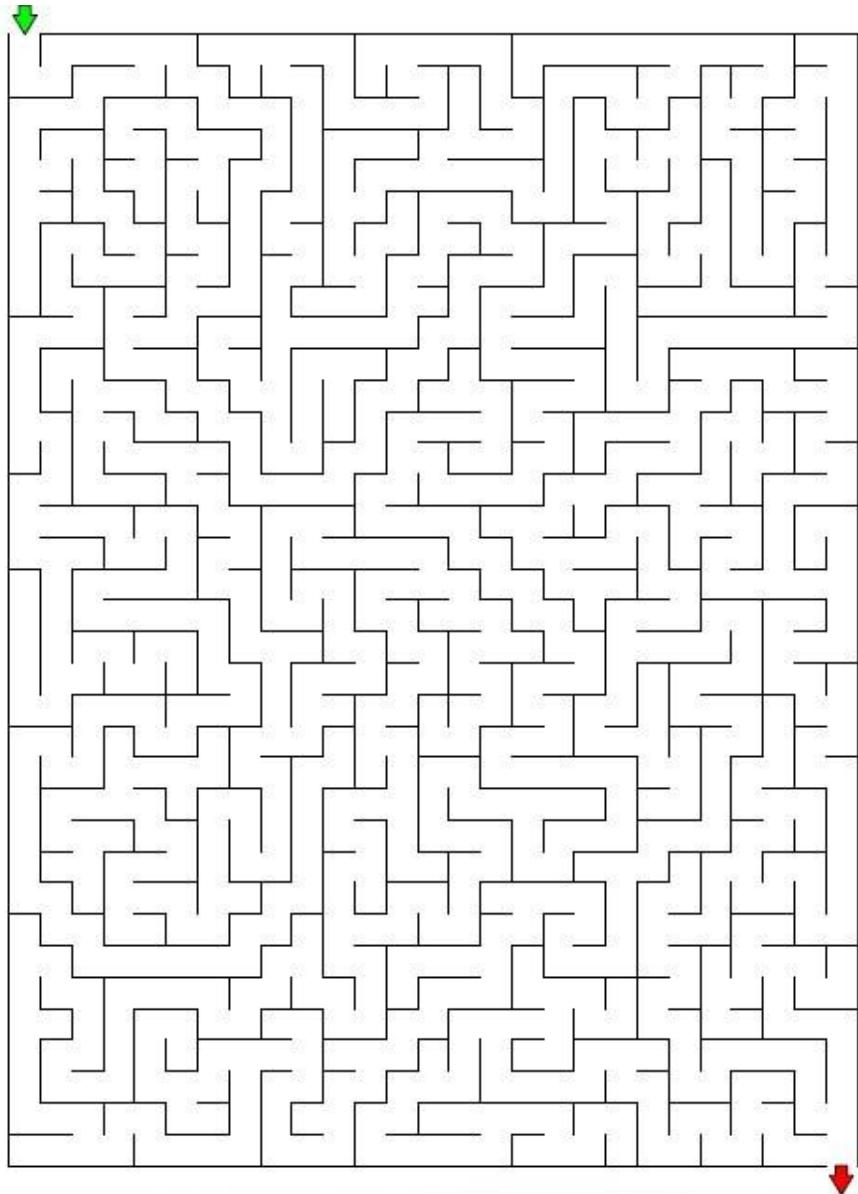
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### **Key to Church Services**

VH Village Hall

BCP Book of Common Prayer  
Service

*All other communion services use  
the Common Worship liturgy*



The editor apologises for not being able to bring you the following month's service times as usual. Please enjoy this maze instead!

## Services in February

### 1st February: Candlemas

*Readings: Malachi 3.1-5, Psalm 24.1-end, Hebrews 2.14-end, Luke 2.22-40*  
3.00pm Harvington Benefice Communion

### 8th February: 2 Before Lent

*Readings: Genesis 1.1-2.3, Psalm 136, Romans 8.18-25, Matthew 6.25-end*  
9.30 am Harvington Holy Communion  
10.00am Norton & Lenchwick Holy Communion  
11.00 am Abbots Morton Holy Communion  
11.00 am Church Lench Morning Service

### 15th February: Sunday next before Lent

*Readings: Exodus 24.12-end, Psalm 2, 2 Peter 1.16-end, Matthew 17.1-9*  
8.30 am Church Lench Holy Communion  
9.30am Harvington Family Service  
10.00am Norton & Lenchwick Holy Communion  
11.00 am Rous Lench VH Morning Service

### Weds. 18th February: Ash Wednesday

11.00am Harvington Communion with Ashing

### 22nd February: Lent 1

*Readings: Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7, Psalm 32, Romans 5.12-19, Matthew 4.1-11*  
9.30 am Harvington Holy Communion  
10.00am Norton & Lenchwick Holy Communion  
11.00 am Church Lench Family Service  
11.00 am Abbots Morton Morning Service  
3.30pm Harvington Village Hall Messy Church MCT

### Mid-week Eucharist

11.00 am Wednesdays at St James The Great, Harvington

Key: CW: Common Worship Holy Communion Service, BCP: Book of Common Prayer Service

