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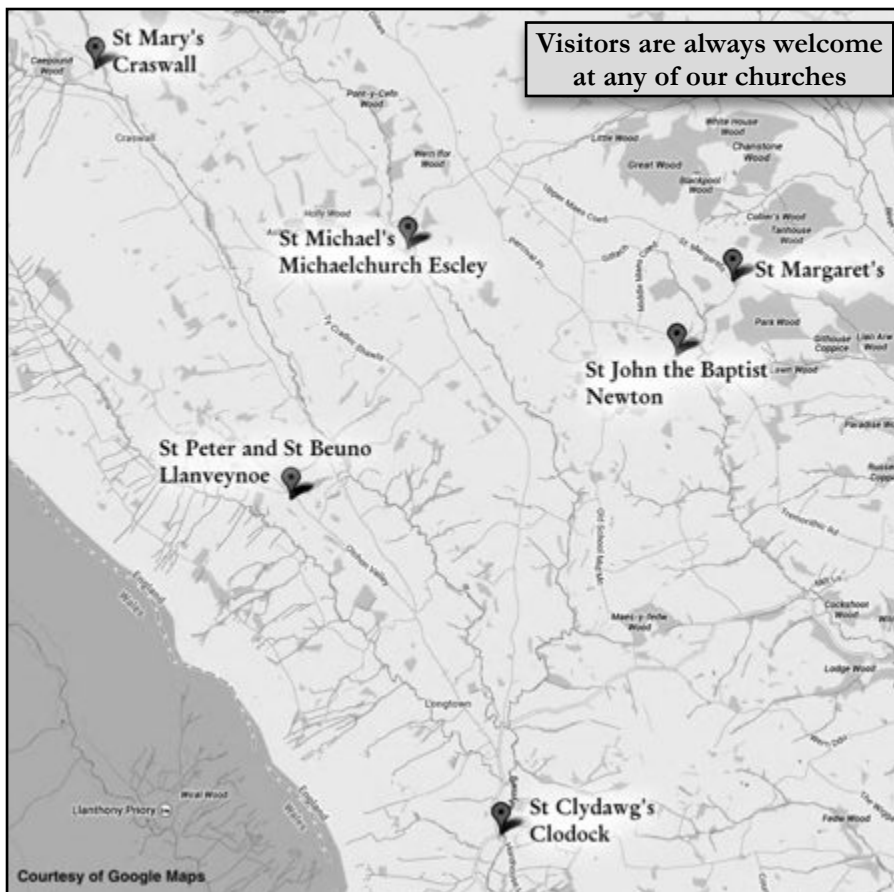
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From the Clergy

Dear Friends

I don't know about you, but as I recover from a marathon of weddings and July's heatwave, it's very hard to find energy to do much more than be. This is a familiar part of my life with a chronic illness, and one that causes me to rely that much more on God's strength rather than my own.

At times like this, I find great comfort in the promise that God is with me – that I don't need to be anything other than myself with God. With God, there are no need for pretences, because God made us and knows us more wholly and sees us more truthfully even than we see ourselves. There is a great comfort in being known, because while being known we are loved for exactly who we are.

O Lord, You have searched me and known me...

I praise you, because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Psalm 139

Psalm 139 sings of a God who knows every thought we could ever have, who knows exactly how many hairs we have on our head, who knows our every potential, every hope, every fear, and every weakness – and loves us, simply for being us. In this utter acceptance, we are cradled close to our mother God, who sings love over us, and longs for us to live life in the abundance of this love. We were loved before we took form, and we will be loved long after the stars die out. There is nowhere we can go that God's love will not follow – we will never be abandoned or alone, and we will always be welcomed home into the arms of our creator.

If, like me, you are feeling weary this month, know that you are loved, and that love offers you a home and comfort as you seek your rest.

Rev'd Cate

READINGS FOR 3 AUGUST TO 7 SEPTEMBER

Sunday 3 August 2025

Old Testament	Ecclesiastes 1: 2,12-14; 2:18-23
New Testament	Colossians 3: 1-11
Gospel	Luke 12: 13-21
Psalm	49: 1-12 or 49:1-9

Sunday 10 August 2025

Old Testament	Genesis 15: 1-6
New Testament	Hebrew 11:1-3, 8-16
Gospel	Luke 12: 32-40
Psalm	33: 12-end

Sunday 17 August 2025

Old Testament	Jeremiah 23: 23-29
New Testament	Hebrew 11: 29-12:2
Gospel	Luke 12: 49-56
Psalm	82

Sunday 24 August 2025

Old Testament	Isaiah 58: 9b-end
New Testament	Hebrew 12: 18-end
Gospel	Luke 13: 10-17
Psalm	103: 1-8

Sunday 31 August 2025

Old Testament	Proverbs 25: 6-7
New Testament	Hebrew 13: 1-18, 15-16
Gospel	Luke 14: 1, 7-14
Psalm	112

Sunday 7 September 2025

Old Testament	Deuteronomy 30: 15-end
New Testament	Philemon 1-21
Gospel	Luke 14: 25-33
Psalm	1

PRAYER DURING THE WEEK

Morning Prayer at St Michael's, Michaelchurch.

Every Thursday morning at 08:45-09:15.

For more details, please contact Rev'd Luci on 07778 897809 or email luci.borderlinkbenefice@outlook.com



A TANZANIAN EVENING

MOCCAS VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23rd, 7.00 pm



Tanzanian meal

Songs & choruses in Swahili

Pictures and video clips of life in Tanzania

£20

Tickets available from the Deanery Office

Deanery Update

The Deanery will be holding a social event on the evening of Saturday 23rd August at 7pm at Moccas Village Hall.

This will be a Tanzanian evening including a Tanzanian meal, songs and choruses in Swahili as well as pictures and video clips of life in Tanzania. Tickets are £20 available and are available from the deanery office.

A huge thank you is due to all those who contribute in any way to the Food for Families project which at the end of the summer term prepared 72 food boxes for schools in the Deanery to give to families in need to help them over the summer holidays. Thanks to everyone, including some of our parish councils, who have given generous support through either donating food, money, time or effort. Churches and communities also continue to support the Food Bank in Hereford too.

Thanks also to all those who continue to support the Golden Valley Pilgrim Way. The feedback we receive consistently includes heartfelt thanks to the hosts at the churches, positive comments about the helpful welcome they get from local shops and pubs as well as from members of the community that they meet along away the way. It enriches their experience here and we are grateful to all those who take the time to engage with pilgrims.

Joint Council – Are you a PCC member of a church in either the Black Mountains Benefice or Borderlink? If so, why not find out more about becoming a member of the Joint Council? It's a great opportunity to be part of an enthusiastic and innovative team looking at how mission and ministry can best be delivered within the Deanery.

You will remember that Rev Luci Morriss will be licensed on October 9 in her new role in the Black Mountains benefice on Thursday 9 October at Ewyas Harold at 7pm. Her final service as Priest-in-Charge in the Borderlink Benefice will be on 21 September at Dorstone.

Dates for your diary

Hedgerow Communion: Sunday 10th August, Lammas, 6.30pm St Mary's Church, Craswall.

For up-to-date information:

- Keep an eye on our website: abbeydoredeanery.org
- Follow our Abbeydore Deanery Facebook page or join our Facebook group
- Subscribe to our regular email update: <http://eepurl.com/ggcfPi>
- Get in touch with the Deanery Office on 01981 620145 or abbeydoredmc@gmail.com We are now open most mornings.

SALEM BAPTIST CHAPEL

Llanwonog Lane, Longtown HR2 0LE



SUNDAY SERVICES – 6.30pm

3 Aug	Revd Malcolm Lane
10 Aug	Mrs Eunice Oram
17 Aug	Mr Wilf Prosser
24 Aug	Revd Misha Pederson
31 Aug	Mrs Brenda Woodier

OTHER

Prayer & Praise	Wed 13 Aug 7pm
Fish & Chip Supper	Wed 27 Aug 6pm
(Meals to be booked in advance)	

ALL WELCOME

For further information, please email longtownsbcc@gmail.com

Thanks

CORNEWALL ARMS QUIZ NIGHT

We raised a fantastic sum of £412 for Midlands Air Ambulance. A huge thank you to Martin for writing the quiz and being Quiz Master and to Jill for being his able assistant and to everyone who supported the event.

Thank you

Isobel

CRASWALL ST MARY'S WOMEN'S GUILD

Craswall St Mary's Women's Guild would like to thank everyone for the fantastic afternoon that was this year's Craswall Barbecue. The weather was incredibly hot but the churchyard trees provided us enough shade. A very big thank you to everyone who baked cakes, sold raffle tickets, cooked the burgers and hot dogs, served the teas, and ran the many stalls. As ever the tombola was very popular, the

milking competition generated quite a bit of friendly rivalry and parishioners were incredibly generous, donating 40 prizes for the draw!

This year we added a fun dog show and an art stall and Sadie and Evie sold their handmade plaited bracelets on their balloon pop stall as part of their DofE badge. It was a fantastic community gathering and the profit, an amazing £2,661.60, will be donated to Craswall Church.

Thank you to everyone who came along and made it such a special afternoon.

Forthcoming events



Longtown Library
is next open on

6 August
2.30 to 4.30pm

Gardens of Japan



TALK

7.30pm, Wednesday 6 August 2025
Vowchurch Memorial Hall

A photographic tour, with **Marilyn Groves**, of authentic Japanese gardens visited in Japan during October 2024.

Non-members welcome: £5

<https://escleysidegc.wixsite.com/club/upcoming-events>

Escley and District Sports Federation

Summer Social

Friday 8th August from 5pm

Please join us for bar, barbecue and general chit-chat

All welcome

Concerts for Craswall

present

ENSEMBLE HESPERI with soprano CLAIRE WARD

Sunday August 10th at 3.30pm

St Michael's Church, Michaelchurch Escley

The Fund for Decay'd Musicians

Join the innovative and award-winning period instrument group Ensemble Hesperis and rising-star soprano Claire Ward for a programme that celebrates the founding and history of The Royal Society of Musicians.

On a busy street in eighteenth-century London, the violinist Michael Christian Festing spotted two poverty-stricken young boys dragging donkeys. Recognising them as the sons of a fellow oboe player who had recently died, Festing established, with hundreds of his musical colleagues, a 'Fund for Decay'd Musicians', a membership society supporting musicians in hardship due to illness, accident, or old age. *Cont'd...>*

Alongside stories of the men, women and children who benefited from the fund in the eighteenth century, Ensemble Hesperis and Claire Ward feature chamber and vocal works by composers who signed its founding declaration, including some of the greatest musicians of the day: Festing himself, William Boyce, Thomas Arne, John Hebdon of York, and of course George Frederick Handel and his favourite instrumentalists.

Further information and tickets scan the QR code, go to our website www.concertsforcraswall.org/shop or call 019181 510112



All welcome for BREAKFAST UNDER THE OAK



Saturday 9 August 2025 – 9 am to 12 noon

OLD CHAPEL NEWTON HR2 0QN

Breakfast baps, Coffee, Cakes.

Vegan and gluten free options

IN AID OF: Black Hill Ukraine Group
and Hereford City of Sanctuary

Phone: 07794 920729 for more information

NEWTON ST MARGARETS WOMEN'S GUILD

For our July meeting, Hilary Engel went to much trouble to display copies of some of the photographs of Richard Jenkins for us to appreciate. Her talk about how she gathered the information about his life, the techniques he might have used and about some of the characters in his photographs was both amusing and fascinating. We are grateful to her for giving us a very enjoyable evening.

Thursday 14 August at 7.30pm: Newton Parish Room HR2 0QN – Social evening with Bring and Share supper and Church Yard Quiz

Thursday 11th September: Penny Platts *Tracks of Africa*

Guests and new members very welcome. Tel 07794 920729 for more information.

LONGTOWN THURSDAY CLUB – Programme of Trips

Aug. 21st Porthcawl

Meet the bus at Ewyas Harold Memorial Hall at 9.30am

Sept. 18th Trip to Cardiff Bay and Wharf

Meet the bus at Ewyas Harold Memorial Hall at 9.30am

Oct. 16th Dobbie's Garden Centre Tewkesbury

Meet the bus at Ewyas Harold Memorial Hall at 9.30am

Nov. 13th Clark's Shopping Village, Somerset

Meet the bus at Ewyas Harold Memorial Hall at 9.00am

For more information, please ring Hazel Pugh on 07767 372843

August Bank
Holiday
Weekend
2025

Thursday 21st to
Monday 25th
August
2025



**Make a Jurassic Creature
Display it within Clodock
Where it can be seen from the road**

All entries to be in place, registered, and paid for
by 6pm on Thursday 21st of August

Enter at The Cornwall Arms: £5 per creature
or £15 per herd, pride, band, or pack of creatures



CHICKEN PLOP

THEMED QUIZ

VOTING

PRIZE GIVING

RAFFLE

MOLKKY



**from 1pm Sunday 24th August
at The Cornwall Arms**

Bring your own meat or veg, plates, bowls & cutlery
Bread, Salads & Puds provided



Celebrating 80 years 1945 - 2025 **LONGTOWN & DISTRICT SHOW** **Saturday 16th August 2025**

Llanwonog Farm, Longtown, Hereford, HR2 0LU

ADULT £8 | CHILD Aged 5-17yrs £4 | Child Under 5yrs FREE

Pay on the gate – card and cash accepted

**MAIN
ATTRACTION:
PERFORMANCE
HORSES**

Dog Show | Horse & Sheep Shows | Vintage Cars &
Tractors | Sheep Shearing | Produce Competitions
Inflatables | Face Painting | Craft Stalls | Local
Food Vendors and Licensed Bar – open till late.

**LIVE MUSIC
FROM 7PM
APPLE TREE
THEATRE**

Ticket price includes live music from 7pm

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH SHOW NEWS AT
facebook.com/longtownshow

Michaelchurch Duck Race and Barbecue

With permission from the new people at the Bridge Inn and Glyn and the Bufton family, we are having a Duck Race and Barbecue on **24 August** – please note this is a Sunday, as there is something else happening on the Saturday.

We will be raising funds for St Michael's Hospice, plus we have some special little hand bells here at St Michael's Church that

need repairing. Hopefully, we can raise enough to pay the bill for these.

We will start at 2.30pm, with stalls, etc, and the ducks will go down the river from 5.00 to 5.15pm with Tommy in control.

Thank you.

Olive Howells

SEPTEMBER 13/ 14: CELEBRATING ST MARGARET'S

Open weekend @ St Margaret's Church

A weekend to visit the church and discover the history of the church and community through displays of photos, maps, anecdotes and other historical information.

September 13 – 10:30 - 12:30, Coffee Morning

September 14 – 3pm, Hymns and Pimms

Church open all day Saturday and Sunday

Local Newsround

MICHAELCHURCH ESCLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Here we are. The end of another school year and the end of my (and Mr Crocker, my husband and Michaelchurch Deputy Head) 11th year at Michaelchurch! That hardly seems possible – the years have really flown by.

It has been another amazing year at Michaelchurch, with so much to look back on over the past three terms with this last, summer half-term, being especially busy and memorable. First off, we had our Highland Games which is sports day Michaelchurch style! The children – and spectators – had a fantastic time. Every child wore a kilt and there was caber tossing, shot-putting, tug-of-war (children and parents) and the legendary foot-race – a challenging cross-country race. The weather was great and everyone had a fantastic time.

Hot on the heels of the Highland Games was the annual Bay-to-Hay mountain bike ride to Hay-on-Wye. This year, our 7th time completing the ride, we had the biggest turn-out yet with 25 children, 8 adults (including 3 governors) and 3 ex-Michaelchurch pupil riding over the challenging terrain of Hay Bluff, to rendezvous with family and friends and receive the reward of a well-deserved Shepherds ice-cream!

Following the ride to Hay we were back to full-on rehearsal for our summer production of *Oliver*, which took place on a beautiful sunny, and rather hot, evening, in the stunning setting of Michaelchurch Court. The children were amazing and gave a truly incredible performance to a packed audience. We are so grateful to the McPherson family for allowing us to perform in the gardens of their beautiful home.

Pre-school have been especially arty this year and to show off the fruits of their labours, they held an exhibition of their work for parents in the school hall. It was lovely to look at all the wonderful and creative artworks the pre-school children have produced and listen to the children talk about what they had created.

One of the final events of the term was the much-anticipated whole school water fight. This is such tremendous fun as staff and children have an excellent time soaking each other and playing a series of watery games! It was not as warm as has been of late but that didn't dampen the children's spirits one bit!

Despite all the fun of the last half term, the end of the school year is a bittersweet affair as we say goodbye to an absolutely wonderful group of Year 6s. They have truly been a privilege to teach and the best fun to be around and we will miss them as they move on to high-school.

If you like the sound of Michaelchurch Escley Primary and Pre-School and feel it sounds like the sort of place where your child could flourish, whether they're pre-school or school aged, then please get in touch via our school email address (admin@michaelchurch-escley.hereford.sch.uk) or give us a call on 01981 510208. We'd love to show you around! Also, if you think you might be able to contribute to life at our school by becoming a governor we'd love to hear from you so please get in touch by the above email address or phone number.

Louise Crocker, Headteacher

LONGTOWN COMMUNITY PRIMARY & PRE-SCHOOL

What an amazing year we have all had here at Longtown Community Primary and Pre-School! I can't quite believe how much we have managed to do - even in this last summer half term, it has been action-packed! The children have worked and played with great enthusiasm and energy. They've all taken part in assessments – some formal, others within the classroom – and have really made us proud.

We have had lots of sporting events-cricket coaching, Hereford Inter-School Games, rounders, swimming, low ropes and initiative exercises. We have had amazing singing from our school choir and fantastic ukelele playing. We even took part in Jamie Oliver's record-breaking live cookery lesson where the whole school learnt how to make and cook pasta with a fresh tomato sauce!

The pupils have enjoyed special days such as Outdoor Learning Day, our VE Celebrations, a trip to St Fagan's, Sports Day, Fire-lighting & Cooking sessions at the LOLT, a teddy bears' picnic, a woodland afternoon with food on the fire for Pre-School and Reception children and families and a whole school picnic at Lower House Farm.

Class 4 had an absolutely brilliant three day residential trip to Manorbier; it was lovely to see our pupils in a different learning environment, growing in confidence and resilience and being so supportive of each other.

As you read this, we will have already said a fond farewell to our Yr 6 leavers as they prepare to begin their journey at Fairfield High School this September.

They have been truly outstanding-wonderful role models, dedicated workers, and enthusiastic learners. While we will miss them greatly, we know they are ready for the exciting adventure that lies ahead.

Finally, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the PTA committee, our reading volunteers, parents who run clubs and to all our parents who support the school in so many ways-from listening to your child read, to fundraising, to volunteering on trips-the list goes on.

We are truly a community, and we deeply appreciate all the time, care, and encouragement you give both to the school and to your children.

If you would like any information on applying for a place in our pre-school, or main school please contact Emma Stafford

in the school office on 01873 860239, or email admin@longtown.hereford.sch.uk.

We have a vibrant and exciting Facebook page along with our school website full of information for parents and events past and future. If you would like to have a look go to www.longtown.hereford.sch.uk.

Wishing everyone a relaxing, restful summer break.

We look forward to seeing everyone back on Wednesday, September 3rd.

LONGTOWN GROUP PARISH COUNCIL AGM and May Council meeting

Editor's note: This report was originally intended to be published in the July edition, but was delayed by an email delivery issue.

The Parish Council met on Wed. 21st May, in Longtown Village Hall.

At the AGM the Chair, Mrs. Judy Cecil, gave her annual report. The recurrent themes have been dealing with flooding, and drainage works, and trying to maintain the road surfaces despite disappointingly poor repairs after the winter. She noted that many verges have been protected, and the wild flowers greatly enjoyed. She also noted that there has been a regular attendance of members of the public to our meetings, expressing their views in the Public Forum. It has been very good to see that so many people appreciate the opportunity to talk to the Council.

She welcomed the two new councillors: Councillors Short and Cook, and also most recently, Councillor Davies and Councillor Howells.

She thanked the Clerk for all his diligent work this year in organising our meetings and giving advice.

The Chair thanked all the Councillors, after a very busy year, for giving their time voluntarily to the Council, and said it was noticeable that each one contributes to the discussions and debates in a positive and constructive way.

She thanked our Ward Councillor for all his support. He has had some taxing local planning to deal with, and we are grateful for his work with this Council.

We then moved on to the May Group Parish Council meeting: The Clerk led us to the Elections: Mrs. Judy Cecil was re-elected as Chair, Councillor Steve Jones was re-elected as Vice Chair.

We then considered a candidate for co-option to the Council, Mrs. Helen Arthur. This was approved.

Under general matters we had an update from Councillor Cook, who has been instrumental, with a small committee, in getting white lines re-lined and most important: an advisory 20mph sign on the two school signs in Longtown. He was thanked for his liaison work.

There was an update on the five defibrillators in the parishes, by Councillor Guy, and it was decided to investigate purchasing a new defibrillator for Longtown, the venue to be decided.

The Clerk then advised us that the new noticeboard for Longtown Village Hall would be erected very soon.

Councillor Stinchcombe then gave us her Climate Change report. She emphasised the importance of teaching the

children at Longtown School about wild life in the School gardens: bees, bugs, flowers and bird-song. They had been able to have an interesting time talking about and looking for hedgehogs. She hoped that volunteers might be able to help with this vital work.

Finally, the Clerk said a letter had been received from the Longtown WI which thanked the Parish Council for its donation of £50 towards Safety Tabards for 6 volunteers who work on the Litter Pick in the Longtown area each year. A photo was attached, showing unmissable yellow tabards, and big smiles!

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th September at Longtown Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Pamela Tribe – Parish Councillor

VOWCHURCH & DISTRICT GROUP PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is pleased to welcome Kelly Price and Tania Smith, who have been co-opted to represent Vowchurch and St Margarets, respectively, at the recent July meeting.

We are also delighted to announce that the renovated community noticeboard has now been installed next to the old telephone box in Newton. In the coming weeks, the Council will also begin renovations to the telephone box to create a new community book swap, complete with puzzles and games available to borrow.

Residents are welcome to post local notices and events. We kindly ask that all postings respect the Parish Council's noticeboard policy, and that no offensive or inappropriate material is displayed.

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday 18th September 2025 from 7.30pm at Newton Church Room.

All residents are welcome. There is always time set aside on the agenda for open discussion, giving you a chance to raise any concerns or ideas with the Council.

Stay Connected

Did you know we have a Facebook page? Stay updated with Parish Council news, local events, and important notices.

Search: Vowchurch group parish council

Please like, follow, and help spread the word.

Linda Cowles, Parish Clerk – 01544 321906

clerk@vowchurchgroup-pc.gov.uk / www.vowchurchgpc.org.uk



Notices and Advertisements



Following the hugely successful and popular Samba workshop last year and the children's percussion workshop at The Globe in 2021, we

have invited back the virtuoso percussionists Chris Brannick (Ensemble Bash) and Jackie Mann to run two workshops on the Saturday of the August Bank Holiday weekend. Please see below for the details and to book tickets. Ticket numbers are limited to 20 for the children and 25 for the grown-ups so don't delay in booking.

Percussion Workshops – 30 August

The Globe at Hay

Chris Brannick and Jackie Mann, percussion

**WORKSHOP 1: 'SHAKE RATTLE AND BASH'
FOR CHILDREN 8 YEARS AND OVER**

[more ...]

11.00am, Saturday, 30 August 2025: duration – 1 hour. £7.50 per child

Join us for an exciting dive into the world of percussion! There'll be shaking, there'll be rattling and there'll be a certain amount of bashing as Chris and Jackie get you grooving to your own rhythms and conjuring up sound worlds to tell the story of Chico's Big Day Out!

WORKSHOP 2: 'SAMBA FOR GROWN-UPS'

2.00pm, Saturday, 30 August: duration – 90 minutes. £10 per adult (a second workshop might be arranged if there is sufficient interest).

The sultry and hypnotic sounds of the samba are the basis for an exploration of rhythm, culture and groove as we recreate the legendary dance form. We'll build on the most basic patterns and simple instruments, and stretch your rhythmic abilities as far as you feel comfortable.

The beauty of samba is that there's a place for everyone. If all you want to do is shake a chocalho or slam down a solid surdo beat, you can do that – or you can tackle the technical intricacies of the cabasa, pandeiro or repenique.

And if those words mean nothing to you now, don't worry – they certainly will by the end of this hands on, feet down, spirits up, 90 minutes of fun and learning.

No percussive ability is needed, just a carefree attitude and a sense of fun.

Earplugs will be provided, but do bring your own if you have them!

Tickets are available now from the Hay Tourist Bureau until Friday, 29 August and at the door if still available (cash / card).

PETERCHURCH VILLAGE HALL

Monday Club every Monday morning 10am-12pm

Pop in for Tea/Coffee and a chat

Why not come for **Gentle Dance exercise with Abbie Mason** every Thursday morning, 11.30 am-12.30 pm.

Hatha Yoga is being held every Wednesday, 6.30 pm -8.00 pm and 10.30 am-12 pm

Parish Council meetings every 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7-9 pm

WI First Thursday of every month from September to March, 2-4 pm

Dementia Matters Here(fordshire) is pleased to introduce the **Peterchurch Memory Café** at **Peterchurch Village Hall**, which will run once a month on the **third Friday of every month from 10.30 am-12.30 pm.**

Village Art Club

Starts again every Monday 7.00 pm - 9 pm from 28th April and every Wednesday, 1.30 pm -3.30 pm from 30th April.

Website www.peterchurchvillagehall.org

The new booking form is now on the website, along with what's happening at the Hall.

In late May, we were advised by the Lottery Community Fund that our recent application for a £20000 grant for remedial work to the Village Hall car park was successful.

The grant is to be used for the reprofiling and resurfacing of the existing car park area. Additionally, there will be line-marked bays, including two disabled spaces.

We have listened to our user groups and addressed their concerns and issues related to surface flooding.

Although the Hall committee was aware of the problem, we were not in a position financially to address the necessary work. Recognising this, we must thank the Community Lottery Fund for providing the necessary resources to move forward with this project.

The work is planned for an August timeframe, so unfortunately, the car park will be unavailable on the relevant dates. Notification of closure will be posted before commencement of the works involved.

Peterchurch Village Hall is a community building, run by a small committee of dedicated trustees. It is the ideal venue for local events and is available for hire from £10 an hour.

As well as hosting many a birthday party, the hall has a few regular user groups.

We always welcome new groups!

We are looking for anyone who would like to join the Village Hall committee. We meet on the second Tuesday of every other month.

If you wish to hire the hall or have any other inquiries, please call any of these numbers:

- The Booking Secretary (Sarah) – 07774 457887
- The Chairman (Brendan) – (01981) 550 482

The Hall - (01981) 551 162. Please leave a message if you are unable to reach anyone on the numbers.

Round and About

PETERCHURCH MONDAY CLUB

At the start of the month, our members were invited to watch the Primary School end-of-year concert rehearsals. It is very nice to be asked to go and see the little ones, and I know that it is always nice to be involved with Primary school and our members enjoy it when they come over to the Club.

There was a trip to Stratford-upon-Avon on July 11th.

I'm sure there will be many tales about the trip. The weather was extremely hot, but hopefully everyone enjoyed themselves.

On the 21st of July, we were treated to a hog roast supplied by Ogleby's butchers in Hereford, many thanks to them

Later on in the year, we are going to the seaside, so keep a lookout for any information.

This friendly little club is run at Peterchurch Village Hall every Monday, serving tea and Coffee.

Everyone is welcome to pop in between 10 am and 12 pm.

If you feel like coming, please do. You are not obligated to come every week, but I know you will always get a friendly welcome, and it's a great way to make new friends.

We are always looking for volunteers, and if you feel like you would like to help us as a volunteer, please ring Sarah on 07774457887 or pop in and you will be very welcome.

You don't have to do it every Monday. We are happy with any time available. It's just making Tea and Coffee.

THE HUB CAFÉ IN ST PETER'S CHURCH

The Hub Café in St Peter's Church opens Tuesday to Friday from 11am to 2pm. We have a specials board (Wednesdays and Thursdays), jacket potatoes, quiche, soup, cakes and puddings plus hot and cold drinks all to eat in or take away. Table bookings are advisable for groups of 5 or more. Chatty Café takes place on Wednesdays at the Hub from 12noon to 2pm. It's a wonderful opportunity to make new friends. The Hub @ St Peter's, Peterchurch is a **Reaching Communities** project which includes a Café, NHS Health Visitor Hub and branch of Hereford Libraries all within a working church. See www.hubcommunity.org, email info@hubcommunity.org or call 01981 551143 for further details.

Pre-school Play takes place on Thursdays from 9-11am for under 5's and their Parents or Carers. Admission is free! Have your baby weighed and chat to the Health Visitor from 10-11am at the Well Baby Clinic drop-in. The Café is open so you can treat yourself to drinks and snacks too.

Youth Café is every Thursday for 11-16 year olds from 5 to 7pm. Admission is free! Discounted food and drink are available and there is plenty to do – ping pong, card games, arts, crafts, music and comfy sofas. Please email info@hubcommunity.org if you are interested in joining.

The Hub's Bell Tower Library is open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11am to 1pm, on Fridays from 2pm to 4pm and on Saturdays from 10am to 12 noon except for Easter weekend.

Peterchurch Community Choir: Join this friendly group in the church or on line every Monday during term time from 6.30pm to 8pm. Contact Joy on 07903 675012 or email her at peterchurchcommunitychoir10@gmail.com.

The Deanery website lists all you need to know about Church services and walks in and around the area and opportunities to participate at local churches. Please email Anne Lloyd at abbeydoredcm@gmail.com for more information or to receive her monthly information email.

Breakfast is served on the first Saturday of the month [next on August 2nd] from 9.30am to 11.30am. Choose from delicious full English (large or small) or bacon / sausage / egg bap plus the usual delicious coffee or tea. Churchyard Tidying is also done on the first Saturday of the month (next on 2nd August) from 10am with free cake and drinks or a half-price cooked breakfast for all volunteers. We have a few tools but please feel free to bring your own.

The Spire in the Landscape Project

We held our community consultation event in early May when proposed repairs and improvements for the building and its immediate landscape were displayed and discussed. Heritage Funding has now been received for the first phase (experts' reports and quotes); the 2nd consultation event on our progress will be held at St Peter's, Peterchurch, on Saturday afternoon, July 19th with free refreshments from 2pm.. We look forward to being able to protect the future of such a beautiful, historical and productive building and its community in the Golden Valley.

Bell Ringing Event

A happy and successful event was held on Saturday, July 5th with ringers from many towers in the area represented and visitors watching the experts and sometimes having a go at ringing the bells themselves. Breakfasts were enjoyed beforehand and refreshments available throughout the afternoon. Several folk expressed an interest in attending practices and learning more.



Peterchurch Bell Ringers (Left to right)

Paul Ebury, Lesley Meredith, Wilf Prosser, Simon Yarrow, Alan Simpson, Howard Jones, Caroline Stanger, Gerald Sockett, Jerry Davis, Claire Rouse and Nick Chapman

The Christmas Fayre 2025 with stalls selling crafts and gifts will be held on Saturday 29 November in the Hub @ St Peter's, Peterchurch, from 10am until 2pm. Refreshments will be served throughout the opening hours



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- ★ Enjoying the countryside with your dog? We have a selection of doggie treats, plus we are now stocking bones that can be frozen to keep your best friend cool too. Walking is a great way to be in nature and we are blessed with many paths in the area. I enjoy thinking about how many people have walked the path before and how active drovers and postmen were, which created many of the routes in the area we enjoy today.
- ★ Grandchildren visiting? Making memories, creating entries for the Longtown Show. We have a whole host of solutions. If you need a dollie, please ask us as we keep them in stock for YFC competitions and the Longtown Show.

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15:00	St Margaret's	Holy Communion
18:00	Clodock	Evening Prayer

Thursday 7 August

8:45	Michaelchurch	Morning Prayer
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Sunday 10 August

11:00	Newton	Holy Communion
18:00	Clodock	Evening Prayer

Thursday 14 August

8:45	Michaelchurch	Morning Prayer
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Sunday 17 August

9:30	Craswall	Holy Communion
18:00	Clodock	Evening Prayer

Thursday 21 August

8:45	Michaelchurch	Morning Prayer
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Sunday 24 August

9:30	Clodock	Holy Communion
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Thursday 28 August

8:45	Michaelchurch	Morning Prayer
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Sunday 31 August

10:30	Ewyas Harold	Group Holy Communion
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Thursday 4 September

8:45	Michaelchurch	Morning Prayer
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Sunday 7 September

9:30	Llanveynoe	Holy Communion
15:00	St Margaret's	Evening Prayer
18:00	Clodock	Evening Prayer

Thursday 11 September

8:45	Michaelchurch	Morning Prayer
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Sunday 14 September

11:00	Clodock	Holy Communion
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Thursday 18 September

8:45	Michaelchurch	Morning Prayer
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Sunday 21 September

9:30	Craswall	Morning Prayer
14:00	Craswall	Reflective Ramble
15:00	Newton	Holy Communion
18:00	Clodock	Evening Prayer

Thursday 25 September

8:45	Michaelchurch	Morning Prayer
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Sunday 28 September

11:15	Michaelchurch	Holy Communion
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EVENTS PLANNER

Wed	06 August	2.30-4.30pm	Longtown Library, Longtown Village Hall
Wed	06 August	7.30pm	Esleyside Gardening Club: <i>Gardens of Japan</i> , Vowchurch Hall
Thu	07 August	2.00 -5.00pm	Longtown Thursday Club Meeting, Longtown Village Hall
Fri	08 August	From 5.00pm	Esley and District Sports Federation Summer Social
Sat	09 August	9.00am-12.00pm	Breakfast under the Oak Tree. The Old Chapel, Newton.
Sun	10 August	3.30pm	Concerts for Craswall: Ensemble Hesperii. St Michael's Church
Thu	14 August	7.30pm	Newton St Margarets Women's Guild: Summer Social and Churchyard Quiz, Newton Parish Room
Thu	21 August		Longtown Thursday Club. Outing to Portcawl
Thu–Mon	21–25 August 2025		<i>Jurassic Clodock</i> . See the Jurassic creatures on display around Clodock
Sun	24 August	From 1.00pm	<i>Jurassic Clodock</i> barbecue. Cornwall Arms, Clodock
Sun	24 August	From 2.30pm	Michaelchurch Esclay Barbecue and Duck Race
Sat	30 August	10.00am-noon	Longtown Village Projects, Longtown Castle
Wed	03 September	2.30-4.30pm	Longtown Library, Longtown Village Hall
Thu	04 September	2.00 -5.00pm	Longtown Thursday Club Meeting, Longtown Village Hall
Thu	11 September	7.30pm	Newton St Margarets Women's Guild: Penny Platts: <i>Tracks of Africa</i> , Newton Church Room
Thu	18 September		Longtown Thursday Club. Outing to Cardiff Bay & Wharf
Sat	27 September	10.00am-noon	Longtown Village Projects, Longtown Castle

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