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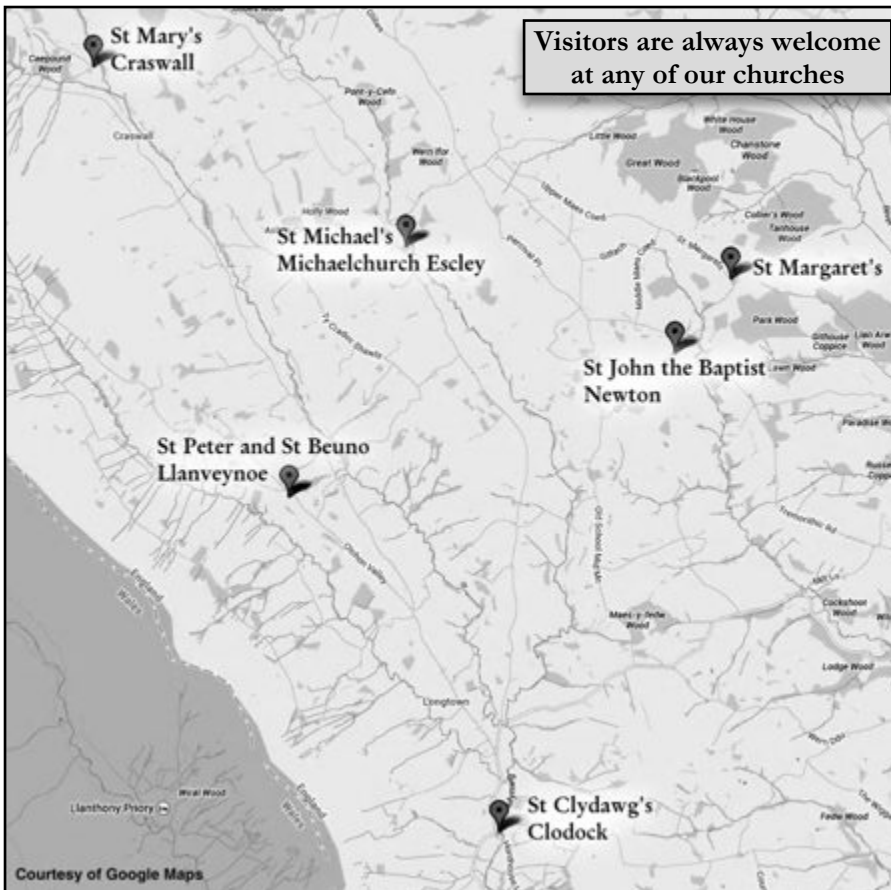
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From the Clergy

From May to July, I'll be taking a break from parish ministry to embark on a sabbatical. Full-time clergy in the Church of England are encouraged to take a sabbatical every 10 years however, due to the pandemic and other colleagues' sabbaticals, it's 15 years since my ordination, so this will be both my first and last sabbatical.

A sabbatical is a time to reflect, rest and be refreshed. My plans involve pilgrimages in the Orkneys and north Wales and a series of walks with a 'walk and talk' therapist, as I consider whether accompanied walking might be helpful for some of our pastoral encounters or when mentoring local leaders.

Lent begins on Wednesday 5th March (so, yes, that means it's Pancake Day on Tuesday 4th!), our annual invitation to find space for reflection, rest and spiritual refreshment as we look forward to Easter. It is possible to find some precious sabbatical space with God within our usual daily rhythm and routine. Some time for quiet prayer in the morning or perhaps just before bed, or a half hour walk at lunchtime noticing God in creation. If you enjoy reading, you might like to read through Luke's gospel from which most of our Sunday readings come this year. Or give one of the many Lent-themed books a try, 'Wild bright hope' is The Big Church Read's Lent book for 2025 and their website includes both an introduction to the book and questions to consider as you read it. Perhaps a podcast works for you whilst you're driving or doing other chores, The Prayer Book Society podcast offers 5 Lent talks by Lord Chartres, entitled 'God, Faith and Doubt'.

Whether you find time to pray, read, listen, walk or just sit down with a cup of tea and think what you feel grateful for today, may you have a blessed and restful Lent. *Revd Luca*

READINGS – MARCH & 1st SUNDAY IN APRIL

Sunday 2nd March

Old Testament	Exodus 34:29-end
New Testament	2 Corinthians 3: 12 – 4 .2
Gospel	Luke 9: 28-36 (37-43a)
Psalm	99

Sunday 9th March

Old Testament	Deuteronomy 26: 1-11
New Testament	Romans 10: 8b-13
Gospel	Luke 4: 1 -13
Psalm	91: 1-2,9-end

Sunday 16th March

Old Testament	Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18
New Testament	Philippians 3: 17-4.1
Gospel	Luke 13: 31-end
Psalm	27

Sunday 23rd March

Old Testament	Isaiah 55: 1-9
New Testament	1 Corinthians 10: 1-13
Gospel	Luke 13: 1-9
Psalm	63: 1-9

Sunday 30th March (Mothering Sunday)

Old Testament	Exodus 2: 1-10
New Testament	Colossians 3: 12 – 17

Gospel	John 19: 25b-27
Psalm	34: 11-20

Sunday 6th April 2025

Old Testament	Isaiah 43: 16-21
New Testament	Philippians 3: 4b – 14
Gospel	John 12: 1-8
Psalm	126

Deanery Update

In the next in our series taking a deeper look at some of the projects that happen within Abbeydore Deanery we look at...

The Year of Engagement

This year's diocesan theme is ENGAGEMENT. Previous years of PRAYER (2023) and FAITH (2024) have inspired us to focus this year on how our churches reach out to love and serve their communities and know them better. Let's make 2025 a year of celebrating how this happens across the Abbeydore Deanery. From large projects like The Hub at St Peters, and the Food for Families initiative which distributes food support through our schools ahead of the main holidays, and the churches who open their doors to welcome pilgrims, to smaller initiatives that regularly offer times for our communities to get together – often over tea and excellent cake!

The symbol of this year of **Engagement** is a pair of sandals – how are we stepping out to serve the needs of others? How are we stepping into the shoes of others to better understand and connect with our communities? A pair of sandals will be travelling around the deanery and appearing at different events when you'll be encouraged to add a label, or even a photo, which describes a form of engagement with your community or something you've learnt by engaging with others beyond the church. Let's continue to inspire one another to be watchful for God, who is already at work in our communities, and be willing to join in.

Faith Course

This Lent we're embarking on a journey to grow in faith and fellowship as a church community. Across the year, you are invited to join us for a series of all-age events exploring different aspects of our faith. As part of this journey, you may wish to be confirmed.

Our events in Lent are:

Sat 15 March, 5.30-7pm (includes fish & chip supper RSVP ESSENTIAL!) - Ewyas Harold Church Hall

Sat 29 March, 3-4.30pm - Dore Abbey

Sat 5 April, 1-3.30pm - Kingstone Church

Other Ideas for Lent

Something to join online: Brian Draper's Lent Reflections and optional weekly 'Live at 5' community gathering on Zoom, <https://www.briandraper.org/>

Something to read: 'Wild bright hope' The Big Church Read Lent Book 2025, visit <https://thebigchurchread.co.uk/wild-bright-hope/> for video introduction and questions to reflect on as you read.

Something to listen to: 'God, faith and doubt', five talks by Lord Chartres, The Prayer Book Society's Ecclesiastical Patron, <https://www.pbs.org.uk/lord-chartres-lenten-podcasts/>

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Dates for Your Diary

Reflective Ramble: Sunday 23rd March 2pm, on the theme of Wilderness, meeting at Clehonger Church.

Please get in touch to let us know if you'll be coming along.

Hedgerow Communion: Thursday 20th March 5.45pm at Arthur's Stone, Dorstone

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/ggcfPj>
- Get in touch with the Deanery Office on **01981 620145** or abbeydoredmc@gmail.com. We are now open most mornings.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES - EASTER 2025

A huge thank you to all who have contributed to Food for Families before Christmas. We are happy to confirm that we will be sending out food boxes again before the Easter holidays. Please be assured that your help and contributions are very gratefully received. Every time we do this we show our care for families in the area.

Food for Families - ways to help - Easter 2025

You can help by giving food or money, or by helping to pack boxes or deliver to local schools.

Donations of food

We need any of the following:

- tinned food – tuna, meat, beans, lentils; veg, soups, fruit, custard, rice pudding;
- biscuits;
- ketchup;
- tea bags; coffee;
- jam, honey, choc spread;
- Cereal.

Also, at Eastertime we like to include Easter eggs so those would also be a good donation.

See below for nearest collection point. Please bring donations of food by March 31st to:

Dore Abbey Open daily from 9am till 4pm

St Michael's Ewyas Harold Open daily from 9am-4pm

Kilpeck: Open daily from 8.30am till 4pm

Contact Annie Robertson anniemidwife@gmail.com or Fiona Garfield fiona.garfield@googlemail.com if you need further details

Donations of money

Account name:

Madley Parochial Church Council Treasurers Account

Sort Code: **30-94-14**. Account number: **00393216**

Reference "**Food for Families**" to identify your donation

Packing and Delivering

Packing from Friday 4th April. Delivery to schools: Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th, Friday 11th April .

To help with either please contact:
juliemalunn@btinternet.com

SALEM BAPTIST CHAPEL

Llanwonog Lane, Longtown HR2 0LE



SUNDAY SERVICES

2 Mar	6.30 pm	Revd Joy James
9 Mar	6.30 pm	Speaker to be announced
16 Mar	6.30 pm	Bring & Share
23 Mar	6.30 pm	Speaker to be announced
30 Mar	6.30 pm	Speaker to be announced

ALL WELCOME

For further information, please email longtownsbc@gmail.com

Thanks

HOWELLS FAMILY THANK YOU

Kathleen and family would like to say thank you to friends and family for all the support shown during Geoff's illness and after his passing; for all the many cards and expressions of sympathy and also for the very generous donations received for Geoff's two chosen charities, St Michael's Hospice (£450) and Craswall Village Hall (£345).

Forthcoming events

LONGTOWN & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Longtown Village Hall HR2 0LD

Monday 3 March, 7.30pm

Rhys Griffith (Senior Archivist HARC)

Hereford in the British Civil War 1642-49

Hereford was a Royalist city. Briefly occupied by Parliamentary forces in 1643, more excitement came in 1645 when a Scottish army besieged it.

Guests are very welcome at our meetings (£4).

Half Season membership available.

For more information, contact jerrydavis@outlook.com or visit www.lhsarchive.org.uk



Longtown Library is next open on

**5th March
2.30 to 4.30pm**

LONGTOWN THURSDAY CLUB

Following the winter break, meetings will resume on **Thursday 6th March**.

New members would be welcome.

We meet every other Thursday from 2pm to 5pm at the Village Hall, with a programme of trips throughout the year.

Anyone wishing to join, please contact Hazel Pugh on 07767 372843



The 2025 BORDERLINES FILM FESTIVAL
is coming to Esleyside Hall HR2 0PT

Thursday 6th March

Small Things Like These [cert 12a]
(based on Claire Keegan's novel)

Thursday 13th March

Outrun [cert 15]

(set in the Orkney Isles, starring Saoirse Ronan)

Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start

Tickets £5.50 adult, £3.50 child

For further information and tickets please email:
nevillefleet@gmail.com



'CONNECT FOUR'

Saturday, 15 March at 7.00pm. St Mary's Church, Hay-on-Wye

A magic combination of four hands on one keyboard, the extraordinary piano duo of Nigel Clayton and Imma Setiadi play Holst's 'The Planets' plus pieces by Chabrier, Wilby, Rachmaninoff and Debussy.

Bar and refreshments.

Programme details and tickets at www.haymusic.org

Tickets also from the Hay Tourist Bureau and the door if still available.

A limited number of free tickets for under 25s are available.

NEWTON ST MARGARETS WOMEN'S GUILD

Thursday, 13th March: Join us for "Further adventures with Bob Burson" (maybe climbing the Eiger? Or, paddling down the Zambezi on a raft?)

Thursday, 10th April: "Golden Valley Faces" Hilary Engel will be explaining how she created this book about the work of the local photographer, Richard Jenkins.

Guests are welcome to the above. £5 per meeting or, join us with the value for money annual subscription of £20.00.

We normally meet on 2nd Thursday each month at 7.30pm in Newton Parish Room HR2 0QR

Phone 07794 920729 for further information and/or if you would like a lift.



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BLACK HILL ARTS EVENTS



14-23 MARCH 2025

JOIN US IN LONGTOWN, CRASWALL &
EWYAS HAROLD FOR FREE EVENTS...

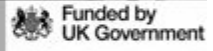
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**2 WEEKENDS OF HERITAGE
CRAFTS: FREE DEMOS &
AFFORDABLE WORKSHOPS**

14-23 MARCH 2025

LONGTOWN, CRASWALL & EWYAS HAROLD

Two weekends of demos and workshops celebrating creativity and heritage in the Olchon and Golden valleys, Herefordshire.

When Helen Arthur set up an art studio in the area in 2019, she couldn't help noticing just how many artists and makers live nearby. So, with collaboration in mind, she secured funding from Herefordshire Council under the UK Shared Prosperity Fund to run an arts and heritage festival.

Join us for the BIG launch – pop-up restaurant, live music and workshops information – **Friday 14 March, 5pm 'til late.**

LONGTOWN VILLAGE HALL, HR2 0LD

Let's take pride in our creative community!

www.blackhillartsevents.com

Ensemble Cymru presents:

THE MUSIC ROOM SERIES 2024-2025

11.00am, Saturday 22 March 2025

at Blackmountains Barns.

Clodock. HR2 0PD

Alys Mererid Roberts, soprano

Elenid Owen, violin

Jonathan Lyness, piano

This joyful morning concert features works for Violin, Soprano and Piano, an unusual combination but one that has inspired some of the greatest composers. Included is the ever-popular Elgar, Faure and Debussy, a ravishing song by Saint-Saens (his "Violons dans le soir") and two moving folksongs with violin and piano accompaniment arranged by Vaughan Williams in 1912 – "How cold the Wind doth blow" and "The Seeds of Love". In addition we have the hugely entertaining Irish Country Songs for soprano and violin by Rebecca Clarke, composed at the height of her fame in the 1920s, and more joyful folksongs arranged by Wales's own Alun Hoddinot.

We're delighted to welcome Ensemble Cymru for their first concert at Black Mountains Barns as part of their Music Room Series. For a fun, beguiling and thoroughly entertaining Saturday morning, look no further!

The concert is free and donations would be appreciated. Coffee and cake will be available to purchase beforehand.

For more information please visit **Ensemble Cymru**
(<https://ensemble.cymru/en/whatson/the-music-room-2024-2025/>)

And <https://blackmountainsbarns.co.uk/events/whats-on>

Concerts for Craswall

Saturday 29th March 2025 at 5pm
St Michael's Church, Michaelchurch Esley



Ensemble Renard

Comprising five of the country's most outstanding young musicians, this multi award-winning wind quintet performs music by Knussen, Milhaud, Mozart, Barber, Leonarda, Shiffrin and Taffanel.

The audience will also have the opportunity to select a solo work by an instrument of their choice from the quintet.

Tickets £20 adult, £10 student under 25

Season tickets also available.

For further details and to book go to <https://concertsforcraswall.org/shop> or 01981 510112

This concert is kindly supported by The Countess of Munster Trust



the children still came back smiling and full of enthusiasm-if not a little soggy!

Class 4 did us proud at their netball tournament in Kingstone High School. They showed amazing sportsmanship and fair play, cheered each other on and worked brilliantly as a team, coming second overall.

Class 2 and Reception had a very special visit from Animals Interactive in February. They got to learn all about lots of different animals and even got to hold a snake, lizards, rabbits, guinea pigs, mice, a rat, a skunk, an owl and a fox! The children were very calm and caring handling the animals even though they were very excited!

Our Early Years children continue to explore and learn in the outdoors. They have been balancing on a wobbly tightrope, balancing on beams, checking the bird feeders they made, making birds' nests and playing in the mud kitchen.

Class 3 have been learning about Crime and Punishment experiencing what it must have been like for a Victorian prisoner. They tried oakum picking, the shot drill, the crank and tread wheel. Then they wrote all about it in their diary writing. They unanimously agreed that they are all very glad that they are not living in Victorian Times!

Our Patron of Reading, published author Catherine Barr, visited us and told us all about her new book "The Story of the Albatros". It looks amazing! Class 4 also had the opportunity to go and listen to the author MG Leonard in Crickhowell. They had a fantastic morning and couldn't stop talking about it on their return to school.

All these activities, events and much more are celebrated on our Facebook page – Longtown Community Primary School and on our website www.longtown.hereford.sch.uk. Please have a look for some fab photos!

Children are enjoying our new Toasty Tuesday which means they enjoy a piece of hot, buttered toast with their morning break. It has been a huge success, I mean who doesn't want hot buttered toast on a chilly morning?

After school clubs this coming half term include some Photography, Outdoor Activity Club at the Outdoor Centre in Longtown, Languages Club, Animal Care Club, Yr 6 SATS support group and Choir! Our PTA will also be running the second Football Card Club in the lead up to Easter. Always a winner with the collectors among us.

Our new look Breakfast Club continues to provide breakfast to pupils from 8am each morning, now accompanied by a staff led activity each morning, including board games, drawing, Lego, crafts and card games.

Stay and Play sessions continue for our very youngest visitors and dates for next half term are Friday March 7th and 21st and 4th April. We love to welcome new members all the time. Please keep local media scanned for a few special sessions coming up shortly.

Our fantastic PTA held a fantastic Valentine's Disco just before the half term break as part of their never tiring efforts to support our school. They have already paid for our Early

What, Where & When of Sowing Vegetable Seeds



Meet 1.45pm, Wednesday 16 April 2025
Gwernyfed Walled Garden

Three Cocks, LD3 0SG (opposite Old Railway Garden Ctr)

Head Gardener and owner, Joel Durrell will give a practical demonstration within the shelter of the historic Victorian glasshouse at Gwernyfed Walled Garden. The garden is run on a permaculture system. Tea & cake £6 optional.

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

Local Newsround

LONGTOWN COMMUNITY PRIMARY AND PRE-SCHOOL

Another half term has flown by, and we are looking forward to the Spring. The snowdrops are already here, and I am sure there will be daffodils soon ready for St David's Day. The weather hasn't been too cruel, and the children have managed to do lots of exciting activities both indoors and out.

Class 4 have had a fabulous half term of climbing at the LOLT and so after the holiday it will be class 3's turn. They can't wait! Our Year 4's have already had a little taster as we got offered 2 days of free sessions concentrating on confidence building and teamwork. Even in the pouring rain,

Years to have a special light and sensory area in class to support their work on space and for our animal visitors!!

The Pre-School/Early Years Hub is open for 4 days a week, Monday to Thursday 8:45am to 3:15pm from September, for 2-year-olds and up. We do accept funded places for 15hr and 30 hrs. Please call the office to arrange a visit if you would like to come and meet the team.

Please contact Emma in the school office if you would be interested in a visit or looking for a school place for your child/ren. Call 01873 860239 or email admin@longtown.hereford.sch.uk

Thank you.

MICHAELCHURCH ESCLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are now well into the Spring Term and things have been very busy up at Michaelchurch Escley Primary and Preschool. It is a shocking thought too, that our Year 6s are now halfway through their final year at primary school!

Already this term there has been so much happening across the school. Sapling Class are currently enjoying a topic centred around the changes to the world brought about by the invention of the railway and in particular, the steam engine. They were very excited therefore, to have Adam, a parent, local farmer and engineer, come into school and bring with him a working model steam engine. Adam demonstrated the running of the engine and expertly explained how it functioned. The children really enjoyed the experience and learned so much from it.

Meanwhile, Acorn Class, whose topic on Castles has had them learning all about fortresses and the people who built and lived in them, were treated to an exiting visit to Caerphilly Castle. Caerphilly Castle is the 2nd largest castle in Great Britain and a wonderful illustration for the children of the art of fortress building in the 11th and 12th centuries. The children from Acorn Class had a super time exploring the many rooms and passageways of this amazing building.

In Oak Class the children have been learning all about the ancient Greeks and they have particularly enjoyed finding out about Alexander the Great. One of their favourite Alexander stories is about how he defeated the Persian ruler Darius II at the battle of Gaugamela. To consolidate the learning they had done in class, Mr Crocker took Oak Class out onto the field and, with the Persian and Macedonian armies the children had prepared, they re-enacted the battle, modelling the careful manoeuvring of his forces which Alexander carried out to defeat Darius so comprehensively. Suffice to say they had tremendous fun recreating the battle. Not only that, our anecdotal evidence – feedback from past pupils/parents - is that this type of learning is a fantastic way to embed subject knowledge.

Preschool continue to lead very active, outdoor lives. Our preschool children really are the embodiment of the saying, 'there is no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing', as any visitor to the school would witness our littlest children exploring the Spinney, heading up into the hills or down to Elke's Woods whatever the weather, and with big smiles on

their faces! Unlike most people, they seem to enjoy the wetter weather - something to do with mud slides I think!

Coming up in the next half term we still have much to look forward to. For starters, children from Years 5 and 6 will be heading off to a Herefordshire Schools Football Tournament at the Cathedral School playing fields. This will be the 4th time we have sent a team along and the children are very excited to be representing their school at this wonderful sporting event.

Also coming up is World Book Day. This is a very special time at Michaelchurch with our bookish celebrations spanning 2 whole days. Not only will we be dressing up and engaging in book related activities, the whole school – excluding preschool – will also be spending the day in Hay on Wye visiting different book shops throughout the town.

Hot on the heels of the Hay on Wye trip, Oak Class will be heading down to Cardiff to visit the Techniquest Science and Discovery Centre – a trip the children, and teachers, are really excited about.

Finally, the whole school will be getting in touch with their inner Kevin McCouds when the children take part in a series of architecture workshops, constructing castles, Ferris wheels and even a model Acropolis to link with the children's topics.

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!

BURNS NIGHT 25 JANUARY 2025

The Black Hill Voices and friends celebrated Burns Night in Newton Parish Room. Very cosy there that evening with 19 of us and various musical instruments ranging from mouth organ to guitar and keyboard (no room for this!) AND the Haggis all squidged in. Tartan, candles and heather adorned the table, thanks to Sue L. Bob provided a floor quaking drum roll as the haggis was paraded in. The healthy accompaniments of kale, neeps and tatties were negated by the heavenly tastings of cranachan, spiced oranges, trifles whisky and more interspersed with music, songs and poetry (Scottish themed of course).

£70.00 raised in donations for Bob Burson's Schools for Uganda Project.

Round and About

THE MONDAY CLUB

This friendly little club is run at Peterchurch Village Hall every Monday serving teas and coffee. Everyone is welcome to pop in between 10am and 12pm .

On the 10th February Penny Platt came to the club and we must thank her as she had everyone enthralled by her film show and her knowledge of Hereford and its history.

We have a few things in the planning stages for various trips and other surprises to come over this year – watch this space.

Also we will be holding our AGM on the 10th March after club.

On a sad note we were very upset to hear of the passing of Mrs Ann Davies although she was not a member she did join us on many trips out. Our thoughts are with Andrew.

If you feel like coming please do. There's no obligation 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 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.

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.

Hatha Yoga is being held every Wednesday 7pm -8.30pm and 10.30 am-12pm

Parish Council meetings every 3rd Tuesday of the month

Dementia Matters Herefordshire 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 10.30am-12.30pm.

Our Memory Cafes are designed to enable people with memory problems or concerns, their families/ friends or carers, to get out and meet like-minded people. Every Café involves fun quizzes, activities and occasional guest speakers, with professional support, information and advice available. A contribution of £2.50 per couple is requested, and there is no booking necessary.

Dementia Matters Here(fordshire) is a local charity. Please see the adjoining panel

Village Art Club

Starts again every Monday 7.00pm - 9pm from 16th September and Every Wednesday 1.30pm -3.30pm from 18th September

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

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!

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) 550482

The Hall - (01981) 551162

(Please leave a message if you are unable to reach anyone on the numbers above.)

DEMENTIA MATTERS
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MEMORY CAFÉS

Pop along to one of our Memory Cafes to meet likeminded people, with a cup of tea, and slice of cake!

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No booking necessary!

**Peterchurch Village Hall
Third Friday every Month**

10.30-12.30

£2.50 per couple

CONTACT

charlotte.banks@dementiamattershere.org.uk

01432 804480

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Notices and Advertisements

**Saturday 1 March 2025
10am to 12.30pm
Dorstone Village Hall**

Repairs undertaken on:

- Soft toys (including dolls' clothes)/toys
- Clothing (repairs not alterations)
- Small electrical items
- Small pieces of furniture/ wooden items
- Bicycles
- Knife/small tool sharpening (each small item £2 min. donation)
- Other items repaired - please ask



Cafe open serving tea, coffee and delicious homemade cake. You don't need to have a repair to come along and enjoy the cafe. ALL WELCOME

To book an item in for repair, email or call:
gvrepaircafe@gmail.com / Bill Giles on 07967 910666

NEXT REPAIR CAFE DATES:

5 April 2025 - Kingstone Church

3 May 2025 - St Michael's Hall, Ewyas Harold

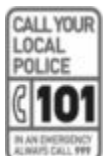
7 June 2025 - Dorstone Village Hall

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- ★ Getting organised Mother's Day (20th March): Cards will be on display from Saturday 1st March along with a few ideas for appreciation.
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CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH AND APRIL

Sun 2 March

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

Wed 5 March

10:30 Ewyas Harold Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday

Sun 9 March

11:00 Clodock Holy Communion

Wed 12 March

10:30 Ewyas Harold Prayer & Praise

Sun 16 March

9:30 Craswall Celtic Holy Communion by Extension
 15:00 Newton Evening Prayer
 18:00 Clodock Evening Prayer

Wed 19 March

10:30 Ewyas Harold Prayer & Praise

Sun 23 March

11:15 Michaelchurch Holy Communion

Wed 26 March

10:30 Ewyas Harold Prayer & Praise

Sun 30 March

10:30 Ewyas Harold Benefice All-Age Service with short communion

Sun 6 April

9:30 Llanveynoe Morning Worship

Sun 6 April

18:00 Clodock Evening Prayer

Sun 13 April

11:00 Clodock Palm Sunday Holy Communion
 15:00 St Margaret's Palm Sunday Service at St Margaret's and a walk to Newton for tea.

Thu 17 April

19:00 Clodock Maundy Thursday service followed by supper

Fri 18 April

10:00 Craswall Good Friday Service

Sun 20 April

05:15 Black Hill Sunrise Service for Easter Day
 11:00 Michaelchurch Easter Day Group Holy Communion

Sun 27 April

11:15 Clodock Holy Communion

Prayer during the week

Morning Prayer at St Michael's, Michaelchurch.

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EVENTS PLANNER

Sun	02 March	3.30pm	Occasional Quaker Meeting, Dulas Court craft room
Mon	03 March	7.30pm	Longtown & District Historical Society: Rhys Griffith (Senior Archivist HARC): <i>Hereford and the Civil War, 1642-49</i>
Wed	05 March	2.30-4.30pm	Longtown Library, Longtown Village Hall
Thu	06 March	7.00 for 7.30pm	Borderlines Film Festival at Escleyside Hall: Small Things Like These. [12a]
Thu	13 March	7.00 for 7.30pm	Borderlines Film Festival at Escleyside Hall: Outrun. [15]
Thu	13 March	7.30pm	Newton St Marg's Women's Guild: <i>Further Adventures</i> , Bob Burson. Newton Parish Room
Fri	14 March	5.00pm - late	Black Hill Arts launch event, Longtown Village Hall
Sat	15 March		Black Hill Arts events, see https://www.blackhillartsevents.com/
Sun	16 March		Black Hill Arts events, see https://www.blackhillartsevents.com/
Sat	22 March	10.00am-noon	Longtown Village Projects, Longtown Castle
Sat	22 March	11.00am	Ensemble Cymru, Black Mountain Barns
Sat	22 March		Black Hill Arts events, see https://www.blackhillartsevents.com/
Sun	23 March		Black Hill Arts events, see https://www.blackhillartsevents.com/
Sat	29 March	5.00pm	Concerts for Craswall: Ensemble Renard, St Michael's, Michaelchurch Escley
Wed	02 April	2.30-4.30pm	Longtown Library, Longtown Village Hall
Mon	07 April	7.30pm	Longtown & District Historical Society: Elizabeth Semper O'Keefe: <i>Every Motor Car shall be Registered: Herefordshire, social history from vehicle records.</i>
Thu	10 April	7.30pm	Newton St Margarets Women's Guild: Golden Valley Faces, Hilary Engel. Newton Parish Room
Thu	16 April	13:45:00	Escleyside Gardening Club: What, Where and When of Sowing Vegetable Seeds. Gwernyfed Walled Garden, Three Cocks
Sat	26 April	10.00am-noon	Longtown Village Projects, Longtown Castle

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