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September 2025



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**The Parishes of Clodock & Longtown with Craswall, Llanveynoe,
St Margaret's, Michaelchurch Escley & Newton**

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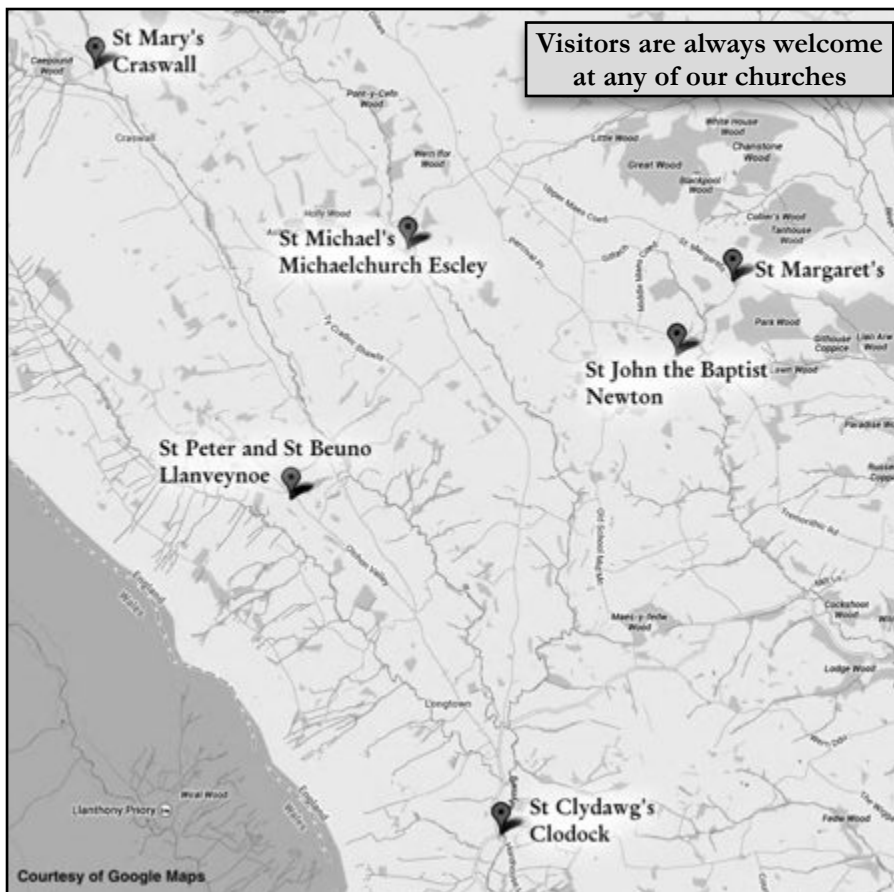
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From the Clergy

God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. – Genesis 1.31a

Dear Friends

Autumn has always been my favourite time of year: the riot of colour in the trees; the abundant produce in our gardens, fields and hedgerows; the crunch of leaves underfoot; the relaxing and rejuvenating rain interspersed with lingering late-Summer heat; the fresh start of a new school year (I've always been a bit of a swot!)... Autumn, for me, is a time of comfort and joy – woolly jumpers, and community celebrations for Harvest, Bonfires, Halloween and All Saints, etc.

It's also the time I most associate with enjoying and celebrating Creation – in the Church we call this 'Creationtide', when we delight in all that God has made and commit ourselves to its care.

It can be easy, with the daily news cycle, to despair at the state of the world - to become caught up in the tragedy and anxiety and lose sight of hope and light (especially as winter and longer nights loom closely on the horizon). In Creationtide, we remember that, observing the world in its creation, God declared it to be 'very good'. We remember the blessing that it is to be part of this creation, and to ourselves be part of that 'good' – and to know that we too are loved creations of God.

In doing so, we stand in defiance of despair – we declare the world to be 'good', and commit to safeguarding and nurturing that good.

In creation, God has declared the world to be good and us in it, and so in Creationtide we commit to be part of that good, and care for the world that is so very good indeed.

May the blessings of Creation surround you this Autumn, and draw you to know God's goodness. *Rev'd Cate*

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER AND 5TH OCTOBER

Sunday 7th September 2025

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

Sunday 14th September 2025

Old Testament	Exodus 32: 7-14
New Testament	1 Timothy 1: 12-17
Gospel	Luke 15: 1-10
Psalm	51: 1-11

Sunday 21st September 2025

Old Testament	Amos 8: 4-7
New Testament	1 Timothy 2: 1-7
Gospel	Luke 16: 1-13
Psalm	113

Sunday 28th September 2025

Old Testament	Amos 6:1a, 4-7
New Testament	1 Timothy 6: 6-19
Gospel	Luke 16: 19-end
Psalm	146

Sunday 5th October 2025

Old Testament	Habakkuk 1, 1-4; 2:1-4
New Testament	2 Timothy 1:1-14
Gospel	Luke 17: 5-10
Psalm	37: 1-9

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

BLACK MOUNTAINS GROUP

Informal evening prayer for our communities, churches and everyone who lives and works in these valleys.

September Mondays at 5pm

1st	Kentchurch
8th	Newton
15th	Walterstone
22nd	St Margarets
29th	Bacton



See also Events in Dore Abbey on p5

Deanery Update

Hedgerow Communion

In September there will be two hedgerow communions happening, the details are in the Dates for your Diary below. As a reminder, Hedgerow Communion take place outdoors and involves yogic meditation, sharing bread and wine, silence, poetry and ritual. If you are looking for a time to pause, observe and celebrate, why not email Rev Simon Lockett, simon2020@zohomail for more details.

Messy Church

We now have a number of Messy Church groups operating across the deanery. They're for Primary School age children. If you'd like your child to be involved, get in touch and we can let you know where and when the nearest one to you is happening.

Our Churchyards

Thank you – A huge thank you to everyone who gives their time voluntarily to maintain our churchyards for the benefit of all who visit – it is a big task!

A reminder – Scattering of ashes is not permitted in any Church of England churchyard. If you wish to bury ashes of a family member in a churchyard, do get in touch as it is usually possible to arrange for the burial of ashes either into an existing family grave (with the consent of all family members), or into a new ashes plot. The current fee for this is £198.

Dates for your diary

Reflective Ramble: Sunday September 14th 2pm – Craswall Church on the theme of Pilgrimage.

Hedgerow Communion:

Equinox Hedgerow Communion: Sunday September 21st 5.45pm meeting at Gillians Wood Car Park, Dorstone Hill

Michaelmas Hedgerow Communion: Tuesday September 30th 5.30pm meeting at St Michael's Church, Michaelchurch Escley.

Licensing Service: Rev Luci Morriss will be licensed for her new role in the Black Mountains benefice on Thursday

9th October at 7pm. **This will be held at Clodock Church.** (not Ewyas Harold as previously advertised).

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

LLANVEYNOE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Please join us for the evening of Sunday 5th October for our Harvest Festival. We start in the Church at 6pm.

After the Service we will go to Mountain Mayhem, (now called The Cattle Barn) where at about 7.15pm we have a welcoming hot drink, before going in to the Conference room for the Harvest Supper.

As usual we will be providing Lemonade and Cider, with water, but please bring your own wine for the table.

Our tickets are £12 pp – tickets on door, but PLEASE RING or EMAIL to RESERVE a PLACE.

Call 01873 860260 or email pamelatribe@icloud.com

Don't forget to bring cash for the legendary Auction, and Draw !

If you have any produce or flowers for decorating the church, please leave them at the church by 9.30 am on Saturday 4th Oct.

Looking forward to very much to seeing you all again at this our very special Harvest Celebration! *Pamela Tribe*

FOOD FOR FAMILIES – THANK YOU ALL

Another huge thank you to all who contributed to Food for Families for the Summer Holidays 2025. We sent out food boxes to 72 families through our local schools. Those schools all pass on to us the grateful thanks of the families concerned.

Please be assured that all your help and contributions are very gratefully received. Every time we do this we show our continuing care for families in the area.

We know that, many, many of you contribute food or money as individuals and we are so grateful for your unfailing generosity. Thank you and please keep remembering us - sadly the need is still there.

We also receive support from some extremely generous local businesses, charities and parish councils and would like to acknowledge them at this time.

The amazing help we have received from Locks Garage at Allensmore since the very start of Food for Families in 2021 has made a real difference in the quality of the food boxes through their donation of fresh fruit (apples, bananas AND oranges) for every box that goes out.

Since 2021 P & F Griffiths have regularly donated their potatoes for all the food boxes as well as providing their large free range eggs at cost price.

Parminder at Madley Stores always asks what item we most need and donates enough for every family.

In addition, some very generous donations of money have come from our wonderful local charities:

- Madley Charities
- Clehonger Action Network
- Shootfest Hereford C.I.C
- The Knife Angel

These Parish Councils have also kindly contributed this year:

- Ewyas Harold
- Kingstone & Thruxton
- Madley
- Peterchurch

And finally, our local churches across Abbeydore Deanery have organised and donated many, many collections of money and of food, at harvest time and throughout the year.

Thank you to everyone!

SALEM BAPTIST CHAPEL

Llanwonog Lane, Longtown HR2 0LE



SUNDAY SERVICES – 6.30pm

7 Sep	Mr Robin Hill
15 Sep	Mr John & Mrs Ruth Hargest
23 Sep	BRING & SHARE
30 Sep	Mr Michael Goodman

OTHER

Prayer & Praise	Wed 9 Sep 7pm
Creative Crafts	Wed 23 Sep 7pm

ALL WELCOME

For further information, please email longtownsbcb@gmail.com

Thanks

BREAKFAST UNDER THE OAK TREE, 9TH AUGUST 2025

Thank you to all who supported the Breakfast in any way. The cake makers, washer-uppers, puppy minders, Sasha wielding the barbecue tongs and all of you who came and generously donated. Apologies to those who missed out on their bacon roll! The grand total £555.40 was raised for the Black Hill for Ukraine Group and Hereford City of Sanctuary. *Jane*

Forthcoming events

Longtown & District Historical Society

7.30 at Longtown Village Hall

1 September 2025

The Markets of Abergavenny, Gill Wakley



**Longtown Library
is next open on**

**3 September
2.30 to 4.30pm**

Escley and District Sports Federation

It's the last Summer Social of the season

Friday 5th September from 5pm

Michaelchurch Escley Sports Pavilion

Bar, barbecue, good company – everyone is welcome.

NEWTON ST MARGARETS WOMEN'S GUILD

Next meeting: Thursday 11th September 7.30pm

A social evening with "bring and share" snacks.

Thursday 9th October 7.30pm

Harvest Auction for Farming Minds

All welcome to join us in Newton Parish Room HR2 0QR

Phone 07794 920729 for more information

Exhibition of Icons at Clodock Church

**Come and enjoy a special display of sacred icons at
Clodock Church on Saturday 13 September
10.00am to 4.00pm.**

Olga was brought up as a child in the Orthodox faith. She has had exhibitions in Germany, Switzerland, Italy France and the USA. Her initial interest in icon writing/painting, was for weddings of friends and family and her interest developed from there.

Her original training was in painting and printmaking. More recently she did an MA in archaeology. Iron age Europe, and the Middle East has subsequently been a distracting influence

A unique opportunity to see beautiful devotional art in a peaceful setting. Tea and homemade cake available.

All welcome. Donations to Clodock church.

Celebrating St Margarets

An open weekend to celebrate the history of the church and the community



Saturday 13 September 10.30 to 12.30 Coffee Morning

Sunday 14 September 3.00 pm Hymns & Pimms

Visit anytime over the weekend to discover the history of the church and community through photographs, maps and anecdotes



heritage open days

Clodock Mill will be opening on Sunday 14th September from 2.00 to 5.00pm as part of Heritage Open Days. If the drought breaks before then and there is water in the river, the mill will be running.

Free entry. Donations to Midlands Air Ambulance.

Further details can be found at www.clodockmill.com

For other Heritage Open Days venues and events between Friday 12th and Sunday 21st September see www.heritageopendays.org.uk

LONGTOWN THURSDAY CLUB – Programme of Trips

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

Cornewall Arms, Clodock

Thursday 18 September from 5.00pm

THE BEEFY BOYS

Fancy a night on the tiles?

The Cornewall Arms is bringing back

Scrabble Evenings. If you are interested,

Thursday 2 October from 7.30 pm

Any queries please have a word with Isobel



**Macmillan Coffee Morning at
Longtown Community Primary and Pre-School**

Once again, we will be holding a Macmillan Coffee morning on **Friday 26th September from 9.30am to 11am.**

All proceeds go straight to support the amazing work of the Macmillan nurses.

We would love to welcome you into school for a tea, coffee and some treats, but if you cannot make it you can make a donation directly to Macmillan via our Just Giving page, by following this link ...

<https://justgiving.com/page/longtown-primary-school-2>



Michaelchurch Duck Race and Barbecue

Due to the shortage of water, this event has now will now take place on Saturday 27 September, with kind permission from the people at the Bridge Inn and Glyn Bufton and family.

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

Growing Salvias

**TALK 7.30pm, Wed 1 October 2025
Vowchurch Memorial Hall**



Robert Edwards has built his own nursery, **Malvern Salvia Collection**, around his love of these versatile and bee-friendly perennials, selecting the most hardy to cope with the UK weather. Plants for sale after the talk.

Note: this is a change to our original October programme

Non-members welcome: £5

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

QUAKER MEETING AT DULAS COURT

A time to sit in peace and stillness together can be elusive. Occasional Quaker Meetings at Dulas Court Nursing Home are now providing such an opportunity. Residents, relatives and any visitors are all welcome.

For half an hour we sit in stillness/mindful silence and quietly reflect on the Light within, whatever that is for each of us – as many others do in quiet spaces throughout the world.

Our next meeting will be at 3.30pm in the craft room next to the visitors' car park on **Sunday 5th October**, (park in visitors car park). Any questions please contact: Clare Lockley, Lifestyle Manager on 01981 240214, c.lockley@herefordshirecarehomes.com.

Dulas Court Nursing Home, Dulas HR2 OHL

FLICKS IN THE STICKS WITH ARTS ALIVE

The **Black Country Touring Company** are coming to the Escleyside Hall HR2 OPT with their performance **WILD**

THURSDAY 9th OCTOBER 7.30pm

Stories about what it is to be WILD from real people living in rural, urban and seaside locations are woven together and featured in songs, immersive soundscapes and story telling to have you on the edge of your seat. You will be left wondering what is your "wild."

70 mins continuous performance. Suitable for 11 ears plus but younger age group not excluded!

Tickets: £12/£6 – see www.artsalive.co.uk for more information or contact Neville 07572 113542 to reserve your seat.

Concerts for Craswall

THE MIKELEIZ-ZUCCHI DUO

David Zucchi, saxophone
Iñigo Mikeleiz-Berrade, accordion

Saturday October 11th at 5pm
St Michael's, Michaelchurch Escley

Winners of the Royal Over-Seas League Annual Music Competition's Mixed Ensemble Prize and City Music Foundation Artists, the Mikeleiz-Zucchi Duo's repertoire spans everything from reimagined traditional works to modern repertoire and improvisation, all vividly rendered by the unique combination of saxophone and accordion.

Curious to know what the combined sound of a soprano sax and a concert accordion might be? This cleverly constructed programme by two imaginative, extremely able performers promises a truly fascinating musical experience, inspired as it is by all manner of dances, pieces inspired by dance, and pieces only tangentially related to dance.

Much of the programme's content is necessarily arrangements by the Duo of fairly familiar music by Ardes, Bach, Bartok, and Ravel, but sandwiched between them are newer works by contemporary composers such as Scottish composer, arranger and podcaster Aileen Sweeney and English composer and trombonist Alex Paxton.

Full programme and to buy your tickets scan the QR code call 01981 510112 or go to our website www.concertsforcraswall.org



Local Newsround

NEWTON ST MARGARETS WOMEN'S GUILD

Penny Platts presentation "Tracks of Africa" needed to be brought forward to our August meeting. She took us on a tour of the South African Garden Coast, a luxurious train journey and the amazing Victoria Falls accompanied by her husband's fabulous photography of the wildlife and stunning scenery. Thanks to Penny and John for a very interesting evening.

LONGTOWN COMMUNITY PRIMARY & PRE-SCHOOL

We are delighted to welcome back all our pupils, staff, families and friends for the beginning of a new school year.

After enjoying a wonderful (though rather hot!) summer break we all returned to our beautiful school and grounds in the first week of September. Busily sharing holiday stories and adventures, we face the new term full of energy and excitement.

Explore more... From our very youngest pre-school children, right up to our year 6 pupils everyone has thrown themselves into new topics, reading books, exploring our amazing outdoor spaces and building friendships, old and new.

All pupils at Longtown Community Primary School enjoy the benefit of our super FREE Breakfast Club from 8am to 8:30am, every day of the week. This offers our parents a little more breathing space in their busy mornings, and although the children thoroughly enjoy their breakfast of toast, cereal, juice and fresh fruit, they mostly enjoy having fun with their friends!

After school clubs offered this term include Outdoor Games, Choir, Netball and Art club. These run after school from 3:15pm to 4:15pm, something for everyone.

We continue to welcome Mr Gary Gray who teaches private musical instrument lessons each week on a variety of instruments from drums to keyboard and guitar.

Once again, Longtown will be holding a Macmillan Coffee morning this year, on **Friday 26th September from 9:30am to 11am**. All proceeds go straight to support the amazing work of the Macmillan nurses. We would love to welcome you into school for a tea, coffee and some treats, but if you cannot make it you can make a donation directly to Macmillan via our Just Giving page, by following this link... thank you. www.justgiving.com/page/longtown-primary-school-2

Explore more... The autumn term always brings delight as the leaves start to turn and fall, the air cools and the evenings draw in. We look forward to sharing our adventures with you in the coming newsletters.

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.

Explore more... Stay and Play sessions continue for our very youngest visitors and dates for the Autumn term are **5th and 19th Sept, 3rd and 17th Oct, 7th and 21st Nov and 5th and 19th Dec 2025**. We love to welcome new members at any time.

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!?

Our popular Mini Explorers outdoor learning Pre-School/Early Years Hub is open for 4 days a week, Monday to Thursday 8.45am to 3.15pm, for 2-year-olds and up. We do accept funded places for 15hr and 30 hrs.

To request/book a pre-school, or main school place please contact Emma in the school office or if you would be interested in a visit call 01873 860239 or email admin@longtown.hereford.sch.uk?

LONGTOWN & DISTRICT GROUP WI

It's been a busy summer for Longtown & District WI. In June we held our annual Summer Supper in the beautiful walled garden of the Cornewall Arms. Invited guests from local WI's joined for a superb buffet in the glorious sunshine. It was a lovely social occasion and a good time was had by all.

The sunshine continued for our July outing with a delicious lunch at Craft Renaissance Kitchen near Usk, followed by a very enjoyable tour of Highfield Farm Garden, Goytre, winner of The English Garden Magazine, "The Nation's Favourite Gardens." The friendly owners served tea and cakes with all profits going to Macmillan.

At the August meeting Clare Wichbold gave an interesting and informative presentation, detailing stories and struggles of the Women's Suffrage Campaign in Herefordshire.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th September at 7.15pm when Kate Bristow will talk about the work of the West Midlands Air Ambulance, followed by a buffet supper. New members always welcome. For more info contact 22philb@gmail.com. Visitors welcome from 8pm. A small donation to WI is welcome but not required.

Round and About



The poster for Dore Abbey Arts Week features a stylized logo at the top with the text 'Dore Abbey RTS' and a QR code. Below the logo, it states 'Programme of evening events being held in conjunction Friends of the Abbey and Herefordshire Art Week'. The events listed are: 'The Garway Piano Trio' on Friday 5th September 7.30pm, £15; 'Le Voci Women's Choir' on Sunday 7th September 7pm, £10; 'Monmouth Male Voice Choir' on Friday 12th September 7.30pm, £12; and 'Charlie Chaplin Silent Movie Night with Piano Accompaniment' on Saturday 13th September 7.30pm, £8. At the bottom, it says 'Enjoy an atmospheric evening of live entertainment in the beautiful setting of Dore Abbey and take a wander around an exhibition of over 20 local artists!' and provides contact information: 'Dore Abbey Arts Week information: www.doreabbeyarts.co.uk' and 'Tickets to above: www.ticketsource.co.uk/dore-abbey-arts'.

EVENTS IN DORE ABBEY

Also see Dore Abbey Arts in the previous column

6-14th September – Dore Abbey Arts week as part of h.Art, see h-art.org.uk/explore/venue/dore-abbey-arts. Exhibition of more than 20 local artists

Saturday 6th – Choral workshop with Paul Spicer featuring **Fauré's Requiem** and **Cantique de Jean Racine**.

<https://englishchoralexperience.co.uk/DA-Friends.php>

Info and bookings Isabelle George 07772 079111

Performance 5pm, £5 on the door.

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 or Sarah at comms@abbeydoredeanery.org for more information or to receive her monthly information email.

Breakfast is served on the first Saturday of the month [next on September 6th] from 9.30am to 11.30am. Choose from delicious full English (large or small) or bacon /sausage /egg bap plus the usual coffee or tea. Churchyard Tidying is also done on the first Saturday of the month from 10am with free cake and drinks or a half-price cooked breakfast for all volunteers.

The Soundscape Experience will next take place at the Hub @ St Peter's on Sunday September 7th from 2pm until 3.15pm. To know more please contact Bridget on 07904 111334 or on yogibbr@gmail.com.

The Christmas Fayre will be held at St Peter's on Saturday 29th November 2025. Come and enjoy the usual delicious refreshments and choose gifts and crafts from the many stalls.



PETERCHURCH MONDAY CLUB

I am having to start this month's entry with the sad news that Mr Maurice Herdman passed away. He and Heulwyn were great fans of the club and were regular visitors. It was only in the last few years, when their health deteriorated, that they had to stop coming. We send his family our deepest condolences at this sad time.

There was a trip to Stratford-upon-Avon on July 11th. I'm sure there will have been many tales about the trip. The weather was extremely hot, but hopefully everyone enjoyed themselves. Many of the group found shady places by the river and watched the world go by. Some, I gather, even went on the boat trip.

The Hog Roast was a great success and was enjoyed by everyone who came. I was even brought back some of the crackling and pork.

On Thursday, September 11th, we are going to the Mumbles and hopefully the Heritage Centre of Wales, so keep a lookout for any information.

This is a friendly little club that 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 07774 457887 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

Hopefully, by the time you read this, we will have a nice new Car park at the Hall

Monday Club every Monday morning 10 am-12 pm Pop in for Tea/Coffee and a chat

PLEASE NOTE NEW TIMES for the YOGA

Hatha Yoga is being held every Tuesday, 10.30-12 pm and every Wednesday 6.30 pm -8.00 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 8th September and every Wednesday, 1.30 pm -3.30 pm from 10th September.

Website www.peterchurchvillagehall.org

The new booking form is now on the website, 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!

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.

Notices and Advertisements

Saturday 6 September
10.00 - 12.30 Dorstone Village Hall



Repairs undertaken on:

- Soft toys, dolls clothes, toys
- Clothing (repairs not alterations)
- Small electrical items
- Small pieces of furniture/wooden items
- Bicycles
- Knife/small tool sharpening (£2 minimum donation per item)
- Other items repaired—please ask

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Future Repair Café dates: **4 Oct** Kingstone Church;
1 Nov Ewyas Harold St Michael's Hall; **6 Dec** Dorstone Village Hall

HELP WITH CARE

I am looking for a carer to help me look after my mum at her home in Clodock. She is bedridden and suffers from dementia, PSP and heart problems.

I am hoping to find someone who could stay overnight sometimes, so I can have a night off. Mum calls for help randomly throughout the night and although I do get some sleep, it is broken. I'm realising that this is not sustainable in the long term.

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**St Michael's
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**Fuel the Journey,
Power the Care**

St Michael's Hospice to launch four-day fundraising appeal to support nursing teams on the road

St Michael's Hospice is launching a four-day fundraising campaign to support its nursing teams out on the road.

'Fuel the Journey, Power the Care' begins this Friday (8th) with the aim of raising £43,250 towards fuelling, leasing and insuring the fleet of Hospice at Home vehicles used by St Michael's to visit patients across Herefordshire.

Around a third of the care delivered by the Bartestree-based Hospice in the past year took place in people's homes.

"It's hugely important to everyone at St Michael's that people have the choice of where they wish to receive care," said Rachel Jones, the Hospice's Income Generation, Marketing & Communications Director. "This care is so expertly provided by our Hospice at Home team, who in all weathers, head out to care for people across our community."

These nursing teams travel up to 150 miles a day, reaching over 220 patients each month to provide nursing, urgent care, and compassionate support. The care ranges from Urgent Care Nurse visits and specialist nurses who work with care homes, to night teams supporting families, and post-death care teams helping wash and dress loved ones with dignity.

St Michael's says each donation to its 'Fuel the Journey, Power the Care' campaign will be doubled thanks to generous match funders; Albert Hunt Trust, Gavin James, Humfrys and Symonds, Level Peaks, St James's Place, and Xlightshows.io

This means £21,625 from supporters during the appeal would see the goal reached.

The four-day campaign begins at 8am on Friday 8th August.

You can donate here:

st-michaels-hospice.org.uk/fuel-the-journey-power-the-care/

or if you would like to speak to one of the Fundraising team about the appeal please call 01432 851 000.

St Michael's Hospice and Marie Curie partner with the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care Board to provide the Herefordshire Hospice at Home service.

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Ooh exciting, it is Crumble season

With fruit laden trees being ready earlier, crumble season is full swing in our household. The most recent favourite was greengage and rhubarb with a dollop or two of brown sugar from gardens in the shop.

How do you make your crumble and what's your secret ingredient in the topping?

Calf & Churn milk

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If you would like us to keep your daily treat in the fridge for collection, do tell us.

September in Full Swing

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Thursday 11 September

08:45 Michaelchurch Morning Prayer

Sunday 14 September, *Climate Sunday across the Deanery*

15:00 St Margaret's *Hymns and Pimms*
11:00 Clodock Holy Communion

Thursday 18 September

08:45 Michaelchurch Morning Prayer

Sunday 21 September

09:30 Craswall Morning Prayer
14:00 Craswall Reflective Ramble
15:00 Newton Holy Communion
18:00 Clodock Evening Prayer

Thursday 25 September

08:45 Michaelchurch Morning Prayer

Sunday 28 September

09:30 Dore Abbey Holy Communion
11:15 Michaelchurch Holy Communion

Thursday 2 October

08:45 Michaelchurch Morning Prayer

Sunday 5 October

15:00 St Margaret's Holy Communion
18:00 Clodock Evening Prayer
18:00 Llanveynoe Harvest Festival and Supper

Thursday 9 October

08:45 Michaelchurch Morning Prayer
19:00 Clodock Rev Luci Morris' Licensing Service

Sunday 12 October

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

Thursday 16 October

08:45 Michaelchurch Morning Prayer

Sunday 19 October

11:00 Craswall Harvest Festival
18:00 Clodock Evening Prayer

Thursday 23 October

08:45 Michaelchurch Morning Prayer

Sunday 26 October

11:15 Clodock Holy Communion

Thursday 30 October

08:45 Michaelchurch Morning Prayer

EVENTS PLANNER

Mon	01 September	7.30pm	Longtown & District Historical Society: Gill Wakley, The Markets of Abergavenny
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
Fri	05 September	From 5.00pm	Escley and District Sports Federation Summer Social
Tue	09 September	7.15pm	Longtown & District WI. Longtown Village Hall
Thu	11 September	7.30pm	Newton St Margarets Women's Guild: Bring & Share snacks. Newton Church Room
Sat	13 September	10.00am-4.00pm	Exhibition of Sacred Icons, by Olga McBride. Clodock Church
Sat	13 September	10.30am-12.30pm	Celebrating St Margarets, Coffee morning. St Margaret's Church
Sun	14 September	2.00-5.00pm	Heritage Open Day, Clodock Mill
Sun	14 September	3.00pm	Celebrating St Margarets, <i>Hymns & Pimms</i> . St Margaret's Church
Thu	18 September		Longtown Thursday Club. Outing to Cardiff Bay & Wharf
Thu	18 September	From 5.00pm	Beefy Boys at The Cornewall Arms, Clodock
Fri	26 September	9.30-11.00am	Macmillan Coffee Morning, Longtown School
Sat	27 September	10.00am-noon	Longtown Village Projects, Longtown Castle
Wed	01 October	2.30-4.30pm	Longtown Library, Longtown Village Hall
Wed	01 October	7.30pm	Escleyside Gardening Club: <i>Growing Salvias</i> , Vowchurch Hall
Sun	05 October	3.30pm	Occasional Quaker Meeting, Dulas Court craft room
Mon	06 October	7.30pm	Longtown & District Historical Society: Dr Kathryn Davies, <i>Artisan Art in Herefordshire</i>
Thu	09 October	7.30pm	Newton St Margarets Women's Guild: Harvest Auction for Farming Minds. Newton Church Room
Thu	09 October	From 7.30pm	A Night on the Tiles! Scrabble at The Cornewall Arms, Clodock
Thu	09 October	7.30pm	Flicks in the Sticks with Arts Alive: <i>Wild</i> . Escleyside Hall
Sat	11 October	5.00pm	Concerts for Craswall: The Mikeleiz-Zucchi Duo, St Michael's Church.
Tue	14 October	7.15pm	Longtown & District WI. Longtown Village Hall
Thu	16 October		Longtown Thursday Club. Outing to Dobbie's Garden Centre, Tewkesbury
Sat	25 October	10.00am-noon	Longtown Village Projects, Longtown Castle

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