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Church E-News

from the Parish of Fladbury, Hill & Moor, Wyre Piddle, Cropthorne & Charlton
and the Parish of Bishampton & Throckmorton

Sunday 18th January

9.30am - Holy Communion - Bishampton

11.00am - Holy Communion - Fladbury

Plough Sunday - a Metaphor for Spiritual Growth

Last Sunday 20 people attended the Plough Sunday service with tractor and plough parked outside and a hand seed driller inside church. Sue introduced the history of Plough Sunday and continued "we can think about Plough Sunday as a metaphor for spiritual growth.....*read more of Sue's introduction* [here](#)

Come and Sing at Worcester Cathedral

Following on from the wonderful event last May at Worcester Cathedral where the massed voices from across our smaller churches came together and sang for Alison Maddocks leaving service, there is a move to gather again. Please see the attached document, giving any who would like to, the opportunity to sing at Worcester Cathedral as choir in residence on 18th/19th April 2026.

The deadline for expressions of interest is **20th January** and these need to go to Mark Blackwell markblackwell96@gmail.com;

Join the wave of choral revival sweeping across our diocese. This is quite literally giving voice to our wonderful smaller churches.

Details can be found [here](#)

Wednesday 28 January at 3.00pm at Bishampton – Funeral of Wilma Day

Parish Worship at the Cathedral - 8th February

On Sunday 8th February we plan that Five Alive and Bishampton with Throckmorton will join the Cathedral congregation at their Eucharist at 10.30am

In previous years, many of us have enjoyed this experience of worshipping together with, and in, our “Mother Church”.

Also, as before, we are arranging a pub lunch, on the way home, so that we can continue our fellowship together. Fran Summerfield has kindly offered to organize this – more details later.

We need to know how many people intend to come to the Cathedral so that we can arrange reserved seating and how many would like to join the lunch afterwards.

Please could you let either Fran or me know if you intend to come to the Cathedral and whether you will also join the lunch. We will be at the services in Fladbury on the next 2 Sundays or please email or phone one of us:

Meredith: meredith@mdebenham.me.uk or 07748 597011

Fran: f.summerfield@outlook.com or 07709 917592

Notice of Revision to Church Electoral Rolls and APCM's

The Church Electoral Roll is a list of church members and reviewed annually. A new list is made every five years. If you are new to our churches in the Five Alive Parish or the Parish of Bishampton and Throckmorton, or are not sure your name is on the Electoral Roll for your parish and would like to be added, please contact Carolyn Middleton, fivealivebt@outlook.com; or 07465 693107.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the Five Alive Parish will take place on Sunday 1st March 2026 at 12noon at Fladbury Church.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting of the Parish of Bishampton and Throckmorton will take place on Sunday 8th March 2026 at 12noon at Bishampton Church.

Prayer Requests

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Eco Church - *caring for God's creation*

Some of you maybe interested in attending one or more of the Lunchtime Learning Sessions (12:30pm-1:30pm), held via Zoom, on eco-spirituality, which are scheduled over the next few weeks:

Wed 21st Jan [Faith in a time of climate Crisis](#)

Mon 16th Feb [Holding onto hope for creation](#)

Wed 11th March [A passion for Creation](#)

To book, please click on the links, which will take you to the booking via the Diocesan website.

A poster for church services in January 2026. The background is a light cream color with stylized illustrations of olive branches in the corners. At the top, in a smaller font, it says "Parish of Fladbury, Hill & Moor, Wyre Piddle, Crophorne & Charlton, together with Parish of Bishampton & Throckmorton". The main title "CHURCH SERVICES" is in large, bold, black capital letters, followed by "January 2026" in a slightly smaller bold font. Below this, the services are listed by date: Sunday 4th January - Epiphany, Sunday 11th January, Sunday 18th January, Sunday 25th January, and Sunday 1st February - Candlemas. Each date entry includes the time, the service name, and the location.

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CHURCH SERVICES

January 2026

Sunday 4th January - Epiphany
11:00 Holy Communion Fladbury

Sunday 11th January
9:30 Plough Sunday Service Charlton
9:30 Morning Worship Bishampton
11:00 Holy Communion Wyre Piddle

Sunday 18th January
9:30 Holy Communion Bishampton
11:00 Holy Communion Fladbury

Sunday 25th January
9:30 Café Church Charlton Old School Room
11:00 Holy Communion Fladbury

Sunday 1st February - Candlemas
11:00 Holy Communion Fladbury

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