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## Church E-News

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

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### Sunday 22nd February

9.30am - Holy Communion - Bishampton

11.00am - Holy Communion - Fladbury

We Welcome Bishop Hugh to both of Sunday's Services

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### Bishop Hugh's Lent Message

A 3-minute message from Bishop Hugh at Sixways, the home of Worcester Warriors Rugby can be found here <https://vimeo.com/1162221255>

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### Diocesan Lent Appeal

This year's diocesan Lent Appeal will be for our partner diocese of Peru, where they are asking for donations towards their Mission Church in the Amazon rainforest. This area of Peru has temperatures regularly hitting 45 degrees Celsius, with heavy rainfall throughout much of the year. The Amazon regions of Peru are not easy places to live. It is hard to make a living, which in part explains the logging and deforestation (often illegal) having such severe environmental effects. Although more of a problem near the northern borders with Colombia and Brazil, the narcotics trade and drug barons make parts of the jungle very dangerous. Both state and churches have shown little interest in the Amazon peoples, and the rainforest is not historically an area with a significant Christian presence. Many people here live in poverty and are looked upon with suspicion or condescension by urban elites. The aim of the Francis of Assisi Mission is to change this, reaching out with the Christian message and pastoral care to people who have long been overlooked. To read more about their work and how to support these efforts, use the link [www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/lent-appeal-2026](http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/lent-appeal-2026)

## APCM's

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.

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## Crothorne Church - Follow Up

Those of us gathered on 2<sup>nd</sup> February affirmed our intent to progress various fabric repairs and expand the local group caring for and welcoming people to St Michael's.

There will be a follow-up meeting on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.00pm at Crothorne Village Hall (meeting room)** when any new information on the progress of fabric issues can be shared. Do please consider whether you could

- Be a welcomer at weddings, funerals, or school services (5 weddings booked for 2026)
- Keep the memorial book up to date with names
- Operate the (simple) sound system at weddings, funerals, or school services
- Tidy the churchyard
- Mow the churchyard

And if you can, please come along on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March to volunteer. Please also come along if you are already involved. We can then agree how to coordinate and communicate things

The bigger the local team the less for any one person to do; the more sociable our activities become, and the more potential for new events for St Michael's to emerge and flourish.

We hope to see you then.

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## Funeral

Wednesday 4 March at 12noon at The Vale Crematorium – Funeral of Marjorie Gardner (Moor/Fladbury).

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## Lent Lunches

Care Farm ([www.wickcarefarm.co.uk](http://www.wickcarefarm.co.uk)). There will be a great selection of home-made soups with rolls and cheese scones for a suggested minimum donation of £5.00.

There is no need to book a place – just turn up!

**WYRE PIDDLE** on **Friday 27 March** in the Village Hall at 12.30pm in aid of Evesham Vale Welcomes Refugees. There will be a speaker about this charity. To book a place, please contact Carol Rosier on 07967 131299

**All from across the Five Alive Parish and more are welcome to both lunches.**

If you have any queries, please contact Jane Bugg on 01386 860531 or email [pjbugg@btinternet.com](mailto:pjbugg@btinternet.com)

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## Prayer Requests

If you wish your name to be included in the prayers at church services and on the Church E-News, please let Sarah know, [revsarahdangerfield@outlook.com](mailto:revsarahdangerfield@outlook.com) or 01386 861669.

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## Eco Church - *caring for God's creation*

### Turn it off and save money

Many household appliances continue to draw electricity even when they're not in use. This "phantom" power can quietly add to your energy bills over the course of a year, often more than people realise. Turning devices off at the plug when they're not needed is a simple way to reduce wasted energy and save money.

Items that can usually be switched off at the plug include TVs and printers left on standby, chargers that remain plugged in when not charging devices such as phones or electric toothbrushes, and small kitchen appliances kept on the worktop. For safety reasons, portable heating appliances should always be turned off at the plug when not in use. This includes electric blankets, portable fan heaters and hairdryers. However, some appliances should remain switched on. Fridges and freezers must stay powered to keep food safe, and heating or boiler systems should not be turned off at the plug. It is also generally best to leave Wi-Fi routers on to maintain connectivity and allow automatic updates.

*Eco church team*

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## Sunday 22nd February - Lent One

With Bishop Hugh

## Sunday 1st March - Lent Two

11.00am – Fladbury – Holy Communion

Followed by APCM for the Five Alive Parish

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