



**St Gregory's Church
Castlemorton
WR13 6BQ**

**NEWSLETTER
November 2025**

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Dear Friends,

One thing that really annoys me about courtroom dramas is when the barrister asks the suspect 'where were you on the evening of 14th December and what were you doing?' and they answer with bizarre alacrity, 'I was at home with my family, eating lasagne and watching Crimewatch'. But that was a year ago! I can't even remember what I watched last night without head scratching and emotional angst (not a good look with a jury).

In childhood we remember times tables, history dates and where to put the recyclables. In middle age we use what we've remembered, and later years are spent berating ourselves for forgetting where we left our glasses or why we've wandered into the kitchen.

We're in a season marked by memory. Hopefully you remembered to put the clocks back. Arriving at church an hour early is enough to remind most people, although now our phones do it automatically. Then we have *Remember, Remember the 5th of November*, the Gunpowder plot, which might even elicit sympathy as much as shock remembering those who sought to put a bomb under Parliament.

But Remembrance Day is indubitably poignant. Memory is elevated from a mere function to something sacred. Instead of not forgetting things, we're intentionally remembering people, for many good reasons. We're remembering to honour and thank those who've gone before, who gave everything to fight the spread of evil. We're remembering to learn from their example. Hegel said that the only thing we learn from history is that we learn nothing from history. I disagree. History is littered with people learning from history – adapting, overcoming, creating.

The problem is not that we don't learn from history, we just struggle to understand how to manage evil, quickly realising that rational debate achieves little in quelling the dictator's drive for power. One of the most significant things we learn is that peace comes at a price.

Ultimately, we remember because God ordains it. In this sinful world where the Devil seeks to deny, deceive, destroy, and to make us forget everything good and believe everything bad, God wants us to remember that He loves us, He has done everything necessary for us to be reunited with Him and that our highest purpose is to glorify Him and enjoy Him forever.

Jeremy Cox
Authorised Lay Minister

Diary Dates

Services across the Berrow and Longdon benefices

Sunday Trinity 21	9 November	8.30am 10.45am 10.45am 10.45am	BCP Holy Communion Remembrance Day Service Remembrance Day Service Remembrance Day Service	Bushley Castlemorton Birtsmorton Queenhill
Tuesday	11 November	11.00am	Act of Remembrance	Longdon
Sunday Trinity 22	16 November	10.30am 10.30am	Family Communion All Age Worship	Castlemorton Eldersfield
Sunday Christ The King	23 November	8.30am 10.30am 10.30am	BCP Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion	Eldersfield Berrow Longdon
Sunday Advent 1	30 November	10.30am	Holy Communion	Bushley
Sunday Advent 2	7 December	10.30am 4.00pm	Family Communion Carols, Candles and Cake	Queenhill Eldersfield
Sunday Advent 3	14 December	8.30am 10.30am 5.00pm 6.30pm	BCP Holy Communion Holy Communion Hollybush Christmas Kaleidoscope	Bushley Birtsmorton Hollybush Castlemorton
Monday	15 December	6.30pm	Carol Service	Longdon
Tuesday	16 December	7.00pm	Carol Service	Bushley
Wednesday	17 December	7.00pm	Nine Lessons and Carols	Castlemorton
Thursday	18 December	7.00pm	Carol Service	Queenhill
Friday	19 December	2.00pm	School Carol Service	Castlemorton
Sunday Advent 4	21 December	10.30am 6.30pm	Family Communion Nine Lessons and Carols	Castlemorton Berrow
Tuesday	23 December	4.00pm	Crib Service	Castlemorton
Wednesday	24 December	5.00pm 11.30pm	Crib and Christingle Midnight Mass	Eldersfield Hollybush
Thursday	25 December	10.30am 10.30am	Christmas Day Communion Family Service for Christmas	Queenhill Berrow
Sunday Christmas 1	28 December	10.30am	Holy Communion	Longdon

Refreshments are served after most services and children's activities are provided at St Gregory's during morning services. All are very welcome.

Services for Remembrance Day are shown in bold print.
Please note the later time.



St Gregory's Church Register



Wednesday 29 October Funeral Service and Burial at St Gregory's Diana Spencer, who died on 24 September, aged 91

Other Events at Castlemorton and in the wider benefices

Saturday	8 November	10.00am - 1.00pm	<i>Lest We Forget</i> Exhibition (Details overleaf)	Castlemorton Parish Hall
Tuesday	11 November	10.30 - 11.30	Bible Study	Tudor House Fisher's Place, Pendock
Thursday	13 November	From 7.00pm	Advent Course	Home Farm
Thursday	20 November	From 7.00pm	Advent Course	Home Farm
Thursday	27 November	From 7.00pm	Advent Course	Home Farm
Friday	28 November	7.30 - 9.30pm	Bell ringing practice	Castlemorton
Sunday	30 November	1.00 - 4.00pm	Christmas Fayre	Longdon Village Hall
Wednesday	3 December	2.30 - 4.30pm 6.30pm	Christmas Tea Party (details overleaf) Bell ringing – a quarter peal	Castlemorton Parish Hall Castlemorton
Saturday	6 December	10.00 - 12.00	CaCoffany Christmas Special	Castlemorton
Saturday and Sunday	6 and 7 December	10.00am - 4.00pm	Christmas Tree Festival	Bushley
Tuesday	9 December	10.30 - 11.30	Bible Study	Tudor House Fisher's Place, Pendock

Advent Course 2025

Thursdays, 30 October – 27 November
Home Farm, Rye Street, Birtsmorton, WR13 6AS



We shall watch an episode each week of the acclaimed drama *The Chosen*, based on the life of Jesus and his teachings, followed by discussion.

Join us for a thought-provoking evening, starting with drinks at 7.00pm.

For further details, contact
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Make a child's Christmas special by supporting Operation Christmas Child in collaboration with Castlemorton Primary School.

Fill a shoebox with gifts and take it to the school for collection by Friday 14 November. For full details visit <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>



CaCoffany!

Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 6 December

St Gregory's Church, Castlemorton
WR13 6BQ

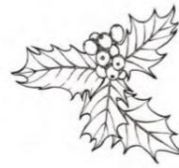
10:00 – 10:45 Sing your favourite carols
with guest musicians
10:45 – 12:00 Coffee, cake, stalls and chat

*Join us at any time
for festive Christmas Cheer!*

Why not come along
in the New Year?
10.00-11.30am

Dates to be announced soon

Email requests of favourite hymns to:
simusgrave33@gmail.com



CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY!

Wednesday, December 3rd
2.30 - 4.30pm

at Castlemorton Parish Hall

LAUNCH of BCH JOURNAL 5!

Copies will be on sale

Exhibition of Archives

Introductory talks at 2.45pm

ALL WELCOME!

Free Entry - Donations welcome



Lest We Forget

Saturday 8 November
10.00am – 1.00pm
Castlemorton Parish Hall

An exhibition of World War memorabilia
supplied by residents and following the
restoration of Castlemorton War Memorial.

View the booklet written by Dr Bryan Smith

Lest we 'in Castlemorton' forget

If you have any memorabilia you would like to
share with others, please contact:
Christina Leake: 01684 310409
Email: christinamorlea@gmail.com

Bushley Church

Christmas Tree Festival



Saturday 6th
& Sunday 7th
December
10am - 4pm

**FREE
ENTRY**

Craft Fair

Tea & Cake

Raffle

St Peters Church
Bushley
Tewkesbury
GL20 6HT