



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

**NEWSLETTER
April 2026**

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Dear Friends,

There is something wonderfully disarming about the way children speak about Easter. They don't overthink it, but often say things in a very compelling way. For example, one child said: 'Jesus didn't stay dead because love is stronger than dying.' Another said: 'The empty tomb is like God saying, *See? I told you it wasn't the end.*' Short, pithy, and profound.

Every year we hear about the empty tomb, the angels' message, the risen Christ, and it can land in a brain-file labelled *old message* - even though it's really important; and there it sits, in the background of our lives. But Easter is not a comforting background idea, nor just a seasonal celebration with chocolate (important though that may be ...). Easter is a pivotal moment in history, and it makes a claim upon us.

Another child said: 'When Jesus came back, it means nothing is too sad for God to fix.' That is wonderful. You can be fixed, and so can I! If Christ is risen, then grief and despair don't have the final word. If Christ is risen, then, since sin and death are sadly part of our lot, our lives can be fixed: sin forgiven, death defeated. John 3:16 says: whoever puts their trust in what Jesus has done shall not perish but have everlasting life.

Another child said: 'If Jesus forgave the people who hurt Him, then maybe I can forgive my friend too.' Yes! The risen life of Jesus calls forth a risen life in us - a life full of hope, forgiveness, courage, and love, as we follow Him and walk in fellowship with Him.

Eastertide, then, gives us space to receive this truth; to let it sink deeper. The question is two-fold, 'Do I believe that Jesus rose from the dead?' and: 'What difference is that making in me?' Am I allowing the hope of the resurrection to reshape my fears? Am I learning to forgive as I have been forgiven? Am I living as someone who truly believes and lives in the life of Jesus?

Our last child-witness says: 'Easter means God can make dead things alive again - maybe even people's hearts.' Yes, that has been the testimony of countless formerly hopeless people. It is the fruit of believing that Jesus died and rose that we might be forgiven and choosing to follow Him.

And therein is the promise, and the invitation, of Easter.

Michael Harper
Licensed Lay Minister

Diary Dates

Services across the Berrow and Longdon benefices

Good Friday	3 April	2.00pm	Good Friday Meditation	Queenhill
Easter Sunday	5 April	6.30am 10.30am 10.30am	Sunrise Service Family Communion Holy Communion	Hollybush Castlemorton Eldersfield
Sunday Easter 2	12 April	8.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	BCP Holy Communion Family Service with Baptism Kaleidoscope	Bushley Birtsmorton Castlemorton
Sunday Easter 3	19 April	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	All Age Worship Family Communion Start The Week	Eldersfield Castlemorton Castlemorton
Sunday Easter 4	26 April	8.30am 10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	BCP Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Start The Week	Eldersfield Berrow Longdon Castlemorton
Sunday Easter 5	3 May	10.30am 5.00pm 6.30pm	Family Communion Evensong Start The Week	Queenhill Hollybush Castlemorton
Sunday Easter 6	10 May	8.30am 10.30am tbc 6.30pm	BCP Holy Communion Holy Communion Rogation Service (venue tbc) Kaleidoscope	Bushley Birtsmorton Queenhill Castlemorton
Sunday Easter 7	17 May	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	All Age Worship Family Communion Start The Week	Pendock Cross Castlemorton Castlemorton
Friday	22 May	2.00pm	School Gold Book Service	Castlemorton
Sunday Pentecost	24 May	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Start The Week	Berrow Longdon Castlemorton
Trinity Sunday	31 May	8.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	BCP Holy Communion Holy Communion Start The Week	Eldersfield Bushley Castlemorton

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

All are most welcome to attend any of our services across the two benefices over the Easter period

We wish you all a very happy Easter weekend and hope you will join us to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ



Please note there will be no gathering for Start The Week on Easter Sunday

Other Events at Castlemorton and in the wider benefices

Saturday	11 April	10.00 - 11.30	CaCoffany	Castlemorton
Tuesday	14 April	10.30 - 11.30	Bible Study	Tudor House, Fisher's Place, Pendock
Saturday	18 April	7.30pm	Concert featuring Cecily Howick and Friends	Ashleworth Church (details overleaf)
Friday	24 April	7.30 - 9.00pm	Bellringing Practice	Castlemorton
Saturday	25 April	6.30pm	Big Screen Film Quiz	Castlemorton Parish Hall
Tuesday	28 April	7.00pm	Compline preceding Annual Parochial Church Meeting	Castlemorton School
Thursday	30 April	6.45pm	Spring Quiz - details at berrowlongdon.org.uk	Berrow Village Hall
Friday	8 May	7.30pm	Chamber Music Concert - Elgar Ensemble	Castlemorton (details overleaf)
Saturday	9 May	10.00 - 11.30	CaCoffany	Castlemorton
Tuesday	12 May	10.30 - 11.30	Bible Study	Tudor House, Fisher's Place, Pendock
Friday	29 May	7.30 - 9.00pm	Bellringing practice	Castlemorton



For details of the programme at our own local cinema, visit
<http://www.castlemortoncinema.co.uk>

Annual Parochial Church Meeting - Tuesday 28 April

All are most warmly invited to attend our APCM which will take place at
Castlemorton Primary School at 7.30pm,
with a short service of Compline beforehand at 7.00pm.

This will be a joint meeting for all four parishes of
 Longdon, Castlemorton, Bushley and Queenhill.

Refreshments will be available.



Start The Week continues
 on Sunday 17 April at 6.30pm

an opportunity to join in readings, song and
 prayer for our communities with time for
 reflection.

All welcome.

Kaleidoscope

Sunday 12 April 6.30pm



Continuing the theme of The Lord's Prayer,
 this month we focus on

Thy Kingdom Come

A relaxed service which includes a variety of
 music, readings and a short address.

Do come along and join us - all are welcome.
 Refreshments will be served afterwards.

CaCoffany!

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Saturdays

11 April, 9 May, 6 June, 4 July,
5 September, 3 October
7 November, 5 December

10.00 – 11.30am

**A monthly coffee morning with the
chance to sing uplifting hymns and
listen to guest musicians**



**10.00 Singing favourite hymns
10.20 Guest musicians
10.30 Singing favourite hymns
10.50 Coffee, cake and chat**

**No admission charge
All welcome!**

Big Screen Film Quiz

Saturday 25th April
at Castlemorton Parish Hall

Doors open at 6.30pm
BOOKING ESSENTIAL



Brilliant prizes

TICKETS £12
Includes LIGHT SUPPER
LICENSED BAR

MAXIMUM TEAM SIZE 6

For tickets / information
mortonmajestic@hotmail.co.uk
01684 833255

Spring Concert

by
The West of Severn Ensemble

*A Programme of String Quartets & Quintets
by Mozart, Parry & Mendelssohn*

— at —
Church of St Andrew & Bartholomew, Ashleworth

Featuring

- Peter Stacey & Brigid Kirkland-Wilson (Violins)
- Philip Heyman & Cecily Howick (Violas)
 - Juliette Tomlinson (Cello)

on Saturday 18th April 2026 at 7-30pm

Raising funds for our Church Platinum Project

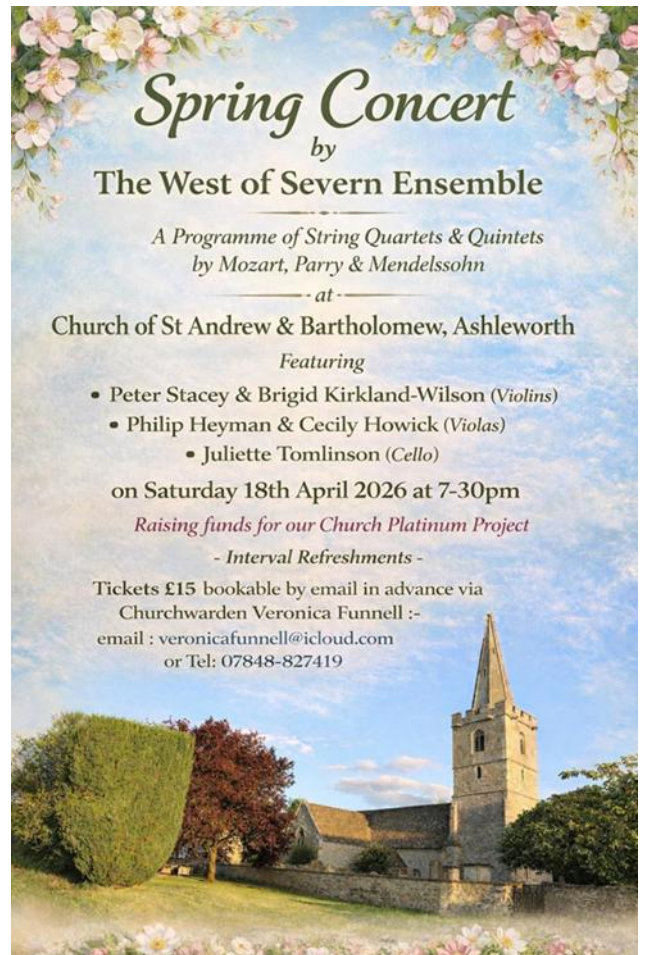
- Interval Refreshments -

Tickets £15 bookable by email in advance via

Churchwarden Veronica Funnell :-

email : veronicafunnell@icloud.com

or Tel: 07848-827419



Malvern Chamber Music Festival 2026

Fundraising Concert

Friday 8th May 2026 7.30pm

St Gregory's Church, Castlemorton, Malvern WR13 6BQ

Elgar Ensemble

Charlie Brookes violin
Daryl Giuliano cello
Fionnuala Ward piano

Debussy *Piano Trio*
Frank Bridge *Violin Sonata in E flat
(1904)*
Rebecca Clarke *Piano Trio*



Light refreshments served during the interval
Licensed bar open throughout the evening

Tickets: £15, available at the door or in advance from
Sarah Musgrave - 01684 310330 / 07715 562311 or
simusgrave33@gmail.com

Proceeds support the inaugural Malvern Chamber Music Festival 2026 and its artists