



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

**NEWSLETTER
May 2026**

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Dear Friends,

I won a raffle the very first time I entered. I was about nine and it was at one of those lovely summer village fetes which seemed to populate my childhood. The prize was a big toy car (a foot long, not Matchbox or Dinky) and it was a Ford Anglia (new, not vintage, sadly). I was thrilled and played with it for hours. Imagine my delight though, when my mother gave me some batteries for it. I had no idea it was remote controlled! Then it really came to life.

We're in the season of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came down upon the early Christians and revolutionised their lives. It was as if they had discovered the spiritual equivalent of electricity. The effect was dramatic. Peter, who just days earlier was too scared to speak to a servant girl about Jesus, was now standing up in front of the entire Jewish leadership powerfully convicting them for their great error regarding Christ.

Pentecost remains a crucial part of the Christian life, as pertinent and powerful for us as it was for them. The Holy Spirit comes to us in power; power to do good, to do what's right and most loving, power to do God's will. And the power to become our true selves.

There's something else. We're in a mental health crisis; worry, fear and anxiety reaching epic proportions which attack our peace, our love and frankly our ability to do anything with confidence.

I loved the old Pirelli (car tyres) advert featuring Carl Lewis (Olympic gold medal sprinter) in starting position but wearing a pair of women's stilettos. 'Power is nothing without control'.

St Paul said to Timothy: 'God did not give us a Spirit of anxiety, but of power, love and self-control'.

Pentecost is about more than just power. The Holy Spirit's presence is the antidote to anxiety, the truest expression of love and the ability to live a fully empowered and disciplined life. I hope and pray you discover that this Pentecost.

Jeremy Cox
Authorised Lay Minister

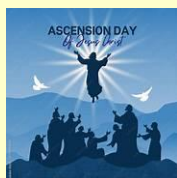
Diary Dates

Services across the Berrow and Longdon benefices

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| Sunday Easter 6 | 10 May | 8.30am 10.30am 4.00pm 6.30pm | BCP Holy Communion Holy Communion Rogation Service, South End Farm Kaleidoscope | Bushley Birtsmorton Queenhill Castlemorton |
| Thursday Ascension Day | 14 May | 7.00pm | Deanery Service of Holy Communion | Church of The Ascension, Malvern Link |
| Friday | 15 May | 11.00am | Funeral Service for Mary Weaver | Castlemorton |
| Sunday Easter 7 | 17 May | 10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm | Family Communion All Age Worship Start The Week | Castlemorton Pendock Cross Castlemorton |
| Friday | 22 May | 2.00pm | School Gold Book Service | Castlemorton |
| Sunday Pentecost | 24 May | 10.30am 6.30pm | Holy Communion Start The Week | Longdon Castlemorton |
| Trinity Sunday | 31 May | 8.30am 10.30am 6.30pm | BCP Holy Communion Holy Communion Start The Week | Eldersfield Bushley Castlemorton |
| Sunday Trinity 1 | 7 June | 10.30am 5.00pm 6.30pm | Family Communion Evensong Start The Week | Queenhill Hollybush Castlemorton |
| Sunday Trinity 2 | 14 June | 8.30am 10.30am 6.30pm | BCP Holy Communion Holy Communion Kaleidoscope | Bushley Birtsmorton Castlemorton |
| Sunday Trinity 3 | 21 June | 10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm | Family Communion All Age Worship Start The Week | Castlemorton Eldersfield Castlemorton |
| Sunday Trinity 4 | 28 June | 8.30am 10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm | BCP Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Start The Week | Eldersfield Longdon Berrow Castlemorton |

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

Ascension Day – Thursday 14 May



All are welcome to attend the Deanery Service of Holy Communion at 7.00pm
at
The Church of The Ascension, Somers Park Avenue, Malvern Link, WR14 1XA

Refreshments will be served after the service

Other Events at Castlemorton and in the wider benefices

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| Friday | 8 May | 7.30pm | Chamber Music Concert – Elgar Ensemble | Castlemorton (details below) |
| Saturday | 9 May | 10.00 - 11.30 | CaCoffany | Castlemorton |
| Tuesday | 12 May | 10.30 - 12.00 | Bible Study | Tudor House, Fisher's Place, Pendock |
| Friday | 22 May | 7.30 - 9.00pm | Bellringing practice | Castlemorton |
| Saturday | 6 June | 10.00 - 11.30 | CaCoffany | Castlemorton |
| Tuesday | 9 June | 10.30 - 12.00 | Bible Study | Tudor House, Fisher's Place, Pendock |
| Friday | 26 June | 7.30 - 9.00pm | Bellringing practice | Castlemorton |

Thank you!

We are most grateful to all those who lead our worship during this period of vacancy, especially to The Revd Anthea Elston, who steps in to conduct baptisms and funerals in addition to her busy weddings programme.

Our next service at St Gregory's will be led by Archdeacon Mark Badger, who will also preach on Sunday 17 May.

Sad Times

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families of Mary Weaver and Richard Nugent who died recently. Both Mary and Richard were active supporters of St Gregory's during their full and long lives and will be sadly missed.

We remember in our prayers their families and friends at this very sad time.

CaCoffany!

**St Gregory's Church, Castlemorton
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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!**



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

St Gregory's, Castlemorton

Start The Week

**6.30pm on every Sunday
except the second Sunday in the month**

Start the Week is a short weekly gathering with a bible passage or two and songs and prayers which focus on our church, our community and ourselves.

It offers the opportunity to join together and enjoy a time of peace and tranquillity before the business of the week begins.



Join us for a time of reflection, peace and prayer.

We would love to see you!

Kaleidoscope



A lay-led, relaxed and informal service featuring a variety of worship music, bible readings, prayer and a short address.

Sunday 10 May at 6.30pm

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father,
Who art in Heaven
Hallowed be thy name
Thy Kingdom come
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in Heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive our trespasses
As we forgive those who
trespass against us
And lead us not in to temptation
But deliver us from evil
For thine is the Kingdom
The Power and the Glory
Forever and ever
Amen

In 2026
we shall examine
in greater depth
a phrase of
The Lord's Prayer
each month.

The theme in May will
be

Thy Will Be Done

Do come along and join us –
the service will be followed by refreshments.

All are very welcome!

CASTLEMORTON COMMON ASSOCIATION

SUMMER SHINDIG

SATURDAY 11TH JULY 2026 FROM 2PM

THE FOOTBALL PITCH, GOLDEN VALLEY

SAVE THE DATE!

DOG SHOW · GYMKHANA

HOG ROAST & REFRESHMENTS

Music From

KRESCENDO & KKDJ

EXCITING GAMES · GRAND RAFFLE

LICENSED BAR

Raising Money For

THE AIR AMBULANCE, WE ARE FARMING MINDS
& ACORNS CHILDRENS HOSPICE

WHAT THREE WORDS: BASHER DIAMONDS UNRATED

Hanley Voices & The Tan House Singers

Directed by Lee Wiltamuth present

Mozart's Great Mass

in C minor (K427)

with orchestra

Supporting programme of works by Biebl, Hagenberg,
Mendelssohn, Rachmaninoff and folk songs

Saturday, May 9th 2026

at 4.00 pm

Great Malvern Priory

Church Street, Malvern, WR14 2AY

Tickets

Adults £18 Under 16s £10

Available from TicketSource, Choir members,
Malvern Tourist Information Centre, and on the door

Licensed Bar

See also hanleyvoices.org and tanhousesingers.org