



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

**NEWSLETTER
June 2026**

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Dear Friends,

The last Sunday in May was Trinity Sunday, when we take special note of the doctrine that God is one, yet three: God the Father, who created all things, God the Son, by whose atoning death our sins are forgiven and we are redeemed, and God the Holy Spirit, who is within all who believe and leads and empowers them to live as God's children. It isn't an easy doctrine to get one's head around! But it's what the bible affirms and what we believe.

Recently, the children at Castlemorton School had this explained to them - I won't repeat the talk here, but I can't resist adding a few quotes about the Trinity from other children. I don't think any of them is irreverent, and there's real truth in them - but they're not doctrinal statements! Can you do better?

- 'It's like when my mum is mum, but she's also a teacher, and she's also Grandma's daughter. She has three jobs but she's still just one lady.'
- 'I think God is like a hug. Your mummy hugs you, and your daddy hugs you, and your grandma hugs you, but it's all love, except God's love is much bigger.'
- 'The Holy Spirit lives in Christians, Jesus is in heaven and the Father is in heaven too. I don't know how that works, but God probably does.'
- 'Maybe if God were small enough for me to understand, He wouldn't be God.'

As many saints over the centuries have pointed out, spiritual truth often makes sense only when one has accepted it in faith. St Augustine tells us that we believe to understand, not understand to believe. When we humbly take God at His word, just because He said it, something changes inside us and we experience His love, His forgiveness - and that illuminates everything.

My prayer is that we may see our need and be granted faith to believe that Jesus died that we might be forgiven (not as a collective whole, but for YOU, for me, because He loves us individually), and that we might be enabled to walk with Him every day of our lives, led in that by the Holy Spirit. And know, when death comes knocking on our door, that it is not the beginning of the end, but the end of the beginning. There is great joy in that; and that's all part of God's desire for us.

May God bless you and be close to you in every situation.

Michael Harper
Licensed Lay Minister

Diary Dates

Services across the Berrow and Longdon benefices

Sunday Trinity 1	7 June	10.30am 5.00pm 6.30pm 7.00pm	Family Communion Evensong Start The Week Songs of Praise	Queenhill Hollybush Castlemorton Bushley
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
Sunday Trinity 5	5 July	10.30am 5.00pm 6.30pm	Family Communion Evensong Start The Week	Queenhill Hollybush Castlemorton
Sunday Trinity 6	12 July	8.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	BCP Holy Communion Holy Communion Kaleidoscope	Bushley Birtsmorton Castlemorton
Friday	17 July	2.00pm	School End of Term Service and Gold Book Assembly	Castlemorton
Sunday Trinity 7	19 July	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Family Communion All Age Worship Start The Week	Castlemorton Pendock Cross Castlemorton
Sunday Trinity 8	26 July	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.

St Gregory's Church Register

Sunday, 10 May	Baptism	Eden Hubbard of Malvern
Wednesday, 13 May	Funeral Service and burial at St Gregory's	Richard Nugent of Hollybed Street, Castlemorton, who died 24 April 2026, aged 82 years
Friday, 15 May	Funeral Service and burial at Hollybush	Mary Weaver of Mount Pleasant, Castlemorton, who died 23 April 2026, aged 91 years
Saturday, 30 May	Baptism	Oscar Jeffery of Queensland, Australia

Other Events at Castlemorton and in the wider benefice

Saturday	6 June	10.00 - 11.30 5.30 - 6.00pm	CaCoffany Talk on <i>The Swifts at Berrow</i> , followed by the chance to see them afterwards	Castlemorton Berrow Village Hall
Mon - Fri	8-12 June	6.00 - 7.00pm	Counting Swifts	Berrow Churchyard
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
Tuesday	30 June	6.30 - 7.30pm	Visiting Bell ringers	Castlemorton
Saturday	4 July	10.00 - 11.30	CaCoffany	Castlemorton
Saturday	11 July	from 2.00pm	Summer Shindig (details overleaf)	Football Pitch, Golden Valley
Tuesday	14 July	10.30 - 12.00	Bible Study	Tudor House, Fisher's Place, Pendock
Friday	24 July	7.30 - 9.00pm	Bellringing practice	Castlemorton

Elgar Ensemble

Those who attended the recent concert given by the Elgar Ensemble last month were treated to a programme of wonderful music played to the highest standard. The performance given by these young musicians was thrilling and the whole evening was enhanced by a convivial atmosphere provided at St Gregory's. They were delighted to have such an appreciative audience which helped to boost their fund raising for Malvern Chamber Music Festival in Great Malvern Priory in August.

Do try to go and support them at this event on the 5th and 6th of August. Details may be found at malvernchambermusicfestival.com

and details of the musicians may be found at <http://elgarensemble.com/>



The Swifts of St Faith's Church, Berrow Saturday 6 June, 5.30 - 6.00pm

Elisabeth Rambridge, Churchwarden of Berrow with Pendock, will share some insights into the colony of swifts that return yearly, as well as more general commentary on swifts from her reading. She is not a specialist, but an enthusiast.

This will be followed by the chance to see the swifts nest in the eaves of the church (on a prayer and a wing!).

Suggested donation £5 to support the Village Hall

CaCoffany!

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Saturdays

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!**

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

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 14 June 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 June will
be

'... on earth as it is in
heaven'

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

All are very welcome!