



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

**NEWSLETTER  
July 2026**

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| Associate Priest<br>Licensed Lay Minister<br>Authorised Lay Minister<br>Churchwarden<br>PCC Secretary | The Revd Anthea Elston<br>Michael Harper<br>Jeremy Cox<br>Sarah Musgrave<br>Christina Leake | 07398 741170 (Day Off – Friday)<br>01684 830133 / 07942 390194<br>01684 770657<br>01684 310330 / 07715 562311<br>01684 310409 / 07979 553074 |
| Further information at <a href="https://berrowlongdon.org.uk">https://berrowlongdon.org.uk</a>        |                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                              |

Dear Friends,

'Volvos – they're boxy, but they're good.'

'United Airlines – most of our passengers get there alive.'

*Crazy People* came out in 1990 featuring Dudley Moore as an advertising exec. who decides to be honest in his adverts and is subsequently committed to a sanatorium. He might have been working for the Church of England, because we are now in that part of the church's year known as '**Ordinary Time**'.

I wonder how many people would have gone to a show or booked a holiday at a resort described as 'ordinary'.

Christmas has angels. Easter has empty tombs. Pentecost has tongues of fire. But the majority of the church's year is Ordinary Time and it accounts for around 33 weeks of the year.

We can spend much of life waiting for the next big event; the party, the wedding, the holiday. But in so doing we can so easily miss the essence of life itself. The prophet Micah tells us;

'What does the Lord require of you but this? That you act justly, love kindness and walk humbly with your God'.

Ordinary Time is not the season between the important bits. It is the important bit.

Saints throughout history bear this out. Brother Lawrence found delight in God while washing pots in a monastery kitchen. Nicholas Winton organised trains that rescued nearly 700 Jewish children from the Nazis, the majority of his time spent filling in forms. Mother Teresa changed the world not through grand speeches but by tending one dying person at a time. None of them waited for extraordinary moments. They discovered that God had hidden the extraordinary inside the ordinary.

Psalm 37 tells us this of those who follow Him: 'God delights in every detail of their lives'. It also says: 'Take delight in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart'.

That's the secret of Ordinary Time. Live an ordinary day in the presence of an extraordinary God, and you'll discover there was nothing ordinary about it at all.

Jeremy Cox  
Authorised Lay Minister

## Diary Dates

### Services across the Berrow and Longdon benefices

|                      |           |                                        |                                                                          |                                                  |
|----------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday<br>Trinity 5  | 5 July    | 10.30am<br>5.00pm<br>6.30pm            | Family Communion<br>Evensong<br>Start The Week                           | Queenhill<br>Hollybush<br>Castlemorton           |
| Sunday<br>Trinity 6  | 12 July   | 8.30am<br>10.30am<br>6.30pm            | BCP Holy Communion<br>Holy Communion<br>Kaleidoscope                     | Bushley<br>Birtsmorton<br>Castlemorton           |
| Friday               | 17 July   | 2.00pm                                 | School End of Term Service<br>and Gold Book Assembly                     | Castlemorton                                     |
| Sunday<br>Trinity 7  | 19 July   | 10.30am<br>10.30am<br>6.30pm           | Family Communion<br>All Age Worship<br>Start The Week                    | Castlemorton<br>Pendock Cross<br>Castlemorton    |
| Sunday<br>Trinity 8  | 26 July   | 8.30am<br>10.30am<br>10.30am<br>6.30pm | BCP Holy Communion<br>Holy Communion<br>Holy Communion<br>Start The Week | Eldersfield<br>Longdon<br>Berrow<br>Castlemorton |
| Sunday<br>Trinity 9  | 2 August  | 10.30am<br>5.00pm<br>6.30pm            | Family Communion<br>Evensong<br>Start The Week                           | Queenhill<br>Hollybush<br>Castlemorton           |
| Sunday<br>Trinity 10 | 9 August  | 8.30am<br>10.30am<br>6.30pm            | BCP Holy Communion<br>Holy Communion<br>Kaleidoscope                     | Bushley<br>Birtsmorton<br>Castlemorton           |
| Sunday<br>Trinity 11 | 16 August | 10.30am<br>10.30am<br>6.30pm           | Family Communion<br>All Age Worship<br>Start The Week                    | Castlemorton<br>Eldersfield<br>Castlemorton      |
| Sunday<br>Trinity 12 | 23 August | 8.30am<br>10.30am<br>10.30am<br>6.30pm | BCP Holy Communion<br>Holy Communion<br>Holy Communion<br>Start The Week | Eldersfield<br>Longdon<br>Berrow<br>Castlemorton |
| Sunday<br>Trinity 13 | 30 August | 10.30am<br>4.00pm<br>6.30pm            | Holy Communion<br>Songs of Praise<br>Start The Week                      | Bushley<br>Pendock Old Church<br>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

Saturday, 6 June      Baptism      Poppy Alice Bond of Britten Drive, Malvern

### Parish News

Congratulations to Mrs Elisabeth Smith of Rough Chase, who celebrates a special birthday on 15 July. The bells will be rung from 10.30 that morning to mark this occasion.

We remember Christine Orr in our prayers, following the passing of her husband James last week.

## Other Events at Castlemorton and in the wider benefice

|                        |            |                   |                                                |                                      |
|------------------------|------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Saturday               | 4 July     | 10.00 - 11.30     | CaCoffany                                      | Castlemorton                         |
| Sunday                 | 5 July     | 12.30             | Queenhill & Friends BBQ (see below)            | Green Farm, Queenhill                |
| 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 |
| Wednesday              | 15 July    | 10.30 - 11.30     | Bellringing for special birthday               | Castlemorton                         |
| Friday                 | 24 July    | 7.30 - 9.00pm     | Bellringing practice                           | Castlemorton                         |
| Wednesday and Thursday | 5-6 August | 3.00pm and 7.30pm | Malvern Chamber Music Festival (details below) | Great Malvern Priory                 |
| Tuesday                | 11 August  | 10.30 – 12.00     | Bible Study                                    | Tudor House, Fisher's Place, Pendock |
| Friday                 | 28 August  | 7.30 - 9.00pm     | Bellringing practice                           | Castlemorton                         |



### **Elgar Ensemble Great Malvern Priory**

#### **Wednesday 5 August**

3.00pm Debussy, Beethoven

7.30pm Bridge, Stanford

#### **Thursday 6 August**

3.00pm Bridge

7.30pm Elgar, Bridge, Schubert

Full programme and ticket details at  
[malvernchambermusicfestival.com](http://malvernchambermusicfestival.com)

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

### **Queenhill and Friends BBQ**



**Sunday 5 July  
12.30pm**

**at  
Green Farm, Queenhill**  
(see Union Jack at end of drive)

Contact (text or ring)  
**07815 765222**  
to let them know you will be attending

Bring your own drinks and glasses

Donations on the day to  
Church Funds

All welcome!

# CaCoffany!

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**Saturdays**

4 July, (NO August CaCoffany)

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 12 July 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 July will  
be

*'Give us this day our  
daily bread'*

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

All are very welcome!