

# Festival of Churches

## 6 - 21 SEPTEMBER 2014



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# FOREWORD

Do come and share in this unique and collaborative event.  
Celebrate the important role in the life and heart of our  
communities that these special places have.

The Festival of Churches provides an excellent opportunity to welcome visitors to our many wonderful and historic churches in Herefordshire, Shropshire and Worcestershire. In this, our inaugural year, we are proud that so many individual churches have made the effort to put on events, both to entertain and to show others our unique heritage of religious buildings. The many churches open over the Festival period provide a chance to experience the history and culture of our nation reflected in the interiors of our churches, cathedrals and chapels and to enjoy the wide range of events being staged.

The Festival organisers are grateful for the support of the sponsoring organisations and those who have provided funds. Above all we would like to thank those who have responded to the call to help plan the Festival and lay on events; their dedication, imagination and energy will make the festival in September a truly rewarding one for all our visitors.

*More information about the Festival of Churches can be found on our website at [www.festivalofchurches.co.uk](http://www.festivalofchurches.co.uk).*



# HEREFORDSHIRE

Herefordshire is predominantly a rural county, one of the least populated in the whole of England. The area was converted to Christianity in the 7th Century and it is likely that about fifty churches existed at the time of the Norman Conquest. The boom in the construction of parish churches began in the 1130s. Of the older churches in the county about half have a mid or late 12th century nave or chancel which still survive. In all, there are over 240 churches in the county in the main serving small villages or hamlets.

A wide variety of events have been prepared for this year's Festival of Churches. Music features strongly, as does the Great War but you will also find churches staging exhibitions on local history, arts and crafts. Some are using the occasion to organise traditional fetes while others aim to attract visitors with their own unique architectural features.

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## Adforton, St Andrew SY7 0NF

21st September, 11.00am

### Harvest Festival and Harvest Lunch

All age worship mixing community, culture and tradition. Exploring faith, hope and love in the context of farming and rural living in Herefordshire and Self Help Africa. Fellowship and a great lunch follow - village style!  
All Welcome.

Rev .Mike Catling 01547 540 235

Catherine Nelson dcrnelson@btconnect.com

St Andrews, Adforton is where church meets community. The church is a flexible space that doubles as a community hall. A good variety of services with different worship styles and community events take place throughout the year. All age groups are welcome.

[www.wigmore-abbey.org.uk](http://www.wigmore-abbey.org.uk)

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## Bredwardine, St Andrew HR3 6BT

21st September 10,00am – 4,00pm

### Display of memorabilia relating to Rev. Francis Kilvert.

Kilvert was vicar at Bredwardine for the last two years of his life; he and his wife are buried here. His diaries describing rural Herefordshire life have become minor classics; this display includes literature kindly lent by the Kilvert Society, booklets and photographs of his life here and elsewhere. Refreshments available.

Charlotte Sellar, 01981 500 281

Church standing above the River Wye, Saxon origins, but mainly Norman construction. Rev. Francis Kilvert, famous for his diaries describing 1870's rural Herefordshire, is buried here.

[www.bredwardine-brobury.co.uk](http://www.bredwardine-brobury.co.uk)

## Breinton, St Michael HR4 7PG

13/14th Sept. 10-00am\_5-00pm

### Open Church with displays of local work, teas etc.

The church will be open all weekend with displays by local members. Teas will be available. The weekend will close on Sunday 14th with a Songs of Praise at 3-00p.m followed by afternoon tea.

ALL WELCOME.

Sheila Bryant, 01432 265 021

[sheilamb2@btinternet.com](mailto:sheilamb2@btinternet.com)

St Michaels is a beautiful peaceful church on the banks of the river Wye surrounded by some delightful walks and close to Breinton Springs.

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## Bridstow, St Bridget HR4 7JH

13 September to 21 September 10.00am

### Bridstow Art and Craft Show

Bridstow Art and Craft Show: painting & drawing, pottery, wood carving, wood turning, fabrics & gifts etc. with refreshments. Sundays: cream teas, bell ringing, organ recital. Ample parking.

Kathy Priddis 01989 218 503

Nestling between farmland and river, the C12th church of St Bridget's at Bridstow ('Lann San Freit' or Lann San Bregit – 'Holy place of St Bride') has a Celtic memorial cross, full octave of bells, and beautiful Norman Chancel.

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## Dilwyn, St Mary the Virgin HR4 8HN

6 - 21 September 9.00am.

### Exhibition and Labyrinth Walk

Explore the ancient 13th century church and the village of Dilwyn, which is on the Black & White Trail. Browse the displays of local and church

history. Walk a Labyrinth in the Churchyard or try some thought-provoking prayer stations. Children's activities and games. Refreshments.

Tricia Spry 01544 318 153

The original church was Norman; the Norman Font survives. St Mary's has undergone additions over its 800 years and has coped with the many social and political upheavals over the centuries. It remains a village focal point and a place open to all for worship, to visit or seek.

[www.dilwynner@dilwyn.com](http://www.dilwynner@dilwyn.com)

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## Dormington, St Peter HR1 4ES

13 September 10.30am – 12.30am

### Coffee Morning

Celia Brewin, 01432 850456

St Peter's is a Grade 2\* listed building. It dates from Norman times but was extensively renovated in 1877. There is a C13th font, C17th memorials, attractive C19th stained glass and a very unusual bronze door knocker.

[www.bartestreecross.org](http://www.bartestreecross.org)

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## Eardisland, St Mary the Virgin HR6 9BP

6 -21 September

### Herefordshire: A treasure trove of beautiful and unusual churches

A major photographic exhibition, open daily throughout the Festival period. 140 large scale pictures of fascinating historic Herefordshire churches and their unique features, plus evocative images of Herefordshire's heritage, natural and manmade. Additional displays, plus free leaflet guides to our exhibition, church and local walks. Refreshments available nearby in village.

Mrs Beryl Hoda 01544 388 131

Visit the church where the Churches Tourism Group was launched in April 1999. Beautiful medieval church with Saxon origins: moated castle mound adjacent to churchyard.

### Eardisley, St Mary Magdalene HR3 6NS

Sunday 14th September, 3.00pm

#### Concert and Afternoon Tea

An afternoon of delightful music, classical and light, with tea and cake to follow.

Jenny Davis, 01544 327 614

St Mary Magdalene is a delightful church, with an interesting Norman Font – Herefordshire School.

### Hereford, St James HR1 2QW

20th September 10.30am - 4.30pm

#### Exhibition: 'Creative Spirit'

A display of local art, craft, performance and anything creative; information about local events and community groups and the opportunity to be creative with our monthly Renew Restore Refresh - Create group. Materials provided. Children's' activities. Coffee, cake and further refreshments

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Cath Kerry Parish administrator:  
spsjoffice@btconnect.com 01432 275373

### Hoarwithy, St Catherine HR2 6QQ

13 Sept 2014 1.30 for 2.00

#### Big Sing

Workshop led by Revd Preb Kay Garlick 1-30 for 2.00 followed by concert in the evening 5-30

Peter Pember, 01432 840 254

September 14, 2014 7:30 pm

### Love's Minsterlys

Soprano Rosanna Harris and tenor Timothy Langston have chosen a programme of songs, arias and duets by composers of the 19th and 20th Centuries with love as the theme. Rosanna and Tim are both on a Master's Degree course at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester.

Robin Symonds 01989 730439

Grade 1 listed St Catherine's Hoarwithy is a picturesque landmark with its Italianate campanile standing above the River Wye. Its remarkable interior, with its mosaics, stained-glass windows and intricately carved stalls, provide an exceptional acoustic where musicians love to perform.

[www.hentlandandhoarwithy.co.uk](http://www.hentlandandhoarwithy.co.uk)

### Ledbury, St Michael HR8 1PL

12 - 14 September 10.30am

#### The Skills of St Michael's

An exhibition of craft work and art produced by members of the congregation. It will include work in wood, textiles, paper, macramé and other materials, model making, painting and other art forms. There will be hands-on sessions and a party style concert on Saturday evening featuring performing arts by members.

David Kirkham 01531 637 227

The Church is at the top of Church Lane, a pedestrian road in Ledbury; Public car parks are located in the town centre. Do not use our postcode in satnav, you will arrive in the wrong place!

More details will be on our website,  
[www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk](http://www.ledburyparishchurch.org.uk).

### Leominster, Leominster Priory HR6 8NH

6 September 7.30pm

#### Rifles and Spade - Leominster and the Great War

Children of the Field and Stream – Memories Act One by Geoffrey Bright – Town Cadets.

Back to the Garden – Village Quire. Hanging on the Old Barbed Wire – Leominster Morris.

The event is being run in partnership with Leominster Museum. Tickets free from Leominster TIC or Museum.

Wendy Coombey 01548 871 089  
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The Priory Church dates from the middle of the 12th century, but was founded as a Christian site in 660. Despite its ancient foundation, Leominster Priory is still a living church, serving the local community. The Priory is used as a community building in every way it possibly can be and is also the civic church of the town. Inside are many interesting features including England's last used ducking stool. It is a place of peace, beauty and daily prayer.

[www.leominsterpriory.org.uk](http://www.leominsterpriory.org.uk)

### Linton, St Mary the Virgin HR9 7RX

Sunday 7 September 2014 2 - 5pm

#### Village fete and scarecrow competition

There will be a Village Fete, with scarecrows in the Churchyard, Teddy bears parachuting from the Church tower, and many more activities to enjoy.

Liz Denbigh, 01989 721 014  
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St Mary's Church, Linton dates back to the 12th century, and may be connected with the Christian community at ancient Ariconium. The Churchyard

contains one of the oldest yew trees in England. During the 19th century the Rector was Revd Edward Palin, great-grandfather of the comic actor.

[www.lintonvillage.com](http://www.lintonvillage.com)

### Llangrove, Nr Ross on Wye, Christ Church HR9 6EQ

13 - 14 September

#### Christ Church – its story: Llangrove and WW1

Display of photos and archive material relating to WW1, the history of the country church, Christ Church and its architect G F Bodley. Cream Teas Sunday afternoon in the village hall.

Mrs Roberta Woodcock, 01989 770 256

Llangrove, is a Victorian church completed in 1856, built in Bath stone in the English Gothic style.

Christ Church, Llangrove, is a Victorian church completed in 1856, built in Bath stone in the English Gothic style. This country church is the first church to be designed by the architect Frederick Bodley, a student of Sir George Gilbert Scott.

[http://llangrove.org.uk/index.php/christ\\_church/](http://llangrove.org.uk/index.php/christ_church/)

### Lugwardine, St Peter HR1 4AE

September 14th 2014 3.30 pm

#### Jam Session: Ben Turner and Friends

Jam Session' features acclaimed local jazz musician, Ben Turner and friends, playing a virtuoso mix of jazz and improvisations. It will take place in the Vicarage Garden if fine – in the church if cold. Refreshments, featuring jam scones, jam sponges and drinks included in the price. Adults £5, children half-price, under 5s free.

Jenny Barnes 01432 850 542 [jg.barnes@btinternet.com](mailto:jg.barnes@btinternet.com)

St Peter's Church is a Grade 2\* listed building, with splendid examples of locally made Godwin tiles (also exported to European cathedrals). It has an attractive interior, now in need of refurbishment. Proceeds from the concert will be divided between the Restoration Fund and the Historic Churches Trust.

[www.bartestreecross.org](http://www.bartestreecross.org)

**Orleton, St George SY8 4HN**

13/14 September 2pm-4pm

**Church records, tour and refreshments**

Parish records and graveyard plan will be available throughout the weekend with a tour of the graveyard Sunday at 2.30pm. Light refreshments all weekend.

Sue Daborn 01568 780220  
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This 12th century church has some unique historical features:- early font; This 12th century church with unique historical features:- early font; Jacobean pulpit; dugout chest; 17th century tower clock and heads from the turbulent reign of Edward II.

[www.visitherefordshirechurches.co.uk](http://www.visitherefordshirechurches.co.uk)

**Pudleston St Peter HR6 0QY**

13th and 14th September

**Flower Festival  
'Songs that Won the War'**

A Flower Festival in the Church depicting those well-known songs from WW1, there will also be a sing song at 5pm on the Saturday, so please come and join in. There will be history boards commemorating those who fought from

Pudleston and the surrounding villages with photos and facts. The village hall will be providing refreshments and events on both days.

Robin Wilson 01568 750 120

**Stretford, St Cosmas  
and St Damian HR6 9DG**

12-13 September 10.00am - 4.00pm

**St Cosmas & St Damian  
Heritage Open Day**

Everyone is welcome to come and immerse themselves in the history of the Church of St. Cosmas and St. Damian. For the occasion, the church will be showcased with floral displays and there will be music throughout the day.

Dr Kenneth Keenan  
[kennethstretfordpobox104@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kennethstretfordpobox104@hotmail.co.uk)

This pretty little church sits in a rural position next to a farmyard. The roof was constructed circa 1540, two 14th-century stone effigies are striking features and there is a Jacobean pulpit in the middle. The church is part of our Five Churches Trail, which takes you on a wonderful journey around rural Herefordshire.

[www.visitchurches.org.uk](http://www.visitchurches.org.uk)

**The Lea, St John the Baptist HR9 7JY**

13 September all day

**Display of the Seven Sacraments**

Displays of the Seven Sacraments with flowers around the Church. Ride and Stride visitors welcome and refreshments are available throughout the day.

Serena Croad 07766 663 448

St John the Baptist, the Lea, is a church rooted in its village, enjoying close connections with the school, who worship there weekly. The parish has

a High-Church tradition, with vestments and a thriving Children's Church.

**Whitney-on-Wye, St Peter  
& St Paul HR3 6EN**

20th and 21st September 10am-4pm

**Car Boot Sale and Open Church**

A grand car boot sale will take place on Saturday 20th September in the Church field from 10am - 12 noon and our delightful little church decorated for a village wedding will be open 10am until 4pm Sat & Sun and will offer a warm welcome to all visitors. Various items for sale. Refreshments also available.

Jennifer Hill, 01497 831 470

Peaceful little church re-sited in 1740 to save it from the River Wye. Contains treasures from the original 13th Century building, including a medieval east window and font. The 1914 -18 War Memorial includes the name of Alan Lewis VC. Many personalities connected to the church including Rev. Francis Kilvert & Wordsworth

[www.visitherefordshirechurches.co.uk](http://www.visitherefordshirechurches.co.uk)

**Wigmore, St James HR6 9UD**

6th Sept 2014 10:30 - 4:30

**Tower Celebration Day**

Having completed recent building works, you are invited to climb the 73 steps of our Tower, enjoy the views, and discover the hidden history. Must be minimum 8 years of age, wearing sensible shoes! Enjoy our historic church, some local craft stalls and refreshments if you have to wait your turn ...

Fran Rhodes [fran@rhodesg3xpj.plus.com](mailto:fran@rhodesg3xpj.plus.com)

St. James was built by the Mortimer family in the 11th century. Having undergone several changes, many important architectural features remain.

The tower houses functional bells, dated 1721, and a recently restored wrought-iron side by side birdcage clock, circa 1670-1790.

<http://www.stjameschurch-wigmoreappeal.org.uk/>

**Withington, Near Hereford,  
St Peter HR1 3QE**

6 - 21 September

**WW1 in Withington**

A display in pictures, maps and words depicting our village and its soldiers at that time, with additional WW1 material.

Ruth Hewison, 01432 850 074

St Peter's is a fine medieval church with a graceful octagonal stone spire, visible for miles around. It is set in a large churchyard overlooking lush farmland and benefits from ample car parking.

[www.bartestreecross.org](http://www.bartestreecross.org)

**Woolhope, St George HR1 4QS**

Saturday 13 September 1500-1700

**Accompanied Tours**

Subject to weather conditions and other safety requirements, St George's medieval tower

Will be open for accompanied tours, for small groups to enjoy the 360 degree panorama of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Guided tours of the church interior and its monuments, including the Godiva Window will also be available.

Bill Gunn 01432 860 624

St George's is an attractive medieval church with Norman features, sensitively restored by the Victorians. Among its treasures is the Godiva Window, showing Lady Godiva and her lesser-known sister Wulviva, from whom the village's name is derived.

# SHROPSHIRE

"Of the beauties of England, perhaps no county contains a more interesting share than Shropshire; possessing in itself every variety of natural charm: nor is it less rich in the remains of ancient times, awakening reflections, engaging us in the contemplation of memorable events in history". So wrote the Reverend J. Knight in 1813 and it remains true today.

England's largest inland county offers a surprisingly wide range of landscapes from the dramatic uplands of the Shropshire Hills AONB close to the Welsh border to the fascinating Thomas Telford canal country of the north. And, of course, there's the Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage with Coalbrookdale, the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution and the iconic bridge itself, the world's first made of iron.

The churches of Shropshire are some of the county's glories, illustrating as they do, good examples of every architectural style from the Anglo-Saxon period to the modern day. Do visit as many as you can of the churches featured in our programme over the period that the Festival runs, from September 6th to 21st. You'll experience some of the finest architectural heritage Shropshire has to offer, the loveliest settings and the warmest of welcomes from local communities whose aim is to preserve their churches for the enjoyment of visitors for generations to come.

## Acton Scott, nr Church Stretton, St. Margaret's SY6 6QQ

6 – 21 September

### A favourite place in Acton Scott parish

Exhibition of photographs old and new of a favourite place in Acton Scott parish,

Mary Jones 01694 781260  
or Thelma Thompson 01694 722821

St. Margaret's is a beautiful, peaceful church. 13th Century, Grade II Listed, The churchyard is managed for wild flowers, and has lovely views to the Long Mynd. There are good walks locally. The church featured in the BBC TV Series 'Victorian Farm'. Regular services are held.

See [hereford.anglican.org](http://hereford.anglican.org) and [actonscott.com](http://actonscott.com)

## Bedstone, Shropshire St Mary's SY7 0BE

6 and 7, 13 and 14 September  
10am – 6 pm

### Local images and open church

The church is open to visitors. Art exhibition of images of our local area.

Refreshments - cold drinks and biscuits.

The walls of the present church have stood there for some eight hundred years, and the plan of the church is that of a typical Norman church, with a Nave and a smaller Chancel, divided by a wall pierced by a rounded Chancel Arch. This plain arch dates from the 12th century.

## Bridgnorth, St Mary Magdalene WV16 4BG

13 and 14 September

### Coffee shop with cakes, produce stall, art exhibition

St Mary Magdalene was designed by Thomas Telford and consecrated in 1796, it is unusual being orientated north south to set off its position at the end of East Castle Street, the church was extended in the late 19th century when a chancel and sanctuary were added.

Sandie Phillips 01746 769271

## Broadstone, Broadstone Chapel SY7 9HG

21 September

### Afternoon teas

Afternoon teas in the picturesque chapel at Broadstone. This is a lovely rural retreat, ideal for Sunday tea.

Part of the parish of St Michael, Munslow, this chapel is located in a meadow in the community of Broadstone. The chapel is grade 2 listed, originally a 17th century agricultural building in which services were offered bi-annually, it was restored as a chapel in 1843.

Ros Crouch [ros.crouch@gmail.com](mailto:ros.crouch@gmail.com)

## Bucknell, St Mary SY7 0AA

14/15 September 10.30am–4pm

### Harvest Festival decoration

St Mary's dates back in part to the 12th century and has a beautiful font - possibly Anglo Saxon in origin. As part of the fund raising efforts for the new heating system, one of the churchwardens has published an illustrated history of the church.

Copies will be on sale in the church over the weekend.

Jean Pryke 01547530231  
[www.middlemarchesbenefice.org](http://www.middlemarchesbenefice.org)  
[jean.peterpryke123@btinternet.com](mailto:jean.peterpryke123@btinternet.com)

20 September 2014: 11.00-4.00

## St Mary's in History: Exhibition of Church History, Regalia and Records

This is a unique chance to glimpse something of St Mary's past and present. On view will be a selection of church records, vestments and other artefacts with explanatory labels. Guides will be on hand to further explain the exhibition. All donations welcome; light refreshments will be on sale.

St Mary's parish church is situated in the heart of Bucknell village. Begun in 1140, it has a celebrated anglo-saxon font and an unusual Easter sepulchre. The church is built of stone and has recently had a ground source heat pump installed - the old and the new together!

[www.middlemarchesbenefice.org](http://www.middlemarchesbenefice.org)

## Clungunford, St Cuthbert SY7 0PN

13 September

### Ride + Stride plus open day with refreshments in church

21st September

### Parish breakfast

10am – details to be announced later

Miss Janet Thain 01588 660673  
or [janetthain@aol.com](mailto:janetthain@aol.com) (email preferred)

St Cuthbert's is a light, airy building of considerable size for a village church. Parts of it are over 700 years old. In Victorian times, the tower, with five bells, was added, and the pews removed. There is a fine organ. Recently, improved facilities have been incorporated.

**Cressage, Christ Church SY5 6DF**

Saturday 13 September 9am

**Ride + Stride**

You are invited to join the party of cyclists leaving Cressage church. A route of approx.35 miles will be along country lanes visiting 12 churches with the opportunity to explore and enjoy new places, meet interesting people – bring picnic lunch.

Sponsorship for Shropshire historic Churches Trust will be appreciated

Contact Joost Aartse-Tuyn on 01952 510487

Sunday September 21st at 10.00am there will be a service in Christ Church, Cressage.- thanksgiving for the harvest of field and garden.

Non- perishable gifts for the Bridgnorth food bank appreciated

Followed by a coffee in the village hall in aid of the Macmillan Nurses.

Everyone welcome

The church is situated on the A 458 Shrewsbury to Bridgnorth Road, 100 yards up the hill from the Eagles Public House in the centre of Cressage village.

The church has no car park but ample parking is available at the Eagles by kind permission of the owners and also at the Village Hall, 50 yards from the Eagles along the Sheinton Road.

Access to the Church is from the pavement along the main road, through the gates. (There are 3 steps at this point which makes wheel chair access difficult.)

The Church is open each day during day light hours. A good guide is to expect it to be open from 9.30am – 6pm [earlier in the winter]

Further details on website - see above address

**Diddlebury, St Peter SY7 9DH**

Sunday 14 September 2pm onwards

**Tours and Tea**

Guided tours of the church with local historian Dr. Martin Speight at 2; 3 and 4 p.m. will reveal some of the treasures of this fine saxon building. delicious teas will be served in the church room from 2 till 5. festival songs of praise 6 p.m. all welcome.

Martin Speight 01584 841650

St Peter: Substantial Anglo-Saxon work remains in the church, with unique combination of herringbone and squared masonry. Early sculptures including Sheila na gigs and Saxon cross fragments. Monuments to local families, including link to Mary Queen of Scots.

diddleburychurch.com

**Eaton-under-Heywood, St. Edith's SY6 7DH**

Saturday 13 – Sunday 14 September

**The Eaton Labyrinth**

St. Edith's church will be open for participants in the Ride + Stride to register, with information on the history of the church.

In addition, an outdoor labyrinth will be set out to complement the quiet and spiritual nature of the church.

It is thought that the present church was built in the 12th century and consists of a chancel, nave, south-facing porch and an embattled tower set in a roughly circular churchyard. It is in a very peaceful setting under Wenlock Edge and has many notable features, including a greenman.

<http://www.achurchnearyou.com/eaton-under-heywood-st-edith/>

**Edgmond , St.Peter's TF10 8JY**

13 September 10.00-16.00, 14 September 10.30 -12.30, 17 September 18.30-20.30, 19 September 19.30- 21.00

**Church Festival**

13 September 10am - 4pm Ride + Stride and tours of the historic church

14 September 10.30am Songs of Praise with favourite hymns and refreshments

17 September 6.30pm –7.30pm see the bells and the view from the tower

7.30pm - 8.30pm bell ringing and have a go at ringing a bell

19 September 7.30pm - 9.00pm choral concert with anthems and solos

contact Chris Taylor 0195281088

The church building: while tradition suggests that there was a Saxon church on the site, the existing church building of St Peter's dates from 1080. It is a grade 1 listed building. It was enlarged in the 13th century and almost completely rebuilt in the 14th and early 15th. It has many interesting features including an early Norman font and fine eighteenth century stained glass windows

**Ellesmere, the Blessed Virgin Mary SY2 0DH**

13-14 September

**Last Night of the Proms**

Saturday 13th September 7.30pm with Ellesmere College Choral Society and Oswestry Sinfonia. A range of popular music plus all the traditional last night favourites.

Tickets £7.50- £12.50

Ann Harris tel 01691 622163  
ellesmere.org.uk

**Farlow, Morville Methodist Chapel DY14 0TS**

Saturday 20 and Sunday 21

**Melville Memories****– past, present and future**

Exhibition and displays in the chapel, refreshments and side stalls both days.

Contact is Joanne Gibbon 01584 871089  
cleehillmethodists.weebly.com

Grade II listed Melville Chapel was built in 1839. It is stone built with a tiled roof in an early non-conformist Gothic style.

**Forton, nr Newport, All Saints TF10 8BY**

6-7 Sept 11.30-5.00, 2014

**One War One Parish**

Displays of material, including objects, relating to the impact of the Great War on the parish of Forton, with newly-researched information on the men who left home to fight. On Sunday 7th events include an expert talk, an opportunity to bring items along for identification, and a short afternoon service of remembrance, open to all. All Saints Church Forton, Staffordshire, 1.5 miles from Newport (Shropshire), just off the A519.

[www.churches.lichfield.anglican.org/edgmond/forton/index1.htm](http://www.churches.lichfield.anglican.org/edgmond/forton/index1.htm)  
Josie Sheppard 01952 825127  
jesheppard@tiscali.co.uk

### Frodesley St. Mark's SY5 7HD Frodesley Hall Farm

13 September 2 - 4 pm

#### Cream teas

The church will be open all day for the ride and stride with a display of church and village history. Cream teas will be served between 2 - 4 pm.

Mrs. Kath Davies 01694 731237

### Harley, St Mary's SY5 6LP

Saturday 6 – Sunday 21 September

#### Local History Exhibition

A static exhibition of the local history of Harley village and church. Additionally, a display of field names and field usage in the parish of Peshurst, Kent.

Jerry Bridgeland 01952 511977  
jbridgeland@btinternet.com

Harley is a church with Norman origins- the base of the Norman tower survives - standing on an ancient mound at the centre of this picturesque village with commanding views of Wenlock Edge. The church contains some important monuments and stained glass windows (with Flemish roundels) by David Evans.

### Hinstock St Oswalds TF9 2TF

Sept. 6, 9.00am -12.00; 13 Sept 10.00 -12.00; 20 Sept 2.00pm – 4.00

#### Sat. 6th **Big Breakfast**

in Hinstock Memorial Hall, TF9 2SZ;

Sat. 13th **coffee and cakes in the church,**

Sat. 20th **tea and cakes in the church**

Our popular Big Breakfast includes full English breakfast, cereals and toast with waiter service and

newspapers. tickets £5, for adults, £3 for children and £12 family ticket (under 5s free)

13th and 20th – morning coffee and afternoon tea, with an exhibition of Hinstock through the ages, and activities for children.

Contact J Lutner 01630 661221,  
or Catherine Huyshe 01952550361

### Hodnet, St Luke TF9 3NL

September 6-September 21  
Daylight hours

#### The Open Door

The church will be open for visitors. if any groups would like to visit and be shown around the church please contact Janice Parker on 01630 685531.

St Luke's An historic parish church of Norman foundation with ample examples of its history evident. Features a very unusual octagonal tower with a peal of eight bells. The clock is an important example by Joyce of Whitchurch. Among other treasures, the church contains a small collection of chained books.

www.hodnetparish.org

### Hughley, St John the Baptist SY5 6NT

Until end Sept

#### Poppy Exhibition

Poppy and people display. Celebrating local people who were part of the Great War with pictures against a sea of poppies. Including animals, poetry and memorials of war events.

Andrew Coleman  
andrewcoleman7@sky.com

14th century church with best Rood Screen in county of Shropshire

### Jackfield, St. Mary's TF8 7ND

6 Sept 09.00 to 17.00.

7 Sept 10.30 to 17.00

#### Jackfield Now and Then

Intended to portray Jackfield at the height of the Industrial Revolution when the industries were a major factor (bricks, tiles and foundry) and what is happening today, how we are attracting visitors to the area.

Pat Merifield 01952 884832

The church of St Mary is architecturally, one of the most distinguished buildings in the Severn Gorge. it was designed by Sir Arthur Blomfield in the French Gothic style and built using local materials. The reredos is a Calvary scene made of hand painted tiles and first shown at the Paris exhibition 1870.

www.broseleyparishes.org.uk

### Ludford, St Giles' SY8 1PW

14 September 3 pm

#### German Hymns and Folksongs

"Sing along in German" folksongs and hymns in German for people with or without knowledge of the German language - we will have fun!

Pastor Brigitte Malik (guest in the Ludlow team ministry, from Bavaria)

Tel 01584 878464

### Ludlow, St Laurence SY8 1AN

13 September 10.00 – 5.00pm  
Ludlow Food Festival Weekend

**Exhibition: The Vision Project  
Securing St Laurence's  
– Serving the Community**

3.30 pm Auction of pinnacles and other stone work removed during restoration. Also, bazaar selling fancy goods, plus tea, coffee and cake all day.

Dr Jane Robinson, 01584 875 694

The Tower of St. Laurence's is one of the first things a visitor to Ludlow notices. In its present form the church has stood in the centre of Ludlow for some 550 years. The written record of a parish church on the same site goes back over 800 years to 1199.

### Ludlow, St Peter SY8 3HH

Saturday 13 September 10am-6pm

#### 'Our Church'

Exhibition of the history of the Catholic community in the Ludlow area, including a display of drawings of the church which was built in 1935 to the design of Guiseppe Rinvoluceri. Plus a display of church artefacts, and a sale of cakes and home grown produce with the proceeds going to charity.

Peter Shaw 01584 891540

Giuseppe Rinvoluceri was an Italian engineer from Piedmont who settled in Britain in the 1930s and specialised in church designs. Reinforced concrete is used for the barrel-vaulted roof, external stairs and balconies. The external appearance of the church has been described as 'aloof' (see SOURCES, Pevsner) and this is due to the use of rubble-faced Oreton Quarry limestone and to the lack of openings, save for the rows of lancets to the tops of the flank walls of the nave and around the apsidal transepts.

www.stpetersludlow.org

### Meole Brace, Holy Trinity, Trinity Churches, Shrewsbury SY3 9HF

13 September 10.00am – 4.00pm

#### Heritage Open Day

A chance to explore our beautiful Grade 11 listed Victorian church, famous for its Burne Jones / William Morris stained glass and association with Shropshire author, Mary Webb.

Contact the church office 01743 362399

Trinity Churches Shrewsbury is a thriving community of Christians in Shrewsbury made up of Holy Trinity Meole Brace, Christ the King, Radbrook and The Church in the Meet Place. We are a Church of England parish with a big heart for people and an even bigger heart for God.

[www.trinitychurches.org](http://www.trinitychurches.org)

### **Middleton Scriven, St John the Baptist WV16 6AG**

Saturday September 13 10.00-16.00  
and Sunday September 14 10.00-16.00

### **Middleton Scriven: exhibition of the 2014 amateur photography competition**

Please come along to enjoy our photography exhibition, from amateur photographers, (both adult and juniors) with refreshments served too. There is a People's Choice vote too. 12 photos will then be chosen for the 2015 Middleton Scriven calendar. Classes include agricultural activities, gardens and phone photographs.

Ann Constable 01746789420

St John the Baptist church is in a small rural Shropshire village. It is small stone early Victorian structure, built around 1843-8. The rector, the Rev Dr Thomas Rowley, also headmaster of Bridgnorth Grammar School, was responsible for that rebuilding. In fact, the history appears to be more complicated.

Read more : <http://stottesdonbenefice.co.uk/middletonscriven/>

### **Oldbury, Bridgnorth St. Nicholas, Oldbury & Eardington (Bridgnorth team ministry) WV16 5EH**

#### **Eardington village hall, School lane, Eardington, Shropshire**

Sunday 14 September 2014  
from 12.00 noon

### **Harvest thanksgiving and barbeque**

Come and enjoy fellowship fun and food – informal worship followed by barbecue.

Saturday 20 September  
10:00am-4:00pm

### **Wedding Fayre**

A collaboration between the church and local businesses, everything for couples planning their Wedding will be shown. Included will be Bridal and Grooms wear, photographers, hairdressing, make-up, florists, stationery, gifts, musicians, caterers, wine merchants and cake-makers. Our Vicar will advise on bookings, readings and other ideas, our organist can discuss music choices, and albums will be exhibited.

Sunday 21 September

The Church will be open to visitors from 10a.m. to 4:00p.m.

### **A Celebration of Marriage**

4:00p.m. A joyful service of celebration and thanksgiving for all the good things that marriage can bring.

St. Nicholas is a pretty village church a mile out of Bridgnorth on the Cleobury Road. Possibly Saxon originally, and mentioned in the Domesday Book, the present building is mainly a Victorian re-build. It is very much a part of its local community, sharing many events each year.

Further information is on the Bridgnorth Team

Ministry website:

[www.bridgnorthteamministry.org.uk](http://www.bridgnorthteamministry.org.uk)

Or contact:

Rev. Liz Angell – [angell304@btinternet.com](mailto:angell304@btinternet.com)

Liz Fisher (Churchwarden) – 01746 764059

[liz@olfisher.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:liz@olfisher.freeserve.co.uk)

### **Quatford, Bridgnorth, St Mary Magdalene WV15 6QJ**

Saturday 13 and  
Sunday 14 September

### **Exhibition and celebration of 300 years of nave and tower**

Church open 10am-4pm featuring exhibition of historical documents and images over last 300 years. Saturday ride + stride event.

Saturday at 6.00pm assistant bishop, the Rt Revd Michael Westall, leads service of celebration of 300 years since building of nave and tower.

Sunday at 4.30pm

### **Songs of Praise at The Danery pub next door.**

Rachel Edwards 01746 766146

The church is about three miles from Bridgnorth on the Kidderminster road. The church was founded in 1085 and has some original masonry. The original church of the community of Bridgnorth. Has recently been well and carefully restored. lift has improved accessibility. Sheep are regularly brought in from a local farm to keep the grass under control.

[www.bridgnorthteamministry.org.uk](http://www.bridgnorthteamministry.org.uk)

### **Ratlinghope, St Margaret SY5 0SR**

Sunday 14 September 3.00pm

### **“Music of Wheel and Reel” poems, readings & songs of Ratlinghope”**

Rev Preb Norman Morris 01588 650244,  
Rector of St Margaret's, Ratlinghope

Informal Concert of Poems, Readings and Songs about Ratlinghope Church and Village, one of Shropshire's most beautiful and atmospheric places, seeped in legend and mystery, nestling in a valley between the mighty Long Mynd and the Stiperstones!

On the road north of Bishop's Castle- eight miles on along the minor road to Longden via Norbury and Wentnor, en route to Shrewsbury, turn off at The Bridges pub & follow the signs

St Margaret. Small, attractive church in a peaceful valley, nestling between the Long Mynd and Ratlinghope Hill. Established in 1209 as a priory church linked to Wigmore Abbey, the present church probably dates from the seventeenth century. Major restoration works in 1904/05, when Arts and Crafts windows by James Powell & Sons were installed. Grave of last known "Sin-Eater" in the region. Near The Bridges pub (food, local ales) and The Stiperstones.

### **Selattyn, St Mary the Virgin SY10 7DH**

Saturday 13 Sept. 10am – 4pm.  
Sunday 14 Sept. 2pm – 4pm

### **Heritage Open Days**

St Mary the Virgin, Selattyn. open for visitors on Saturday and Sunday, 13th and 14th September. connecting with Oswestry town and district heritage open days. Guided tours of church. WW1 display. old items, books and albums on display. Refreshments each day.

Contact Miss Betty Shaw 01691 658876

First mention of church in historical records of 1291 but the church was already in existence. Beautiful barrel oak roof over chancel. Old beams once part of medieval rood screen. Kempe windows. 13th century bowl of font.

Church open daily from April to October (unmanned) but with information boards and leaflets.

[www.churches.lichfield.anglican.org/oswestry/selattyn](http://www.churches.lichfield.anglican.org/oswestry/selattyn)

### Shrewsbury, the Abbey SY3 6BS

6 to 21 September

#### Festival of churches at Holy Cross Parish

"We believe that it is in the parish churches of our land that we come closest to the soul and history of each community that the individual church serves....." (Lord Cormack.2014). this will be the theme of the festival in the Parish of the Holy Cross this year.

The Parish of the Holy Cross includes the Abbey church and St Peter's church, Monkmoor, we also plan to include St Giles church in the festival.

[shrewsburyabbey.com](http://shrewsburyabbey.com)

### Shrewsbury, St Chad SY1 1JX

Saturday 6 September from 10am – 12noon

#### Children's Art Workshop for all ages in association with 'Compost Kids'

St Chad's Church, St Chad's Terrace, Shrewsbury SY1 1JX

Tel: 01743 365478

[info@stchadschurchshrewsbury.com](mailto:info@stchadschurchshrewsbury.com)

[www.stchadschurchshrewsbury.com](http://www.stchadschurchshrewsbury.com)

FREE event – all welcome!

St Chad's welcomes children and young people of all ages. Regular activities on offer for children include Sunday Crèche, Sunday Junior Church, young voices choirs and "Messy Church" on every third Thursday of the month at 4.00pm. St Chad's is also pleased to host school visits.

[www.stchadschurchshrewsbury.com](http://www.stchadschurchshrewsbury.com)

### Shrewsbury, St Giles SY2 6JP

6 September 11am – 4pm

7 September 11.00-3.30pm

13 September 2-6pm;

14 September 11-4pm

#### Celebration of our windows and organ

- stories depicted in windows – four of which are by Kempe
- angel trail - "how many can you find"
- paper windows for children to colour
- prayer tree
- organ recitals 7th & 14th 2-00—3-00pm
- instrumental music 6th & 13th 2-00 – 3-00pm.
- Cream teas available

Beryl A. Jones 01743 355667

Early 12th C – built as the Chapel to the adjacent Leper Hospital which was administered by Shrewsbury Abbey and featured in the Brother Cadfael stories by Ellis Peters. Extended in Victorian times. The organ is an unaltered Gray & Davison Victorian organ

Victorian extension with beautiful windows – two are by Kempe

Situated between roads to Bridgnorth and Telford.

On S8 (local) , Bridgnorth and Telford bus routes

### Shrewsbury St Mary the Virgin, St Mary's Street SY1 1EF

6 September 11.00- 4.00

#### Family Fun Day

A fun day out for all - So come along and discover the amazing stories and characters who have left their mark on St Mary's. Newly installed interpretation, family activities, trails and children's activities guarantee a fun packed and interesting experience. Also available is a cafe for refreshments, and lunch.

The spire of St Mary's is one of the tallest in England and for over 500 years it has dominated the skyline of Shrewsbury. In 1739, showman Robert Cadman attempted to slide from it using a rope and a grooved breastplate. His engraved obituary stands outside the west door. The church is now the only complete Medieval church in Shrewsbury. The church's great treasure is its stained glass - find out more at

[www.visitchurches.org.uk](http://www.visitchurches.org.uk)

Dawn Lancaster 07831 873 493

[dlancaster@theccct.org.uk](mailto:dlancaster@theccct.org.uk)

### Stanton Long, St Michael & All Angels TF13 6LQ

6 and 7 September 2.00-4.30pm

#### Exhibition: A Village Remembers

In commemoration of the Great War Stanton Long will be exhibiting photographs, writings and artefacts belonging to relatives and friends of those in the village.

There will be four themes:- troops, women, animals, and reserved occupations also a small representation of Flanders Field.

Cream teas will be available.

Pat Pain, 01746 712325

St Michael and All Angels is a small rural Grade 2 \*church nestling in the beautiful Corvedale. It dates from the early 12th century and retains much of its Norman fabric with some medieval and Victorian additions. It is of significant local and regional interest containing work by local craftsmen.

[Stantonlongchurch.co.uk](http://Stantonlongchurch.co.uk)

### Stottesdon, St Mary DY14 8EU

Saturday 13 September 10.00-17.00

#### Church open day

To welcome visitors and "riders + striders" for light refreshments and the opportunity to explore our ancient building and its treasures.

Details from Clare and Chris Tibbits 01746 718007 or [google website](http://google.com)

The Saxon tympanum and Norman font are but two highlights of a magnificent building which hosts regular weekday and Sunday worship.

Car parking by village school and excellent lunches at 'The Fighting Cocks'

Website in preparation – google us later!

### Whitchurch, St Alkmund SY13 1LB

Friday 12 Sept 10.00am to 12.30pm;

Sat 13 Sept 10.00am to 4.30pm

#### Heritage Days Festival

Tours up the tower for a magnificent view over town and surrounding countryside – can pre-book via heritage centre. Refreshments on sale. craft activities and displays. walk around sites of interest in the town.

Revd Judy Hunt / Mrs Sheila Chase

01948 667253 / 01948 662738

Beautiful and unusual Georgian church. Built in 1713 on the site of a previous church. Light and airy interior with marvellous acoustic. Monuments to members of the Talbot family.

[www.stalkmunds.com](http://www.stalkmunds.com)

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### Whittington, St John the Baptist SY11 4DT

12 & 13 September 10am to 4pm

### Whittington Remembers 1914 - 1918

Displays on 12th & 13th September with light refreshments and, additionally on 13th, cake & produce stalls of the period. It will reflect the memories of current Whittington residents together with archive material and photographs.

Contact: Kath Griffiths 01691 662116;  
[keith.j.griffiths@btinternet.com](mailto:keith.j.griffiths@btinternet.com)

St. John's is an 18/19 century Italianate style building with the widest unsupported church ceiling in Shropshire. The Bevington organ was installed in 1867. The hymn writer, William Walsham, was rector for 28 years. Buried in Whittington, his memorial cross is in the garden of remembrance opposite the church.

[www.churches.lichfield.anglican.org/oswestry/whittington](http://www.churches.lichfield.anglican.org/oswestry/whittington)

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### Wombridge, Telford, St Mary and St Leonard TF2 7HT

### Festival of Churches

Details of events at the church to be announced shortly (check festival of churches website)

Rev Kevin Evans 01952 613334  
[revkevev@kevinevans56.orangehome.co.uk](mailto:revkevev@kevinevans56.orangehome.co.uk)

# WORCESTER

The geographical area of Diocese of Worcester comprises the whole of Worcestershire, small parts of Herefordshire and Gloucestershire and a substantial area of the Black Country including the Metropolitan Boroughs of Dudley and Sandwell. Historically Worcestershire had a detached section in the north, separated by Staffordshire, from the southern part of the county. For this reason Churches in the West Midlands area of the Black Country are included in the listings for Worcestershire because they are part of the Diocese of Worcester.

The origins of the Diocese of Worcester date back to 680 when Worcester was emerging as a significant enough town to become the centre of the churches administration covering most of the present county as well as areas of what we know now as south Warwickshire and most of Gloucestershire. There is little left of the Anglo-Saxon origins when the Church, as a monastic organisation flourished. During this period large minster or monastery churches were established in centres of population while the rural hinterland became large parishes into which the monks went out to preach and administer the sacraments. These Anglo-Saxon traces are visible however in the pattern of large buildings, often contributing to a place name, surrounded by a network of small rural churches. Nearly half of the diocesan churches have some Norman stonework as a result of the massive re-building of England's churches following the conquest of 1066.

Urban development in the late 17th century, the growth of large country estates in the 18th century and then the industrial revolution all resulted in new or substantially redesigned and re-ordered church buildings across the diocese. There is a huge range of buildings to explore.

Please do go and enjoy yourself.

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### Badsey, St James WR11 7EJ

Various dates

### Badsey Village and Church History

Saturday 6th & 13th 10:00 am - 5pm Sunday 7th & 14th 12.30pm – 5pm, & special event Friday 12th 7.30pm Badsey WW1 village and church history

Exhibition over two weekends, church tours and talks commemorating WW1. Discover the stories of those who served and those who stayed behind and remember those who died. Join us in singing popular wartime songs.

Friday 12th September 7.30pm we will bring to life the letters of the Sladden Family 1914. We also intend to have a commemoration service on Sunday 7th at 10.30am to which all are welcome.

St James.12C Nave with the remains of a Norman doorway, 14C transept and chancel, 15C Tower and fine Victorian extension and renovation by Sir Thomas Jackson. Several fine monuments and beautiful stained glass by John William Brown and Ernest Penwarden of James Powell & Sons and Frederick Preedy. Beautiful churchyard.

<http://www.ourbenefice.org.uk/>

**Berrow, St Faith WR13 6AX**

13-September 11.00am – 4.00pm

**Ten Keys to Unlock the History of the Church**

Elisabeth Rambridge, Chairman of the Restoration Appeal, will give a guided tour, based on 10 aspects of this beautiful medieval church and its churchyard. The tours will take place on the half hour. Teas available from 2.30 - 4pm.

St Faith's is a medieval church, with leper squint window, rectangular tower with a ring of 5 bells, lady chapel and magnificent Victorian stained glass window of the Transfiguration, concealed in the bell tower with the headless lady.....Intrigued? Come and find out more on the 13th September!

**Bishampton St James WR10 2LT**

Saturday 13 - Monday 15 September

**Heritage Open Day and Battle of Britain Talk**

This year, Bishampton St James is combining The Festival of Churches with their Heritage Open Day and also Ride & Stride for Churches on Saturday 13th September. A First World War memorabilia exhibition will be on display during the day, hosted by the Bishampton Historical Society. Also, the Friends of St James will be holding a Battle of Britain talk on Monday 15th September, 7:30pm. Special guest speakers are, Air Marshall Sir Robert Wright and Air Commander Graham Pitchfork who will provide an illustrated presentation of the battle and subsequent bomber offensive. Refreshments will be provided.

St James is a Norman church, rebuilt in 1875. In recent years, St James has been beautifully restored to offer modern amenities and accessibility, in keeping with its traditional

setting. The scope of work includes; installation of new electricity supply, new lighting insulation, various Quinquennial repairs and the opening of the North Door to give access to the memorial garden and also provides an alternative, accessible exit

Victoria Poole 07511025609

**Bromsgrove, All Saints B60 7HE**

13 September 10am-4pm & 14 September 1-4pm

**Heritage Open Weekend**

Displays of church history and artefacts, opportunity to see windows and Bromsgrove Guild features of church; baptismal and marriage registers; collection of tools, sewing machines; cycles for Workaid which will refurbish them and send them to Africa; refreshments.

This large church was consecrated in 1874. It stands to the north of Bromsgrove town centre. It has many fine windows and wood and metalwork created by Bromsgrove guild of Craftsmen. It also has a fine, Italian Tamburini organ.

The church is on the corner of Birmingham Road and Burcot Lane.

[www.bromsgroveparish.org.uk](http://www.bromsgroveparish.org.uk) and select All Saints church

Tessa Carrick 01527 873135

**Bromsgrove, St John the Baptist B61 7JW**

Saturday 13 September 2pm - 8pm

**St John's @ Home 2014**

Be welcomed by the folks of St John's- see who we are, listen to our music, learn about our history, play our organ, pray with us, search our records, climb our tower, have tea with us, art and craft for all, and for £5 join us at 7pm for Wine and Water

-The talented Moseley Family - Alistair, Cathy, Charlotte, Emily and Ben perform Handel's Water music and so much more - a glass or two of wine included

St John the Baptist is the beautiful, historic church, overlooking the town of Bromsgrove. With its cathedral-like interior and magnificent spire, it can be seen for miles in any direction. Yet within this iconic building lies a warm, friendly and inclusive heart, full of history and tradition, which invites and welcomes all who seek sanctuary and worship.

[www.bromsgroveparish.org.uk](http://www.bromsgroveparish.org.uk)  
Shan Moule 01527 878801

**Bromsgrove, St Godwald B60 2EA**

Saturday 13 September 2014  
10am - 4pm

**Open House, Treasure Trail**

Treasure Trail around the church, fun for all the family. Come and discover - Who was Godwald? Why are there stairs in the porch that lead nowhere? Will you be able to find the pelican? Refreshments will be served all through the day.

St Godwald is a late Victorian church situated in the Aston Fields District of Bromsgrove. There is a car park at the church which only a couple of hundred yards from Bromsgrove station.

<http://bromsgroveparish.org.uk/st-godwalds.html>  
Revd Christine Holzapfel 01527 579561

**Claines, Worcester, St John Baptist WR3 7RN**

Saturday 13 and Sunday 14

**New Testament Big Bible Read, Guest Bell Ringers and Parish Party in the Churchyard**

Saturday 13th New Testament Big Bible Read  
7am - 9pm Bell ringers will attempt a Quarter Peal on Claines's ten bells 9.45am onwards

Sunday 14th New Testament Big Bible Read  
1pm - 6pm Parish Party in the Churchyard 12.30pm onwards (visitors are welcome to bring their picnics and join everyone in enjoying the lovely surrounds of the Churchyard).

Claines is a semi-rural parish, north of the City of Worcester. It is home to around 5000 people and is an ancient parish. Most recently home to Grand National winner Pineau de Re!

The Parish Church of St John Baptist, Claines has a wonderful history - and has served its people for over 1000 years. Elgar used to visit the grave of his maternal grandparents here, and there are links to the Perrins family and the famous Victorian Shakespearean actor, T C King. There is a Norman coffin stone, pillar and font from the earlier church, but this lovely Church was substantially rebuilt in the 1400's, when the Mug Ale House was also built on sacred ground and still thrives today. In 1887 Aston Webb made alterations to extend the Church and the Jesse Tree mosaic in the Chancel and Sanctuary was installed.

<http://www.clainesfriends.org.uk/>  
Rachel Cramp 01905 457749

**Cowleigh, St Peter WR14 1QP**

6 - 21 September

**Just Open**

The church is open all day and everyday to step aside from busy living for a time of reflection and quiet. If you come on a Friday afternoon and a printing class is taking place, you are welcome to join in and create something.

This pretty 'village' working church is set back from the road. A real gem, open all day and everyday for quiet space and reflection. A well known venue

for the performing arts, holding printing classes most Friday afternoons.

www.malvernlinkwithcowleigh.com  
Andrew Judd 01684 893858

**Crothorne, Holland House Chapel  
WR10 3NB**

8 Sept & 9 Sept 10.30 - 4.30

**Come & Visit our Chapel and Gardens**

Our modern chapel is set in historic 4 acre gardens in the village of Crothorne, next to the picturesque thatched black and white buildings of Holland House retreat centre. Visitors are invited to wander through our gardens and visit our chapel, a Christian centre open to all faiths and none.

www.hollandhouse.org  
Margaret Hawkins 01386 860330

**Droitwich Spa, Dodderhill, St Augustine  
WR9 8LN**

13 & 14 September

**Bell Ringing and Tower Views**

Tower open Saturday 13/09, 1115 - 1615 and Sunday 14/09, 1115 - 1215 & 1315 - 1530. Climb 182 steps for splendid views across the town and countryside. Learn about bellringing, and have a go if you wish on the way up or down. Light refreshments. A short walk up the hill from Droitwich Saltfest. Quarter peals will be rung on both days at 10.00.

St Augustine is a cruciform medieval church which lost its nave and much else in a Civil War engagement. The remains were used to build the mighty tower which houses eight bells and has a dominant hill top location.

droitwich.parish@o2.co.uk  
Richard Rose 01905 773911

**Dudley, Castle Street, St Edmund King  
and Martyr DY1 1LA**

13 September

**Church Open**

Church tours will be available, also tea, coffee and refreshments. Home made cakes for sale.

Mary McGraghan 01384 252628

**Dudley, Kates Hill, St John the Evangelist  
Worship Centre and Parish Hall DY2 7JH**

13 September 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Open Day**

Our worship centre and parish hall will be open for the "Ride & Stride" day

The church of St John the Evangelist worships in the Parish Hall (DY2 7JH).

Brian Wentworth – Churchwarden  
01384 238641

**Dudley, High Street, St Thomas and St  
Luke (Top Church) DY1 1QD**

6 - 21 September 10.00am - 4.00pm

**Our Heritage Past, Present & Future  
- Made with Pride in the Black  
Country**

During the Festival of Churches fortnight, St Thomas and St Luke will be celebrating the industrial heritage of the Black Country, with an exhibition, supported by local manufacturers showcasing industry past, present and future taking take place within sight of the spire of the Church.

St Thomas and St Luke Church is of exceptional architectural significance Grade II\* listed. Known locally as Top Church, it was designed and built

(1815-18) by William Brooks in an early attempt of the Gothick Revival. Perpendicular outside with a 'rather outrageous Regency version of decorated inside' it is a 'must see'.

The Revd Andrew Wickens 01384 214487

**Earls Croome, St Nicholas & Hill Croome  
St Mary WR8 9DE & WR8 0QB**

20 - 21 September

**Earls Croome 'The Helmets View';  
Hill Croome 'Our WW1 Connections'**

At St Nicholas Earls Croome: Comment and artefacts of the Great War.

At St. Mary Hill Croome the names on our WW1 memorial sparked some research into village connections and more!

Both of these ancient country churches are worth visiting. They have connections with the Coventry family. St Nicholas stands in the heart of Earls Croome and St Mary's is tucked away from the hamlet of Baughton with wonderful views of the Malverns.

Kate Batchelor 01684 592014

**Eastham, St Peter and St Paul WR15 8NW**

Saturday 13 September  
Events 2.00pm – 5.30pm

**Welcome Day Bellringers; childrens'  
activities; discover the church; music  
and storytelling; tea on the lawn;  
Songs of Praise.**

St Peter and St Paul is a 12th century Norman church with remains of a Saxon Preaching Cross and other points of interest.

www.temevalleysouth.org.uk  
Sally Jones 01584 781526

**Elmbridge, St Mary WR9 0DA**

Saturday 13 September 2014  
Time TBA

**Sponsored Cycle Ride**

A Cycle Ride around the 7 parishes in the new grouping (Hampton Lovett, Doverdale, Hartlebury, Elmley Lovett, Rushock, Elmbridge and returning to Hampton Lovett) about 30 miles using quite lanes. Shorter routes with less churches available – how many can you visit.

Andrew Hawes 01299 851787

**Evesham, St Lawrence WR11 4BG**

Saturday 13 September 2014,  
12pm to 4pm

**St Lawrence church open day**

A fun, family-friendly event to welcome local people and visitors to the Church of St Lawrence. Try out our new interpretation materials, enjoy live music, learn about Evesham's history, have a go at stone carving, make a stained glass window and eat, drink and generally make merry!

St Lawrence sits in Evesham's lovely Abbey Park, between its nearby sister church, All Saints, and the enduring bell tower of Evesham's former great Abbey. The striking building dates back to the 11th century and features stunning stained glass, rich decoration and a beautiful fan vaulted ceiling.

www.visitchurches.org.uk George  
Le Roy 07900 214199

**Feckenham, St John the Baptist B96 6HR**

19 & 20 September 11am - 4pm

**Explore Your Church**

Display Featuring evidence of possible Celtic origins; John de Feckenham, Last Abbott of

Westminster; Recent archaeological finds in the churchyard

St John the Baptist is C13th but much rebuilt in the C19th, the chancel by William Butterfield and the south wall of the nave by Henry Day. Traces of medieval decoration can be seen on one of the arches and were re-created along the whole arcade in the C19th.

[www.feckenhamchurch.org.uk](http://www.feckenhamchurch.org.uk)  
Ian Hunter 01527 402360

**Great Malvern, Malvern Priory WR14 2AY**

The church is open day seven days a week from 9.30am to 5.00pm; Guided tours available

Thursday 11 September 1pm 'Lunch Box'

**Talk about Great Witley Church**

by Howard Robinson, No charge for this event. Talk begins at 1pm but bring your own lunch at 12.30pm - drinks available.

Saturday 20 September 2.30pm

**The Stained Glass of Malvern Priory**

- A talk by Katherine Wells, part of the Autumn in Malvern Festival. No charge (retiring collection for the Friends of Malvern Priory)

[www.greatmalvernpriory.org.uk](http://www.greatmalvernpriory.org.uk)  
Mary Weatherill 01684 561020  
office@greatmalvernpriory.org.uk

**Hallow, Worcester, St Philip & St James Church WR2 6PH**

Karen Gorman 01905 640186  
[www.hallowchurch.co.uk](http://www.hallowchurch.co.uk)

**Hampton, St Andrews WR11 2PQ**

20 & 21 September 10am - 2pm

**Open Church**

The Church will be open for refreshments & stalls from 10am - 2pm on Saturday

(we have a wedding @ 3pm) Then with our morning Service on Sunday at 10am the Church will remain open for refreshments & quiet prayer till 2pm.

[www.hamptonchurch.org.uk](http://www.hamptonchurch.org.uk)  
Elaine Major 01386 446381  
office@hamptonchurch.org.uk

**Hanley Castle, St Mary WR8 0BL**

13 & 14 and 20 & 21 September  
12.00 to 5.30pm each day

**Exhibition: 'Creation'** - Seven Days to Make A World' Marvel at His magical world, discover its diversity, see the heavens in a new light, enjoy the fruits of His creation and delight in its wonders through textiles, art and poetry.

'Creation'; textile art display by Jacqui Frost, refreshments from bible times and the music of creation.

St Mary's church, nestling at the heart of the medieval village of Hanley Castle is a late Norman church on Saxon foundations. A post civil war brick tower, chancel and chapel of 1674, famous stained glass windows by Clayton & Bell and an unusual 14th C octagonal font.

Helen Owens 01684 594021

**Halesowen, Hasbury, St Margaret of Antioch B63 4RP**

20 & 21 September

**Walk Down Memory Lane**

A reflection of the history of the Church and of local people with a particular appreciation of the sacrifice they made during WW1 including activities for children and adults. An appreciation of why areas of the Church have special memories and meaning to the local community will also be included.

St Margaret of Antioch is part of Halas Team Ministry, the Church has strong on-going links with St Margaret's at Hasbury Church of England Primary School. Worship is in an open and inclusive Catholic tradition and services take place every Sunday and on Tuesday evening and Friday morning. The church is open most weekdays for quiet reflection. The Edwardian red-brick building designed by architects Cutts Brothers of London; some fine Arts and Crafts windows from the Bromsgrove Guild". Lady Cobham laid the foundation stone in 1907; the Church centenary was celebrated just a few years ago.

<http://halasteam.org.uk/>

**Himbleton, St Mary Magdalene WR9 7LG**

21 September 1.00 – 5.30pm

**Open Church**

Tea and cakes. Explore this delightful church - quiz and old photographs. Bell ringing and organ playing taking place.

Evensong at 6.30pm

The church can be traced back to at least the 12th century. Located in a glorious tranquil rural setting. Very rare wall painting of Queen Elizabeth 1st coat of arms. Mediaeval stained glass windows,

one connected to the Wintour family of nearby Huddington Court, of Gunpowder plot infamy.

Mr Ted Jackson 01905 391604

**Ipsley, Redditch, St Peter B98 0AJ**

6 - 21 September

**Open Church**

Details still to be finalised but it is hoped to open the church during this period and encourage visitors to come along St Peter's Church, Ipsley, St Peter's is a small ancient and historic church mentioned in the Domesday Book. with wonderful stained glass windows the latest of which is the Tom Denny "Holy Spirit" window. It is also home to a very rare example of a heptagonal font, a bishop's chair circa 1618 and a Jacobean pulpit.

[www.ipsley.org](http://www.ipsley.org)  
Anne Cuthbertson 01527 516351  
stpeter\_ipsley@btopenworld.com

**Kidderminster, St Mary WR1 2JE**

6 – 21 September

**Special Events on certain days**

Kidderminster St Mary is normally open for visitors from Monday to Saturday from 11am to 3pm. But on Friday 12th and Saturday 13th the church will be open from 10am to 4pm.

On Saturday 13th September the tower will be open for 10am to 4pm and there will be an organ recital at 12 noon by James Bradley, the church organist. On Sunday 14th following the Eucharist at 10.30am the church will be open until 2pm.

St Mary's is Worcestershire's largest parish church, mainly in a 15/16th century perpendicular style. It has a fine collection of 19/20th century stained glass and dramatic 20th century re-ordering. There are several monuments including a three figured

15th century brass and the chair used  
by Richard Baxter.

[www.kpctm.co.uk](http://www.kpctm.co.uk)

Parish Office 01562 751923

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### **Kidderminster, Franche, St Barnabas DY11 5JW**

7 Sept 2014

Craft Fair plus CHOTA The church is holding a craft fair, plus local group of armature radio enthusiasts will be setting up short wave radio station within the church as part of CHOTA (churches and chapels on the air looking to link up with churches & chapels across the country plus radio hams around the world

St Barnabas is a small friendly welcoming church which originally was in the village of Franche, but the growth of the urban conurbation is now part of Kidderminster yet still retaining its village status with its local public house, village club and post office. St Barnabas is one of 5 churches that make up Kidderminster Parish Team Ministry.

Barrie Lewis 01562 631616

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### **Leigh, St Edburga WR6 5LB**

Sunday 21 September

#### **A Celebration of the Benedictine Order**

The history of a Norman church at the centre of village life; Robed monks - early music; Brief Offices of sung psalms of Sext, None, Compline; Re-enactment of the story of St Edburga

Treasure Trails for children; Medieval refreshments (bread, cheese, ale)

Grade I\* Listed (12th Century) Beautiful Tom Denny window

Jean Colley 01886 832964

(see us on A Church Near You)

### **Lindridge, St Lawrence WR15 8JQ**

20 & 21 September

10.00am – 6.00pm

#### **Community Festival weekend**

The church will be decorated with floral displays provided by each of the St Lawrence and local community groups.

Teas will be available 4-6pm on both days and the weekend will culminate in a festival evensong on Sunday at 6pm

St Lawrence is a replacement church for the one which burned down in 1650 in a fire believed to have started in a bundle of straw used for seating. Following an ancient tradition, churches built on the site subsequently were dedicated to St Lawrence; the present church was built in 1862. Many of the windows have unusual pastel shades of glass which cast attractive patterns when the sun shines through them. St Lawrence, with its tall spire, stands as a familiar and welcoming landmark in the Teme valley. It is a fitting place to bring together and showcase the activities of all our local community groups.

[temevalleynorthparish.co.uk](http://temevalleynorthparish.co.uk)

Pauline Briggs 01584 881216

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### **Ludlow, St Laurence SY8 1AN**

13 September 10.00 – 5.00pm

Ludlow Food Festival Weekend

#### **Exhibition: The Vision Project Securing St Laurence's – Serving the Community**

3.30 pm Auction of pinnacles and other stone work removed during restoration. Also, bazaar selling fancy goods, plus tea, coffee and cake all day.

Dr Jane Robinson, 01584 875 694

The Tower of St. Laurence's is one of the first things a visitor to Ludlow notices. In its present form the church has stood in the centre of Ludlow for some 550 years. The written record of a parish church on the same site goes back over 800 years to 1199.

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### **Malvern Link, Church of the Ascension WR14 1XA**

10 -14 September

#### **Display of Church vestments and artefacts**

Get close to the full array of expertly and beautifully embroidered robes and vestments held by this traditional and historical church. View also various artefacts used in the church past and present. Free entry. All welcome.

Designed by the church architect Sir Walter Tapper. Open all day, everyday. Startling entrance lined with yew trees with a breathtaking surprising interior. Colourful simplicity, stunning east end and excellent acoustics for music and singing.

[www.malvernlinkwithcowleigh.com](http://www.malvernlinkwithcowleigh.com)

Richard Tandy 01684 572942

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### **Malvern Link, St Matthias WR14 1QP**

7 and 21 September at 10am

#### **Sung Eucharist**

A celebration of Holy Communion with robed ministers, servers, choir and organist. Creating beautiful mystical atmosphere for worship by the use of candles and incense. Bible Readings, prayers, good sermon. All welcome including children. Friendly, inclusive congregation. Refreshments served.

St Matthias is large Victorian Church which serves the community through a variety of activities

during the week which take place in its Link Room. The church building is not open all the time, call the Churchwarden or vicar if you wish to view. The churchyard is a quiet haven, interesting and has won awards.

[www.malvernlinkwithcowleigh.com](http://www.malvernlinkwithcowleigh.com)

Alison Brimelow 01684 572204

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### **Pensax, St James the Great WR6 6XJ**

7 September 6.00pm

#### **Songs of Praise**

A service of celebration for the countryside through the changing seasons of the year St James is an oasis of calm, an ideal church in which to sing god's praises and give thanks for creation

St James the Great. Built in 1832 on an ancient site, this church is a treasure well worth seeking out. The bells, which previously hung in the tower, are placed at the back of the church giving visitors the opportunity to view these impressive instruments at close range. The churchyard provides an oasis of peace to all who seek a moment or two away from the busyness of the daily round.

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Pauline Briggs 01584 881216

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### **Pinvin St Nicholas WR10 2EU**

13 & 14 September

10.00am – 4.00pm

#### **Opening the Hidden Church**

See the ancient wall paintings, enjoy a welcome with refreshments

Hilary Roffey 01386 556629

**Ripple, St Mary GL20 6HA**

13 and 14 September 2014  
- open every day

**The History of our Church**

For the weekend of 13/14 September we will be showing a display of the history of the church and the link with the Sealed Knot. The tower will be open from 2.00 - 4.00 pm on Sunday 14 September. Refreshments will be available.

St Mary's church is the biggest medieval church in Worcestershire. The chancel has a superb collection of 15th century misericords, carved locally and depicting seasonal village activities. The west window is by Charles Eamer Kempe, there is also a memorial window to Brigadier Peter Young, the Founder of the Sealed Knot.

Mrs Eleanor Grigson 01684 593713

**Rushock, St Michael & All Angels WR9 0NR**

Sat 20 and Sun 21 Sept

**Rushock Flower Festival**

Flower Festival in the church and refreshments in the adjacent Village Hall

St Michael & All Angels was originally a Chapel consecrated in 1285 and the mother church was Chaddesley Corbett. This connection was severed by 1535 and the present Grade 2 Listed church dates from 1758 but was considerably altered in 1872. Many visitors come to the grave in the churchyard of John Bonham the Led Zeppelin drummer.

Laurence McCurrich 01299 851400

**Rushwick, Crown East, St. Thomas WR2 5TU**

Saturday 20 September 11am-4pm

**Messy Church**

We will be hosting a messy church arts and crafts day, with activities for children and families to participate in and offering cakes and drinks

St. Thomas Parish Church The present Church of St Thomas was originally built in the 1840s as a private chapel by the Bramwell family beside Crown East Court. It was moved and rebuilt on the main road to Bromyard where it still stands and was licensed for public worship on the 26th October 1876 by the Bishop of Worcester.

cofe-rushwick-dinesgreen.org.uk  
Sherry Campbell 01905 423 497

**Shrawley, St Mary WR6 6TS**

20 September 2014 all day

**Bells and Church History**

The Church will be open all day with talks throughout the day on various aspects of the church's history. There will be a demonstration of bell ringing from 10.30 - 12.00 and from 2.00 the bell tower will be open so you can learn about this quintessentially English art.

An 11th Century Church with a west gallery and early Victorian box pews. Decorations include hatchments and a reredos. Outside is a medieval preaching cross and arrow sharpening marks together with a sacred well.

http://www.shrawley.org.uk  
Lucy Edwards 01299 827522

**Stanford with Orleton, St Mary WR6 6SH**

13 - 14 Sept  
from 10am to 6pm each day

**Patronal Festival and Art Exhibition**

Art Exhibition in Church and Village Hall on Saturday and Sunday

Patronal Service at 10am on Sunday 14th September (Preacher Lizzie Shipp, the Bishop's Chaplain)

The eighteenth century Georgian Gothic church of St Mary's is beautifully situated on a hill overlooking Stanford, with wonderful views of the Teme Valley. The monuments inside the church have recently been restored and are well worth a visit.

http://www.temevalleysouth.org.uk/stanford/  
Robin Dean 01886 853295

**Stockton-on-Teme, St Andrew WR6 6ut**

Saturday 13 September 11am-4pm;  
Sunday 14 September 9.30am

**Arts & crafts display, demonstration and hands-on day**

Local talented artists and crafts people will display some of their work, demonstrate their skills and lead hands-on sessions.

The arts & crafts theme will continue the following day in the parish communion service at 9.30Am

St Andrew - Dating back to the twelfth century, it is believed that the Norman church of St Andrew's, with its fifteenth century oak porch, has Saxon origins, as shown by its unusual circular graveyard. The church boasts many medieval features, including a rare 'squint' between the main part of the church (the nave) and the altar area (the chancel) which allowed the congregation to

glimpse what was happening at the altar. There are also two interesting and ancient carvings of the Hereford School.

temevalleynorthparish.co.uk  
Mrs Pauline Briggs 01584 881216

**Stoke Prior near Bromsgrove, St Michael & All Angels B60 4JT**

13 Sept 11.00am-5.00pm

**Aldham Paintings Exhibition & Children's Corner**

Visitors will be able to see the book of water colour paintings by Miss Aldham of local houses from over 100years ago. Early church registers & the official book of the Worcestershire Regiment during the 1914-18 War. Free Teas, Coffee & light refreshments. Books for Sale. All proceeds to The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Original 12th century with major renovation and reordering in the 1890's by the salt king, John Corbett. Grade 1 listed this church is part of the Corbett Trail and is the home of John Corbett's grave.

Greta Hedges 01527 878394

**Stourbridge, St Thomas DY8 1AQ**

6 and 7 Sept 10am to 4pm

**Open Church and Saturday Organ Recital**

Church open from 10 am to 4 pm both days with refreshments offered. On Saturday 6th an Organ Recital at 1 pm can be enjoyed in the Church.

St. Thomas's is the only Grade I listed building in Stourbridge regarded as a fine example of Georgian architecture having one of the best plaster barrel ceilings in the country with moulded panels and cornices, supported on Tuscan timber

columns. The 19th century stained glass windows are also impressive.

[www.st-thomas-stourbridge.co.uk](http://www.st-thomas-stourbridge.co.uk) Wendy Hemming 01384 374376

**Tenbury Wells, St Michael and All Angels WR15 8PH**

7 September 2014, 3.00pm

**Treasure Hunt and Afternoon Tea**

Imaginative clues will direct you around the highways, byways and footpaths locally. Tea served in Church from 4:30. There will be Treasure Hunt inside Church too. Join us for the walk or just for tea!

Cost: Clues 50p/sheet. Afternoon Tea £5 per person, under 14's free.

St Michaels was founded by Sir Frederick Ouseley and played an important role in the revival of church music in this country. The Church is like a mini cathedral, housing a magnificent and famous Father Willis organ and has many amazing features including its stained glass.

[http://www.tenburyteam.co.uk/st\\_michaels\\_church.html](http://www.tenburyteam.co.uk/st_michaels_church.html) Clair Wright 01584 811017

**Upton Snodsbury, St Kenelm WR7 4NH**

Saturday 6 September 2014, 10.00am-5.00pm

**Flower Festival**

You are most welcome to join us at our annual Flower Festival, with all displays themed to World War I. Coffee and biscuits 10-12, cream teas 2.30-4.30. Entrance £1.

St Kenelm's is in the picturesque village in an orchard, it dates back to the 13th Century. It boasts many interesting features including the original front door and evidence that the Parliamentarian army sharpened their swords

on the building in preparation for the Battle of Worcester in 1651.

<http://www.uptonsnodsbury.org.uk/#/church/4559287464> Helen Bennett - 01905 381490

**Upton on Severn St Peter and St Paul WR8 0HA**

13 September 2014

**Aspects of Upton Parish**

**Church Displays** featuring the stained glass west window by Christopher Whall, the 19th century relocation of the church, the men of Upton who died in the Great War and the Nicholson organ transferred from the old church.

Tea served 2 - 4 p.m.

St Peter and St Paul is a Victorian gothic church designed by Sir A.W. Blomfield which replaced an earlier building. The spire of St Peter and St Paul and the 'Pepperpot' tower of the old church are striking landmarks at each end of the town.

Tim Toman 01684 594328

**Upton-upon-Severn, Hook Common, The Church of the Good Shepherd WR8 0AX**

September 6 - 21 during daylight hours

**Local history exhibition and cream teas**

Local History exhibition in the church, open all the time. Cream teas served in adjacent church room Saturday September 6th and Sunday September 7th 2.00 pm - 4.30 pm.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, built in 1870 as a chapel-of-ease for Upton church, is a small Victorian country church with beautiful early 20th century stained glass by Payne and Camm., set in peaceful

surroundings with views to the Malvern Hills.

Kate Chester-Lamb 01684 594745

**West Malvern, St James WR14 4BD**

Open every day

**West Malvern Literary Heritage**

The church a permanent audio-visual display on the above topic.

St James is a Grade 2 Victorian building. The stained glass is particularly attractive and we are just developing a Community Orchard in the lower church yard.

David Matthews 01684 567328

**Wick, St Mary WR10 3NZ**

Saturday 6 September 2014 @ 2pm

**Church open day**

Photos & memorabilia of church life in the village from past to present.

Sunday 7 September

**Pet Service** at 10.30 am (in the field next to St. Mary's) for Morning Praise - all pets welcome!

Mrs Ellen Honeybunn 01386 561276

**Wilden, All Saints DY13 9LP**

Various dates

**Open Days, A WWI Concert and a geocaching event, refreshments**

Saturday 6 September 10 am- 2 pm, (Open for Tours/ Talks)

Sunday 7 September 10.30 am-12 noon approx. (Service with Baptism)

7, 11, 12 and 13 September

(Open by arrangement for Tours/ Talks after 12 noon).

Saturday 13 September 7.30 pm,

Wilden Choir Concert- WWI theme.

(WWI costume welcomed; audience participation in 2nd half). To mark the 100th year since the start of the Great War, this concert will have a WWI theme with a section of audience participation community songs. The choir members will wear costumes from the period and welcome member so the audience to join in with the dress-up theme.

Sunday 14 September 10.30 am -12 noon

Lay-led service

Sunday 14 September 12 noon – 4 pm

Geo-caching event This family event is for geocachers and those who would like to find out about this pastime. There are several caches to discover in the vicinity, and we also invite cachers to bring trackables to share and swap. More details will be found on [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) nearer the time.

All Saints is brick- built Victorian church with strong links to Alfred Baldwin, father of Prime Minister Stanley and the MacDonald sisters who made notable marriages culminating in exquisite windows at Wilden. The 14 windows produced by the Morris Co., and feature designs by Edward Burne-Jones.

Wilden has disabled toilet facilities and a small amount of off-road parking

[www.wildentowitley.org.uk](http://www.wildentowitley.org.uk)

Pamela Craven 01299 878224

**Worcester, St Martin in the Cornmarket (Old St Martin's) WR1 2PL**

Sat 13 September - 3.00pm

**The involvement of Old St Martin's in the Battle of Worcester**

A talk by Grant Simmonds (Chairman of the Battle of Worcester Society) about the involvement of OSM in the Battle of Worcester. Followed by cream teas. Tickets £5.00.

The Battle of Worcester Society are holding their annual service at Old St Martin's at Noon on Sunday 7th September."

Old St Martin's is an 18th century gem on the site of medieval churches. It gives its name to St Martin's Quarter, where major retail development is bringing new life to this part of Worcester. It is an historic Anglican Church with and Anglo Catholic tradition.

[www.oldstmartinsworcester.org.uk](http://www.oldstmartinsworcester.org.uk)  
Brian Askew 01905 25952

**Worcester, St Swithun WR1 2RH**

Saturday 13 September 2014

**St Swithun's heritage open day**

Come to enjoy the stunning architecture of St Swithun's or get active with have-a-go music making, bell ringing, stone carving or organ playing. If hands-on isn't your style join a guided tour to learn more about the history of Worcester or just take a break from the bustle of the city to relax in spectacular surroundings.

St Swithun is a striking example of Georgian architecture in the heart of Worcester city centre. Built in 1734, the elegant, almost perfectly preserved interior features box pews, an extraordinary three-decker carved pulpit and the original 1795 organ.

[www.visitchurches.org.uk](http://www.visitchurches.org.uk)  
Katrina Hurford 07919 564086

**Wordsley, Holy Trinity DY8 5RU**

Saturday 13 September 2014

**Open Church Holy Trinity**

Church will be open for visits and guided tours from 11am to 4pm.

Holy Trinity is a historic church and churchyard reflecting the glass industry. The stained glass windows are of exceptional quality.

The Revd Colin Jones 01384 273221  
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