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CHURCH SERVICES

Burghill Benefice



3RD	EASTER 5	
8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	All Age Worship
10.00am	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	All Age Worship
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	All Age Worship
7TH	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
10TH	EASTER 6	
10.00am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	Joint Benefice Eucharist
14TH	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
17TH	ASCENSION SUNDAY	
8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Morning Prayer
9.30am	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	Parish Eucharist
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Parish Eucharist
21ST	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
24TH	WHITSUN	
8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Parish Eucharist
9.30am	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	Parish Eucharist
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Parish Eucharist
28TH	THURSDAY	
9.30am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Celtic Worship
31ST	TRINITY SUNDAY	
8.30am	St Peter, Pipe-cum-Lyde	BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Andrew, Moreton-on-Lugg	Parish Eucharist
9.30am	St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas	Morning Prayer
11.00am	St Mary the Virgin, Burghill	Parish Eucharist

The Church is Born...

Each year, about fifty days after Easter—just when the chocolate eggs are a distant memory and most people have forgotten their Lenten promises—Pentecost quietly arrives. It's often called the “birthday of the Church,” which makes it sound like there should be cake, balloons, and perhaps a slightly awkward rendition of “Happy Birthday” sung by a group of apostles.

Pentecost actually began as a Jewish harvest festival, so originally it was less about theology and more about crops (arguably still a safer dinner-table topic). But according to the New Testament, things took a dramatic turn when Jesus' followers gathered in Jerusalem and experienced what can only be described as a very unexpected houseguest: the Holy Spirit.

The account in Acts reads a bit like the start of a blockbuster film. There's a roaring sound like wind—despite no open windows—and what appear to be flames hovering over people's heads. Not exactly subtle. Then, as if that weren't enough, the disciples suddenly start speaking in different languages. Not in the “I did a Duolingo lesson once” sense, but fluently—enough to impress an international crowd. It's the ultimate party trick, though sadly not one most people can replicate at weddings.

The real transformation, however, wasn't just linguistic flair. These were people who, days earlier, had been hiding behind locked doors, unsure what to do next. Suddenly, they're out in public speaking with confidence and purpose. Peter, previously known for a few well-documented missteps, steps up to address a crowd like a seasoned keynote speaker—no notes, no slides, just conviction.

Pentecost is packed with symbolism. Fire represents energy and change (and possibly a mild health-and-safety concern), while wind suggests movement—like a divine nudge saying, “Time to get going.” And the whole multilingual moment? It’s a powerful reminder that communication doesn’t have to divide people—though anyone who’s tried assembling flat-pack furniture with unclear instructions might disagree.

Today, Pentecost is celebrated in churches with red decorations to symbolize those flames, and sometimes readings are done in multiple languages. It’s one of the few occasions where hearing ten different accents in one service is entirely intentional.

Even if you’re not religious, Pentecost has a certain universal charm. It’s about finding your voice, stepping out of your comfort zone, and connecting with others—preferably without needing actual fire above your head to get started.

Phill



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Weekly Events

(All require booking unless stated otherwise)

We've done our best to provide accurate details, but dates and times may change. Be sure to check with organizers before making plans

Every Monday

- Pilates 9.30am
(Simpson Hall)
- Tai Chi 1.15pm
- Bell Ringing 7pm
(St Marys)
- Bridge Club 7pm (Every other wk) (Simpson Hall)

Every Tuesday

- Golden Meadow Play Group
10am (Simpson Hall)
- Short Mat Bowling 2pm
(Simpson Hall)
- Brownies 5.30pm
(Burghill Girlguiding HQ)

Every Wednesday

- Yoga 9.30am
(Simpson Hall)

Every Thursday

- Pilates 10.30am
(Simpson Hall)
- Ageless & Active 12pm
(Simpson Hall)
- Handbell Ringers 6.30pm
(Simpson Hall)
- Rainbows 5.15pm
(Burghill Girlguiding HQ)
- Guides 7pm
(Burghill Girlguiding HQ)
- Bridge Club 2pm (Every other wk) (Simpson Hall)

Every Sunday

- Kendo 5pm
(Simpson Hall)

One-Off Events at Simpson Hall

- Tue 5th May - 7.30pm Gardening Club
- Fri 8th May - 10am Community Café & Community Library
- Sat 9th May - 7pm Charity Race Night (see advert pg 8)
- Tue 12th May - 7pm Parish Council Annual meeting
- Fri 15th May - 6.30pm Movie Night (see advert pg 12)
- Wed 20th May- Community Digital Awareness Talk Hub
- Thur 21st May - 2pm Retirement Club
- Wed 27th May - 2pm Knit One Natter Two
- Fri 29th May - 12.30 Summer Lunches

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held at:
Simpson Hall
on 12th May
at 7:00 PM

All residents are warmly invited to attend.

This meeting provides an opportunity to hear updates, discuss local matters, and raise any questions or concerns with the Parish Council.

We look forward to seeing you!
Burghill Parish Council Clerk



**Do you have the skills
that could save
someone's life?**



Herefordshire Heartstart charity is running an informal local course that could help you save someone's life.

**Saturday 13th June 2-4pm at the Simpson Hall Burghill.
Maximum 20 places.**

The course is free but a donation would be appreciated.

To book a place / ask questions please contact
Franca Lyddon (who will be one of the instructors) on
0143760997/07875589279.



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RACE NIGHT

Saturday, 9th May 2026

Simpson Hall, Burghill
7 pm ready for first race **7.30 pm**



Free Admission – Everyone Welcome

Why not own a horse for **£3?** 1st and 2nd prizes.
Be a race sponsor for **£10** and name the race.



Bring your own drinks and Nibbles!

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Further details from **Sally Robertson**
07581 334900



Saturday 6th June 2026

Hosted by A & K Jukebox

The Simpson Hall

Burghill

Hereford

Eyes down at 7pm

£6 per person to include 3 Bingo Cards

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING



Burghill Community Academy Hall



Friday 15th May 2026
6.30pm



Parish Council Review

What we've achieved this year



Defibrillators in Our Parish

Learn how to access & Use them



Community Speed Watch

Keeping our roads safe

**TALK TO YOUR COUNCILLORS
& MEET THE NEW CLERK**



Join us for tea, coffee & a chat!

All residents welcome – Have your say on local matters!



Burghill and Tillington Retirement Club

May: On **Thursday 21st May** a talk and demonstration of **Hand Block Printing**

June: On **Thursday 18th June** there will be a talk by Fiona Bailey on **The Guide Movement.**

Tickets for the draw take place at each meeting, cost £1.

We meet in the **Simpson Hall. We start gathering from 2pm onwards and commence at 2.30pm.** The cost is £3 and it includes light refreshments.

Burghill & Tillington Gardening Club

Simpson Hall- May 5th 7.15pm

Plant Sale

Free Entry

Our Annual plant sale is this month. Come along to grab a bargain – good quality plants and seedlings. Bring your surplus ones to donate, and find something new for your garden.

The club still needs to find a new secretary soon to start booking speakers for 2027. Please talk to Sue if you think you might step up.

sueanddavidrix@talktalk.net



Kate Winslet, Marion Cotillard, Andy Samberg, Alexander Skarsgard

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Lee (2025)

Discover Elizabeth 'Lee' Miller, a fashion model who became an acclaimed war correspondent for *Vogue* magazine during World War II and who heroically documented the truth of the Nazi regime.

**The Simpson Hall,
Burghill**

HR4 7RW

**Friday
15 May**

7.30pm

Tickets

Standard: £5.50

Under 18s: £3.50

Enquiries: 01432760552

Pre-Booked supper served at 6.30pm: Asparagus and Salmon Quiche, with minted buttered baby potatoes and dressed seasonal salad. £11 includes food, film & interval beverage. To book your meal email annie.ness23@gmail.com or leave a voice message 01432760552. CASH ONLY & bring your own drinks and glassware. Film only is £5.50



Easter Fairy Door Trail Thank You & Feedback Wanted



A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our Easter Fairy Door Trail organised by the school PTFA (FABS)! We were delighted to receive 21 wonderful submissions and loved seeing all the creativity across our community. The winner has now been announced on the community Facebook page, congratulations again!

A special thank you to all the children who put so much time, imagination, and care into decorating the fairy doors, they truly made the trail magical. We're also very grateful to the landowners who kindly gave permission for doors to be placed on their properties/land we couldn't have done it without your support.

While we're so pleased with the participation, we're sad to share that the event didn't raise any profit this time. With limited support and a couple of the fairy doors unfortunately being stolen, it's been a bit of a challenge.

We would really love to run this event again in the future, but we'll need more help and ideas to make it sustainable and enjoyable for everyone.

We'd love to hear from you!

If you took part (or even if you didn't), please share your thoughts, feedback, or suggestions on how we could improve. Any ideas on boosting participation, fundraising, or keeping the trail secure would be hugely appreciated.

Please email your feedback to: burghillfabs@gmail.com

Thank you again for being part of our community—we hope to bring the fairy magic back even stronger next time!

Knit One, Natter Too

You don't have to be a knitter - bring your own craft project and come along. You can be sure of a warm welcome, whatever your interest or level of expertise. We have some (almost) complete beginners as well as more experienced members who are always willing to provide advice or practical help. You are also welcome if you only want to natter!



We usually meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month in the Simpson Hall, from 2-4pm, with refreshments provided, paying £2 per session.

May meetings are on the 13th and 27th.

If you need help with transport, do let me know.

Joanna Helme Tel: 01432 760816 Email: joannahelme@gmail.com

Burghill CAP & Community Library



Our next session is:

Friday 8th May 2026

10 am to 11.30 am at The Simpson Hall
during the Community Café Session.



A new selection of jigsaws available to borrow

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CROCODILE 8

Sunday 24th May 2026

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Start:
9:30am Junior
10:30am Adult

Race HQ:
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Academy

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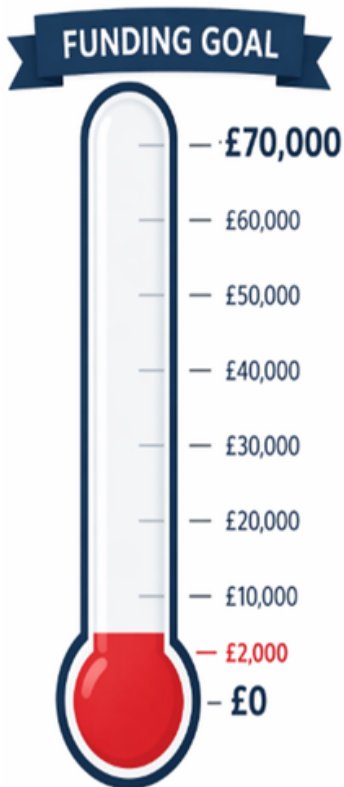


The planning application for the new modular building at The Copse Leisure Area is due to be determined any day now. The next stage is to apply for grants for the shortfall of £70,000 (now £68,000) We are now registered for gift aid should anyone wish to make a donation towards the project.

Contact Sally Robertson, 07581 334900

email: sal.rob@btinternet.com, for more information.

The charity can claim back 25p every time an individual donates £1 provided the person is a taxpayer.



Please come along and support our **Race Night on the 9th May 2026** and the **Music Bingo on the 6th June 2026** which will prove to funders that we are trying to raise funds towards the building ourselves. We are very grateful to all the organisations in the village who have provided our charity with letters of support which will assist our grant applications.

Don't forget to put the community event below in your diary:

Sunday, 6th September 2026 All Ages Service and Community Picnic at The Copse (courtesy of Java Tipis, Sally Robertson, the Copse Trustees and St Mary's Church PCC).
Times etc. to follow.

Liz Donovan's Sponsored 80th Birthday Climb

I will be celebrating my 80th birthday in June and I have been doing a few challenges during the last few months to mark the occasion. I am planning to do a few more up to my birthday and one of the challenges I am attempting is to climb 80 feet up a climbing wall. I have never done anything like this before and I am being instructed by my grandson who is very experienced.

I hope to climb "Up the Wall" on Friday June 5th. I would be grateful for sponsors as I am raising money for the upkeep of our beautiful church in Burghill.

There will be sponsor forms available from members of the church PCC or on the church porch notice board.

I have created a JustGiving page where you can donate to this challenge by using the JustGiving link below or visit the church website or Facebook page

*[https://www.justgiving.com/page/liz-donovan-80?
utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=020](https://www.justgiving.com/page/liz-donovan-80?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=020)*

I am most grateful to all those who have supported me in this challenge.

Liz Donovan

THE COMMUNITY PLANT STALL-ADVANCE NOTICE

The plant stall has now started again. This is situated as usual at the bottom of the church drive and operates on an exchange basis with plants for cash donations. We are very grateful to the Gardening Club who have given their surplus plants to the stall in the past and all other gardeners who have supported us. All money raised goes to the Churchyard Fund to maintain our Award Winning churchyard. Last year we were delighted to raise over £200.

We look forward to getting lots of plants to sell and exchange. Please leave money in the honesty box or give to Liz Donovan, John Parnaby or Max Jenman, who can give further details.



Burghill & Tillington Good Neighbour Scheme Including the Community Café



We can help with any of the following:

- Delivering a hot meal from Burghill Valley Golf Club to anyone in the village, on Monday to Friday
- **Trips** around the village and to town
- Running errands, such as fetching prescriptions, library books, shopping,
- Simple DIY jobs
- Befriending, if you would like **someone to talk to**
- **Socialising** at the Community Café or outings
- Simple **gardening** in an emergency

Contact Joe Helme: 01432 760816 or jfhelme@gmail.com

The Community Café

A warm welcome awaits you at the next café on **Friday 8th May from 10am to 11.30am**. Do join us for coffee or tea and delicious cakes and scones. Don't worry if you are on your own - you will soon find some friendly folk to chat to.

If you enjoy the café, why not bring along a friend or neighbour?

You can also browse books in the Community Library or look up information on the Talk Hub.

If you think you might like to take some goodies home with you, please bring a container. We look forward to seeing you.

Dates: Fridays: May 8th , June 12th & July 10th - 10 to 11.30am

The GNS Welcome Pack

Is now available for anyone new to the village. If you are new, or if you know someone who is, and would like a Welcome Pack, please contact

Joe Helme: 01432 760816 or jfhelme@gmail.com

Burghill in Bloom

Village flower boxes have been reviewed and we are currently looking after 14 boxes situated around the village.

This summer we hope to have the usual village clean up day when roads are cleaned verges tidied by our new council contractors in June.

We will not be having garden competitions as in the past but in early July 'judges' will walk every road in the parish looking out for houses and areas that clearly show someone has taken a pride in our villages.

This could be a tidy verge or garden or display area or an area that has been improved that someone or group of people clearly takes a pride in. Prizes will be awarded to organisations or private individuals.

So its up to you all to support us in showing everyone we take pride in our village.

For further information please contact Max Jenman - 07485142141.



Good Neighbour Scheme **Summer Lunches**

Will continue once a month in the Simpson Hall on the **last Friday of each month from 12.30pm until 2.00pm.** From April to October

Ploughman's Lunch £1; hot drink and a biscuit 50p

Please let me know if you have any dietary requirements. Tel:01432 760816





We would like to pay tribute to Hilary Armstrong who died recently. She had been a stalwart supporter of the Good Neighbour Scheme for many years.

Many of you will remember her kindness – and her cakes! – at the Community Café and soup lunches. We will all miss her greatly.



**BRINGING
HEREFORDSHIRE
TOGETHER**

Community Digital Awareness Sessions

At the Simpson Hall, Burghill, HR4 7RW

The next free Digital Awareness Session will be on **Wednesday 20th May 2- 4pm.**

Those attending are welcome to bring their own device, laptop, tablet, or smart phone and we can help you to access relevant sites for information, give advice on security such as potential Scams, setting up emails, filling in online forms etc, or simply just getting to grips with your mobile phone.

Alternatively, we also have two laptops provided by the Herefordshire Community Fund which are available for your use.

Meanwhile if you would like more information or have a query, please leave a message, or text 07889285657 and we will get back to you.

Alternatively, you may email:

janettepudsey@burghillparishcouncil.gov.uk

BOOK SWAP KIOSK

(The Old Phone Box by the Church)

• **SWAP A BOOK, TAKE A BOOK**

There is a new full section every two weeks.

(PLEASE USE THE SANITISER)

!!!PAPERBACKS BOOKS NEEDED!!!

Cash donations go to support the Church

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Golden Meadow SCHEDULE

21 APRIL	Fairytale Week	2 JUNE	Farm Week (tractor visit)
5 MAY	Easy Week	16 JUNE	Easy Week
19 MAY	Countries Week (Fundraiser)	23 JUNE	Summer Party

Without new volunteers for September 2026, Golden Meadow Playgroup will have to fold. Please let Jo know if you would be willing to help out next year.

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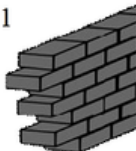
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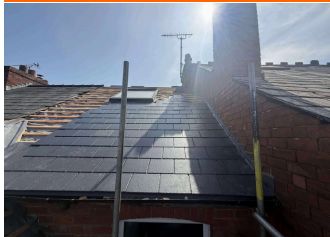
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