OFFENHAM

CHURCH AND VILLAGE MAGAZINE

November 2025

Lest We Forget

Remembrance Sunday Service
9th November 10.45am

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For enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals please contact the Benefice Administrator: Faith Quin – eastvaleavon.churches@gmail.com

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The De Montfort School	01386 442060
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Worcestershire Trading Standards	01905 922799
Action Fraud	0300 123 2040

Police

Emergency: 999

Non-emergency: 101

East Vale and Avon Benefice

Services for November 2025

	9.30am	11am	Other Services
2nd November 4th Before Advent St Leonard and All Souls		Bretforton Benefice Patronal Eucharist For St Leonard	Badsey 4pm All Souls Service
9th November Remembrance Sunday	10:45 All Services Badsey Bretforton Cleeve Prior Offenham South Littleton		Offenham 7pm Taizé
16th November 2nd Before Advent	South Littleton Morning Praise Offenham Morning Praise	Badsey Eucharist by Extension Cleeve Prior Eucharist	
23rd November Christ The King Sunday Before Advent	Bretforton Eucharist	South Littleton Eucharist	Offenham 4pm Messy Church
30th November Advent St Andrew		Cleeve Prior Benefice Patronal Eucharist For St Andrew	Offenham 6pm Advent Carol Service

From the Parish Registers:

Funeral: 3rd October Vanessa Shannon

Letter Of The Month For November

REMEMBRANCE

Year after year we remember the Fallen of WW1, WW2 and all the subsequent conflicts with their loss of so many lives.
Perhaps we think 'will Mankind ever learn a lesson from the past', or will the ongoing conflicts ever be resolved?
Do we need to ask ourselves if it is really necessary to be in conflict with our neighbour, family, employer or even our friends?
Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives." John 14:7
I trust the various displays of Poppies around the Benefice Villages will be a reminder of the Fallen and give us determination to find personal peace in our own lives.
This year there will be a wonderful cascade of poppies on the outside wall of Badsey Church, crafted by the Badsey Belles WI and friends, I am sure it will be worth a visit.

Elizabeth Bolland (Churchwarden)

(There will be a cascade of poppies at Offenham too, courtesy of the Craftaholics and friends.)

Offenham church is open every day from 10:00am until 4:00pm.

For more details please go to offenhamchurch.com

Offenham Coffee Club

Every Tuesday, from 10:00am
at Royal British Legion
Tea * Coffee * Raffle

Toddler Group - Village Hall

Every Friday during term time,
10:00am - 11.30am.
£2.00 per child, card payment available online.

Offenham Wombles

We are a group of Litter pickers who meet on the second Sunday of every month at 10:00am at the corner of Boat Lane and Mill Lane. We always welcome new pickers and provide all required equipment. Everyone is welcome, we only do an hour so if you can help, we would be really grateful, the more pickers we have the bigger area we can cover.

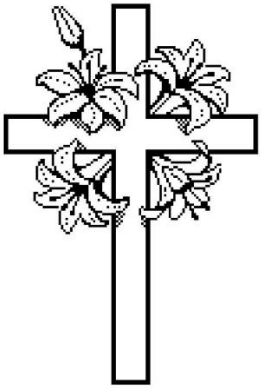
If you'd like to do some litter picking or keep your part of the village litter free, but can't come on a Sunday morning then we can provide you with the equipment and you can go out when it suits you.

Offenham Craftaholics

We are a group of ladies (although we would love to welcome some men!) who meet fortnightly to knit, sew, make cards, etc. We meet 7:00pm - 9:00pm on Wednesday evenings at the British Legion and would welcome new members. We know it's sometimes hard to walk in somewhere on your own but we really are a friendly bunch. Come and join us on 5th and 19th November.

East Vale and Avon Benefice

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed



All Souls' Service

Sunday 2nd November 2025

4pm
St James' Church, Badsey

Time For Tea

Time for Tea will take place on Sunday 2nd November in Offenham church from 2.00 to 3.30pm. Refreshments, including home made cakes, are free and any donations received will go towards the upkeep of our village church. Everyone is welcome

Christmas Wonderland

Friday 28th November at 6:30 – 8:30pm Saturday 29th November at 10am – 4pm

Following the many successes of the Christmas Wonderland, we are inviting you again to participate by creating a Christmas display or decorating a tree with an amusing or thought-provoking theme. It is our desire to offer visitors an opportunity to gaze upon creative visions of Christmas and be uplifted and inspired. So please join us in making this a festive and fun occasion.

Contributors pay a £5.00 entry fee for their exhibit; those who enter a tree must supply their own tree and decorations.

Exhibits can be decorated by:

- Individuals
- Families
- Group of friends
- Clubs
- Charities
- Schools
- Businesses
- In memory of someone special
- Anyone who just wants to join in with this fun celebration of Christmas

Please make them as original as possible. You can use this as an opportunity to make the wider community aware of your business or group or just as an expression of yourself. If you wish, you can leave leaflets by your exhibit.

Everyone is welcome to come and see the exhibits on the Saturday! Please do tell your friends and family about the festival.

You are very welcome to leave your display up over the Christmas period as they are very much enjoyed by all those that visit our Church. However please feel free to remove your exhibit at any time after the Christmas Wonderland event if, that best suits you.

Thank you as always for your support and we look forward to hearing from you.

Any queries please contact Lisa on 07846 473894 or Debbie 07933 212680

St. Mary's and St. Milburgh Church in Offenham
Christmas Wonderland
Booking Form 2025

Organisation.....

Contact name.....

Address.....

..... Postcode .....

Email..... Phone .....

I/we would like to help on one/both of the days

I/we are using battery lights (preferable) I/we are using electrical lights (first come first serve basis)

I/we enclose a cheque / cash for £_____

Please make cheques payable to Offenham PCC (please write 'Friends of St Mary and St Milburgh' on the reverse)

Signed.....

Application form to be returned by Friday 14th November to: Lisa Farmer, Redwell, Leasowes Road, Offenham
Or drop your form into the village shop (please place in an envelope marked 'Friends').

The Church of St. Mary's and St Milburgh cannot be responsible for any loss or damage occurring during the festival. Please be aware that some exhibits may have to be moved for services or for access etc.

Dressmaking

Do you have a sewing machine sitting at home collecting dust? Whether you are new to dress making or have experience you would be welcome to join us. We meet on the 1st Thursday of each month between 1.30pm and 4:00pm at the Village Hall in Offenham. Numbers will be limited to 12, (You must be member of U3a in order to attend.)

If you are happy to work from a commercial pattern, I will guide you how to get the best fit from your pattern, and examples being insert zips and adding pockets. If this is of interest to you please contact me, denise.crossman@hotmail.co.uk

Offenham Village Store & Post Office

Just to let people know if you are struggling to get out of the house, we are more than happy to drop some groceries off to you. Just give us a ring and if we can accommodate we will always do our best.

Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday 7:30am-8:00pm
Saturday 8:00am-7:00pm
Sunday 8:00am-6:00pm

If anyone is struggling don't hesitate to give us a ring, you won't be a nuisance and we will do our best to help you.

100Club

The winners in the October draw of the Church 100Club were:

Angela Gash (32), Ann Davey (6) and Linda Shrimpton (17)

The next draw will be on Sunday 2nd November during Time for Tea in the Church

Maypole Club

Outing: Monday November 17th, Bristol (city). 9am £10

Wednesday January 14th New Year Meal.

Meeting: Wednesday November 26th Xmas musical entertainment. Comp 'P '

2.30pm in the Legion Club

Contact Edith on 01386 45247 for full details

Offenham Parish Council

Chairman:	Ian Graham
Members:	Sheila Briers, James Moclair, Marc Farmer, Marcus Taylor, Matthew Rea, Sam Muxworthy, Martin Penny, Claire Allen.
Clerk:	Dan Hinde (info@offenhamparishcouncil.gov.uk)
District Councillor:	Matthew Winfield: Winfieldreformuk@gmail.com
County Councillor:	Hannah Robson: 07730 262031 hrobson@worcestershire.gov.uk
Highways Issues:	Worcestershire Hub: 01905 765765
Public Footpaths:	Roy Betts - metro.roy100@gmail.com. (NOT Pavements)
Planning:	Full details at www.wychavon.gov.uk/planning

Next Parish Council Meeting: Monday 3rd November at 7.30pm in Offenham Village Hall. Any organisation or individual wishing to attend, please contact the Clerk.

The Good Villager Award: The people of Offenham have spoken, and the following villagers have been nominated for the Good Villager Award 2025, for going above and beyond, without seeking any recognition, to help villagers and make Offenham a better place. Our congratulations and thanks go to: Frank Turner, Claire Penny, Debbie Harrison and Doug Keitley. Prizes will be awarded at the next meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 3rd November, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Planning matters:

- W/24/02258/FUL: Land At (OS 0569 4604) Three Cocks Lane, Offenham. Full application for 42 dwellings including formation of access, landscaping, public open space and associated works. Decision DEFERRED by Wychavon Planning Committee.
- W/25/02194/OUT: Land Between Hawthorn Villa And 1 Linwood Cottage, Station Road, Offenham. Outline application for proposed development of two detached 4-bed dwellings. Consultation closes 5th November
- W/25/02229/OUT: Land Adjacent To Wharfavon, Boat Lane, Offenham. Outline planning application for the erection of 7no. dwellings and associated works, with all matters reserved for future determination except for access. Consultation closes 20th November.

CHURCH HEATING

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated to the Heating Fund. Unfortunately there has been a delay in obtaining the faculty as the Diocese would prefer us to use a no light heating unit. Hopefully we are back on track, but we won't know for sure until after 5th November. The Diocese have approved the installation of electric heating so if the Chancellor agrees with the Diocese we will just have to change the unit. This will actually be cheaper to install, but more expensive to run. Obvioulsy this means that the new heating won't be in use for the Chirstams Wonderland event. We do have some oil left in the tank, so hopefully it will see us into the New Year and we won't have to buy any more.

If you are able to give anything towards keeping our beautiful church functional it would be very much appreciated. You can make donations in any of the following ways:

By Cheque: payable to Offenham PCC. You can give it to any member of the PCC or send to the treasurer (Claire Penny, Mock Morris, Boat Lane, Offenham, WR11 8QZ). Please write 'church heating' on the back of the cheque.

By Internet Banking: Please use the following details

Account Name	Offenham PCC
Sort Code	09-01-51
Account Number	64169407
Reference	Heating

Please look out for details of a JustGiving page in the near future.

If you would like to Gift Aid your donation please complete a Gift Aid form which can be found at the back of the church or downloaded from the website (www.offenhamchurch.com).

We appreciate that times are hard and people are thinking carefully about donating to charity, and we may not be your choice. However, if every household who received this magazine gave £32 we would reach our target.

Any money raised in this appeal wil be restricted to the heating fund. In the event that there is money remaining after the entire project is finished this will be held in the restricted Fabric Fund which pays for emergency and general maintenance of the fabric of the building.

If you have any questions please contact Claire (clairepenny99@btinterent.com 07903 963233), or ask a member of the PCC.

Offenham Chuurch is excepted from registration with the Charity Commisoin, but is still regulated by them. Fundraising done by or on behalf of Offenham Church must comply with charity law and the code of practice laid down by the Fundraising Commission.

Neighbourhood Alert

Who are your local Neighbourhood Officers for the 'Rural North' area?

Your local Neighbourhood Officers are PC Alex Prentice, PC Ben Trowman and PCSO Luke Harris. They can be contacted by email, alexandra.prentice@westmercia.police.uk, ben. trowman@westmercia.police.uk and luke.harris@ westermercia.police.uk.

The Evesham Safer Neighbourhood Team are actively now more than ever involved with our 'Evesham Police' Facebook page. Please follow Evesham Police to keep up to date with our activities and to see when our local drop in/engagement sessions are.

Drop-In Sessions and Neighbourhood Matters

Drop-in sessions are held weekly around the patch. If you have anything you wish to discuss, please pop along to one of these sessions. These sessions are advertised on the Evesham Facebook page as well as Neighbourhood Matters. Neighbourhood Matters is a free service which allows you to receive updates regarding crime in your area and also allows you to message your local officer. Take a look at the website for further information: https://neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/.

Please feel free to come to any session you see advertised, you do not have to live in the village to attend. If you know people who do not have access to the internet, please feel free to share the information. The more people who know about these drop-ins, the better!

Reporting Incidents

Please remember to report crime and any incidents via 999, 101 or on the West Mercia website. Please do not email individual officers if a crime has happened, this needs to be reported officially through the correct channels.

Crime Prevention

Please make use of the drop-in sessions provided by officers if you want crime prevention advice. Officers are able to address concerns and offer crime prevention advice, such as handout of leaflets around home security, cctv, vehicle security, various signage for properties, shed/garage/bike security etc. We also have faraday pouches to provide to people who have keyless entry vehicles.

OFFENHAM PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Chance to feature in Offenham's Neighbourhood Plan!

The Parish Council is running a Photo Competiton to help shape and illustrate Offenham's Neighbourhood Plan.

We are looking for Local Photography illustrating the Uniqueness of Offenham and capturing what is important about Offenham to our villagers.

Photographers of all ages backgrounds and experience levels are invited to enter their best image(s) (one per category). The photos can be up to one year old.

By entering the competition, and if selected, you agree to your image and name being included in the plan and your image and name being published on Offenham PC website.

Once published the Neighbourhood Plan will last until 2035. This will be a significant and important document for Offenham and a great showcase for some fantastic imagery provided by the local community (full attribution given).

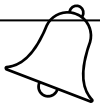
The Categories are:

- Architecture
- Landscape
- Heritage
- Movement and Travel
- Agriculture
- Village life
- Leisure and recreation
- Views into the village
- Views from the village

Closing date 30 November 2025 (results to be announced in the New Year).

More details on our website at:https://www.offenhamparishcouncil.gov.uk/offenham-neighbourhood-plan

Bellringing



Congratulations to Graham and Toby who recently rang their first peal. It was at Ashchurch and took 2 hours and 44 minutes.

Ringers from Offenham recently took part in two striking competitions with the Four Shires Guild. Well done to David, Alison, Graham and Martin who won the Mini-Mouse trophy and Claire, Alison, Toby, Graham, Neil and Beccie who were third in the Newing Shield.
If you would like to have a go or just find out more about church bells and bellringing please join us at 7pm on any Tuesday.

A Successful Summer for Offenham Cricket Club: A Season to Remember

As the summer draws to a close, Offenham Cricket Club celebrates a highly successful season both on and off the pitch. Blessed with favourable weather throughout, the club completed a full fixture list, playing 15 matches and winning an impressive 10. This strong performance reflects the dedication of players and the vibrant spirit within the club.

The club has seen a steady influx of new members this year, further bolstering its ranks. Particularly encouraging is the thriving junior section, with 35 enthusiastic children developing their cricket skills while enjoying the game. The club's reputation for fostering talent and community spirit draws players from across the local area, creating a diverse and welcoming environment.

Behind the scenes, a hardworking committee is driving plans to enhance the club's facilities and overall development in the coming years. This commitment promises exciting improvements for players and supporters alike.

Off the field, the Senior Team continues to engage the community with social T20 matches, mainly held on Wednesday evenings, while the junior section trains and plays on Sunday mornings — a perfect schedule that balances competition with enjoyment.

Looking ahead, there are a number of upcoming events to mark in your diary:

- Cricket Club Quiz: Join us at the British Legion Offenham on 15th November at 7pm. Details are available on the poster within this edition of the magazine.
- Santa Sleigh Support: On 1st December, the club will proudly support the Evesham Round Table's Santa Sleigh as it tours the local area, spreading festive cheer.
- Winter Nets: Training will resume at the end of January 2026 at Prince Henry's School, offering players the chance to keep their skills sharp during the off-season.

With a vibrant community spirit and exciting plans on the horizon, Offenham Cricket Club looks forward to building on this successful season in the years to come.

Richard Herborn

Contact methods:
Offenham Cricket Club on Facebook
Offenhamcc on Instagram
@offenhamcc on X/Twitter

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Offenham Neighbourhood Plan (ONP) – Steering Committee met on 16th October 2025 in the Church.
There were 9 people present and the meeting started with an update from the Vice Chair followed by a question-and-answer session during an open forum.

Key Points:
The Vision for Offenham had been agreed. Please see website

Stakeholders Listing – please look on the website or on Facebook. Please email with any additions, alterations or removals.

Community Questionnaire / Survey – Key Dates

a. Leaflet Drop to all residents – 15 November 2025
b. Community Survey commences – 01 December 2025
c. Community Survey closes – 05 January 2026

The next meeting of the ONP will be on Thursday 20th November at 7pm in the British Legion.
To see agendas, minutes of the meetings and other information and updates please see the OPC Website - www.offenhamparishcouncil.gov.uk/offenham-neighbourhood-plan

Contact the Steering Group ONP@offenhamparishcouncil.gov.uk

Dr Martin Penny, Chair ONP Steering Committee

Offenham Royal British Legion Club

Open every evening from 7pm

Events:

- Bugs and Beasts Saturday 29th November 2-4pm. Back by popular demand, come and learn about some very interesting animals and get the chance to hold some of them too!
- New Years Eve Wednesday 31st December 7pm. £5 a ticket. Come and see 2026 in style with us. Live music from Rat Gasket and a dj.

Weekly events:

- Free pool table on Mondays
- Line dancing on Tuesdays
- Cash bingo on Thursdays (over 18's only)

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Saturday 1st November 2025

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The show runs for 75 minutes. Show starts 7.30pm Licensed bar

Adults £13.50 Concessions 65+ £10.50 Children 15+ £10.50

Tickets are available from Martin 07986 255739 or Book On line @ Ticket Source / Offenham

This play is subsidised by Wychavon District Council, Worcestershire C C, The Arts Council.
This is something very new for the hall to host so please book your ticket and support us

MOVIE NIGHT IS BACK

Starting Saturday 15 November 2025

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We have New Volunteers running this event

Bar open 6.45pm & Film Starts 7.30pm

Weekly & Monthly Groups & Classes

check out website www.offenhamvillagehall.org.uk for details & contacts

Coffee Morning every Thursday 10am - 12pm

Men's Group 12 November
&
Women's Group 19 November

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Offenham Cricket Club
Presents

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 15 November 2025

Venue: Offenham Royal British Legion Club
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(Bar opens at 7:00pm)

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Christmas Tree Of Light

Only £5.00 per name

We will be lighting the tree in the Churchyard again this year in memory of loved ones who are no longer with us.

The lights will be turned on following the Christingle Service on 14th December.

Please note that it is £5.00 per individual name, so for example "Mum and Dad Bloggs" or "Joe and Jane Bloggs" will cost £10.00.

If you would like to purchase a light in memory of a loved one, please fill in the form below and deliver it to either: Angela Guoite at 12 Myatt Road or Debbie Newman at Greylands, Laurels Road

PLEASE DO NOT HAND THE FORM IN AT THE VILLAGE SHOP

Name: ……

Address: ……

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In memory of (2): ……

In memory of (3): ……

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