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# Bomere Heath and District News

## December 2025- January 2026

**With warm wishes for Advent, Christmas and the New Year**

Welcome to the final edition of the year! We hope that everyone has a lovely Christmas season, full of peace and fun. Our next edition will be February- March 2026, with a copy deadline of 16th January.

**With thanks from**
**The team at Bomere Heath and District News**

## Remembering Michael Weatherby

A big thank you to my many friends and neighbours for the kind messages, cards, visits, and flowers on the sad loss of my Michael. Hannah and Joyce, thank you for the lovely service and readings at Michael's funeral.

Your generous donations amounted to £565 which has been shared between Macmillan and Severn Hospice.
Once again, thank you for the continued care and kindness you have given to me and my family.

*Jan Weatherby*

## CHURCH SERVICES

*Anyone is welcome at any of our services- we are here for you!*
*Each one lasts about an hour, and our service times are below:*

| Date | Bomere Methodist Church the redbrick church at the top of the bank on Baschurch Road, SY4 3PN | Holy Trinity, Leaton the parish church- Berwick Road, SY4 3AP | The Mission Church the white building in the centre of the village- Shrewsbury Road, SY4 3PN | St John the Baptist, Albrighton the sandstone church opposite Albrighton Hall Hotel- SY4 3HP |
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| 7th December | 10.30am @ Bayston Hill | 10.45am | No service | 9.15am |
| 14th December | 10.30am | 7pm Carol Service | 9am | No service |
| 21st December | 10.30am | 10.45am | No service | 9.15am Morning Prayer with Carols |
| 24th December Christmas Eve | 6.30pm Carol Service | 4pm Crib Service<br><br>11.30pm Christmas Communion (Midnight Mass) | No service | No service |
| 25th December Christmas Day | 10.30am | No service | 10.30am | 9.30am |
| 28th December | 10.30am | United service at Leaton, 10.30am | | |
| 4th January | 10.30am | 10.45am | No service | 9.15am |
| 11th January | 10.30am @Belle Vue | 10.45am | 9am | No service |
| 18th January | 10.30am | 10.45am | No service | 9.15am |
| 25th January | 10.30am | 10.45am | 9am | No service |

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# Bomere Heath Village Hall

Festivities in the village started with the Festive Craft Fair on Saturday 15 November. It was well supported, despite Storm Claudia, and a great day was had by all. Thank you to the BHVH volunteers who decorated the hall and made sure it looked festive in time for the fair and a special thank you to Leaton Forest who donated our outdoor Christmas Tree. The Coffee Shop volunteers had a busy but very enjoyable day working hard together in their Christmas Jumpers.

Further festivities in the Village Hall will take place on Saturday December 6. Our **Christmas Party Night** is shaping up to be a fun night with music through the years and an opportunity to get together with friends and family. Bring your own drinks and snacks and party the night away for a small cost of £5 per person.

Following all the occurrences of anti-social behaviour we have now installed **CCTV** at the Village Hall. We are hoping this will act as a deterrent, all images of anti-social behaviour will be sent to the police for their ongoing investigations. Our CCTV policy can be viewed on our website. We would like to thank Bomere Heath and District Parish Council for fully funding this on behalf of the community.

Looking ahead, our **AGM** is at 7pm on Thursday 12 February in the Red Room in the Village Hall and all are welcome to attend. We are still looking for new members to join the Management Committee, if you are interested please contact our Secretary, Neil Cooper (07747 472199). It would be great to have a few new faces on the committee ready for 2026.

Our volunteer organised **community events** at the Village Hall are:
Friday Afternoon Bingo, last Friday of the month, 1.30pm. Helen and Pat Stubbs and Abina Cassidy are continuing to run the popular Afternoon Bingo sessions. Don't forget there won't be a bingo session in December. The next dates are 30 January, 27 February and 27 March.
Christmas Party with music from Studio 26, Saturday 6 December. A Swift journey with music from Elvis to Ed. Tickets from the usual places £5/ person. There will be a party game and raffle half way through. Families are welcome.
Burns Night Ceilidh, Saturday 24 January. Back by popular demand, grab your tickets early as this event has sold out for the past two years. Tickets £15 from the usual places.
Family Evening Bingo (7 February) and a Spring Clean Quiz (March, date tbc).

**Jennie Cooper (Chair BHVH)**

## Bomere Heath Gardening Club

**There will be no meeting in December 2025**
**Our AGM will be held on Thursday,**
**29th January 2026**
**Commencing 7.30.p.m. followed by a Bingo Game & Refreshments**

**For further information please contact**
**Anita on 01939.290969 or 07985.082172**

# From our Local Churches…

**Revd. Dave Latcham, Curate, Severn Loop Parishes**

At some point in December, I will almost certainly be running around the house, trying to find where-on-earth I stored my Christmas jumpers. The sensible place would be with other winter clothes, but I suspect I've not been sensible! I have a range of jumpers that come out around Christmas, each with a different purpose, and each revealing something about what this point in the year means:

I have my thick, knitted, oversized winter jumper. Wearing it is like having a hug from a blanket on a cold day. It speaks to me of the warmth, the comfort, and the generosity of Christmas.

I also have one covered in fun-looking snowmen. It brings a smile to my face, probably because it makes me look rather ridiculous. It captures something of the joyfulness of Christmas

I also have an unusual choice of Christmas jumper: a knitted one, with a banana on the front, to which I've attached a Christmas hat. This used to be my dad's jumper, who died when I was young. I wear it each Christmas Day to remember him, recognising that Christmas also unearths some of the hardest things in life too.

All of us probably have some particular things that we put on around Christmas, things that mean something personal to us at this time of year. And we are not alone in doing this. In fact that is what brought Christmas about in the first place.

We celebrate Christmas because, in Jesus, God clothed himself with humanity. Or as John's gospel eloquently puts it, "the word became flesh, and made his dwelling among us." And what an odd choice of clothing humanity is! Like my jumpers, we reveal the best and worst things of life. And yet God still chose us. It is his generosity, his joy in us that overcomes the hardest things in our lives. And unlike my jumpers, he never loses us.

That is certainly worth celebrating this Christmas, and if you would like to join us, then take a look at the 'Church Services' page, which will give you details of festive services at Bomere Methodist Chapel, Preston Gubbals, Leaton, Bomere Mission Church, Albrighton and Battlefield. You never know, I might even be there in one of my jumpers!

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For the second season, our junior teams have progressed well in the U11 and U13 teams, we are looking to increase the number of teams next season, and the Club has already seen the benefits, with a number of players coming through into the weekend league teams and evening league teams. Also a couple of players have progressed to County age group teams, this is very encouraging to see. This couldn't be achieved without a number of factors into play. Our band of coaches that run the coaching programmes on Friday evenings. A big thank you to Harry Bolland, Charlie Wigley, Ryan Lockley, Matt Jones, DJ Humphreys, our overseas Gianluca Longo, Andy Oliver, Andy Willis, Lea Willis, Jamie Allwood, Jon Elford, Katrina Hannah, Dave and Emily Day, plus other volunteers who assisted from time to time, for their efforts this year. The progression in the Club is wonderful to see.

Another big thank you to Paul Bolland and Ian Humphreys for their sterling efforts on the ground. The hot summer was not helpful in producing pitches, during difficult situations was much appreciated. Progress has been made on the drainage work. Which will assist the Club, if we have a wet

winter. and a wet summer like we saw in 2023 and 2024. Also can I also thank our team of officials, our Umpires, Ian Humphreys, Tony Pritchard and Richard Edgerton. Also my fellow scorers, Becky Preece and DJ Humphreys for their efforts during the season.

We recently saw our bonfire night event, which was very well attended, and I hope that all who were there, really enjoyed the event. A big thank you to DJ Humhreys and all the other volunteers, for making it run very smoothly. We are always on the lockout for more players, and Social Members, so please come along, and enjoy the facilities.

## BOMERE HEATH LADIES CLUB

Bomere Heath Ladies Club meets on the first Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm in the Red Room in the Village Hall (unless we are out on trips etc). We enjoy trips, speakers and quiz evenings amongst other events.

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**Tuesday 2nd December: Christmas get together:**

Please bring a plate of food to share. If you would like to take part in our Secret Santa wrap a gift to the value of £5.

**No meeting in January.**

**Tuesday 3rd February: AGM**

**Thank you for all your support over the year.**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Ann**

# EXCERPTS FROM THE PRESCOTT SURGERY PATIENT NEWSLETTER
# November/December 2025

*The Patient Group would like to wish all the Partners, Doctors, Nurses and staff of Prescott Surgery a very happy Christmas and thank them on behalf of all patients for all their continuous hard work, compassion and care during this year.*

*The Patient Group would also like to wish all patients and their families a very happy Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.*

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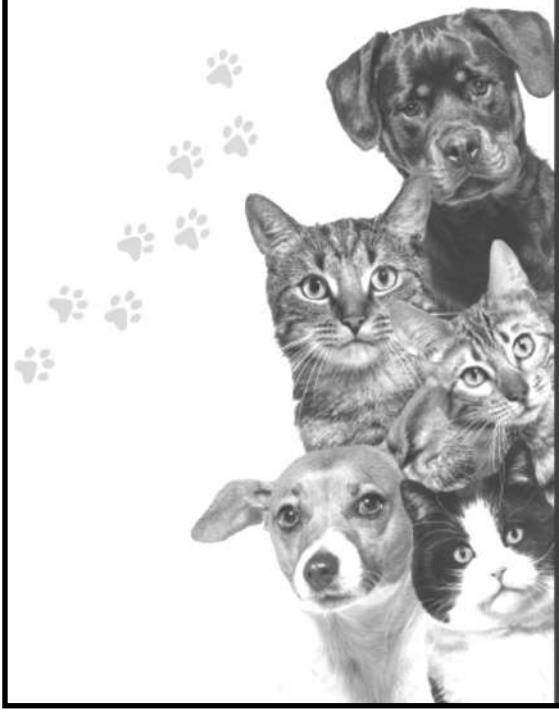

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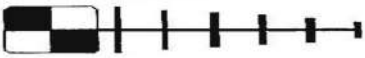

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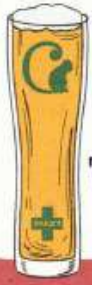

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