

We would like to welcome you

You have moved into one of the seven villages that make up the Flyford Family of churches, which are: Abberton, Bishampton, Flyford Flavell, Grafton Flyford, Naunton Beauchamp, North Piddle and Thockmorton.

We have pleasure in offering you this welcome pack. We sincerely hope that there will be something of interest as well as information for everyone, even if it is just the peace of mind that the church and its community is here to welcome and support you whenever you may feel the need.

Our Priest in Charge, is Rev Gary Noyes: 01905 841563 granoyes@gmail.com and our Associate Priest is Rev Sarah Dangerfield: 01386 861669 s.dangerfield150@btinternet.com. Or you can contact Delia Harding: 01386 462308, or email deliatheflyfords@aol.com, Licenced Lay Reader and Parish Administrator.

We have included a little about each of our villages and churches, some of the local amenities and clubs and a copy of our Flyford Family Newssheet, which is delivered bi-monthly free of charge, but donations towards cost of printing, etc. are welcomed. This lists Church Services across the Benefice, social events, news from the villages, and is useful for finding local tradespeople and for finding clubs and groups that may interest you. At the back of the newssheet, you will find a list of some Community Contacts.

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COMMUNITY CONTACTS.

Wychavon District Council, Civic Centre, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Pershore, WR10 1PT.
01386 565000 or www.wychavon.gov.uk

Worcestershire County Council, County Hall, Spetchley road, Worcester, WR5 2NP. 01905 765765 or www.worcestershire.gov.uk

County Councillor, Rob Adams 01905 345223

Wychavon and County Councillor, Liz Tucker 01386 462441

Wychavon Councillor and Chairman, Linda Robinson 01905 841536

Parish Council - (Bishampton and Throckmorton) 01386 861721

Parish Council - (Flyford Flavell, Grafton Flyford & North Piddle) 01905 80092

Also, on the website; www.theflyfords.co.uk

SCHOOLS

Upton Snodsbury C of E First School	01905 381288
Flyford Flavell First School	01386 462228
Pinvin St. Nicholas C of E Middle School	01386 554196
Pershore High School	01386 552471

In addition there is a private school in Peopleton and several are to be found in Worcester.

LOCAL SHOPS AND FILLING STATIONS

Upton Snodsbury Shop and Post Office	01905 381511
Flyford Flavell Shop and Post Office	01386 462202
Bishampton Shop, Restaurant and Post Office	01386 462873
Alcester Road Services, Shop and Filling Station	01905 38165

VILLAGE PUBS AND PLACES TO EAT

The Boot Inn, Radford Road, Flyford Flavell. www.thebootinn.com	01386 462658	or
The Flyford Arms, Old Hill, Flyford Flavell.	01905 381890	
The Dolphin, Bishampton. www.thedolphinbishampton.co.uk	01386 462343	or
The Oak, Upton Snodsbury. www.theoakuptonsnodsbury.co.uk	01905 381631	or
The Coventry Arms, Upton Snodsbury. www.thecoventryarmsuptonsnodsbury.co.uk	01905 381177	or

LIBRARY

Pershore Library, Church Street, Pershore	01386 553320
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A library van also tours the villages. Contact the library for days and times.

DOCTORS

Pershore Medical Practice, Queen Elizabeth House, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Pershore	01386 553346
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Abbottswood Medical Centre, Defford Road, Pershore
or visit: www.abbottswoodmedicalcentre.co.uk

Inkberrow Surgery, Grey Gables, Inkberrow.	01386 793007
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Or visit; www.nhs.uk/Service-Search/GP/LocationSearch/4

DENTISTS

Visit; www.nhs.uk/Service-Search/Dentist/LocationSearch/3

HOSPITALS

Pershore Community Hospital, Queen Elizabeth Drive,	01386 502071
Evesham Community Hospital, Waterside	01386 502449
Worcestershire Royal Hospital, Charles Hastings Way,	01905 763333

WASTE COLLECTION

Waste collection alternates between recyclables one week (green bin) and waste to landfill (black bin) the next. A Garden waste bin is available through Wychavon for an annual fee. Large item disposal is by arrangement with Wychavon on 01386 760145 and the nearest Local Amenity site is at Hill and Moor. Asking your neighbours about such things is a good way to get to know each other.

DOORSTEP MILK DELIVERY

Dairy Crest operates a delivery of Milk and certain groceries in the area. Perhaps ask one of your neighbours to leave a note with their bottles or contact them via www.milkandmore.co.uk or www.dairycrest.co.uk

BUS SERVICE

There is a local coach company that runs tours and outings and is also part of the bus service in the area - Dudley's Coaches telephone 01386 792206. Information can also be obtained from Worcester County Council Fleet Services on 01905 765765. Bus timetables are available through www.worcestestershire.gov.uk/cms/buses-in-worcestestershire or www.worcestershirebus.info

VILLAGE HALLS

Three Villages Hall, Grafton Flyford, next to Church, is used for a variety of events and classes and can be hired for private events/parties. It has a kitchen and a car park, and is fitted with audio-visual equipment and hosts a monthly film night and is a venue for a variety of classes.

To book 01905 391483 or www.threeparisheshall-graftonflyford.co.uk
The Villages Hall, Bishampton, has a stage, a bar, a kitchen, a choice of rooms, outside play area, and a car park. It hosts touring drama groups, a variety of other events and can be hired.

For bookings 01386 462557; Village Hall Committee Chairman 01386 462429.

Throckmorton Parish Room, has a kitchen and a car park and, for example, hosts a regular Pilates session on Wednesday afternoons and Bridge on that evening. Digital CD/DVD entertainment system available. Good for family parties! To book 01386 462441.

ARTS AND LEISURE

Number 8 Community Centre, Pershore. Cinema, theatre, dance and exercise groups, children's activities, art gallery and refreshments.

Box Office 01386 555488 or www.number8.org

Swan Theatre and Countess of Huntingdon Hall, Worcester for plays, music and more. Box office for both venues 01905 611427 www.worcesterlive.co.uk

Malvern Theatres, Grange Road, Great Malvern, WR14 3HB. Holds a diverse selection of drama, music, comedy, dance, film and education, often showcasing plays before a run in West End theatres.

Box Office 01684 892277 or www.malvern-theatres.co.uk

Royal Shakespeare Theatre and Swan Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon. How could we not include these prestigious venues, when they are so easily accessible from this area? www.rsc.org.uk

Rivers Leisure Centre, Pershore. Has a large swimming pool, gym, sports hall, exercise classes etc. 01386 552346 or www.wychavonleisure.co.uk

Rivers at Evesham Leisure Centre | Gyms | Swimming

With a Rivers Fitness Room, two swimming pools and a variety of exercise classes to choose from. 01386 444212 www.wychavonleisure.co.uk/our-centres/evesham/

Aztec Watersports Lake, Lower Moor, offers windsurfing, sailing, canoeing etc

01386 860013 www.aztecwatersports.com

GOLF COURSES

Evesham Golf Club, Fladbury 01386 860395

The Vale Golf Club, Bishampton 01386 462 781

ABBERTON VILLAGE PROFILE

Abberton is the smallest parish in the benefice with a population of 40 adults and 14 children living in 21 dwellings that are a mixture of barn conversions, bungalows, detached and semi-detached buildings. The village has two working farms one dairy/arable the other beef/arable. Although only a few people are directly involved with the farms the village still feels the rural farming influence, both historically and current. There are no shops or public houses and the nearest bus stop is a mile, some children are taken to school/college by a provided bus.

CHURCH PROFILE

Church Building

The original half-timbered church was built during the 13th century and was dedicated to St Edburga by the Abbot of Pershore. The interior is bright and welcoming and has been kept original. It is a lovely example of that era, even down to the lighting, provided by oil lamps. It has two bells that are rung at each service.

The Worship

A service is held once a month at 11am, alternating between Communion and Morning Prayer. The church has an organ but no organist so we sing unaccompanied. Services are held at Easter, Christmas, Harvest and Rogation which is also a social event, after walking around the village, a bring and share lunch is organised. There is also a well-attended candle lit carol service.



BISHAMPTON VILLAGE PROFILE

Bishampton is the largest of the seven villages.

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The population is approximately 675, a herd of reindeer and a pack of llamas. There are plans afoot for some additional housing. The village has a general store/Post Office, and public house/restaurant, both owned by the village. There is also a hairdresser and a mobile fish and chip van which comes once a week. The village has a well maintained village hall, where a nursery group, Brownies, gardening club and many others meet, it has also been used for educational courses and regularly hosts travelling theatre groups.

CHURCH PROFILE

Formerly St Peter' s but now dedicated to St James. Originally 12th Century with a tower added in the 14th Century, the church was rebuilt in 1870 when the figure carved on the pulpit was St James instead of St Peter, it was easier to change the name of the church than to remake the pulpit - that just about sums us up!

Heating is by underfloor central heating and radiators to boost, fired by a new external oil boiler. The lighting has been renewed in the church and a faculty secured for a hearing loop and redecoration. Some of the pews that have been removed have been reused to provide a credenza unit, prayer table etc. We have recently opened up the north door to

reveal a beautiful vista across the countryside. We are very proud of our new Facilities Block. In fact St James is held up as an example to other churches in Worcestershire for its renovation and fund raising through its Friends group.

The PCC and Friends of St James seek to offer St James to the community as a whole for both ecumenical and secular events. We are actively trying to make the church a more user friendly space and have in recent months hosted a pancake party on Shrove Tuesdays, Scalextrics event serving hot food and drink, a fashion show, pre school parties, private parties, history society events, talks etc, our most recent event was a Celebration of Christmas. The church is open during daylight hours and welcomes visitors.



Bishampton has a Village shop and post office [462873], stocking papers, confectionary, tobacco, sweets, alcoholic and soft drinks, dairy goods, fresh baked items, range of grocery items, frozen meals, fresh fruit and vegetables, stationery & cards, a small line of gifts, also including dry cleaning and shoe repair service, postal services and foreign currency 462873. Coming soon a café with patisserie counter, currys, fish and chips, pizza, breakfasts for example. Opening hours 8 am – 6.30 pm Monday to Saturday 8 am – 3pm on a Sunday.

Village pub, The Dolphin serves food and has outside eating and drinking area

Village hairdresser – Le Petite Salon

Village hall, well-appointed with a number of rooms, stage, bar, kitchen facilities outside play areas for younger children and the more adventurous. Booking Secretary 462557
Village Hall Committee Chairman 462429

Regular bus services to Pershore, Evesham, Worcester etc

Dustbin day is Wednesday, one week recycling the next landfill and gardening wheelie bin if hired. Free bulky item collections 760145

Groups who meet regularly

Brownies during term time, girls aged between 7 and 11 462308

Gardening Club 07854 362318

Mother and Toddler Group 462524

Pippins Pre School Playgroup 462557

History Society 462037

Bishampton Relief in Need Charity 462265

Bridge Club 462133

Table Tennis during Autumn and Spring 462323

Tuesday Ladies Club speakers, discussions and visits 462359

Walking Group 462253

Yoga

Friends of St James 462733 hold a variety of events to support the fabric of the church

Parish Council 861721



FLYFORD FLAVELL VILLAGE PROFILE

The village is made up of approximately 240 people ranging from younger families to the retired. Building is almost complete of sixteen new properties being a mixture of affordable homes and detached dwellings. There is also a general store, two public houses with restaurants and accommodation. The village shares a Village Hall with Grafton Flyford and North Piddle which is located in Grafton Flyford. However, we have recently applied for a faculty to convert the church into a community space and church, having secured some funds from the sale of an old building in the village. It is hoped that this will ensure the future of the church for the village and the planned refurbishment with facilities will make it a more welcoming and used building for the community.

Each year we have a village picnic and later in the year a fete, where members of the church together with the village social committee join together and hold the fete in grounds of the first school. The funds raised are apportioned between the school and the church.

CHURCH PROFILE

The Church is dedicated to St Peter and there has been a church on the site since the 12th Century.

We hold a service on the first Sunday of each month, we would love to see you. The church is also used by the local first school for their end of term services around Easter and their Harvest Service. At such times the church is totally packed with children, teachers, parents and grandparents and it is a struggle to accommodate everyone. However, these services are a total delight with the children taking part for the majority of the services.



GRAFTON FLYFORD AND LIBBERY VILLAGE AND CHURCH PROFILE

On behalf of the Grafton Flyford Church Committee, I should like to extend a warm welcome to you as you move into your new home here, and tell you a little more about the area and some of our local activities.

The church of St John the Baptist, situated at the southern end of the village, sits in very picturesque grounds which make an excellent backdrop for family occasions such as weddings and christenings. The church itself is simple, with parts dating from mediaeval times, and contains one or two historic treasures, well worth seeing. Whilst the building is kept locked at present, it is always possible to obtain a key from one of the churchwardens or their deputies, listed in the church porch.

The church committee consists of some dozen local people who strive to maintain the building, and of course, to keep the church as a spiritual focus. It is one of seven churches which together form the Benefice of the Flyfords Family of Churches.

The committee is one of the bodies that provides a social focus in Grafton Flyford and Libbery as it arranges events which will not only attract new friends but provide some income for the church itself. This income covers such expenses as repairs, utilities, insurance and clergy fees.

Here our main social events include the annual Gymkhana and Fun Dog Show at Libbery, the Harvest Supper in the Three Parishes Hall next door to the church, garden parties and coffee mornings, occasional sales and other events, such as Wine Tastings or concerts. Any offers of practical help are always welcome whether the helpers attend church or not. By attending or helping at an event it becomes easy to get to know us all and to feel part of this community. We're very friendly!

Not far from the church is Grafton Wood, bought by Worcestershire Wildlife Trust in order to preserve a habitat for the rare Hairstreak Butterfly. There are regular open days with guided walks through the wood, and the public is also invited to join in egg counts on the blackthorn bushes, so that the population of the Hairstreak Butterfly may be assessed.

Grafton Flyford and Libbery, as well as other villages, are well served with footpaths that take you to some of the hidden corners of the area.

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Meanwhile, as you settle in to life in Grafton Flyford or Libbery, the Church Committees across the Benefice have compiled a list of information that you may find helpful.



NAUNTON BEAUCHAMP VILLAGE PROFILE

A compact village of 63 properties including 3 working farms and 2 small businesses. The population has a wide age range with a good mix of families with children and teenagers, couples and single people.

There are no village amenities apart from the church and therefore the church building is used for social events such as the quiz nights, beetle drives and coffee mornings initiated by the church but supported by members of the wider community.

The village also has an active women' s institute which meets in the village hall at Upton Snodsbury. The big event of the year is the village Dog Show which is a major fundraiser for the church.

There is no public transport but children are taken to school on the school buses. Children attend first schools in Flyford Flavell, Upton Snodsbury and Pinvin, Pinvin middle school and Pershore High School. Some village children also attend Kings School, Worcester, Bredon School and Worcester Grammar School.

The Parish Council meet in the church and is supportive with grants towards the mowing of the churchyard.

CHURCH PROFILE

Dedicated to St Bartholomew. Currently 2 services a month, one traditional service and one more informal. A small group of 6-10 regular worshippers who also travel to other churches when there is no service in the village. special services such as Christmas and Harvest are well supported by the village.



NORTH PIDDLER VILLAGE PROFILE

North Piddle is a small rural village with 80 inhabitants representing a good cross section of ages. It should be noted however, that about half that population identify with the churches at Grafton Flyford and Flyford Flavell. There is no village center with the entire parish being designated as open country. There is a caravan site and organic farm and multiple agricultural businesses. On the whole the village is quite affluent but a few families rely on agricultural wages and an aging population poses issues for those living on fixed incomes.

With a somewhat curious name North Piddle has given rise to many a gag as well as a line of local ales, and recently found itself visited by The Inbetweeners during their Rude Road Trip raising over £50,000 for Comic Relief.

CHURCH PROFILE

With a small and intimate feel St Michael's lends itself well to informal and alternative worship styles including services of meditation and Taize style worship.

Although congregations are small those individuals who attend are proactive in their faith and significant outreach work is undertaken in educating young people both internationally and close to home the village supports special services such as harvest and carol services. The village community as a whole, is known for the way in which individuals and families work together and there is a select number of annual and bi-annual fundraising events that are exceptionally well attended and famous across the county.



THROCKMORTON VILLAGE PROFILE

The earliest mention of Throckmorton is in a charter of St Wulfsten, Bishop of Worcester 1062-1095. Referring to the old manor house reputed to be on the moated island behind the Church was along with Bishampton part of the Bishops estates until the 15th century.

The Village of Throckmorton and Tilesford have a population of approximately 200 people. These two villages are split by Pershore Airfield no longer operational for aircraft but linked by a road which passes across the fenced off runways, which now have a few small businesses operating on them.

There is no shop or public house in either village, but in Tilesford there is a residential care Home with private bungalows around it for the elderly.

Throckmorton has a modern Village Hall which is used for meetings, functions, club activities and is where most of the fundraising events for the Church take place, although the hall is run by Throckmorton Village Charity.

THE CHURCH.

Throckmorton Church unlike the other six in the Flyford Family is not dedicated to a Saint but classed as a Chapelry. The Church has no mains electricity, but the pipe organ is run from a generator. The church is lit by oil lamps and candles and heated by LP gas heaters.

Throckmorton has two services per month one Celtic and one Holy Communion service both at 3pm plus the special services which are usually well attended, the candle lit Christmas carol services are often packed out managing to squeeze 100 people in. We have a Friends Summer service where we invite people from local areas, inviting them for tea at the Village hall which is a short stroll across the field which surrounds the Church.

We have a few regular worshipers from the Tilesford retirement bungalows who also enjoy afternoon events we put on at the village Hall.

