November 2026 Newsletter

Christ Church and St Mary's English Bicknor

We begin this newsletter by thanking Jeff Carrick for his many years as magazine treasurer and Judith Brickwood for being a very able magazine editor; both have stepped down from their roles though continue to support our churches in many other ways – thank you, both! Jeff has asked those who have collected any money recently to please hand it to a PCC treasurer.

We are still hoping that someone will feel able to offer their services as a magazine editor. We apologise to all who appear regularly in the magazine but are not included in this short newsletter. We are very grateful for the ongoing support of all who have chosen to advertise in the magazine for many years and hope that, with a new editor, this may continue.

Please contact one of the churchwardens if you might be interested in taking the magazine forward.

Church Services for November 2026

Christ Church Forest of Dean

1st November All Saints' Day	11.00 am Sunday One	6.00 pm All Souls Service – 'Remembering those we have loved and lost'
8th November 3rd Sunday before Advent Remembrance Sunday	11.00 am Holy Communion with a short act of remembrance	6.00 pm Remembrance Service with Berry Hill Band
15th November 2nd Sunday before Advent	11 00 am Morning Worship	6 00pm Evensong
22nd November Christ the King	11 am Holy Communion	6 00 pm Songs of Praise
29th November *1st Sunday of Advent*	*No service at Christchurch* ***9.30 Benefice at EB***	*No service at Christchurch* ***9.30 Benefice at EB***

St Mary's English Bicknor

1st November All Saints' Day	9.30 am Holy Communion
8th November 3rd Sunday before Advent Remembrance Sunday	9.30 am Remembrance Matins
15th November 2nd Sunday before Advent	9.30 am Holy Communion
22nd November Christ the King	9.30 am Matins
29th November 1st Sunday of Advent	9.30 Benefice Holy Communion Service with Revd Dan Browne

There is a service of **Holy Communion every Thursday** at 11am
at English Bicknor Village Hall – all are welcome

MORE GOOD NEWS!

Further to last month's announcement of the appointment of the Revd Dan Browne as the new Transitional Minister, Forest of Dean, we can now announce that

Revd Dan Browne's licencing
will be held
at St John's School, Coleford
(Bowen's Hill Rd, GL16 8DU)
on Thursday 19th November 2026
at 7pm
Everyone welcome!

Please pray for Dan and his family at this exciting time.

Friends of Christ Church Coffee Morning
Saturday 21st November 2026, 10am – 12 noon
Everyone welcome!

Iris Hughes Age 92

Her Funeral Service took place on Tuesday 2nd October 2026 at Christ Church followed by burial at Mile End

Christ Church Christmas Fayre

Saturday 28th November

10am-4pm

'Festive Fiction and Film' themed displays

Variety of stalls

Refreshments served all day

Soup Lunch

ENGLISH BICKNOR WI

FASHION SHOW

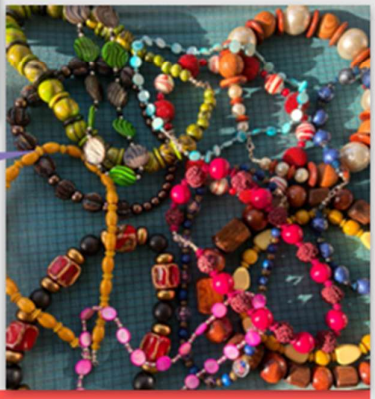
Saturday **November 14th** at **10am**

The Edinburgh Woollen Mill

Looking for a seasonal item or two?

Or

Just come for the coffee and cake and enjoy the show



Hand crafted jewellery for sale

ENGLISH BICKNOR VILLAGE HALL

£5 ADMISSION with TEA/COFFEE AND CAKE

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EVERYONE WELCOME

English Bicknor & District Garden Club

24th November: Our AGM followed by entertainment from classical guitarist Nicolas Morrow Brown.

Our friendly club meets at English Bicknor village hall at 7.30 pm and welcomes anyone who would like to join us.
For further details contact Pat Drinkall 01594 861025

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WI October Report 2026

It's been a while since we've featured in the magazine, but we have still been busy. We don't have a formal meeting in August, but we do have a game of croquet and other garden games followed by afternoon tea in the village hall. This year we had chosen one of the hottest days of the year, but we managed to find some shade. It was a lovely afternoon.

This month we held our Anniversary Supper which was as usual delicious and we were royally entertained by Daziel Ellis, a poet whom everyone enjoyed listening to.

On Saturday November 14th at 10am we will be hosting another fashion show by the Edinburgh Woolen Mill. There will be a £5 admission fee to include cake and a drink. All profits will go to Crossroads, our nominated charity. The last one was great fun so spread the word and come along.

We have a busy schedule for the coming months and our regular walking and netball groups continue to flourish.

Welcome to a new (academic) year at English Bicknor C of E Primary School

Welcome to 2026-2027!!

We would like to welcome our new children and families to our school community. Children in reception (Early Years Foundation Stage) have now settled in and we are excited to seem the flourish on their education journey with us. Starting a new school can be daunting for our youngest pupils, however, we are very lucky to have such wonderful and caring pupils at English Bicknor, who thoroughly enjoy taking the new children under their wing and guiding them through.

Local author visit

This term, we were very lucky to have a local author, Esther Stevens, visit our children. Esther writes books based on big emotions and her stories support children in managing these emotions. Esther spoke to the children about her stories and her lovable dinosaur characters. Children were then able to ask questions and talk with Esther about her books. One child noted, "I liked meeting Esther because she is an author and I want to be an author when I grow up" - It is so lovely to be able to provide our children with these experiences that allow them to further develop their love of reading.

Swimming

Our children in Oak class have been making a splash this term with their swimming lessons. Each week children in year 3, 4, 5 and 6 visit Cinderford swimming pool where they are taught key skills in stroke technique as well as water safety.

Harvest Festival

At time of publication, our children will have taken part in their harvest festival. Celebrating the harvest and showing thanks to all our Earth provides. Children will sing about fluffy cauliflowers and Autumn days in perfect unison!

As we move closer to our first half term, we think about the amazing opportunities our children have already had and look forward to those ahead. We look forward to updating you all soon!

Who is Who in our Churches?

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