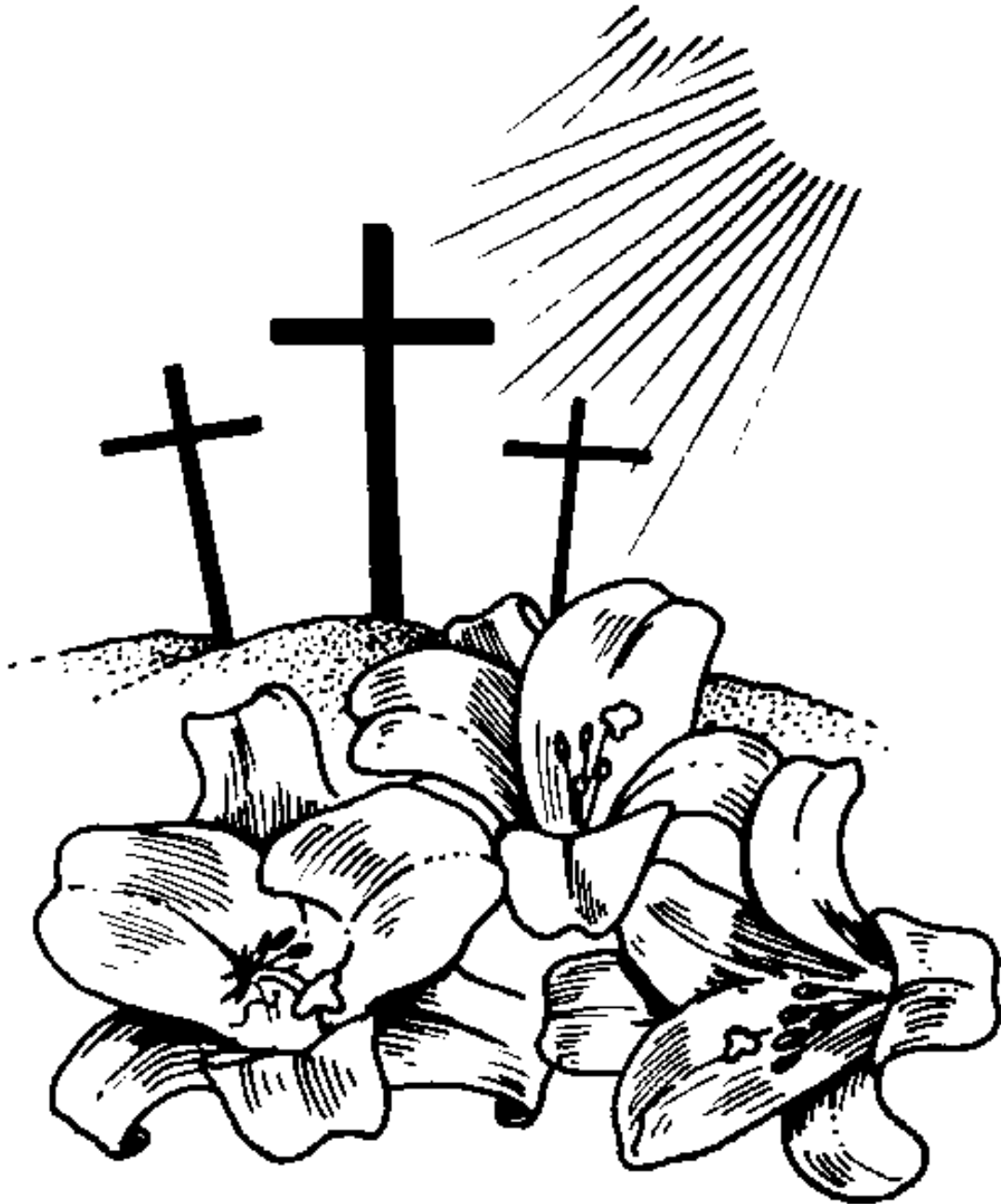


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Please remember the departed their family and friends in your prayers

Life and Hope: Jesus Is Risen!

Just before sitting down to write this I was catching up with the news which is, at the time of writing, of course focused on events in Ukraine. Amongst the reports and statistics was a photo of a mother standing beside a bus with her hands pressed against the window. On the bus sat her daughter, she looked about 3, with tears streaming down her face as she pressed her hands against the window, against her mother's hands. They were saying goodbye. The bus would soon drive away, and mother and daughter would be left wondering whether they would ever see one another again. I can only imagine the fear, bewilderment and hopelessness that this family were feeling.

For this mother and daughter, and for so many others in the difficult and often confusing world in which we live today, hope is something that seems to be in short supply, or perhaps even more than that; hope has died a death.

We cannot, and should not, brush aside human suffering with empty words like, 'it will be ok', but hope, I believe, is one of the most important gifts that the Christian faith can offer to the world.

For the disciples who were with Jesus as they ate together before his arrest, trial and crucifixion, it must have felt like their world had been shattered. We have the privilege of knowing how Jesus defeated death and rose again to bring us the promise and hope of new life, but to those disciples watching Jesus being arrested, they were saying goodbye, wondering whether they would ever see him again. And then they watched as he died upon the cross. That would have been their whole experience; all their hopes crushed in a matter of days.

Friday was dark and bleak and seemed hopeless to those watching. It must have seemed as though the darkness had won. Jesus was dead. Hope was dead.

But then... the Sun Rises and a new day begins.

The day when hope was resurrected.
The day when light overcame sin and darkness.
The day when life defeated death once and for all.

When hope seems as heavy as the stone laid across the entrance to the tomb, nothing has the power to bring hope back to life like Easter. For the Easter message not only offers us the hope of the future; eternal life after death, but the lens through which to look in the meantime. It tells us that this bewildering and sometimes dark world could not overcome Jesus. It tells us that Jesus himself went through darkness, fear and death and so is able to walk with us through anything that we are facing. And it tells us that Jesus offers us the same hope and healing that brought life out of death on that first Easter morning as the sun rose and a new day began.

"Because I live, you also will live" (John 14: 19)

He is risen! He is risen indeed!

May we know hope this Easter and always.

The Reverend Ruth Hulse

Kathleen Burborough

Kath died peacefully at Dulas Court, where she had been a resident for the past three years, on 25th November. Her funeral took place at Holy Trinity on 21st December. She had been very much part of the 'back up team' at Holy Trinity for many years, even though she had lived outside the parish.

Her funeral was well attended in spite of the Covid restrictions and many friends sent cards containing warm messages and memories of her.

Thanks to Ruth for the beautiful, uplifting service and to all those who sent cards, attended the funeral and made donations to the MacMillan Cancer Support team.

Denise and Norman Fincham

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Have a cup of tea and a break.

There's good company and cake.

Every month there are sandwiches, cakes, tea and company in Holy Trinity Church for anyone who would like to come. It is very informal and just lets anyone who pops in enjoy conversation and fellowship for an afternoon. It starts at 2.30 and we put the tea pot away at 4.30. We welcome anyone from across all 4 parishes – whether you worship with us or not. The dates for the first part of this year are:-

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Wednesday 4th May

Tuesday 7th June

Wednesday 6th July

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Hello Everyone,

I feel little choice but to write about the situation in Ukraine. I'm hesitant because writing this piece several weeks in advance means that it is likely to be out of date. As I write, the news is emerging of an airstrike on a children's hospital in Mariopol. Each day outdoes itself in reports of wickedness and villainy. I'm not sure this graphic demonstration of evil fits with modern psychological theories of human wrongdoing. What is happening in Ukraine is simply sinful and evil. It demonstrates what Christians and our Jewish forbears have said for centuries. There is something deeply wrong with human beings. We are created in the image of God and capable of great goodness, but sinful, rebellious against God and therefore capable of great evil at the same time.

Putin is motivated by distorted views of history, misplaced pride and preparedness to get his own way through the projection of power. I see this sort of motivation played out all the time, even in familiar contexts; even in Herefordshire and South Shropshire! The difference is that our petty delusions don't have access to one of the world's largest armies to do so much damage.

I pray that Putin won't get his way through violence. It is certainly proving counter-productive in gaining political submission. Power like this never achieves its ends. In the temptation story, Jesus rejected the use of power, even to bring about good outcomes. Real change both in the world and in our hearts only happens through love. Jesus seeks to build a kingdom not through coercion but by invitation. As we approach Easter his crucifixion reminds us he was prepared to pay the price in himself for justice to be done. What flows from this is the possibility of forgiveness, something we all need, not just Mr Putin.

Yours in Christ

+Richard

.Easter Lilies 2022 – Holy Trinity Flower Guild

We invite you to give a lily in memory of a loved one at Easter.

The flowers will be incorporated into the floral arrangements

in church in time for Easter Sunday 17th April 2022.

We suggest a minimum donation of £5.00 per lily towards the cost
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By Sunday 10th April 2022

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If you have taken part in a Church of England project Living in Love and Faith group or looked at any of the material that has been published as part of it, could we ask you to complete a questionnaire that has been issued nationally? You can find the questionnaire on the Church of England website. Select resources and then Living in Love and Faith.

Stuart Vince

Rain Upon My Face

by Ron Cretchley 11.10.2000

I have stood on many bridges watching water flow
Yet cannot know if rain upon my face
Is water that once raced beneath my feet.

I have walked a lonely beach, breakers snapping at my feet
Listening to the beat of unquiet sea
Chivvied by the motion of the moon.

I have climbed cloud-capped hills, and asked a spindrift sky
About the why and wherefore of this life,
And of the clash between the peace we crave, and strife.

I have watched a field trudging through its round:
The cutting, the bound straw, the corn;
The plough, the seed, the harrowed loam reborn.

And at a bedside I have watched a loved-one sleep
So deep I could not tell if breath had ceased and death had come.
But I have been assured by flowing streams and spindrift dreams,
By sea's ceaseless beat, and field's yearly feat of rich rebirth,
That love is lasting, though we go to earth.



LIFE AND HOPE: JESUS IS RISEN!

16-19 APRIL 2022

Building on last year's event, The West Hereford Team will once again be running an Easter display trail this year, with the theme **Life and Hope : Jesus is Risen!**

What is it?

A series of Easter displays created by members of our churches outside their homes or in their windows for others to visit. The aim is that this will act as a visible reminder of the Easter message within our community and a springboard for conversations about life and hope. The event will also provide an opportunity for us to engage with the community by encouraging schools, colleges and local residents to get involved and create their own models or artwork expressing what life and hope mean to them. These will then be displayed at our churches.

When is it?

The displays will be on show from Holy Saturday (16 April) to Easter Tuesday (19 April).

What do I need to do if I want to create a display?

If you'd like to be part of the fun this year, just let me know by emailing abib1983@hotmail.com. Displays can be as simple or as creative as you like – they could include drawings, paintings, Lego models, floral arrangements, toys, words, images, photos or anything else you'd like to use. Maybe you could incorporate something that people could take away with them (a chocolate egg, a cross, a crocheted flower...?), or invite people to add something to show that they've visited your display (draw a picture or write a word?). There were some fantastic and imaginative ideas last year, and I've included some pictures of them below for inspiration!

How will it be publicised?

There will be a poster to go alongside each display with information about the event, to enable passers-by to find out more and visit the other displays as well. Information will also go out on social media and the website, and local schools and colleges will be involved.

How else can I help?

We'll need to spread the word that the event is happening in as many ways as possible, so things you can do in the next few weeks include:

Distributing flyers to local homes

Asking local businesses and organisations you're in touch with to display a poster

Contacting local media

Telling people you talk to that it's happening

Please let me know by emailing abib1983@hotmail.com if you can help with any of these things or have ideas for other ways to publicise the event.

Abi Weller



PRAYER in the West Hereford Team

PRAYER is one of the foundation stones of our life together in the West Hereford Team. As well as the Sunday services we have regular midweek prayers and services, and pray daily for many individuals who have let us know their needs, as well as for the needs of the world. In LENT we have had a daily prayer theme, and our weekly Lent group has taken "Famous Prayers and the Ways we Pray" as its subject. We are delighted to announce a **final course Open Forum LIVE in Holy Trinity Church at 7pm on Wednesday 6th April**. Our theme will be "Our Prayers" and you are invited to bring a favourite prayer or story of prayer to share. To get you started, here is a small selection of famous Favourite Prayers. There are lots more: what are your own fa-

Christ be with me,

Christ within me,
Christ behind me,
Christ before me,
Christ beside me,
Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort
and restore me.
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ in quiet,
Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of
all that love me,
Christ in mouth of
friend and stranger.

From St Patrick's Breastplate

Christ has no body now on earth but yours,

no hands but yours,
no feet but yours;
yours are the eyes through which he is to look
with compassion on the world;
yours are the feet with which he is to go about
doing good;
and yours the hands with which he is
to bless us now.

St Teresa of Avila

God be in my Head,

and in my Understanding.
God be in my Eyes,
and in my Looking.
God be in my Heart,
and in my Thinking.
God be in my Hands,
and in my Serving.
God be at my End,
and at my Departing.

From a Book of Hours 1514

God grant me the

SERENITY

to accept the things I cannot change,

COURAGE

to change the things I can, and

WISDOM

to know the difference.

Reinhold Niebuhr

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon:
Where there is doubt, faith:
Where there is darkness, light:
Where there is despair, hope,
And where there is sadness, joy.
Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And in dying that we are born to eternal life.
St Francis of Assisi

O Lord,

support us all the day long of this troublous life,
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,
and the bush is over,
the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then, Lord, in your mercy
grant us safe lodging, a holy rest,
and peace at the last,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
after Cardinal John Henry Newman

Teach us, good Lord, to serve thee as thou
deservest; to give and not to count the cost; to fight
and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek
for rest; to labour and to ask for no reward save that
of knowing that we do thy will, through Jesus Christ
our Lord.

St Ignatius Loyola

Thanks be to Thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,

For all the benefits
Which Thou hast won for me;
For all the pains and insults
Which Thou hast borne for me.
O Most Merciful Redeemer,
Friend and Brother;
May I know Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly,
and follow Thee more nearly,
Day by day.
St Richard of Chichester

Genevieve writes...

"With life back to 'normal', I am back to spending my life as a taxi service and school bus driver; the children seem to have gone from having nothing available to participate in to all of a sudden WHOOSH busy busy busy busy busy. I am so pleased they are no longer stuck at home with each other, but at the same time consciously aware of the amount our family's petrol tank and tyres have taken a major hit.

More than once a week, my petrol light and annoying BING! lights up my dashboard and remind me to get more. And what do I do? I wait until I am embarrassingly below an eighth of a tank to visit the station. I have no excuse, really, because it's a mile from our home. Time is precious, I tell myself, and those twenty minutes can be better used that day. As long as the children are where they need to be, I'm not worried about me.

I always eventually get to the petrol station when the gauge warns me that the school run might not be feasible.....Filling it up, my foot taps, I stare at the dials, think of the million minute details that must be ticked off, and hope that magically I wouldn't have to stand there and physically push a button in order to get on with my travels. Eventually, my patience gives out and I go inside to pay. It's only when I turn the car back on do I realise.....

I ONLY FILLED MY TANK HALF WAY.....

We KNOW we need filling up, we KNOW our travels are ahead of us; why can't we spend the extra time to PREPARE? In many ways, this relationship to my petrol tank directly reflects my lack of preparation and focus on the Lenten journey. Going from Point A to Point B without breaking down isn't feasible in walking with Christ. We know the journey is long, bumpy, and will take its toll, so why not prepare ourselves for it?

This Easter journey, remember that for us to make it to the end we must have enough fuel - spiritually, emotionally and mentally. Take time to quietly pray and reflect, to nourish your relationship with the Lord as a priority. Go for walks, spend quality time with loved ones, find space within your heart and mind to be able to HEAR the Lord above all the noise and commotion.

Know that this Holy week, Easter season and beyond, should you forget to fill up your tank and run out of fuel, reach out. You wouldn't be the first to find yourselves on the side of the road; We're here to give each other a lift."

What's On

Sunday 3rd April - Lego Church (Holy Trinity) 4pm

Where we will make palms for the following Sunday, and do a Lego session around the Stations of the Cross

Sunday 10th April - children are invited to process in church with their "Palm" leaves during Sunday services

4pm - Outdoor Church (Breinton)

HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday 14th April - Holy Thursday picnic

10am to 11am St. Michael's Breinton - bring a packed snack or sandwiches while we eat together in remembrance of Jesus' last supper.

Friday 15th April - Good Friday crafts and activities

1pm to 2pm (All Saints Church)

A day of sorrow and grief, we explore the crucifixion and death of our Lord Saviour

Saturday 16th April - Holy Saturday

10am - hike up the Skirrid

A day of waiting... Our saviour has been buried; we are thoughtful and reflective in our loss and preparation. The Great Vigil commences at sunset, and we are able to become closer to preparing for His resurrection.

Sunday 17th April 12.30pm in the St. Michael's Breinton churchyard. Bring your baskets and enjoy hunting for eggs to celebrate our Saviour's resurrection! **no family activities in the afternoon**

Sunday 24th April **no family activities in the afternoon** Will commence on the Second Sunday of Easter 1st May

Genevieve



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2022 Theme: Transformation – Now!

We welcomed Curate Revd Jo to our March meeting, Jo led our prayers, and a reflection about, Hagar, one of the women in the bible. Hagar was an Egyptian slave-girl. You can read her story and the birth of her son, Ishmael, in Genesis Chapter 16. Things to think about: Hagar ran away from the situation, Hagar returned to the situation, compare that to modern day relationships, why do some people return to abusive relationships or what is the attraction of the same type of partner?

During our meeting Revd Jo enrolled three new members and welcomed a member who has moved to Hereford. Our meeting ended after we had enjoyed delicious cake – we always enjoy cake at our meetings, we have some excellent bakers!

Our next meeting is on Monday 11 April, Revd Ruth will share prayers and reflection for Holy Week. Our meetings are open to all – men or woman. Come by yourself or come with friends.

April

Mon 4	Trustees meeting, Conference Room or Zoom
Sun 10	Holy Week
Mon 11	2.30 MU meeting, St Nicholas' House or Church, Speaker Revd Ruth Hulse
Thurs 14	Maundy Thursday Midday Prayers, Cathedral
Fri 15	Good Friday
Sun 15	Easter Sunday



May

Mon 2	No meeting
Thurs 12	Midday Prayers, Cathedral

June

Mon 6	2.30 MU meeting, St Nicholas' House or Church
Wed 8 - Fri 10	Wave of Prayer

Yambio South Sudan, Garissa Kenya, Mbamili Nigeria, Willochra Australia, Thailand, Hereford England

Thurs 9	Midday Prayers, Cathedral
Mon 20	Diocesan Council, Kimbolton

If you want more details please contact me, 07988 750673, annenewman57@hotmail.com, or just turn up at one of our meetings!

Anne Newman,
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The Thursday service at 10am might be for you.

Come along and join us as we share communion together, enjoy one another's company and get out of the house!

For more information phone the Team office on 01432 273086.

HEREFORD RAIL MALE VOICE CHOIR'S 25TH CONCERT

The Hereford Rail Male Voice Choir's 25th Concert takes place at Holy Trinity Church on Saturday 14th May 2022 at 7.00pm. Tickets cost £10.00 to include a numbered programme with winning prize and are available from Rail Choir Members or payable on the door.

Their guest artist will be Seán Ruane, who was raised and educated in his native Lancashire. Seán made his professional debut in 2001 and has worked in many countries since then.

While opera remains at the heart of his work, Seán has become the voice of many of the national sporting events. He has performed at the Ashes since 2005 and his rendition of Jerusalem is played before the start of every England Test.

In 2011 Seán established CHANT Productions Designing, an innovative programme of opportunities for young people, giving them access to work alongside industry professionals in Arts, Media and Sport. CHANT believes that stadiums are the theatres of the future for young people.

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June Stephens

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Reflections on COP 26

On Monday 7th March at the Deanery Readers Meeting Peter Strevens, a long serving Reader at St Peter's gave a highly informative and challenging report of his "Reflections of COP 26". He has agreed that his resume of the talk may be printed in Teamtalk - for which we are most grateful.

I had the privilege to be able to travel to Glasgow, to be part of the "fringe" of the COP 26 International Conference on the Environment, held last November. COP is United Nations speak for Conference of the Parties. Representatives from nearly 200 countries attended, with many heads of state or prime ministers there at some point. This was the first COP since Paris in 2015 and was delayed a year because of the pandemic.

In 2015, I was part of a group of about 40 who walked the 200 or so miles from London to Paris for the Conference as a "Pilgrimage to Paris". This was organised by The Church of England, Christian Aid, Tear Fund and Cafod, so included Christians of very different traditions (and one Buddhist!). The idea was to engage with churches and communities on the way and be part of the Christian voice in Paris. The group has kept in touch and formed close friendships and we decided that we would like to try and be in Glasgow in some way, as part of the Christian witness, to walk, march, demonstrate and prayer walk the City, as the Conference began. One of our group was also part of the official Anglican Communion delegation. We also met up with many other pilgrimages from all over Europe and Scandinavia.

On 13 November 2021, the participating 197 countries agreed a new deal, known as the Glasgow Climate Pact, aimed at staving off dangerous climate change.

The pact "Reaffirms the Paris Agreement temperature goal of holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2 °C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels" and "Recognizes that limiting global warming to 1.5 °C requires rapid, deep and sustained reductions in global greenhouse gas emissions" The final agreement explicitly mentions coal for the first time, which is the single biggest contributor to climate change. Over 140 countries pledged to reach net-zero emissions. This includes 90% of global GDP.

One of the other major concerns was for "Climate Justice", recognising that climate change disproportionately affects the poorest in our world, and that is just not fair!

The position has been made worse by the Covid pandemic and more recently, the situation in the Ukraine. But the intention is to hold a COP this year in Egypt to check on progress and hold countries to account, rather than every 5 years.

So, what can we do? One of the Church of England's 5 marks of Mission is "To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth", so concern for the environment and the effects of climate change is at the heart of the gospel and not just an optional extra or hobby for enthusiasts!

We know that big changes have to happen at policy level, involving governments, businesses, financial institutions and investors, but that doesn't mean we need or can do nothing, or that we can have no impact on the situation.

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Let me make a few suggestions:

At a personal level

Think about how you live and spend your money and where and how you travel. Can you live more sustainably?

Think about what you consume, where it comes from and the food miles. Can you shop more locally?

We are all facing a fuel emergency this winter and spring, but think about where your gas and electricity comes from. Can you be greener?

Think about how you can cut down on single use plastic and packaging. Do you need all those plastic bags and do you need to use single use face masks?

And of course, think about how you can re-use, repair and recycle.

We live in a complex world and we will never get our carbon use to zero. So reduce what you can, but then offset what you can't. Consider doing an audit to measure your carbon footprint, then aim to reduce what you can and offset the rest. There are several organisations to help you do this. Personally my wife and I use Climate Stewards (www.climatestewards.org). Offset donations are used for tree planting and other environmental schemes across the world.

Think about lobbying your MP and the government, holding them to account for the pledges they have made.

But consider too, doing something as a local Church. Join the ECO Church movement. See www.ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk for details. It is an award scheme for churches in England and Wales who want to demonstrate that the gospel is good news for God's earth. It's a questionnaire based process and its challenges cover 5 areas:

Worship and teaching.

Buildings.

Land.

Community and global engagement.

Lifestyle

Why not get a group together to take this forward? After all, Hereford is now aiming to be an "ECO Diocese", so we are all encouraged to get involved and help change our corporate and individual culture. I'd be happy to come and talk to any interested groups.

I came away from Glasgow, very tired and exhilarated by the possibilities, but also angry, frustrated and disappointment at apathy and slow progress in some area. But perhaps most of all, I came away with a greater determination to do what I can to work for climate justice and to do what I can and encourage others to take action to care more for this beautiful world God has created.

Peter Strevens

St Nicholas' Notebook 3



The 'new' water works at Broomy Hill was installed after 1856 to provide a water supply to Hereford's residents. Here a pump lifted the water from the Wye to a 9 million-gallon reservoir from where the water after standing for a while was passed through sand filters before entering the mains. It was a terrific investment for the city to make and install and was for several years improved upon, including the building of the water tower in 1886. The initial pump was run by a 'working engineer' who in the 1861 census was Samuel Ranken Cullen (40) who had been born in Norwood, Surrey. He with his wife Maria (45), daughter Maria (12), mother Elizabeth (64), niece Elizabeth (18) and godmother Cecilia Ranken (44) were living here on the night of the census.

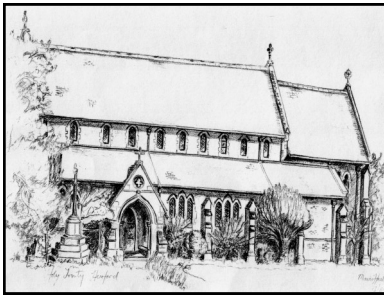
Samuel lived at a time when traditional skills were dying and new technology offered a new life. Born in 1822, he was a 'Hat maker' in the 1841 census, and at his marriage in June that year to Maria he is a 'Hatter'. In 1861 he is a 'working engineer' here in Hereford and in 1871 he is 'Retired Engineer' in Alfriston, Sussex. His brother George Edward Cullen had started as a 'gunmaker' in 1841, he is a 'stoker' in 1851 living at Gt Badminton, Gloucs, in 1861 he was an 'Engineer' in Battersea, and in 1871 he's an 'engine cleaner' in Bromley Kent. Both brothers seem to have eventually found work maintaining engines.

In my research I could not find Samuel in 1851. His wife Maria (36) with two children Samuel (8) and Maria (2) was living in Lambeth and she was a 'dress maker'. His son Samuel (10) was admitted into Class 3 at St Michael's School Westminster on 20th June 1853 and he and Maria are the named parents with his occupation being 'engineer'. Surprisingly, the only place I could find Samuel in 1851 was as a prisoner (Samuel Ranken Cullen, aged 29, born Norwood, Surrey, 'Engine Driver' and married) now in Clerkenwell House of Correction. He seems to be the right man but what had he done?

His sentence had been given at the Old Bailey on 11 June 1849. He had been found guilty of assault and rape for '*ferociously assaulting Amelia Ann Elizabeth Martin and carnally knowing and abusing her*' and was confined for 2 years. I wasn't expecting this of our 'working engineer' on Broomy Hill! If it is him he would have been one of the first prisoners sent to the new prison building at Clerkenwell, built on the sites of two former prisons and opened in 1847. It was built in the latest fashion and like Strangeways it was built three stories high with a central hall and wings radiating out of it. Prisoners were kept in isolation from one another in separate cells which had the latest amenities of a water chamber, basin and a small window, for it was believed that prisoners would reform if kept isolated. Two years was a long time to be kept in isolation though there was an exercise yard and I believe prisoners were given some work to do. Perhaps he helped run the new heating system installed in the prison?

Anyway, after coming out of prison in 1852, Samuel must have spent up to six years working in the London area working with engines. If it is his son Samuel who enters Class 3 age 10 in Westminster in 1853, Samuel is still an 'engineer'. I wonder how he got the job at Broomy Hill? For in 1856 he must have travelled with his family up from London, by train to work here. I hope the family were able to turn over a new leaf and Samuel was able to start life again, fully reformed.

Jean Thomson



Faith in Action

"Working for the glory of God by sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, responding to the needs of the community, and uniting the parishes of West Hereford in mission."

The fourth Meeting of the group was held on 3rd March 2022. The group is keen to ensure that all its actions are measured against the Mission Statement and this will head any documentation produced by it.

Abi Weller has been working hard on developing an Easter Trail. As with last year those participating will be asked to set up an Easter display in their front garden. A flyer advertising the event will also be produced by Abi and this will be circulated in relevant streets. Various displays will also be set up in either churchyards or churches and it is hoped that a number of local schools will also contribute.

The group is keen to become involved with the Greenhouse Project. The Church of England website defines the Project as suiting anyone who feels called to establish and grow new, robust Christian communities among people who don't yet know Jesus where they live, work and have friends.

The group has committed to sending a group of three to the next local meeting of Greenhouse which was held on March 19th. Members attending are asked to choose a theme and the Faith in Action group would like to develop further their ideas on church welcomes and relevant information.

A fascinating discussion took place over church welcomes and displays. A number of the group had visited various churches, both in the Diocese and beyond, and fed back on those experiences.

The discussion stressed a number of points:

- the need to keep information up to date on church notice boards

- The importance of the entry into church being warm and colourful

- The possibility of providing name badges for sides persons and others

- Possibly clarifying the role of the sides person but also having hosts whose job is to warmly welcome those attending and provide relevant information to any newcomers

- Displays are only part of the process of welcome and that human interaction is essential

- The welcome at the end of the service is as equally important as the start of the service

It was agreed that there is no one template for this aspect of church life.

The Diocesan Church and Society group focuses on the issues that are particularly pertinent to the Diocese.

That group is keen to make contact with Faith in Action and their officer, Liz Mckay, has been invited to attend the next meeting in April and to listen and take part in discussions relating to these themes.

See <https://www.hereford.anglican.org/church-and-society/> for their website.

The new church Family Worker, Genevieve Barker, has also been invited to that meeting.

Interesting things are going on and the Faith in Action group will keep you in touch through the magazine.

SEAN CATHIE REMEMBERS

Another innovative happening from those years was the holding of a series of theology lectures. This was initiated by two church members who are still around, Jackie Mumford and Shellie Byatt. They had met Bishop Jack Spong from America at a study course at Gladstone's Library and also Professor Keith Ward from Oxford. These meant a lot to church members within the parish and from further afield. What was it about Bishop Spong that people valued so highly? Here a friend of Sean's writes about how important his books were to his wife and himself.

At best, How Bishop Spong restored our respect for the Bible

And our connection with Jesus

After about 15 years in Evangelical churches my wife and I had become disillusioned with the literalists' attitude to the Bible and the way they applied it to life. It seemed to us to be naïve at best and, at worst, judgmental of others not of their persuasion. We were in danger of throwing out the baby with the bath water and tumbling out of relationship with fellow Christians and Jesus they promoted.

Then a friend introduced us to Bishop Jack Spong's books. Here we discovered a passionate Christian with a thoughtful and intelligent approach to the Scriptures: the different contexts in which the various books were written, the possible objectives of the writers, the way the Gospels might have developed out of the worship practice of new Christians still living and worshipping within the structure of a Jewish liturgical calendar. Instead of being told, "the slaughter of Canaanites was not genocide because God commanded it", we were introduced to the reality of the events as portrayed in the genres and cosmology of the time.

Our understanding of the Scriptures was enormously enhanced by his writings and those of others such as Marcus Borg. Both of them, and others, helped us to see how to be intelligent Christians. The most influential and still existing shift in our thinking, heart attitude and consequent behaviour was that from the Original Sin paradigm based on a faulty interpretation of chapters 2 and 3 of Genesis, to the Original Blessing one of Chapter 1. The consequences of Original Sin paradigm lead to the need for a Saviour (Jesus) to appease a God of love – an oxymoron if ever there was one. The Original Blessing paradigm leads to following Jesus and the God that he showed to us in his words and action.

The joy and sorrow of our faith

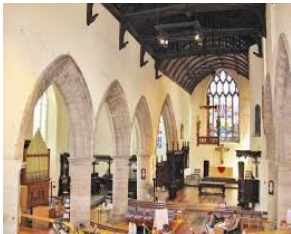
A lively and very enjoyable pancake party was held at All Saints on Shrove Tuesday. Our retired priests Chris and Sean revealed a talent for singing duets and various others gave amusing monologues. Everyone joined in a spirited rendering of Glorious Mud. We were delighted to have people from other churches in the team including lots of children. The ladies of All Saints had made delicious shepherds' pies catering for all diets and Michael and Maggie cooked 200 pancakes. We certainly have some talented clergy, who put their retirement to good use!

The next day, Ash Wednesday, the atmosphere had changed completely. There were meditations throughout the day and a packed Mass at 12.10. The sombre atmosphere which happens every year was heightened by the tragic news from Ukraine and since then we have a dedicated prayer station for Ukraine, which is well used.

The Lent Group, after the 12.10 Mass on Wednesdays is led by Lois and uses a most interesting book looking at the events of Holy Week through women's eyes. At the first session there was a nice mix from the Team churches. Inevitably we draw parallels with Ukraine with a hated occupying army but we look beyond the present day to Christ upon the Cross.

Living through Lent brings us to the events of Holy Week culminating in Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the pause on Holy Saturday and finally the dawn service on Easter Day. The solemnities have been observed year by year in peace and war and how we missed them in 2020 and 2021 when the churches were closed. May we never again have that deprivation.

Kalyani Menon



Celebrating the 25th anniversary of All Saints' refurbishment and the opening of the Café at All Saints

On April 2nd Bill's Kitchen is celebrating 25 years of the Cafe@All Saints with a festive meal in the evening between 6pm & 8pm. At the time of going to press there are still some tickets available.

25 years ago the Cafe@All Saints opened with the advice and assistance of Bill Sewell. The idea for such an innovative and surprising idea came as the then vicar, Revd Andrew Mottram, faced huge bills to pay for necessary building work to the Church's steeple. To justify the grants he had applied for, he had to show the Church would be able to sustain itself financially in the years ahead. The cafe was his answer to that challenge.

Asking around, Andrew learnt of a church in the City of London which had a cafe in its crypt. That was where he met Bill Sewell who advised on the cafe from the beginning. After a couple of years it was agreed that he would take the management of the cafe off the hands of the Church and pay an agreed rent for doing so. That is the arrangement that has seen the cafe grow into a popular and established feature of Hereford and of the church. Bill still runs it, and can be seen behind the counter on a Wednesday.

Bill's own story with food and cooking had begun when he discovered how much he enjoyed cooking meals for his friends, as a student at Cambridge. He served his apprenticeship cooking in various restaurants. The opportunity to start his own cafe came when he visited a friend's art exhibition. It so happened that this was taking place in the crypt of St Mary le Bow Church, in the City of London. This was a space where nothing really happened. With all the City workers on the door step, he judged this would be a good venue and spoke to the rector who was agreeable and so Bill's first Kitchen -in a Church- was there. And that was where Andrew went when he wanted to talk to someone who was running a cafe in a church....Having done so, Andrew then persuaded him to come to Hereford! The rest, as they say, is history.

But not just history because the Cafe has established itself as a warm, attractive place to meet friends and eat tasty food and drink good coffee. Many visitors are regulars. In the beginning it served vegetarian food, as Bill himself at the time was a vegetarian. Now, reflecting how Bill himself changed over time, it serves a range of meat-based dishes too.

Next month, I would like to interview the Revd Andrew Mottram, the vicar at the time, about how this major project came into existence. If you have memories of that time you think deserve to be remembered, do please share them with me so that they can be included.

Sean Cathie

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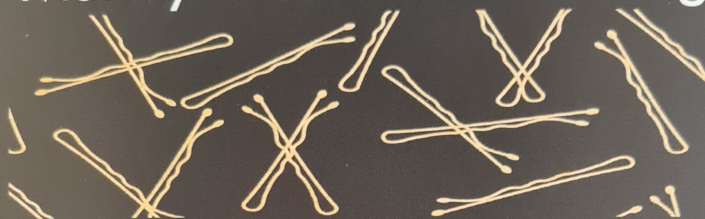
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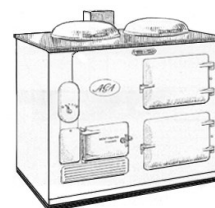
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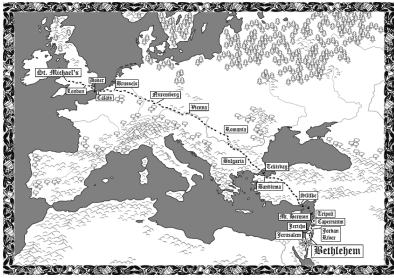
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SAINT OF THE MONTH: ST GEORGE (APRIL 23rd)

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The real lives of these early saints are often hard to establish, and Pope Gelasius I wisely stated in 494 that George was among those saints “whose names are justly revered among men, but whose actions are known only to God.” It is very likely that he was a soldier in the Roman army who died for his faith, but the popular dragon story came much later via the *Golden Legend*, which was the medieval story book of the saints and often read in church.

What of George for today? We're having to re-think what being 'English' means, as we exit the EU, see the other nations of the Union wanting their own identities, and see too of course that the residents of England have come from all over the world, right back to the time of George and beyond. Will George and his flag be taken over by the extremists, or can they still focus our shared identity as the English?

I'm wary of the extremist flag-wavers, but history matters to me and I would like to give George a chance (though it's good to know that Edmund is still praying for us as well).

Illustration: 13th century illustration of St George and the Dragon: Verona MS 1853 f.26r PD via Wikipedia

David Thomson

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Thank you!



The Whitecross Chronicles No: 10

On my walks I have been attracted by the picturesque almshouses at the corner of Whitehorse Street and Chandos Street known as the 'Foresters Almshouses'. I wondered who these 'Foresters' were. Founded in 1834 the Ancient Order of Foresters, now known simply as the Foresters Friendly Society, is a national organisation. Originally the members sought to assist each other 'as they walked through the forests of life' particularly when the family breadwinner fell ill and the family needed support. So members paid a few pence each week into a common fund which supported sick pay and funeral grants.

There is a central half-timbered gable with a coat of arms on the building designed by Robinson and built in 1887 (according to the plaque on the front) to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the founding. These eight houses for 'the elderly and needy' are single storey and had a Living Room with fireplace, Bedroom, Scullery with W.C. off it, a Larder, and an inside coal store. This accommodation was on the cusp of innovation for Victorians and provided a comfort that perhaps the residents had not previously been accustomed to.

1891 was the first census to record the residents, and we can trace them in their previous accommodation in earlier ones. They might have been born outside the city but they had all worked in Hereford and ranged in ages from 69 to 5 months:

1. George Pinder (53) with his wife Ann (54) says he is 'living on a pension'. The previous census says he is a 'superannuated gaol warder' and in 1861 he was a 'railway porter'.
2. Charles G. Dowers (60) is a 'Bill Poster' and previously in 1861 and 1871 was a 'Gas fitter', while his wife Harriet (59), works as a 'laundress'.
3. Thomas G. Price (26) is a 'miller' but started (age 16) as an 'indoor farm servant' at Brierly. Now he is married to Mary (19) with a daughter Edith (8-12 mths) and so is probably looking for work in the city, which by the next census he has found as a 'Railway Carriers' Barman' and is living with his family in Whitehorse Street.
4. Frederick J. Hughes (29) is a 'brick layers labourer' and married to Mary (32) with a daughter Anne (5 mths). Aged 19 he had started work as a 'General labourer' and in the next two censuses he continued working in the building trade living in West Street.
5. John Jones (69) is a tailor and married to Jane (65) a 'dressmaker'. Blanche (24) who is a 'Dress and mantle maker' is a daughter of his first marriage and lives with them.
6. James Williams (63) is a gardener and lives with his wife Elizabeth (63) and two of their children; Rosa (21) a 'housemaid' and Amy (15) a 'milliners apprentice' and their daughter-in-law Mary (27) a 'dressmaker' lives with them too. It is hard to believe that this family of 5 shared one bedroom!
7. Elizabeth Pierce (58) a widow, is a 'laundress', as is her daughter Annie (27). Her daughter Ada (18) is a 'dressmaker' and they have a 14 year old boarder William, who does 'general work'.
8. Edith Linder (24) is a 'dressmaker' living with her sister Beatrice (19), 'a draper's assistant'.

I had always associated almshouses as being for the elderly so it was interesting to find younger people living here too. I have not found any more information about Elizabeth Pierce or Edith and Beatrice Linder who must have hit hard times to have found accommodation here. I like to think that these women living in the almshouses helped support the rest of this community. Elizabeth who is a laundress might have worked with Harriet Dowers who is close in age to her. There is also a group of 'dressmakers' who hopefully were able to get together and pass on hints. I wonder if the Linders helped with baby sitting? Thomas and Mary Price have a daughter Edith perhaps named after Edith Linder and Frederick and Mary Hughes' next baby is named Beatrice. Born in 1894 I wonder if she was named after Beatrice Linder?

Jean Thomson

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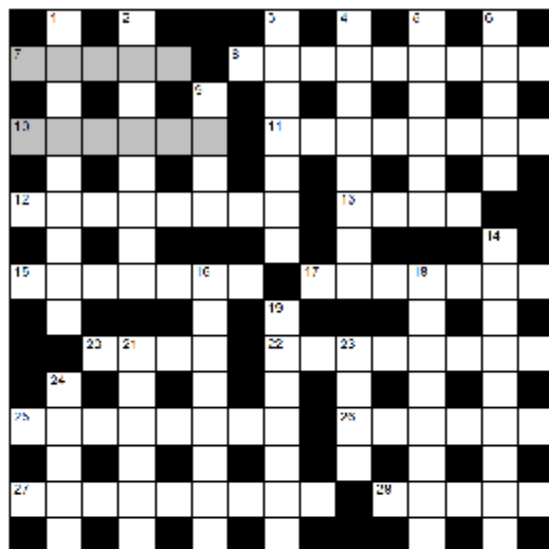
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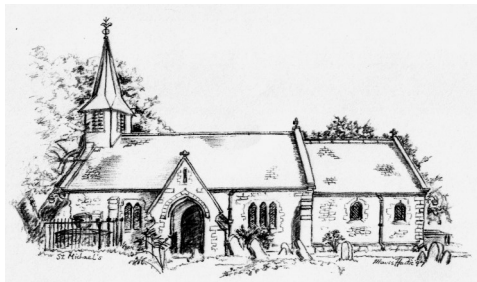


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- 7 Cheerful dwarf in fairytale (5)
- 8 Good golf score a rapid way of slowing fall (9)
- 10 English daisy-like flower for church festival (6)
- 11 Endemic? I mixed drug (8)
- 12 Garrulous speaker gushes this to the dozen: nearly a score (8)
- 13 Organ has information we hear (4)
- 15 Dark men devastated Hamlet's homeland (7)
- 17 Nana is magnificent Master of Arts (7)
- 20 Sort of examination of choir when two leaders are missing (4)
- 22 Exact account with junior cleric (8)
- 25 Zen arena rearranged what Jesus was called (8)
- 26 Promotional piece suitable soprano modifies (6)
- 27 He brought the spices to anoint Jesus' body (9)
- 28 Shuts up edible shellfish (5)

Down

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ST MICHAEL'S BREINTON

Services resume at normal times. Please see the back of the magazine.

Social distancing and hand sanitising are standard.

Embracing Justice this Lent

Over Lent, our families have been encouraged to take on the Church of England's 2022 'Live Lent' challenge. This year it is all about 'Embracing Justice', and we have been using the Church of England resources which are aimed at all ages and abilities.

On Sundays the older members of our families group have been discussing next week's theme in preparation for the week ahead. This gives them a foundation to build on when they explore the course with their families during the week. It is not just about understanding justice, but also about making small changes in our lives to build a more just world.

The start of the course explores the foundations for justice laid in the story of creation. Here we find the idea that every person on earth is created in the image of God, equally loved and valued by God. Even beyond the Christian faith there is a growing understanding 'that all men were created equal' (Declaration of Independence).

"So God created humankind in his image, In the image of God he created them; Male and female he created them." (Genesis 1.27)

Later, we learn of a God that is concerned with the suffering of the world. And who shows this concern through his relationships, both with people and nations. We also see it in the life of Jesus - that God took on human likeness and lived on Earth, suffering and dying to save his people from their sins. This is the story of Easter.

It is also through our own relationships that we see the reality of what human equality looks like. It is when we hear their stories, see pictures, and sit alongside people that they stop being numbers and statistics to us. This isn't a once in a lifetime shift. It requires practice to see the people we want to overlook, it takes patience to listen to those that we don't like, it takes effort to share in the suffering of the world. Responding to that injustice, trying to transform it takes even more effort, more thought, more practice.

Then the LORD said, 'I have observed the misery of my people...I have heard their cry... Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them...'

(Exodus 3.7-8)

Acting, loving, walking - we are not born with these innate abilities. We practice the motions of breathing and swallowing in the womb, we learn how to love from the love we are shown, we learn to walk often by falling time and time again. So too, we must practice being just.

"And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)

Some suggestions from the course, which you might like to take on as we approach Easter:

Spend some time look more deeply at a situation of injustice that you care about. Is there a piece of practical action you could give?

Can you show practical care for your neighbours? Perhaps there is someone you never speak to, or who struggles to get their bin out on bin day. If you like making or baking, could you make cards or sweet treats and share them?

Can you express your gratitude when you share a meal, or when you enjoy the treat of a glass of wine, or a cup of tea? You might like to take a couple of seconds to be grateful for it - or to put a small amount of money aside for charity each time.

Rev'd Jo Jennings



Breinton Village Hall

Breinton Village Hall is available to hire and information can be found on the Village Hall website at breintonhall.chessck.co.uk (please note the recent change) or by calling Anne or Phil Chapman (01432 263 769). Please contact us if you wish to use the Hall for a family event or a group activity.

In 2022 we are hoping to be able to return to offering more opportunities for the Community to meet up in the Hall. With this in mind the Committee aim to start with a **Saturday Coffee Morning** on the first Saturday of each month commencing on:

Saturday 2nd April, 10.30am – 1pm

Please come along to support us to enjoy coffee, tea, soft drinks, cakes and biscuits, enjoy a chat with other community members, share your ideas for future events in the Hall, peruse the book swap bookcase and, if you bring your own internet device, use the excellent internet provided by Gigaclear. Activities for children too, including Minecrafting with Jo.

We also wish to plan an event at the Village Hall to celebrate **our Queen's Platinum Jubilee** during the first weekend in June. Again, ideas and help are required. If you would like to join the planning group for this event or simply have an idea you would like to suggest please call Anne on the number above.

Regular Events at Breinton Village Hall

Hand Bell Ringers	Tuesday mornings 11am – 1pm	
Parish Council	Every 2 nd or 3 rd Wednesday evening of the month	Contact Emily Godsall 07501293 457 clerk@breintonparish.co.uk
Morris Dancing	Thursday evenings 7.30 – 9pm	
Nordic Walking	Friday mornings as arranged	Contact Louise Evans 07815 315 503
Herefordshire Photographic Society	Every 3 rd Friday evening of the month 7.30pm	Contact Philip Chapman 01432 263 769
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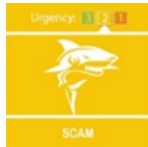
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Fraud update from West Mercia Police - Economic Crime Unit

WHAT ARE SCAMS?

A scam is a fraudulent scheme performed by a dishonest individual, group, or company in an attempt to obtain money or something else of value. Scams traditionally resided in confidence tricks, where an individual would misrepresent themselves as someone with skill or authority, i.e. a doctor, lawyer, investor. After the internet became widely used, new forms of scams emerged such as lottery scams, scam baiting, email spoofing, phishing, or request for help. These are considered to be email fraud.

The truth about scams

Scam artists will use your name, but they don't know you. Any mail you receive will look personalised, but you are never the only 'winner'.

Scam artists are only after your money. You'll always be asked to pay them money before you receive your 'prize'. Never give out money at the promise of receiving more.

Scam artists are good actors (some deserve Oscars). They will be more excited than you about your 'good luck'. They will be ultra-friendly on the phone, email or doorstep.

Scam artists are up to date and very well organised. They use the latest trends to make them seem current and credible.

Scam artists have a believable answer to any and every one of your questions

Scam artists try to rush you into a decision. They don't want you to think about whether the offer or win is genuine.

Scam artists will steal your personal information even if that wasn't their original intention. They will on occasions demand your bank or credit card details and then use them to commit crime.

Scam artists target all of us. Don't think you can't be conned, this is their profession and many of them are very good at what they do!

FACEBOOK MARKETING SCAMS

This week we are highlighting two current Scams relating to sellers and buyers using Facebook Marketplace

Fraudulent Purchasers

The victim will list something for sale on Facebook Marketplace; typically a mobile phone or games console.

The suspect will then make contact with the victim, enquiring about the item and will subsequently ask for that item to be sent by Special Delivery.

The suspect will then offer to send the money via PayPal.

The suspect will then send a fake email, claiming to be from PayPal, and requesting a Tracking Number before the money can go into the victim's account.

In reality the suspect hasn't paid the victim for the item. As the victim has sent the Tracking Number, which can only be provided once they have sent the item, the victim is at a loss both for the item they have sent, and the money they should have received from the sale of that item.

You will never be asked for a Tracking Number from PayPal before the money can be credited into your account.

If this does happen, this is very likely to be a Scam and you should not send the item until you have received payment in full.

Fraudulent Sellers

On Facebook Marketplace the suspect will list something for sale such as DIY tools; a games console; a mobile phone.

The victim then makes contact with the suspect, negotiates a price and sometimes personal information is obtained, such as the victim's address for where to send the item.

The suspect will say they have numerous people looking at/interested in the item and asks for either a deposit or the full amount in order to "*secure the item*".

The victim will pay via a bank transfer (and this offers no protection from fraud as there is no way to get the money back once the money has been sent)

A couple of days may then pass and the suspect will still have the item showing on the Facebook Marketplace.

The victim will try and make contact to ask when the item will be sent, or why the item is still for sale after they have paid a deposit, and the suspect will either verbally abuse the victim or block the victim from making any further contact.

The crux of this scam is that the suspect will list an item for sale on Facebook Marketplace with no intention of selling the item at all.

How to avoid this scam

If you are buying from Facebook Marketplace, ensure you know exactly who you are dealing with.

If you are unsure in any way, do not part with any of your money.

If you do need to part with your money, pay by credit card if you can, or use a reputable site such as PayPal which will offer some form of protection when making a purchase.

Take Five To Stop Fraud

Stop: Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information that could keep you safe.

Challenge: Could it be fake? It's okay to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

Protect: If you think you've been a victim of fraud, contact your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud online at [actionfraud.police.uk](https://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or by calling 0300 123 2040.

For further information visit: <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

WHATSAPP SCAMS

Despite extensive coverage in national and local Press and Media, the Public, especially older age groups, is still being targeted by this particular Scam.

Please make sure your relatives, friends, and neighbours are made aware of this also.

The basic format used is:

The suspect will send the victim a message via WhatsApp claiming to be their son/daughter/friend and that they have had to change their number, having lost or damaged their phone

The Scammer will then say they are now using a new phone number

As a result of this, the Scammers will claim they are getting in touch in order to borrow money to purchase the new device or pay off a debt.

After this, the Scammer will give their bank details so a payment can be made to them, with some coming back with further demands for money.

<https://takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/>

How to protect yourself

STOP: Take time before you respond. Make sure your WhatsApp two-step verification is switched on to protect your account, that you are happy with your privacy settings. Never share your 6 digit PIN code with anyone

THINK: Does this request make sense? Are they asking for money? Remember that scammers prey on people's kindness, trust and willingness to help.

CALL: Verify that it really is your friend or family member by calling them directly or asking them to share a voice note.

Only when you are 100% sure the request is from someone you know and trust, should you consider it. If it turns out to be untrue, report it to **Action Fraud**.

For further information visit:

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*Please contact, Cat Whiteaway, via catherinew@twam.uk or
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me to collect any local donations you might have for TWAM*

Time to get walking again!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Herefordshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/hereford> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said ‘There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Herefordshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you’.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!



John Harris

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WaterAid Thirst for Knowledge campaign

When clean water starts flowing, they will be unstoppable.

These girls' thirst for knowledge drives incredible potential – and with clean water, they'll reach it. A doctor, a dancer, a teacher, a banker.

There's nothing these girls can't achieve. We're in Lahan, south-eastern Nepal, 100 miles east of the capital Kathmandu. This is a typical secondary school, where girls and boys aged 5 to 18 learn together.

They may sit in the same classrooms and share similar ambitions, but their experiences are vastly different. There is a classroom divided by water and by toilets.

There are 475 pupils here, 58 percent of whom are girls. Yet between them, these girls have just one functioning toilet at school. Without running water for cleaning, it gets very dirty and becomes all but unusable. The consequences are far-reaching – pitching girls to the back of the class and making it harder for them to achieve their potential.

When girls miss out on water, they miss out on the knowledge to create change. That's why we launched **Thirst for Knowledge** this winter. Thanks to your support – which was matched up to £2million by the UK government – we can bring clean water and decent toilets to tens of thousands of girls in Nepal, so they can focus on their learning and their futures.

So how do dirty water and toilets keep girls behind? Let's hear what the girls themselves have to say. After all, this is their story.

Meet the girls in Nepal whose Thirst for Knowledge powers huge potential.

I am Puja: I study in grade 7 in Lahan. My favourite subject is maths. There is water at the school, but it contains iron and it stinks. I have fallen ill by drinking the water at school. People use the toilet at school, but don't bother to flush or clean when there is no water. Some of them go out as well, but I go to the toilet no matter how dirty it is.

No water, no lessons, no choice

When girls menstruate at school, it affects their studies as they return home. It's not good to leave the class, but they are compelled to do so since there are no pads, toilets and not even drinking water in our school. They are absent for one or two days and then they come to school again. They come to school wearing pads but they can't change it. It is not good, but they have no option. I feel bad when my friends have to miss classes and they can't perform well in exams.

We need water to do everything

There should be proper management of pads, toilet and drinking water. If these were well managed, menstruating girls wouldn't have to miss their classes. Life is not possible without water, since we need water to do everything like drink, cook, clean, wash. We go to school to study and gain knowledge which will help us become somebody we wish and spread knowledge to others.

Globally, 37% of schools don't have decent toilets. This forces millions of girls to stay home during their periods – and miss out on the knowledge they need to thrive.

I am Sandhya: I am a 10th grade student in Lahan. I like to create videos and dance. On my first day of school, I wondered as to what sort of school it would be. There was no provision of drinking water and no toilet, and even the teaching was not good in those days. I want my school to have a clean toilet. The water at school is poor. There is no facility for purification. We have to wait for a while to let the mixed contamination sediment. I wish I should not have to drink such water, but I haven't complained to the teacher. Nobody is ready to complain about it. So how can I go alone and complain? I drink the well water which comes from the electric motor. I haven't fallen ill yet – but I don't know about others.

In Nepal, more than one in three teenaged girls leave education after primary school. The inequality between girls and boys lasts for generations.

I am Arbind. I am Kailash: Girls and boys should be treated equally.

Boys and girls are treated differently in our society. Girls have to work at home, but boys are always roaming and playing. It is not right.

Girls should study as well as doing household chores. I haven't done these kinds of chores. My sister, mother and sister-in-law do these works. These tasks are not just for them though.

If I had been a girl, I don't know what would have happened but I think I would have to do like what my sisters do... if we switched souls, I would not be able to stay like that. We need to change things. We can change it by creating awareness among people regarding gender equality, living in harmony and equality.

With clean water and decent toilets, Sandhya, Puja and tens of thousands of girls like them in Nepal can concentrate on what's really important: their ambitions.

This article is adapted from <https://www.wateraid.org/uk/thirst-for-knowledge-appeal> several churches in West Hereford Team support Water Aid's work



Faith in Art?

The creative and visual arts, whether painting, drawing, photography, film making, ceramics sculpture, textiles or any other medium, for many, is the essential way that we connect with God, express our love for Him or celebrate all that He has done for us. We can worship, we can meditate, we can pray, and we can share all of this with others communicated through what we create.

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up *Thessalonians 5:11*

If you are an artist or creative craftsperson you may be interested to hear about a new group in the West Hereford Team of churches, who have a desire to explore their journey of faith and the relationship between God and their creative practice. With the blessing of our Rector Rev. Ruth Hulse, we plan to meet about once a month where we will reflect on the Word that encourages us, share ideas and progress on creative projects, hear from other inspiring Christian artists and pray together and for each other.

The group is open to everyone with an interest in exploring the relationship between their creative practice and the Christian faith and in encouraging others who are at varying stages of their journey.



He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end

Ecclesiastes 3:11

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Sunday Services in April 2022

	All Saints	St Michael's	Holy Trinity	St Nicholas'
3rd April : <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent / Passiontide</i>	9.30am Mass@All Saints	9.30am BCP Communion	11.00am Parish Eucharist with Baptism 1.30pm Baptism	11.00am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong in St Nicholas'
10th April: <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9.30am Parish Mass	9.30am Parish Eucharist	10.45am Parish Eucharist	11.00am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Faure's Requiem
17th April: <i>Easter Sunday</i>	5.00am Dawn Eucharist 9.30am Parish Mass	9.30am Parish Eucharist	11.00am Parish Eucharist with Baptism	11.00am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
24th April: <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	9.30am Team Eucharist at St Nicholas'	9.30am Team Eucharist at St Nicholas'	11.00am Team Eucharist at St Nicholas'	11.00am Team Eucharist followed by St Nicholas' APCM 6.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Regular Week-Day Services in April 2022

	All Saints	Holy Trinity
Monday	12.10pm Rosary Group	8.15am Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
Tuesday	12.10pm Said Mass	8.15am Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
Wednesday	12.10pm Said Mass	8.15am Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
Thursday	12.10pm Said Mass	8.15am Morning Prayer and Holy Communion 10.00am Holy Communion

Please note that there will be no 8.15 Morning Prayer in Holy Trinity between 18th and 22nd April

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