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11th September 2022 Holy Trinity Church Olivia Evelyn Elizabeth

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Weddings

May their lives together be long and happy.

Funerals

Please remember the departed their family and friends in your prayers

17th August 2022 Hereford Crematorium Terence Ireland (82)

19th August 2022 Hereford Crematorium Marlene Watkins (84)

31st August 2022 Hereford Crematorium Peter Lloyd (67)

6th September 2022 Holy Trinity Church William Astbury





October 2022

Dear Friends,

Earlier in the year there was an intriguing article in The Times newspaper headlined, "Keep the faith, it's good for your mind and body".

Two extensive pieces of research carried out in the United States had analysed almost 400 independent studies conducted between 2000 and April 2021. These studies had examined as to whether or not there was any link between spirituality and better physical and mental health, particularly among patients being treated for serious illness.

The analysis also looked at whether there was an association between frequent religious service attendance and better health. Here they found that religious service attendance was associated with a "lower risk of mortality; less smoking, less alcohol and less illicit drug use; better life satisfaction; better mental health; fewer depressive symptoms and fewer suicidal behaviours." The research also found that those who regularly attended religious services were 27% less likely to die early and 33% less likely to suffer symptoms of depression.

Now it is important to remember that whilst these statistic are a true representation it doesn't mean that everyone regularly attending church will have better health, longer life expectancy et. Sadly there will be church attendees who die at an early age, suffer mental health issues et al. The researchers also referenced that a UK based study had found that those who tuned into religious or spiritual services online during lockdown were 76% less likely to have "thoughts of self-harm" and also had "higher life satisfaction and happiness". So a big thank you here to all those who have and indeed still are providing online worship.

Researchers suggested that the "community element" of being part of a religious or spiritual group was strongly linked with improved health. I feel sure that this is correct, for humankind was made for relationships.

I believe that an essential component in why religious/church attendance is so positive for us is the relationship which we develop with the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus touches our lives and we are changed. Part of the blessings that Jesus brings is an inner peace. An inner peace grounded on and in a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Back in Medieval times (and later) people were scared into church attendance by fear of eternal damnation in the fires of hell for all eternity. But now the church has the opposite claim to make! We have a unique selling point – your life chances are better if you are a regular church attendee. Think of it as a life choice decision; try it on your own and your life chances are "x" – be a regular church attendee and your life chances are "x" plus "y". So who wants the most out of life? You know what to do! Follow the research!!!

With all the blessings of life in the Lord.

Malcolm Robertson

Price's Chapel.

Just a little way along the road from Holy Trinity towards the town centre is Bricknell Close, which is a complex of Alms Houses that are managed by the Hereford Municipal Charities. There are houses, bungalows and apartments with attractive open spaces and gardens. The oldest alms houses front Whitecross Road and are about 350 years old. At one end of this block of terraced cottages, there is a small chapel – Price's Chapel.

In the time before Covid, there used to be a monthly service conducted by the chaplain to the Alms Houses, but these services were suspended due to the pandemic. The chaplain left the area, and so when the trustees were looking to re-open the chapel for worship, they needed a new chaplain. They were not very successful in their search for a replacement though, as the only person who expressed an interest in taking up the post was me. I had worshipped regularly at the chapel with two other members of the Holy Trinity congregation for 3 or 4 years when Lynne, the previous chaplain, was minister, so it will not be a hard task to take up this aspect of her role.

There will be a monthly mid-week service at the chapel, and it would be good if some other members of our benefice community could join us, and we become closer to our neighbours living in Bricknell Close. I would also like to encourage residents of the close to become more involved in our life at Holy Trinity. Some of our activities such as Chatt would be ideal for them to come to.

Look out for details of the service and we would love to see you.

Stuart Vince, Reader

We are now holding a service of morning prayer every month at *Price's Chapel*. Bricknell Close. The chapel is in the block of old alms houses in Whitecross Road opposite the Hospice Café. Everyone will be very welcome to come and join us and please stay for a chat with a drink and biscuits afterwards. The dates of the services are below, and start at 10.30 am

Tuesday 25th October Tuesday 22nd November

Tuesday 20th December (Carol Service)

Stuart Vince

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The Wood wide web

Autumn colours will be adding a touch of drama to our trees in the next few months. But while the scientific world has understood for 100's of years why these leaf colour changes take place - it has only recently been discovered that amazing things are happening under the soil too...

Described by some scientists as a 'woodwide web' studies have found that trees are connected to each other through underground fungal networks where they communicate and share water and nutrients with each other in times of need. For example, if they are under attack by insects they will send distress signals to other trees which then have time to alter their own behaviour to protect themselves better. Trees living connected together in forests have far longer lives than isolated trees.

Studies at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver have shown that particular trees in a forest use their deep roots to draw up water and make it available to shallow-rooted seedlings. These same trees also detect distress signals from other trees and increase the flow of nutrients to support them.

Until recently the western world has generally thought of trees as striving individuals, disconnected from each other and competing for limited resources such as water, nutrients and sunlight. Now, with an ever increasing body of scientific evidence, this idea is being replaced with one where trees have evolved to live in interdependent, co-operative relationships. A woody wonderland indeed...

Andrea Gilpin

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Young Minds – Working towards a world where no young person feels alone with their mental health

Holy Trinity Church supports Young Minds, a charity which seeks to support young people's mental health. YoungMinds is calling on the Government to force social media companies to take action on the addictive effects of its platforms on young people. The charity found more than a third (34%) of young people want to leave social media sites at least once a week but feel like they can't.

The research, carried out with 2,000 16-24-year-olds, is published as the Government lays out its proposals for tech companies to clean up their act. The charity is also calling on politicians to involve more young people in the legislative process.

YoungMinds found more than a fifth of young people (22%) are automatically shown distressing content by social media platforms, based on their previous online activity, at least once a week.

The research, which was carried out with young people with and without mental health problems, also revealed that many find social media helpful for their mental wellbeing.

The vast majority of young people use social media to talk about mental health, with one in three doing so every week or every day. Six in ten (58%) said they take part in supportive conversations about mental health at least once a month, and a third (33%) said they did this at least once a week.

"It is completely unacceptable that young people are routinely shown harmful content and feel trapped on social media sites, so we are glad that the Government has published plans to force tech companies to step up their responsibilities to younger users. However we are deeply disappointed that an overarching duty to protect young people from the impact of features like addictive algorithms has not been included. We want young people to feel empowered through their online experiences and to be able use these platforms in a way that works for them.

"We are also concerned that young people's views have not been given significant enough weight in this process and this must urgently be addressed as the Bill progresses. Young people tell us they want the Government to listen to their experiences online. We need to know more about what young people find distressing, as well as the positive parts of social media that they want to protect.

"It is indisputable that social media impacts young people's mental health and they want it to be easier to leave these sites, so companies do not need to wait for this legislation to take action now to make these platforms safer. There is no excuse to delay."

Emma Thomas, Chief Executive of YoungMinds Adapted from Young Minds Press release, 17 March 2022

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Raising money for Holy Trinity

A group from the congregation of Holy Trinity has got together to try and raise money for the church. We will organise some events that hopefully will be fun to join in with and will also result in a profit for the church. We will be asking for help with some of these events so please help if you can. If you would like to get involved with helping the church to pay its way and to be there in the future for us, then please speak to Stuart.

Robin Woodward is 80 years old in November and has asked us to help him organise his celebration party as a fund raiser for the church. We will be having a **Ceilidh with a supper on 10**th **December at 7.30 pm** in the church. There will be dancing and a hot supper. Please keep your eyes open for full details nearer the date.

Stuart, (Reader)

Faith in Action report - More detailed discussions have taken place about the two schemes that the group are interested in, namely Food Share and Eco church.

Food Share

Abi Weller and Melody Carter have met with David Bland, Food Share co-ordinator, to learn more about the way that the Food Share Scheme works in South Hereford and Leominster.

The scheme has three key principles

- 1. Reduce food waste
- 2. Feed people who are hungry / poor
- 3. Bless the recipient with a gift

The scheme includes the 'table 'and frozen/ refrigerated foods at St. Martins Church. It also includes deliveries (with a special van) to specific known individuals in different locations.

Food is collected via an alert on the Foodiverse app from supermarkets across Herefordshire by volunteers.

Some key questions:

- 1. Would our scheme include a 'table' of food for people to come and collect and where is the best (all weather) location?
- 2. How would we let people know it was there?
- 3. How would we ensure it was disposed of once the 'used by 'date had passed
- 4. Would this be a once a week event or more frequently depending on how many volunteers we had
- 5. Would we consider outreach with specific food items to those sleeping/ living rough around our city centre, those isolated in the more rural areas of our Benefice or members of our churches or communities who we know to be in need?
- 6. We need a model that is easy to sustain week by week so what would this require of us and our churches?

There is also the small cost of a food hygiene qualification to overcome.

The suggestion that is emerging from the group is that of setting up a communal lunch...

Eco church

A church is first registered with the parent organisation arocha.org.uk.

Their free online survey and supporting resources are designed to equip a church to express their care for God's world in their worship and teaching; in how they look after their buildings and land; in how they engage with their local community and in global campaigns, and in the personal lifestyles of their congregations

The first step, therefore, is for a church to complete the questionnaire. The answers to the questionnaire will indicate to each church how far they have moved on this journey and what further steps will need to be taken to move further along this spectrum.

It is anticipated that at each stage PCC's will be involved in discussions about both the process and the results of the questionnaire.



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West Hereford Churches Faith in Art Group

Christian creatives in the West Hereford Team Faith in Art Group have been meeting each month to pray, to study the Bible and to encourage each other in our creative practice.

A number of the group were able to contribute to the recent Flower Festival at St Nicholas Church and this provided a wonderful opportunity to talk about the group and the work of its members and to share our faith in Jesus through our creativity and through conversations with visitors. Submissions included poetry, textiles, paintings, drawings and ceramics. All the artists included a reflection or bible verse to communicate their ideas or the basis of their work.



The group will continue to meet at 3PM in the Lady Chapel at All Saints on the 2nd Saturday of the month:

- 8th October
- 12th November
- 10th December

If you would like more information or to join the group please email Melody at

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BUNS FOR TEA....

OCTOBER Service of Remembrance at Holy Trinity Church

A service to remember those who have had funerals in the past year will be held on October 16th at 4 pm. I will be organising refreshments and would greatly appreciate help with supplying cake, serving teas and setting up and clearing up.

The Waterbury Family (Railway Children) were treated to "buns for tea" when their mother had sold a story for publication...they were forced to live cheaply after their father was wrongfully imprisoned as you may remember.

If we can provide solace and cake for our bereaved families we would be of comfort in times of sadness.

following a great tradition

Please contact me on 01432 357281 if you can help.

Andria Lewis

St Nicholas Notebook 8

Probably like most of you readers, I associate Ryelands Street with the Bulmers factory which was originally situated on the street. In 1890, Fred and Percy Bulmer had a poor year for obtaining apples and so were forced to buy high-priced apples from Somerset. They really needed to expand their business but could not afford to buy the surrounding ten acres of land at Ryelands which was for sale. Eventually William Ball, Percy's future father-in-law, bought the land and conveyed it to the two brothers and mortgaged it himself. By 1895 they had sold off enough building sites on the land to builders that they were able to repay William the money he had paid. (Information from 'Bulmers of Hereford' by L.P. Wilkinson)

74 Ryelands Street is sited in the middle of a row of four terraced houses, each with 8 rooms and built by a builder who sold three and leased out no. 74. In the 1901 census William J Ineson (42) 'sub deacon of Hereford Cathedral, church work' is living there with his wife Eliza (38), five children and a domestic servant, Annie R.F. Lawrence (15). They are probably the first family to rent the property but did not stay long. For in his probate record of 1906 William James Ineson was living at 44 Greenfield Villas, Portfield and is 'Hereford Lay Clerk'.

I wondered what work William had done at the cathedral. The 'Hereford Cathedral Chapter Acts Book' in the Cathedral library was helpful. Although the entries are not dated there is an entry, 'Resolved that William J Ineson be appointed Subcanon from Christmas next.' In a previous entry is a reference to Subcanons receiving £246. Paul Iles book 'Hereford Cathedral A History' on p398 says, 'In addition (to the vicars choral), there were four subcanons who could be laymen, one of whom was appointed organist and master of choristers. The accounts show that, at least occasionally, the other men received payment for singing in the choir. Sometimes they were designated sextons, which may reflect the duties of the pre-Reformation deacons and subdeacons.' I was pleased that William's name was recorded in the Chapter Acts Book and that I was able to understand something of the work he did.

For William came from very humble origins. Searching the census records I found that he at the age of 2 was living with his mother a 'rag sorter' in Batley, Yorkshire. In 1871 at the age of 12 he is a 'newsboy' and his mother is a 'rag sorter' – there is no father mentioned. By the age of 22, he is still living with his mother in Batley and he is a 'vocalist musician'. Then in 1891, he had made the move to Hereford and is living at 34, Ryelands Street where he is 'Assistant Lay Vicar' born in Batley. I had always assumed that school education was where children like William could escape their humble origins but he seems to have done it through church music. I would love to know how he managed to move from Batley to Hereford.

Perhaps he died, aged only 47, from being a smoker because I also found a reference to him in the 1895 Hereford Directory; 'William J Ineson, 6,7 Lower Church Street, Hereford. Tobacconist'. He may not have lived a long life but he had managed to provide for a family and at least see his older children started in occupations which could train and employ them for life. Florence (17) and William (15) are both 'Post Office Telegraph learner' in the 1901 census. After he died Eliza, his wife, lived in St Ethelbert Street and took on 3 boarders including one who was Assistant Master at the Cathedral school. So, it seems that she managed to keep the family together.

Jean Thomson





Thursday 10am Communion Service at Holy Trinity followed by coffee and time to talk

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St Nicholas' Mothers' Union

2022 Theme: Transformation - Now!

As the nights start to draw in, with alarming speed, we start to think about changing seasons and what lies ahead of us for this year and dare I mention next year! Although we did not have a branch meeting in August there were several opportunities to meet one another, one noteworthy event was the Flower and Art Festival held in St Nicholas' church during Three Choirs week. The church was a delight. Cakes were in abundance, as were people to serve them, and to welcome visitors. It was a team effort although it wouldn't have happened at all if it hadn't been for the St Nicholas' Flower Fairies. Many people know that I haven't a clue when it comes to flower arranging – what inspires the arrangers?

Some of our members journeyed to Bishop's Castle and Ross on Wye for Mary Sumner day services, led by our chaplain Penny Littlewood. Prayer and cake featured on both days. We look forward to our AGM in September, we like to keep the AGM short, do come along if you want to know more about us – there will be prayer and cake!

October

Mon 3 2.30 MU meeting, St Nicholas'
Mon 17 Diocesan Council, Kimbolton
Thurs 13 Midday Prayers, Cathedral,

November

Mon 7 2.30 MU meeting, St Nicholas' House

Thurs 10 Midday Prayers, Cathedral

Mon 21 Trustee Meeting, Conference Room

Sun 27 Advent Sunday

December

Mon 5 2.30 MU meeting, St Nicholas'

Tues 6 St Nicholas Day

Thurs 8 Midday Prayers, Cathedral

16 Days of Activism 25 Nov to 10 Dec

If you want more details please contact me, 07988 750673, anneewman57@hotmail.com, or just turn up at one of our meetings!

Anne Newman,

Branch Leader







The Whitecross Chronicles No: 15

Albert Evans was Verger at Holy Trinity and gardener in 1901 living at 3, Whitehorse Street. The enumerator on the census form has written in pencil that the gardening is 'not domestic' which perhaps indicates that he was responsible for the church grounds and keeping it tidy. The church had been consecrated in 1885 when Albert was 19 and living with his parents on the Old Roman Road, Huntington with his father Charles, an 'ag lab', and his mother, Anne.

Albert had been born in Kington but in 1901 he was living in Hereford at 31 Scudamore Street where at the age of 34 he is married to Mary (33) and they have four children. The eldest Thomas Albert is 14 and an 'errand boy' and then they had three daughters Elizabeth May (12), Edith Annie (6), and Ellen Alice (3). In 1911 the family had moved to 3, Whitehorse Street (Welson Place), where Elsie May (4) was born. We learn from the census that Mary and Albert had 25 years of marriage and had 6 children of whom 5 had survived. He is still living here in 1939 but now just a 'gardener' living with his daughter Elsie and here he died aged 78 in 1944.

What does a Verger of a church do? The name 'Verger' comes from the staff, the 'verge', he would have carried before church processions. Albert was mainly responsible for making sure that the church was ready for worship on Sunday and weekday services. He would have a set of keys and be the first person in the building on those days and prepare the altar, the hymn board and make sure the prayer books were in the right place. During the week he would be responsible for the tidying up and the cleaning of the church. He would make a note of when new candles and tapers were needed and whether vestment, plate and other valuable objects needed replacing or cleaned.

Today the Church of England Guild of Vergers website describes further, not so obvious responsibilities, 'Their work brings them into contact with a whole spectrum of people who visit our churches and cathedrals, and they must be sensitive to the widely varying needs of these visitors. Many will be seeking historical information or just the time of the services, but others maybe in emotional or spiritual distress, and to these the verger must offer a sympathetic ear, guiding them towards appropriate counselling if required.' Because the verger is there, 'the church can remain open outside service times as a place of prayer and Christian witness to the local community.'

In the Treasurer's report at the 1901 AGM recorded in the HT magazine (HARC), he is noted as receiving £32.10.0. but he would have earned more because he would have had something from the fees taken for the occasional offices of weddings and funerals. The following year he had received £40. 0. 0. pay and there was approval for some trees to be planted which are probably still standing today.

I guess he would have been nifty with a scythe as he had a lot of grass to cut round the church. The land probably included the land on which the Vicarage is now built though it could have been still field. There are one or two yews in the church grounds today which he may have planted. Yews have always been associated with churchyards and certainly in pre-Christian times they were associated with death and the journey of the soul. For Christians the heart of the tree is red, while its sap is white, symbolising the blood and body of Christ and it is a hardy evergreen able to survive in most soils and so also suggests rebirth and resurrection. It is well known that yews in churchyards survive and can live for hundreds of years: in some cases longer than the church building!

Jean Thomson





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West Hereford Team churches support Hereford Food Bank, through donations of non-perishable goods, which are shared with people in our local community. They have recently produced a short article about their work, which is shared below. Our harvest collections will be sent to Hereford Food Bank, and a priority list of items is included in this edition of Team Talk.

'If you see an article or Facebook post about the foodbank you immediately think about the homeless man in town and imagine him queueing for food. **The reality in Herefordshire TODAY is so different.**

It may be the young couple who live on your street, who you see taking the children to school on their way to work. They have lost their savings during COVID and now find that the weekly food bill, petrol and ever rising heating bills mean they are skipping meals. When it starts to affect the children they finally ask for help.

The widow down the road who list her husband last year, she is paying bills that they struggled to pay together and now she finds them impossible. Heating or eating will be her main concern but with the sudden price rises she cannot do either and she has used every stock item in her cupboard and now doesn't know where to turn.

The self employed plumber who has had to go into hospital for an operation. It will take 7 weeks to be assessed for any help and has nothing in the bank, again the last two years have used his savings.

The pensioner returning from hospital to a home with no cooker, plug in heaters, and nothing in the cupboards.

These are the daily stories we have from over 40-50 referrals a week. In the meantime, everyone is struggling so donations have dropped, there are less items in the weekly collection box or trolley and stock levels are extremely low. Despite this a team of over 110 volunteers work to make sure that everyone we find who needs us gets help.

Please if you can help with donating an item, raising some funds so we can give fresh fruit and vegetables or would like to join our volunteer team, please get in touch, We see very day how much Herefordshire cares and also how much we are needed. Thankyou for reading our story and please spread the word. Putting something in the collection is helping someone who really needs a helping hand.

For more information about Hereford Food Bank: tel. 01432 607011, or email: manager@herefordfoodbank.co.uk

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Eco Church

West Hereford Team Faith in action group has been exploring whether our churches might be eligible for 'Eco Church' awards, and considering simple changes we could make in our churches which would help us to better steward our world, and care for the environment. Eco Church is a branch of A Rocha UK, a Christian charity working to protect and restore the natural world and committed to equipping Christians and churches in the UK to care for the environment

Eco Church is a learning community of churches of all shapes and sizes. It provides a framework to support your church and its leadership to take practical action on caring for God's earth. It includes a toolkit of resources, an online award survey, a quarterly email update, online events, prayer forums and occasional conferences.

The Eco Church survey, with its suite of supporting resources, will help you 'go green' in all areas of your church life. The work will all count towards a Bronze, Silver or Gold Eco Church award.

Their conferences, demonstration days, online events, and Eco Church Connect newsletter offer inspiration and ideas to help churches progress in their aims to care for God's world in all areas of our life together.

If you would like to know more about Eco Church, or to get involved with our efforts to be a bit 'greener', please contact your Faith in Action rep.

Adapted from https://arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/eco-church/

Having a big clearout?

Are you decluttering your home, and looking to regift any unwanted items? We will take them off your hands for a family event!

 Ties, new novelty socks, cufflinks Unused candles Scarves, costume jewelry, handbags (good condition please)

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Toys in good condition

Children and/or young adult books

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Christmas ornaments or trinkets

Christmas decorations

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Please let me know if you're keen to donate!

Recruiting Volunteers!

If you have a passion for nurturing families in faith, we are looking for the following positions to help in the Autumn and Winter sessions:

Children's Leader >>> To help lead Family Sunday Activities 4pm

Parent & Toddler Group Leader>>> To help lead Friday mornings' Parent/Toddler group

Parent & Toddler Group Helper>>> To assist Friday mornings' Parent/Toddler group

Youth Group Helper>>> To assist with monthly youth group activities (such as Pizza & Game nights)

Babies/Toddlers Group - October schedule

We are kicking off the new season with an updated schedule for toddlers and preschoolers! Parents, grandparents & guardians are welcome to enjoy coffee & tea while playing with our little ones.

Parking is free behind the Eignbrook URC at the church hall (on Eign Street) and the secure building is perfect for energetic toddlers prone to running in different directions! We will be meeting on Fridays during term time from **10.30am until noon**. This group activity will be aimed at providing social support and activities (as well as coffee, refreshments & snacks) for families with babies/toddler/preschoolers.

Friday 7th October "Stay & Play" - Things That Go! Friday 14th October "Laughs & Crafts" - God Picked ME! Friday 21st October "Stay & Play" - Things that float Friday 28th October - No activities

Confirmation

Are you looking at furthering your spiritual journey?

Confirmation is a sacrament in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptised. If you were christened when you were a child, your parents and godparents made these promises on your behalf. As a young person or adult, you may be ready to affirm these promises for yourself and commit your life to following Jesus Christ. At a confirmation service, you make these promises for yourself. Your friends and family as well as the local Christian community will be there to promise to support and pray for you.

If this is something you'd like to enquire about and explore, please contact myself or Rev. Ruth (ruthhulse@hotmail.co.uk). We would love to support you on this pilgrimage of faith!

Many Thanks

Genevieve

Genevieve Barker Families' Worker 07464 301093 West Hereford Team **Upcoming Family Activities**

Sunday 2nd October 4-5pm - St. Michael's Breinton Pet Service

Bring your stuffed animals or family pets for our church team's pet service!

Sunday 9th October 4-5pm - Minecraft Church (online) "The Ten Commandments" Interested in logging on? Contact genevievebarker1@gmail.com for details!

Sunday 9th October 4- 5.30pm - BLAW activity (St. Nicholas House)

To observe International Baby Loss Awareness Week, we will offer a supportive space of prayer and craft to remember our lost babies. Due to the delicate nature of this event, we request no children attend. Craft will be creating blue & pink laminated hearts with our wishes for the heavenly babies we miss so much, and display them outside St. Nicholas Church in solidarity with Hereford Sands.

Saturday 15th October 6.15pm - National Wave of Light (walk starting at Hereford Hospital and ending at Hereford Cathedral for 7pm)

Bring a candle to light the way from the Hereford Hospital as a supportive group to end in prayer, remembrance and acknowledgment of babies lost through miscarriage, termination or stillbirth. It truly is a supportive and healing experience.

Sunday 23rd October 4pm - Families "Souper" Sunday

Families are welcome to bring a soup, stew, side or snacks to share in fellowship! We will also have a fun quiz for kiddos and adults alike.

Please RSVP if you'd like to attend.

Sunday 30th October - no families activity

Youth Group Activity Day: Monday 24th October 10am until 4pm
For all students in Years 6, 7 and 8 this is a wonderful opportunity to experience a day of team building and fun! It's free and includes lunch. To register your child or find out more information, please check out our churches' website.

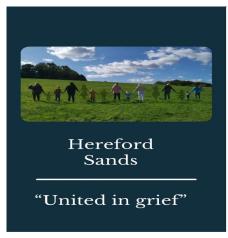


4pm to 5.30pm St. Nicholas House **Prayer & Craft**

As BLAW begins on Sunday 9th October, we welcome anyone who has experienced or been affected by loss of a baby to come together for a quiet, healing, understanding prayer session. During this time, we will be putting together pink and blue 'prayer' hearts for our lost little ones at St. Nicholas House (on Friars Street), and displaying them on the side of St. Nicholas Church (Barton Road) in solidarity with Hereford Sands.

Due to the sensitive nature of this event, we politely request no children attend. Contact: genevievebarker1@gmail.com 07464 301093

Baby Loss Awareness Week 2022





Our next support meeting is

Thursday 14th October

7-9 pm

The Courtyard **Edgar Street** Hereford HR49|R

Please contact us if you wish to attend

Either through our Facebook support.hereford@sands.org.uk

Friends from Tanzania.



The diocese of Hereford is linked to the Diocese of Masasi and, after the Lambeth Conference the Bishop and his wife were hosted in the diocese. While a large gathering went to meet the bishop a small group of MU Trustees met his wife, Veronica, who by African custom is the Diocesan President of the Mothers' Union.

She spoke no English but was obviously a very influential lady and also affectionate and charming. She was accompanied by a primary school teacher from Worcester who was self-taught Swahili speaking and with the aid of Google acted as her translator. Those of us who go to monthly meetings of Mothers' Union and are inspired by its prayer life were fascinated to learn what membership means in Masasi. The bishop's wife is called Mama Veronica and teaches her members.

She teaches them the basics of the Christian faith and tests their understanding. They then put on the MU uniform and she teaches them what requirements there are of members. Those of us who support the overseas fund were interested that she teaches them basic literacy and numeracy together with animal husbandry, agriculture and business understanding. By teaching women she reaches whole families and communities. She begged us to visit and see her hens and pig.

Pilgrimage to Canterbury

I went with the Friends of Hereford Cathedral on pilgrimage to Canterbury. This pilgrimage had been planned for 2020 to mark the 700th anniversary of St Thomas Cantilupe's death. At that time Dean Michael Tavinor was booked to lead the pilgrimage but it was, in fact led very thoughtfully by Dean Sarah Brown. Pilgrims were drawn from all over the diocese and beyond and included my friend Rae Jones from All Saints.

Our first stop en route was Igtham Mote, which I had wanted to visit since 1949 when I saw it advertised in Country Life for £15,000, then an unimaginably sum of money. Our house was worth £1,200. After some years it was given to the National Trust, who keep it beautifully. One of the pilgrims had discovered that the manor of Igtham had belonged to the Cantilupe family and Thomas stayed there on his way to Rome. It was about 100 years before the Mote was built but there would have been some kind of a building.

We continued on to Canterbury where we stayed in the Cathedral Guest House right in the shadow of the Cathedral. This gave us free access to the Close and Cathedral and we had a guided tour next day culminating in choral evensong sung by a semi-professional choir. Dean Sarah had prepared some lovely pilgrim books with questions to ponder. Each day ended with Compline and she was joyfully surprised when everyone opted to attend.

The next day we went to the new Tate Gallery at Margate and saw the Anthony Gormley sculptures on the beach. In the afternoon we went to St Augustine's RC abbey church at Ramsgate. This was designed by Pugin, who designed Eastnor Castle and the Houses of Parliament. It is very ornate and has a wonderful 3D wall frieze of the way to Calvary.

The next day we visited the beautiful National Trust gardens at Sissinghurst and enjoyed the way they are being developed to cope with climate change. They were given to the National Trust by Vita Sackville-West's son.

On our last morning Dean Sarah celebrated the Eucharist in the garden of the Guest House. This was a lovely way to end our pilgrimage. All the pilgrims were so kind and helpful to each other and especially in making sure I was never left behind. Going on an outing or pilgrimage with the Friends is a great way to make new friends.

Kalyani Menon



NOW AND THEN - Extract from our diary 7th Sept 2003

After 9 days of continuous walking from Pamplona westwards across Northern Spain, through rain and storm, every night sleeping in a snoring refugio

"We book into pilgrim accommodation in Belorado. After the routine of washing (clothes and ourselves) and resting, we explore the town finding that there is fiesta, marking the end of the harvest. The locals of all ages are dancing in the square to great ceremonial. We eat a pilgrim menu. At Mass, later, we discover that the priest is at the bull–fight! Mass will be delayed until the people are available. The celebrations continue throughout the night. The town band and its followers pass by at full volume a 4a.m......As we continue towards Santiago de Compostela (on the Camino) arriving 31 days and 300 miles later on my 60th birthday, we hear more and more fragments of people's stories, knowing that we will probably never meet again, somehow discovering that everything we see, hear and experience is woven into our story."

All these years later, it becomes all too obvious that each day of our pilgrimage was a repetitive spiritual journey, too:-

Walking (passing onwards)

Preparation (cleansing)

Eating and drinking (bread and wine as in the days of Jesus)

And waiting, remembering and walking on until we meet again.

And we do, even though we thought we wouldn't.

Recently we met the walking pilgrims from the RC Diocese of Arundel and Brighton at the Cathedral, they having completed their pilgrimage from Swansea (we had walked with them to Winchester and then Lincoln, in the years following the Camino, having met some of them close to Belorado). Danny had encouraged me to keep going through some awful English weather. He was there. "Chris! Mud!!!!!" were his first two words.

Then there were visitors to All Saints who had met us on a more comfortable coach tour of the Camino 4 years ago. They asked the steward if we were still around. After a telephone call and e –mails we discovered that their grandson was at college with our grandaughter in Shrewsbury. But more.......At the licensing of a reader in Lichfield Cathedral, they met Michael Cluett! Then at the funeral of Preb Ann Barge, I bumped into Laurence, both of us remembering how we had sung the "bit parts" in Bach's St John Passion years ago..... he is now a priest!!!!! Ann Barge had known one of my closest school friends.

I have other stories (which I daresay you do too) but they only emerge through conversation, as with amazement we speak of coincidence. I wonder. It is as though our small memories, all but forgotten, have sat quietly in the recesses of our minds, just waiting to be triggered by a word, a sentence, a photograph, an experience (and even a fictional story), something small, magnified by sharing the story finding that—as Max Boyce used to say—"I was there".

Perhaps the disciples of the New Testament might be equally amazed that our stories are woven into theirs as we will all be there-at the end of the road.. The King said something like that, too!

Revd Chris Fletcher



A message from the Deanery Leadership Team, which oversees the Hereford City Deanery made up of the Anglican churches in Hereford city:

At a recent Deanery Synod meeting the Deanery Leadership Team (DLT) talked about our Deanery Pastoral Plan (which informs the allocation of resources across the city in future years). We need to review our current Plan to consider how we might best use our resources, both human and physical to take forward the mission of the Church in the city centre. As part of this process the Deanery Leadership Team will be meeting with each Benefice to discuss:

What the Parishes are doing well at the moment

What the Parishes would like to do but don't have the resources to do alone

What is the future for your Parishes – what is exciting or worrying

Anything else we could be told about

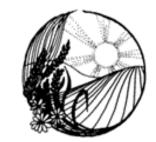
The Deanery Synod Representatives have been asked to talk to their respective PCCs and decide who would be best to meet with the DLT. At a recent PCC meeting, it was suggested that the DLT be invited to the scheduled Churchwardens and Treasurers meeting on 13th October, but in the mean-time that the questions be circulated so that the whole benefice has an opportunity to contribute to the discussion.

If you would like to offer your thoughts on the questions above, please send them by email to of-fice@westherefordteam.org.uk, by post to The West Hereford Team Office, Vowles Close, HR4 0DF, or by hand to one of your churchwardens.

With thanks,

Ruth Hulse, Team Rector







OCTOBER SAINT OF THE MONTH: ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

The Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi falls on 4th October. After the Virgin Mary he is the most popular saint in Christendom. He was born in 1181/2, the son of a silk merchant, but famously gave up a playboy soldier life in his twenties after a vision at San Damiano where (he said) Christ spoke to him from a crucifix and told him to "build my church". At first, he took that literally, begging stones to restore that building and others, but then he embraced a life of poverty and preaching, building up the people of the church, and attracted followers who became the Franciscan Order we know today – which was illegal at first but later endorsed by the Pope and taken

round the world. In his final days Francis in another vision Francis received the wounds of Christ (the "Stigmata) in his own flesh as shown in Sassetta's painting in the National Gallery, taken from a later altarpiece in San Sepulcro (CC BY-NC-ND 4.0). Francis died in 1226 and was made a saint two years later.

Francis is famous today as someone loved creation, speaking of Brother Sun and Sister Moon, though the animal stories such as his preaching to "my sisters the birds" are less secure as history. Nevertheless, the present Pope took his name, even though he is himself a Jesuit, and declared him the Patron Saint of ecology. May his winsome inspiration encourage us to have a care for creation ourselves.

David Thomson

In 2015, Pope Francis published Laudato Si – a letter to the whole world about Care of our Common Home. If you haven't read it, or dipped into the summary, I would highly recommend.

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Through it, we're encouraged to refresh our thinking about how we relate to God's creation. Traditional Christian teaching has given humans a place separate from and above creation. But creation – or even just what we might refer to as 'the natural environment' – isn't simply a beautiful backdrop for the great human play. Nor is it an endlessly full storehouse of resources for human benefit! Rather, we are reminded in the Pope's letter, that behind every activity, every product or every transaction we make, there lies a relationship between ourselves and something else in creation.

CREATION

We are bound, the Pope says, to "innumerable others" through all aspects of our lives: "...we are not disconnected from the rest of God's creatures [and creation] but joined in a splendid universal communion. As believers, we do not look at the world from without but from within, conscious of the bonds with which the Father has linked us to all beings."

The ecological crisis we are living in shows us in stark reality how much we are implicated in creation and creation is implicated in us. It wakes us up to recognise

that 'the bonds ... between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace' are inseparable.

Thankfully, there has been a shift in recent years to recognise once more that creation is for God's glory, not humanity's. Our job is simply to 'imitate God's generosity and self-sacrifice' towards creation. Part of that is recognising there are ethical limits on our behaviour because each part of creation reflects something of God to us.

The Season of Creation is a month-long celebration from 1st September to 4th October, where Christians across the world join their hearts in celebration, prayer and learning around the theme of care for our common home. It's a time to renew our relationship with God as Creator and his creation. The specific seasonal theme for this year is: 'Creation speaks – let us listen'. You can find out more and download resources and ideas on how to get involved at www.seasonofcreation.org

An extract from the Season of creation prayer:

Creator of All, from your communion of love your Word went forth to create a symphony of life that sings your praise.... In this Season of Creation, we pray that you would call to us, as from the burning bush, with the sustaining fire of your Spirit. Turn us from our inward gaze. Teach us to contemplate your creation, and listen for the voice of each creature declaring your glory. Give us hearts to listen, enlighten us with your grace, and fill us with the hope to quench the fires of injustice with the light of your healing love that sustains our common home. In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Rev'd. Jae Chandler OCTOBER 2022



Bellringing in the West Hereford Team



Since Covid-19 stopped all activities including bellringing, we have returned (when we have enough ringers) to ringing at All Saints on the second and fourth Sunday in each month for the 9.30 am service.

All Saints has a large airy ringing chamber so, after conducting a risk assessment, it was relatively

simple to make the decision to return to Sunday ringing.
Returning to ringing at St Nicholas proved to be more difficult as the ringing chamber is smaller and less draughty than All Saints which resulted in a delay. We also have a several bellringers who, for various reasons, have decided to give up the hobby of bellringing. Some bellringers ring at both churches, while others ring only at one of the two churches.

Hereford Cathedral ringers are now holding a weekly practice including teaching new recruits at the Cathedral on a Tuesday evening.

Due to the shortage of ringers Sunday morning ringing has been put on hold at St Nicholas, however, I'm pleased to report that, with the support of the cathedral ringers, we are ringing a quarter peal each month before the Evensong service at St Nicholas.

Hereford Diocesan Guild

Hereford, Herefordshire

St Nicholas

Sunday, 4 September 2022 in 41m (9–3–26 in G)

1260 Grandsire Doubles

1 Karen M Powell 2 Anne Newman 3 Dan Jones 4 Fran Watkins 5 Andrew Watkins © 6 David C Powell

Rung for Evensong and to welcome Revd Jae Chandler as West Hereford Team Vicar.

You might have seen a report like the one above which is about the September Quarter Peal - but what does it mean?

Hereford Diocesan Guild

This is the Hereford Diocesan Guild of Bellringers. Bellringers are encouraged to join their local guilds; you can be a member of more than one guild. I'm also a member of The Ladies Guild of Change Ringers.

Hereford, Herefordshire

The district and county where the ringing was held.

St Nicholas

The dedication of the church

Sunday, 4 September 2022 in 41m

The date of the performance and the time it took from start to finish (41 minutes)

This is the imperial weight of the heaviest bell (the tenor) in hundredweight (9 cwt), quarters (3 qtr) and pounds (26 lbs). This is equivalent to approximately half a metric tonne (507 kg). This ring of bells is tuned to the musical scale of G major, i.e., G, A, B, C, D, E

260 Grandsire Doubles

Grandsire is the change ringing method or pattern being followed. Doubles tells us that two pairs of bells swap and one stays in the same place every change, in other words, five bells ring the changes. The tenor bell always sounds last (in sixth place) which is referred to as covering or tenor behind. A peal is traditionally 5040 changes, so a quarter peal is a minimum of 1260 changes rung consecutively.

Then follows the names of the ringers and which bell they rang so I, Anne Newman, rang the second bell. Karen rang the lightest and highest sounding bell, referred to as the treble, and David rang the tenor, the heaviest and lowest bell.

Finally, we have a dedication.

A bit of theory – this is where my non-ringing husband's eyes glaze over!

We start off in numerical order from the smallest to the largest bell, called rounds:

123456 which is bell 1, bell 2, bell 3, bell 4, bell 5, bell 6

123456 here we have the second row. So far, the pattern has not changed.

The simplest pattern for change ringing is called **Plain Hunt.**

This is Plain Hunt on just 3 bells:

123

213

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312

132 123

So, after 6 changes we are back into rounds (123).

Every ringer needs to know which place they are ringing in next, and this can vary depending on which method is being rung. There are 2 basic rules: you can either stay in the same place or swap places with another bell.

So, the beginning of Grandsire Doubles – we always start in rounds

123456 rounds

213546 first change: bells 1 & 2 swap places, bell 3 stays where it is, bells 4 & 5 swap places, bell 6 is always last (**covering**).

231456the second change: bell 2 stays where it is, bells 1 & 3 swap places, bells 4 & 5 swop places.

Bellringers learn the route which is often called **The Blue Line**. Historically when bellringing methods first went to print the diagrams showed the route of one bell through the changes as a blue line. In Grandsire, the treble and one other bell have a simpler route through the changes (**plaint hunt**) while the other bells follow a more complex route, just starting in a different place. Andrew Watkins was responsible for making calls so as to change to order of the bells in certain places and to ensure the method is rung correctly. This is referred to as being the **conductor**, which is why there is a **(C)** after Andrew's name.

This just an introduction to understanding bell ringing reports.

Anne Newman



SUPPORT FOR EDUCATION

Do you live in Breinton? Are you at university and needing books for your course? Or are you a teenager who needs equipment for a Duke of Edinburgh Award? Maybe you need help in buying school uniform for your children?

Breinton has access to limited funds which come partly from the rental of land left many years ago to support the education of young people in the Parish. This money is carefully managed for your use and you are invited to apply for it. If you are interested, either for yourself or for your child, please telephone Helen on 353850



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Pledge form for contributions towards the Families Worker Project

We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done. Psalm 78: 4

As we give thanks to God for the appointment of a families worker in the West Hereford Team, we also recognise our part in sharing the Good News of Christ with those who will come after us. There are many ways in which to support the project: prayer, welcoming families and the Family Worker, listening to our families, and finding out what happens in the groups. This form is specifically for those who would like, and are able, to contribute to this project financially. Our 5 year Families Worker project will aim to encourage whole life discipleship in families, through focused activities, the sacraments and pastoral care. With focused leadership we hope to be able to develop this investment in the future generations of the Church.

Taking seriously the dismissal of our services, 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord', the Families Worker will also work with local families in need of extra support, referred through Whitecross School, to encourage family life that allows the whole family to flourish. If you would like, and are able, to contribute, please fill in the form below and return it to The Team Office, Vowles Close, HR4 0DF. Or email it to office@westherefordteam.org.uk. You can begin to contribute at any point from now, but this form will give us an idea of the contributions we can expect in the future if you are not able to begin the donation at the present time.

Name: Church (if applicable):

I pledge to contribute towards the Families Worker Project as follows (please circle):

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For 1 year 2 years 3 years 4 years 5 years

Date:

You can donate in the following ways:

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By cash (clearly marked 'Families Worker Project)

Don't forget to let us know if we are able to claim Gift Aid on your donation, which adds 25% to the value of your donation. The Project will formally begin now that our Families Worker has been appointed.

Thank you for your pledge and your support. Your contribution is gratefully received and we pray that through it, the families known to us, and those not yet known, will come to know more and more the love of God shown in Jesus and made known through the Holy Spirit. Thank you!

Marking Her Majesty's Death and the Accession of King Charles III

Thursday 8th September was a day of dramatic and historic events.

A press release from Buckingham Palace (which does not normally comment on the health of the Royal Family like this), told us that, "The Queen's doctors are concerned for Her Majesty's health and have recommended she remain under medical supervision. The Queen remains comfortable and at Balmoral." News soon broke that members of the Royal Family were on their way to there, and the seriousness of the situation was clear; and in due course, a further official announcement was made that the Queen died peacefully that afternoon.



Obviously, our principal concern and prayers were for the members of the Queen's family. However historic the event, this was the death and loss of someone they loved and respected dearly. But at the same time it was a matter of huge public and national, indeed international, significance. And not a totally unexpected one. Comprehensive plans for it had been in place for a long time (I remember being briefed on them more than decade ago), under the codename of "London Bridge", with the supposedly secure codewords "London Bridge is down" being used to communicate it to the Prime Minister.

That signal launched a cascade of actions that is still being followed through. It is one thing, though, to have plans, another to execute them. So, up and down the country parish churches dusted off their plans and tried to keep up with the announcements. "Churches across the country will be ringing their bells..."; but can we round up the bell-ringers? Have we taken in that the bells are to be rung muffled at first, then clear as the new King is proclaimed, but then muffled again until the funeral? And where is that tower key anyway? Two of our churches have peals of bells, two just bells to toll, but many thanks to the ringers who heaved to and got the sound out. A special touch was to involve parishioners including younger ones in the tolling at Breinton just before the funeral started. Flags too (though I don't think we had any to worry about) were down to half mast, then up and then down again, not forgetting that "half mast" actually means just one flag width's down. And the Union Flag or sometimes the national flag but nothing else. (The Royal Standard is only flown for the monarch and then never at half mast, because the succession is immediate.)

Instructions on the liturgy had to be studied and orders of service adapted to the needs of each church produced. Traditional or Modern? Evensong, a service of Prayer and Reflection, or what the resources interestingly called "Prayers in Direct Language" when the need was not for beautiful prose but something all ages could understand? The clergy team was on its toes and the printers were running hot as daily Evening Prayer was offered at Holy Trinity, masses were said at All Saints with special "propers" and services held at Breinton and St Nicholas, leading up to their special Choral Evensong on the evening before the Funeral. Well done all!

We obviously opened our churches for prayer at various times, especially at Holy Trinity where one of the County's official Books of Condolence was available to be signed. Many people will have chosen to take up the online opportunities to do this, but a steady trickle came in, and leaves were taken to residential homes and schools to allow signing there for those who might otherwise not have the opportunity. Photographs of Her Majesty were on display, and candles were available to be lit.



Meanwhile, the Proclamation of the new Monarch was going ahead in parallel ("Operation Spring Tide") and parish members were in central Hereford to hear the news announced, with the great and good gathered in their finery. The great and good also gathered again on the afternoon before the funeral in the Cathedral for a Service of Commemoration of the Life of Her Majesty, with this parish member in his episcopal kit in the procession. And the Coronation is still to come!

What are we to make of all this activity and ceremony? Our reactions will vary, and may range from no more than a passing interest to strong feelings of loss – perhaps evoking our more personal losses – hitting us sometimes at unexpected moments, or for a few to strong feelings of annoyance at so much focus on an institution of which they disapprove.

One thing that struck me was that much of the communication was in a way a relic of a pre-electronic age, of a time when the only way to spread the news *was* by public proclamations and ringing bells, when you didn't know what the King looked like unless you saw him, and when oaths of allegiance were required and made in person and in public to make sure folk were onside.

Is that all a bit of a nonsense now? I have to admit that it's rather fun to see everyone else having to be as overdressed as I sometimes have to be, and that sometimes it *does* feel like Trumpton, but here I think are two good reasons why I hope we hang on to it.

First, I think it matters to do things physically to both mark occasions and embody our emotions. A wife once complained to her Yorkshire husband that he never told her that he loved her. "I did, when I married you," he said. "If things change, I'll let you know..." Oops. Lighting a candle, signing a book, laying some flowers, yes even going to church, are all ways that we can help our inner selves not become frozen in, and help one another too.

That leads on to my second point. When we do these public things, which are in some ways so quaint or so grand that they belong to none of us, we break out of our small-group, cliquey mentality and the behind-the-screen isolation that is something of a curse on the world today. We start to build what some people call the "community of communities" on which I suggest the health and well-being of wider society depends. And at its best the monarchy, in its prime of life and in the passing of a Sovereign, has great power to do just that. We cancel it at our peril.

But back to the core truth that deeper than all of that lies the personal journey into the fuller life of God of a much-loved and highly respected woman. A little drawing on social media at the moment shows a view of three figures receding into background: Her Majesty, Paddington Bear, and a Corgi. "Where are we going?" asks Paddington. "Home, Paddington, we're going home." After a life lived so publicly and with such devotion to duty, if anyone deserves to be Home and at rest, our late Queen does, and our Christian faith teaches us that that is no fancy, but the eternal truth.



OCTOBER 2022

Change and progress

Much has happened since I wrote last month. We have a new king, a new prime minister and here, in West Hereford, a new team vicar. We had been waiting so long for Jae's licensing and now we are getting to know Jae and Reggie. We look forward to her new ideas, re-assured that she believes in growth from much that is good in our heritage and looks forward to growth from all that has gone before us.

Those of us who remember the last Accession did not find it so strange to sing God Save the King as we had learnt in our earliest childhood. Although I could no longer do so, I remember vividly going to the Lying-in-State of George VI, for whom we queued for about 6 hours. It was a very sombre occasion.

We pray that this time when the nation has come together in grief will start a less rancorous winter as we work together through our manifold problems. Let us go forward in faith as Her late Majesty did putting our hand in the hand of God.

Kalyani Menon



THE CORONATION 1953

So young and so solemn

She stole our hearts

As we watched the crowning

On a tiny screen

Bewitched by images in black and white

Of golden coaches and other royalty.

Seated on a throne in that great Abbey
The crown was settled upon her head
So heavy the weight of it in every way
Physical yes, but mental and spiritual too
I remember the mystery of her retreat
To be anointed with holy oil
And her emergence to the enormous sound
Of the organ and the cheers of a million people.

Bronwen Wild, May 2022

Our new Queen- Elizabeth the Second



Queen Elizabeth sadly passed away on September 8th 2022. The whole country mourns.





Breinton Village Hall



Breinton Village Hall is a community asset available to hire, and information can be found on the Village Hall website at breintonhall.chessck.co.uk or by calling Anne or Phil Chapman (01432263769). Please contact them if you wish to use the Hall for a family event or activity.

Our **coffee mornings** are now held regularly on the first Saturday of the month between 10.30 and 12.30. Light refreshments are available.

Don't forget that the Village Hall has free and fast Internet access!

More Regular Events at Breinton Village Hall—SEE BELOW

And last but not least there will be a **QUIZ** on **OCTOBER 7th at 7pm**

- This was initially planned for September but was postponed due to Queen Elizabeth sadly leaving us.

Hand Bell Ringers	Tuesday mornings 11am – 1pm	Contact Muriel on 01981 551973.	
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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Breinton Church needs your help!

For many, the Church is still a cornerstone of the community.

It is where we gather to celebrate at Christmas and Easter. Our parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins have been married or christened here. We have mourned the loss of friends at funeral services, and our family members have been laid to rest in the churchyard.

Perhaps we hope to be buried here ourselves, or we imagine our children and grandchildren celebrating here in the future.

Perhaps we walk by here when we visit the river or the Springs and enjoy the sight of the spire peering over the trees in the old orchard.

If you've stopped and looked up at the church lately, then you might have seen the gaps where slates are missing and notice the stonework which is now in need of repair. And if you were to pop in and spend a few moments inside the church, you might notice a large patch of plaster missing from the ceiling near the West door.

The congregation of St Michael's Church have been noticing these changes with concern. We have been checking on the church after the winter storms, picking up pieces of shattered slate and sweeping up the plaster which has fallen from the ceiling.

As I'm sure that many of you know, holes in the roof don't fix themselves! We know that the situation will continue to deteriorate, but like so many community groups and organisations, our finances have suffered over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, and we will need help to carry out these vital repairs and – quite literally! – keep a roof over our heads.

We are still waiting on a list of the necessary work from the architect, and need to get an estimate from the builders, but we already know that the work will cost many thousands of pounds. Once we know the scope of the work we will launch a fundraising campaign.

If the church is a part of your community, if you want it to be a place where you and your loved ones can be baptised, married and buried, then we need your help.

If you are able to donate to our fundraising campaign, help us write funding bids or give your time and energy to a fundraiser then we'd love to hear from you. You can speak to Rev'd Ruth Hulse, Rev'd Jo Jennings, Grahame Sherfield or any member of the church.

A new Index of Gravestones and Memorials for St Michael's Breinton

Back in 1993 the late Gill Wall completed an inventory of gravestones and memorial plaques in the churchyard of St. Michael's Breinton. She carefully listed the visible inscriptions on each, often with a useful sketch of their shape. She also provided maps of each section of the graveyard, with each stone numbered. There is a copy of her inventory document available to view at St Michael's.

This, and the parish registers, are written on paper but up to now they have not been assembled into a database. So transcribing Gill's notes has been a good job for me to do indoors when it's been too hot to spend much time outdoors! The big advantage of doing this is that is now possible to search for specific surnames easily, which is what family or local historians need to do. At present I have more than 700 names listed: alphabetically, and by location number, referring to Gill's maps. I have added most, but not quite all, of the more recent additions, and still need to check against the parish registers.

I have found a few discrepancies in Gill's notes and maps, and I am sure I will have managed to make some mistakes of my own, but if anyone would find it useful to see the current version of the Index, please contact me on nicky.geeson@googlemail.com

Nichola Geeson



ST MICHAEL'S BREINTON

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

Social distancing and hand sanitising are standard.

St Michael's Breinton would welcome your support!

There has been a church in Breinton since medieval times and, in a sense, it seems as if the church has always been there. Generations of local people have been baptised and/or married in the church and many rest in peace in the churchyard. We are indeed fortunate to have such a beautiful church in such a lovely location.

The church would not be there without the support of the people of Breinton. We are very grateful to those who have supported the church in many ways, giving their time and energy as well as making generous donations, some regularly and others from time to time.

However, at the moment, the finances that we need to maintain the church and its churchyard and provide weekly Sunday services, as well as other special services, are in a depleted state.

Covid has meant the church has been closed for several lengthy periods over the past two years and of course that has meant no weekly collection. The numbers coming to church on Sunday have improved but are not back to the levels we enjoyed before the pandemic. In addition, some key supporters of the church have moved from the area and others have sadly passed away.

If you are able to help us to ensure the church is there for the future for christenings, wedding, funerals as well as weekly services, please consider one of the following options.

You could give some of your time as there are so many aspects of the running of our church where volunteer help is crucial.

You could set up a regular financial donation through the Parish Giving scheme. www.parishgiving.org.uk/my-pgs/parish/65204/landing-page/

Or phone 0333 002 1271

Make a one-off gift through our Give a Little page https://givealittle.co/campaigns/1099258d-0548-401d-b95e-82b5312814dc Or scan



Do your online shopping through

www.easyfundraising.org.uk Search for St Michael's Breinton. Thousands of retailers will make a donation to our church at no cost to you if you route your visit to the retailer's site through easyfundraising.

If you would like any help with the above or have other ideas about how you could contribute, please contact the treasurer, Grahame Sherfield, through the Team Office on 01432 273086. Thank you.



VACANCY – Voluntary Advertising Co-Ordinator

After many years of co-ordinating the advertisements within Teamtalk, Nikky Eyles resigned last year. She has done a wonderful job for many years. We thank her wholeheartedly and are very sorry to see her go.

This leaves an opportunity for someone to become involved with the production of the Teamtalk magazine. Arranging for the advertisements is an essential part of the production of Teamtalk as they provide the majority of its funding. The task entails contacting advertisers at the end of the year to arrange the regular advertisements, then keeping track of payments. There will also be occasional one-off advertisers through the year.

If you are interested to know more about this voluntary position please contact the Team Office on 01432 273086 or office@westherefordteam.org.uk

Don't forget !!¬ Quiz in Breinton Village Hall October 7th 7pm Nibbles and soft drinks provided

Cash Prize £5 entry





Collection of Plates

A donation of a collection of plates has been made to the West Hereford Team. There are about 50 altogether (possibly more) and we have been advised that it would be wise to have them valued rather than sell them at a local fête!

Would anyone be interested in taking on this task? If you think you might like to do this, please contact the Team Office on 01432 273086.

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West Hereford Team churches support Hereford Food Bank, through donations of non-perishable goods, which are shared with people in our local community. They have recently produced a short article about their work, which is shared below. Our harvest collections will be sent to Hereford Food Bank, and a priority list of items is included in this edition of Team Talk.

'If you see an article or Facebook post about the foodbank you immediately think about the homeless man in town and imagine him queueing for food. **The reality in Herefordshire TODAY is so different.**

It may be the young couple who live on your street, who you see taking the children to school on their way to work. They have lost their savings during COVID and now find that the weekly food bill, petrol and ever rising heating bills mean they are skipping meals. When it starts to affect the children they finally ask for help.

The widow down the road who list her husband last year, she is paying bills that they struggled to pay together and now she finds them impossible. Heating or eating will be her main concern but with the sudden price rises she cannot do either and she has used every stock item in her cupboard and now doesn't know where to turn.

The self employed plumber who has had to go into hospital for an operation. It will take 7 weeks to be assessed for any help and has nothing in the bank, again the last two years have used his savings.

The pensioner returning from hospital to a home with no cooker, plug in heaters, and nothing in the cupboards.

These are the daily stories we have from over 40-50 referrals a week. In the meantime, everyone is struggling so donations have dropped, there are less items in the weekly collection box or trolley and stock levels are extremely low. Despite this a team of over 110 volunteers work to make sure that everyone we find who needs us gets help.

Please if you can help with donating an item, raising some funds so we can give fresh fruit and vegetables or would like to join our volunteer team, please get in touch, We see very day how much Herefordshire cares and also howmuch we are needed. Thankyou for reading our story and please spread the word. Putting something in the collection is helping someone who really needs a helping hand.

For more information about Hereford Food Bank: tel. 01432 607011, or email:

manager@herefordfoodbank.co.uL

Rev'd Lois Beynon



Light up a Life at St Michael's Hospice Remember a loved one this Christmas at this poignant and moving event full of light, love and reflection

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- · 5pm
- St Michael's Hospice, Bartestree HR1 4HA

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Sunday Services in October 2022

	All Saints	St Michael's	Holy Trinity	St Nicholas'
2nd October: Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Mass@AllSaints Harvest	9.30am BCP Communion Harvest 4.00pm Pet Service	11.00am Parish Eucharist Harvest 1.30pm Baptism	11.00am Parish Eucharist Harvest 6.30pm Evensong
9th October: Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Parish Mass	9.30am Parish Eucharist	11.00am Parish Eucharist	11.00am Morning Prayer 6.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
16th October: Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Parish Mass with Bishop Richard	9.30am Parish Eucharist	11.00am Parish Eucharist with Bishop Richard 4.00pm Commemoration Service	11.00am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
23rd October: Last Sunday after Trinity	9.30am Parish Mass	9.30am Morning Prayer	11.00am Parish Eucharist on Bible Sunday 1.30pm Baptism	11.00am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
30th October: All Saints Day	9.30am Parish Mass for Patronal Festival	9.30am Parish Eucharist	11.00am Parish Eucharist	11.00am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

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