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### **Weddings**

*May their lives together be long  
and happy*

## Are you paying attention?

Dear Reader

I regard myself as being very fortunate to be having piano lessons. Being a student of mature years, it is possible that I am rather more aware than a young person might be, of my weak points. I suggested to my teacher that she might save a lot of time spent on writing comments on manuscripts that we are working through if she had a set of those old fashioned rubber stamps engraved with certain words; say three or four of them, and an ink pad; to deal with the points I most frequently fail to observe. She tells me to be like a detective, with a view to discovering how the music fits together in all its fullness and of course to listen to how my playing matches up to what is there in front of me on the page.

In short, I am urged to be attentive.

I venture to suggest that anyone who has spent time with Rev. Jonathan will have heard a similar urging to be attentive; not in terms of a music manuscript or in listening to music on a disc or streamed, but rather to be attentive to God's 'music' -although he doesn't quite put it that way. He speaks in terms of perceiving God's presence in the quiet and in being still. To be open to God's prompting.

Let me quote from the second part of R.S. Thomas' poem 'The Bright Field'.

*...Life is not hurrying  
on to a receding future, nor hankering after  
an imagined past. It is the turning  
aside like Moses to the miracle  
of the lit bush, to a brightness  
that seemed as transitory as your youth  
once, but is the eternity that awaits you.*

Christmas and perhaps to a lesser extent Epiphany, can hit us and the world around us with such 'in your face' force, that 'turning aside like Moses' might seem to be an impossible ask. But try digging more gently and deeper into the Christmas and Epiphany stories this year, looking for those messages which even after all these years may have eluded you in the past. Where might that bright star be leading you?

Chris Webb



## What is Christian Meditation ?

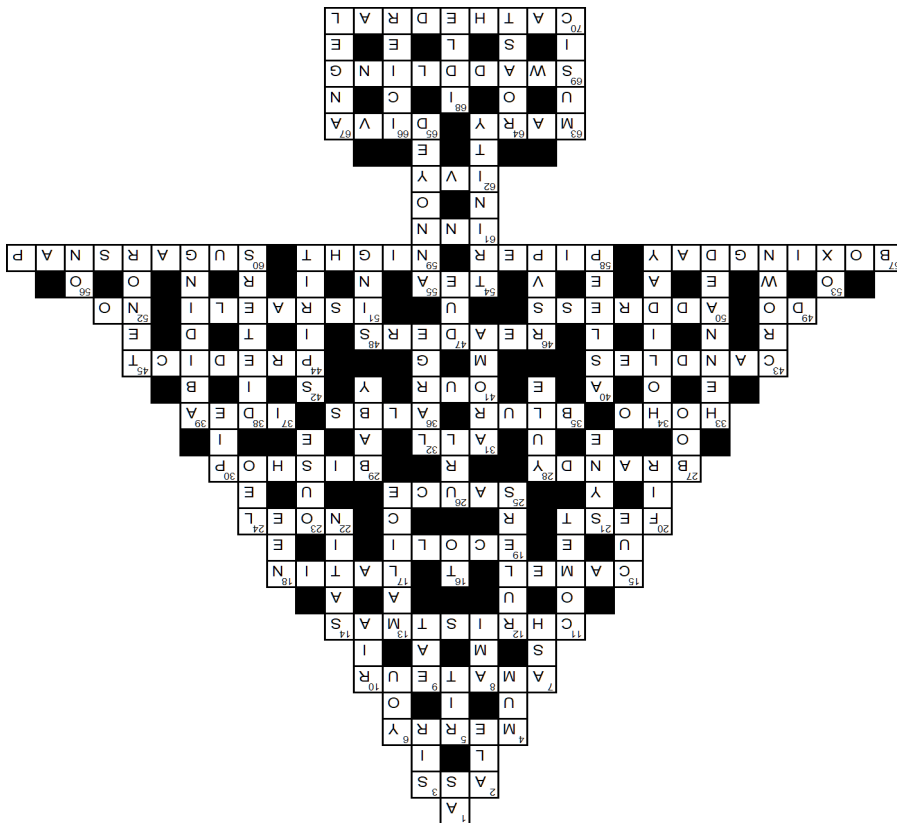
Christian meditation is a way to go more deeply into praying and living. Highs and lows are part of living. Discovering the depth of living gives us something else, that is stabilising.

This is because meditation provides a break from the dramas of living, a pause in stillness and silence. In this pause, all 'the stuff' of living can settle, like the sediment in a bottle of beer or wine. Then the goodness can be seen and tasted afresh.

The Autumn Season of Christian Meditation is an opportunity for you to taste this for yourself. In addition, a simple method is described that provides a float for you to hold on to, as you enter the stillness and silence. Afterwards, there is an opportunity to ask questions and share experiences and discoveries.

**The Autumn Season is at All Saints' Church, on Tuesday evenings, 7pm-8 , from 11th November to 16th December.**  
Sean Cathie

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**Christmas  
Crossword  
Solution**



Not Christmas.

I'm not going to wish you a merry Christmas even though this is technically my last opportunity before the great day to infest the whole diocese with my festive cheer, at least in print. Please understand that it isn't that I DON'T wish you a blessed and happy Christmas – that would be unusual and distinctly unclerical, (not to mention untrue). But as I write this, the thoughtful season of advent has not even begun – the time when we God-Botherers ponder how much we need a Saviour – so I don't want to ho ho ho at you just yet. I do hope that despite the chill in the air caused by national and global events you will avail yourselves when the time comes of all the hope and joy that your local church and community can muster.

Advent is about looking at ourselves and at the world and realising just how much we need a Saviour. Christmas would be pointless if we didn't - just a marketing ploy cooked up by sellers of toys, perfumes and frozen party nibbles to get us all to spend as much money as possible. Let's face it, if a fire engine screeched to a halt outside your house with sirens blaring and blue lights flashing you might wonder what it was doing there if your house was not on fire. You might be mildly interested but you would hardly celebrate your salvation! In the same way the baby whose birth we celebrate on Christmas Day and who we hail as Saviour is similarly baffling and underwhelming if you cannot see anything that we need saving from!

Sometimes it seems easier to believe in evil than in God. But if you do believe that evil exists – if you see it in all its brutality in our daily news, if it touches you in grief, fear, loneliness, hatred, jealousy- then you may dimly begin to understand why we need our Saviour. If you look at the impact on individuals of national, international and corporate greed then you may begin to understand why we need our Saviour. If you look at the wars devastating communities across the globe you will understand why we need our Saviour. If you dare to look into the devices and desires of your own heart you may begin to ruefully understand why you need a Saviour.

Perhaps deep inside we all vaguely sense the need for a Saviour because we can all see what is wrong. It is only a step- a stride admittedly- from faintly sensing the need for a Saviour to considering that salvation might come from God and not human endeavour and then another step again to truly recognizing Him from the Christmas story repeated every year for 2 millennia by those persistent folk in the churches and deliciously enacted by our tiny children with tea towels on their heads.

The Very Revd Sarah Brown

Dean of Hereford

## Saint of the Month: Ambrose

Dec 7



Imagine you are the Governor of a whole province. Things are going well: so well that one day you attend the election of a new bishop for Milan, and find that – by popular acclamation – it's going to be you, even though you are not yet even baptised (although a Christian), let alone ordained.

That's what happened to Ambrose(c339-397). He turned out to be just as effective as a Bishop as he was a Governor, and indeed a first-rate theologian too, becoming seen as one of the four great Doctors (Teachers) of the Church. And if Hugh of Lincoln was ready to take on a king, Ambrose took on Emperors, and often won.

So – whatever you are doing these days, watch out! God may have other plans for you...

*Image: Mosaic of St Ambrose, possibly from near his own time: San Vittore in Ciel d'oro. Sailko CCA3.0 via Wikipedia*

### Collect

*God of hosts,  
who called Ambrose from the governor's throne  
to be a bishop in your Church  
and an intrepid champion of your faithful people:  
mercifully grant that, as he did not fear to rebuke rulers,  
so we, with like courage,  
may contend for the faith we have received;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.*

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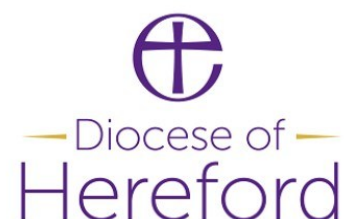
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### **A Baby's Cry**

**A baby's cry pierces the night:  
The Lamb of God, the world's true Light.  
He's come at last to set us free—  
God's perfect love for all to see.**



## **Poems for Christmas and New Year**

**Bright glory shines, the shepherds kneel:  
The angels sing in Beth'lem's field.  
A child is born in David's town—  
So leave your sheep, and gather round.  
Young Mary looks on Him with awe:  
God's Son, her Lord, is what she saw.  
The joy of birth, the shadow near—  
The sword she'll know through all His years.**

**Brave Joseph who protects them both:  
A father's love, a sacred oath.  
His hands, worn rough from honest toil,  
Holding the hands that shaped the soil.  
Oh, come and see this baby, who  
Was born for me, was born for you.  
Come now and see him in the hay—  
Oh, Christ the Lord is born today.**

**A baby's cry pierces the night:  
The Lamb of God, the world's true Light.  
He's come at last to set us free—  
God's perfect love, made flesh for me.**

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### **The Year**

What can be said in New Year rhymes,  
That's not been said a thousand times?

The new years come, the old years go,  
We know we dream, we dream we know.

We rise up laughing with the light,  
We lie down weeping with the night.

We hug the world until it stings,  
We curse it then and sigh for wings.

We live, we love, we woo, we wed,  
We wreath our prides, we sheet our dead.

We laugh, we weep, we hope, we fear,  
And that's the burden of a year.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

I saw a stable

I saw a stable, low and very  
bare,  
A little child in a manger.  
The oxen knew Him, had Him  
in their care,  
To men He was a stranger.  
The safety of the world was  
lying there.  
And the world's danger.

Mary Elizabeth Coleridge

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### **About Ben Adhem**

About Ben Adhem (may his tribe increase!)  
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,  
And saw, within the moonlight in his room,  
Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,  
An angel writing in a book of gold:—  
Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold,  
And to the presence in the room he said,  
"What writest thou?"—The vision raised its head,  
And with a look made of all sweet accord,  
Answered, "The names of those who love the Lord."  
"And is mine one?" said Abou. "Nay, not so,"  
Replied the angel. Abou spoke more low,  
But cheerly still; and said, "I pray thee, then,  
Write me as one that loves his fellow men."  
The angel wrote, and vanished. The next night  
It came again with a great wakening light,  
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had blest,  
And lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest.

Leigh Hunt

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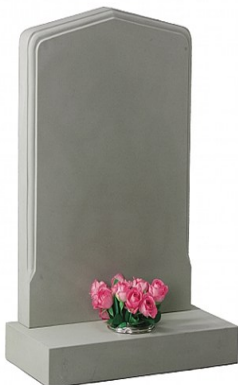
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## Christian Meditation

### Advent Season

*'Be still and know that I am God'*  
*Psalm 46.10*

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## An Eco thought for December

From arocha.org.uk:  
'Celebrate a simpler and greener Christmas.  
As Advent begins, let us turn our gaze to the true meaning of Christmas -  
God with us, Emmanuel.  
The humble birth of a child  
in a stable may seem distant from the way we celebrate today, but it offers a profound reminder of simplicity. This season, let's reflect on the story that we wish our actions and choices to tell.  
Consider A Rocha UK's website which focuses on journeying towards a zero-waste Christmas :  
[arocha.org.uk/journeying-towards-a-zero-waste-christmas](http://arocha.org.uk/journeying-towards-a-zero-waste-christmas).  
May our hearts and our celebrations align with the simplicity and beauty of the Christ.'

Wishing you all a happy and zero waste Christmas from Holy Trinity Eco Group.

## Repair Café news from October

Again, we had another busy morning at the Repair Café on October 25<sup>th</sup> with 45 repairs and many people enjoying the atmosphere and meeting old friends and new. We had some lovely feedback including: "I cannot fault the great effort that was put into trying to repair this picture for me", "The service was excellent, I am more than happy", "Excellent, friendly, lovely man" and "Margaret was brilliant!!" The comment, "As always very good" illustrates the fact that now after going for a year many people are making repeat visits.

We've now saved 529kg of CO2e by repairing the broken stuff and keeping it out of landfill. Apparently, that's like growing about 9 tree seedlings for 10 years!

In November the Repair Café Facebook page has this post: "These three bears were very kindly made for us by one of our wonderful, talented visitors... they are so cute and are even sporting our green aprons! We are very grateful to her, and we'll be adopting these as Repair Cafe Hereford City mascots.



One already has a name... Fred.  
We are now looking for two more name suggestions... over to you!"

Jean Thomson



## The All Saints 100 Club

There are now more chances to win some cash and help fund raising at All Saints !

We are pleased to announce that we shall be continuing our 100 Club into 2026, and will be increasing the number of holders from the present 70 up to 100 ticket holders. You can keep your favourite numbers, of course, but may wish to add another to stand more chance of a big win !

Forms for newcomers and for renewals will be available during November and December from the Team Office, from Vicki Robertson on telephone number 01432 351134 or from Barbara Glasspoole on 07790 668649. Thanks for your interest and support.

Barbara Glasspoole

**100!!!**

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MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE SUPPORTED TEAMTALK THIS YEAR  
AND THE PAST!

THE EDITOR



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Thank You All.

# Christmas Carols & Tea

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December

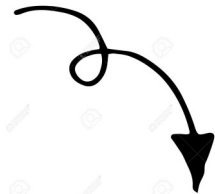


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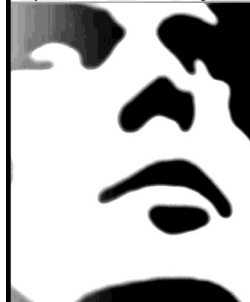


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**Firstly we have breakfast together every month.** We visit the club house of the rowing club on a Saturday morning when they cook a lovely and reasonably priced breakfast. We sit together and enjoy fellowship and have an all you can eat cooked breakfast for £9. If you would like to join us this happens at 9.00 am on the second Saturday of each month.

**Another regular meeting up together takes place in Holy Trinity Church at 2.30 pm on a Tuesday or Wednesday each month.** We have a traditional high tea together – sandwiches and waiter service at your table. There is no charge for this but you can make a donation to church funds if you wish. It is a very genteel and enjoyable way to spend an afternoon. The dates for the rest of the year are :-

Tuesday 9th December

Stuart Vince





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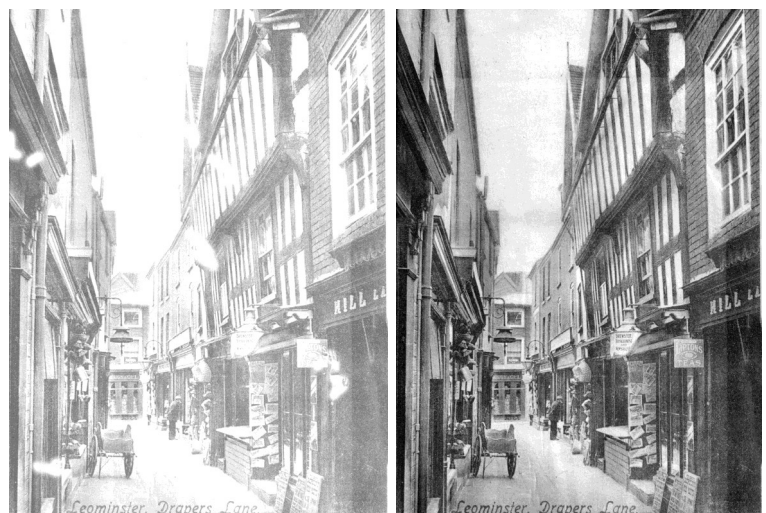


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Theme 2025 -2028 **Join us and Join in...**We are changing lives!



We welcomed Rita Bailey and her dog Ruby to our November meeting. We enjoyed a conversation with Rita about guide dogs for the blind and her dog Ruby. Rita was able to answer those questions that I wonder about when I see someone out with their working dog.

The Winter Night Shelter opened in November, a month early. Lee's Place, a café, opens between 6.00 pm and 8.00 pm is providing a refuge and meal before the night shelter opens at 8.00 pm, The Living Room, run by Ethos, is supporting people during the day starting with breakfast. Showers and laundry facilities are also available.

Next year we celebrate 150 years of Mothers' Union, there will be a local event at Colwall. Colwall is special to us as our founder, Mary Sumner, lived and was married at Colwall. In 2026 dioceses are challenged to raise an extra £1,500.00 and increase their membership by 150 members. Are you a past member? Do you want to support us? Do you want to join us? There are various types of annual membership - national, diocesan and branch, or other ways to support us.

New types of membership have been created - ask if you want to become a church with 'Church Membership' or if you want to support us by choosing a 'Friend Membership'.

### **December**

Mon 1 1.15 pm Lunch at Holy Trinity

**Sat 6 St Nicholas Day**

Thurs 11 Midday Prayers, Cathedral

### **January 2026**

Mon 5 10.00 am MU meeting, 62, Broomy Hill, 'Memories'

Thurs 8 Midday Prayers, Cathedral

### **February**

Mon 2 10.00 am MU meeting 62, Broomy Hill, speaker: Bill Jackson

Mon 9 Trustee Meeting, Hereford

Thurs 12 Midday Prayers, Cathedral

Wed 18 Ash Wednesday

### **March**

Mon 2 2.30 pm MU meeting, Lent Reflection led by Revd J Widdess

Fri 6 World Day of Prayer

Thurs 26 2.30 pm Lady Day Service Cusop

Thurs 12 Midday Prayers, Cathedral

Sun 15 Mothering Sunday

Thurs 26 2.30 pm Lady Day Service Much Wenlock

Sun 29 Holy Week

Mon 30 2.30 pm MU meeting, Easter Reflection led by Revd J Widdess

16 Days of Activism 25 Nov to 10 Dec

Please see church notice sheets for updates about meetings and just our theme says **Join Us and Join In**.

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

Anne Newman, Branch Leader



## NEWS FROM THE CATHEDRAL

Peter Dyke's annual *Christmas Sparkle organ concert* will launch Hereford Cathedral's season of festive music on **Saturday 29 November, 1.15 pm.**

Preparations for Hereford Cathedral's annual *Christmas Fair* are well underway with over forty stallholders attending the event on **Saturday 13 December.**

Opening at 9.30am, the cathedral will be filled with stallholders selling a range of *festive gifts* including jewellery, artwork and homeware. There will also be a selection of *food and drink* on offer to browse including locally produced chocolates, wine and cordials. The Cathedral Gardeners will be there with their incredibly popular *plant stall* and the Cathedral Café and Shop stall will be selling some special *foodie gifts* alongside their normal offering.

The *Cathedral Café* will be open with an additional stall in the nave serving mulled wine, spiced cider and festive treats. At 12 noon, everyone is welcome to wrap up warm and join in the festive fun as *carol singing*, led by the Dean, will take place in the Cathedral Close



### Harvest at Holy Trinity 2025

A big thank you to everyone throughout the Team who contributed to our Harvest giving at Holy Trinity. All the goods are now in the store at Monkmoor Street and are available to be used when required.

Hereford Foodbank exists to support people during difficult times by providing 7-day emergency parcels. There are some common misconceptions about how the system works. Hopefully the information below will give readers a more accurate understanding of its function.

**Myth: People can just turn up and get food.**

**Reality:** We operate using a referral system. People need to be referred by professionals such as social worker, GP's, or schools who assess individual needs. This ensures support goes out to those who genuinely need it.

**Myth: People become dependent on foodbanks.**

**Reality:** Our food parcels are designed to provide short-term emergency support, not regular groceries. For longer term help, we encourage people to use Community Larders or Foodshares in the city. These projects are open to everyone, reduce food waste by redistributing supermarket surplus, and provide free or low-cost food to help stretched household budgets.

**Myth: Only people who are unemployed can get a referral to the foodbank.**

**Reality:** We can provide an emergency parcel to anyone in crisis, if they have a professional referral – whether they are in work or not.

**Myth: Foodbanks get all their food from supermarkets for free.**

**Reality:** While donations and supermarket collections help, we also purchase a significant amount of food to meet demand and ensure parcels are balanced and nutritious.

**Myth: People abuse the system.**

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## CHRISTMAS FAIR

**SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER | 9.30AM - 4PM**

Over forty stallholders will be in the Cathedral on **Saturday 13 December** for our annual Christmas Fair. The Fair opens at 9.30am and will be featuring homemade produce, handcrafted items and plenty of festive gifts and crafts from local stallholders.

We will be singing carols outside in the cathedral close at midday, all are welcome to join in!

Entry is free for the Christmas Fair and we will be asking for donations on the door which will go to support the work of Hereford Cathedral. We recommend bringing cash on the day as not all stalls will be taking card payment

*Please note that we have reached capacity for stallholders this year. We are aware that someone has been approaching businesses on social media to ask them to book a table at the 2025 Christmas Fair. This is sadly a scam and no one representing Hereford Cathedral would approach or ask for payment via social media so please do not engage. If you have any questions or would like to express your interest in 2026's event, please email [events@herefordcathedral.org](mailto:events@herefordcathedral.org)*



## The Whitecross Chronicles No: 28



The growth and development of west Hereford along the Whitecross Road, with a Railway station, cider works and plenty of housing eventually led to a decision to build a church in 1885 and make a parish in 1902. The site upon which the church was built was given by the Custos and Vicars of the Cathedral, together with land sufficient for a Vicarage' (Norman Owen, 'Holy Trinity Hereford' p4). The west side of Hereford sandwiched between Holmer and Westfaling Street fell within the parish of All Saints and it had been All Saints parish which originally erected the Iron Room in 1879 on Whitecross Road to provide Christian worship and a community meeting place. Frank Woods was the vicar of All Saints and in the days when parishes had curates, Norman Campbell was the curate in charge of the Whitecross Road district, when the building was proposed in 1882 (see Norman Owen p2)

Do read the description of the opening service and consecration in Norman Owen's book, on May 28th 1885. At first the church was part of All Saint's parish under the direction of the vicar of All Saints with at first curates in charge from 1885 and later priests in charge from 1889. It was not until 1902 that Holy Trinity became a parish and broke away from the mother church of All Saints with a parish carved out of four old parishes; All Saints, St Nicholas, Holmer and St John the Baptist, with Edmund Charles Poulter being the first vicar in 1902.

The architect chosen was a local architect, Frederick Robertson Kempson (1838-1923) who was born at Birchyfields, Bromyard, the son of Revd William Brooke Kempson, JP, who was rector of Stoke Lacey 1839-59. From 1861 Frederick had his practice at 18, St Owen Street, from where he did some of the building work at Stoke Lacey from 1863 and St Michael's Breinton in 1866. Later he eventually worked for Sir James Rankin at Bryngwyn, Wormelow (1868), after which, he was recommended by Sir James to design the Hereford Library and Museum in Broad Street (1872-4). Meanwhile he had secured the job for designing St Paul's Tupsley, 'one of his best early buildings' (Jean O'Donnell, 'The Hereford Free Library' Woolhope Transactions), where he was married in November 1865, soon after the church was completed and he later became churchwarden. His daughter Rachel (an actress) married Michael Redgrave 'and became the mother of the Redgrave acting clan' (Philip Weaver, 'A Dictionary of Herefordshire Biography')

It was later in Frederick's career that he designed Holy Trinity of which the nave was built in 1883-5. The church building was designed to be built in sections, when money was available, which explains why the chancel was built later in 1905-6 and the south-east tower and spire was never built. It is not thought to be an inspired design famously described by Henry Stuart Goodhart Rendel, 'the dullest church he had ever seen' (Philip Weaver). Pevsner describes the building as, 'Early English style, large, uniform ... its best feature the north bellcote, between two chimneys'. Having helped toll the bell for the late Queen Elizabeth's funeral, the bell still rings, but perhaps I should take more notice of the bellcote!

I think it must be a mixed blessing being an architect for you have to take criticism. Frederick Kempson was greatly influenced by Ruskin, Pugin and William Morris while articulated for the firm Seddon and Pritchard in Cardiff and London. The 1850 Oxford Museum, incorporating design ideas by Ruskin with amazing skilled carving of flora and fauna on the outside, must have influenced the exterior design of our library and museum on Broad Street. St Paul's Tupsley also has a decorated brick interior and exterior, while the exterior of the old County College for Boys on Aylestone Hill (1880) with patterned brick work is also well thought of. Holy Trinity is built from local stone quarried from Fayre Oakes and not brick like the church at Tupsley. I guess that today we can applaud the building as being eco-friendly in being built of local stone and being possibly an economic decision to source materials locally. I have been told to look at the drawing Kempson did of the completed church and indeed the finished building is well balanced and would make a delightful scene on Whitecross Road. But the residents and church goers of Whitecross then as now are not that well off and so the building has never been completed.

Norman Owen describes the nave and aisles, 'as copies of the church at Madley'. It is no bad thing to worship God in a building which looks from the outside to be a large Victorian barn, built from stone quarried locally and perhaps inspired by the building of a local village church. Nowadays with such a large nave, and heating problems with the boilers which are costly to run and occasionally break down, we can ill afford to have the warmth we are accustomed to at home. However, the sound of the music by the choir and organ, in a building which has a good acoustic is amazing, and in the end, the worship and the people make the church not the building!

Jean Thomson

## An Invitation to Conversation

To help me get to know the benefice — and for you to get to know me — I'm hosting a series of small group conversations this autumn. Come for a cuppa, a chat, and a chance to share stories as we listen together for God's way forward.

You are warmly welcome to come to whichever gathering suits you best:

Week (w/c)	All Saints	St Michael's	Holy Trinity
20 Oct	Thu 23 Oct – before Low Mass	–	–
3 Nov	–	–	Sat 8 Nov – morning
10 Nov	Wed. 12 Nov – circle of chairs in Lady Chapel 10.45am	Sat 15 Nov – morning	–
17 Nov	–	–	Fri 21 Nov – after choir practice
24 Nov	Sun 23 Nov – over coffee	–	–
1 Dec/5 Jan	–	Wed 10 Jan morning 2026	Sun 7 Dec – over coffee

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Grahame Sherfield, Treasurer, St Michael's, Breinton

## New Beginnings and Honest Hopes

These days, New Year's Eve arrives with a bang — fireworks in the sky, fizz in the glass, and countdowns echoing across screens and city squares. There's celebration, noise, and the shared thrill of turning the page.



And then comes January. Quieter. Bare trees, drizzly days, early dark, and the slow return to routine. The decorations come down, the calendar turns, and we find ourselves standing at the threshold of a new year — not quite ready, perhaps, but here nonetheless.

There's a temptation to treat the new year as a blank slate, a chance to reinvent ourselves with resolutions and fresh resolve. But for many, the start of January feels more like a continuation than a clean break — the same worries, the same joys, the same slow unfolding of life.

So instead of pressure, what if we offered grace?  
Instead of grand plans, what if we made space for honest hopes?

A new beginning doesn't have to mean starting over. It can mean starting gently. Paying attention. Asking what needs tending, what needs letting go, what needs blessing.

In our churches, in our homes, in our hearts, this season invites us to:

Notice what is already good, and name it with thanks.

Admit what is hard, and hold it with care.

Begin again — not perfectly, but faithfully.

And perhaps most of all, it invites us to trust that God is already here. Not waiting for us to improve or impress, but walking with us into whatever this year may hold.

So here's a blessing for the year ahead:  
May it be spacious enough for grace.  
May it be honest enough for hope.  
And may we begin again, together.

*"Behold, I am making all things new." (Revelation 21.5)*

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A few years ago, a friend of mine visited someone in their parish just after New Year. She was in her eighties, lived alone, and had no interest in resolutions. But she had a tradition: every January, she would take down the old calendar, hang up the new one, and write one word in the corner of the first page — a word to carry with her through the year.

That year, the word was *kindness*.

Not a goal, not a challenge. Just a quiet intention. A reminder to herself, and to anyone who happened to notice it on the wall.

She said, "I don't always manage it. But it helps me begin again when I forget."

I think about that often.

Not the fireworks, but the handwritten word.

Not the pressure, but the grace.

Not the perfect plan, but the honest hope.

Not the finished article, but the willingness to try again.

May we each find a word — or a prayer, or a promise — to carry with us this year. And may it help us begin again, gently.

Jonathan



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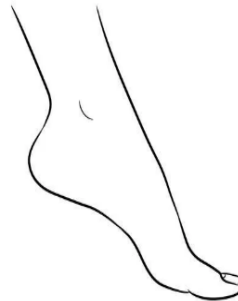
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## Hospitality in the Midst of Winter

December draws its breath in the hush between frost and firelight. The days shorten, the air sharpens, and we find ourselves reaching for warmth — not just in scarves and stews, but in one another.

This season, more than most, invites us to practise hospitality. Not the polished kind with matching napkins and perfect timing, but the deeper kind: the open door, the extra chair, the quiet presence that says, *you matter*.

The Christmas story begins with a closed door — *no room at the inn* — but it unfolds into a cascade of welcome: a stable becomes sanctuary, shepherds are summoned, strangers kneel. God arrives not in grandeur, but in the arms of a young woman, in the breath of animals, in the hush of night.

Hospitality, then, is not about having everything ready. It's about being ready to make room.

In our homes, it might look like:

- A mug of something warm, offered without ceremony.
- A conversation that doesn't rush to the next thing.
- A moment of stillness shared with someone who needs it.

In our communities, it might mean:

- Making space for children's joy and noise.
- Holding space for grief, even in the sparkle of the season.
- Welcoming those who feel unsure, unseen, or out of place.

This winter, may we prepare not just our tables, but our hearts. May we notice who is near, who is missing, who might need a word, a smile, a place to belong.

And if you're curious about church — whether you've never been, haven't been in years, or simply wonder what it's all about — you'd be warmly welcome to join us this Christmas. There's no pressure, no perfect way to show up. Just a space to pause, to sing, to wonder, and to be part of something hopeful. Whether you come with questions, with faith, or simply with a bit of winter weariness — there's room for you.

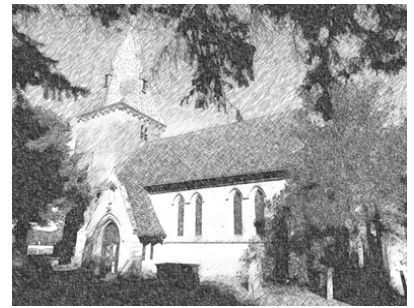
You'll find the details of our service times elsewhere in *Teamtalk*.

*“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so some have entertained angels unawares.”*

This winter, may we be people of open doors and shared tables. And may we discover — in the welcome we offer and the welcome we receive — that something holy is already drawing near.

Jonathan

# St Michael's Musings 20



Now then! I wonder whether I can set you a problem concerning travel in 1910? It will be Christmas and it will be lovely to go to Egypt and see the pyramids but how would **you** get there? A visit to Cooks the travel agents would help decide whether to travel over land or by sea. We are a nation with an empire that loves travelling and trading by sea with our colonies and there are many ships travelling via the Mediterranean and Suez Canal to India and beyond. So, E. A. Binstead, the brother of Charles Binstead Vicar of Breinton, decided to travel by cargo ship, starting from Liverpool to Suez then across country to Cairo. I enjoyed reading his diary in HARC and so I shall give you a few entries up to New Year's Day (E.A. Binstead Travel Diary B283/6/2).

"Left Euston at 12.10pm on Thursday the 22nd Dec 1910 - for Birkenhead - a long train & very crowded. Got there by 5 o'clock & was soon in a cab with another passenger - bound for the docks - and the S.S. "Ava". P Henderson and Co's fine steamer outward bound for Rangoon & C. I am booked through to Suez or Port Said ... This is a fine strong ship of 7480 tons built by Denny of Dunbarton in 1906. 410 feet long by 52 ft beam. Cabins all amidships, well fit up with all the latest. Captain Mitchell and all the officers & crew with the exception of the coolies - all seem to come from Glasgow where the ship belongs. We have about 22 passengers including 3 or 4 ladies & 2 children, a nurse and 2 cats!"

"Sunday Xmas day I was awoke by the steward coming into my cabin at 6.30 with tea & toast and an apple - which they do every morning at this early hour. He's a Scotchman with an accent - saying- "The complements of the season to yr 'Sir" and a Happy Christmas". That over I had my tea & toast & then took another snooze! Breakfast at 9 o'clock, lunch at 1, tea 4, dinner 7. We are only doing about 8 and half knots. At noon each day they put up on a map the position of the ship marking it with a pin. We are today just about the centre of the Bay of Biscay - strong wind & moderate sea - still many absent places owing to the wish of the sick ones to do a little fish feeding! Tho' this ship is very steady & has a big cargo & really rolls very little to what many ships would be in this mean sea."

"Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>. Smooth sea. We passed Gib at 3.15am. One or two passengers and the doctor got up to see the rock & only saw a row of lights - lively weather we are now in spring again. the Mediterranean is beautiful, had a splendid view of the Sierra Nevada mountains in Spain - all snowcapped & rich in colour. The Coolies busy cleaning the white awnings and commenced putting them up on the bridge deck. Barr the chief Engineer hailing from Dumbarton tells me the ship is burning 35 tons of coal a day & that they carry enough to take them to Rangoon & back to Suez or Algiers without coaling. He tells me the ship pays about £1300 dues for going thro' the canal - & each passenger 10 Francs. My fare works out at 1d per mile from L.pool to Suez - £14. 0. 0. This is the best day's run so far - 295 miles, as last Saturday she only did 200 miles in 24 hours. Two young Americans going out to Burma to the oilfields - they came over on the 'Cedrick' from N Y this month. One said he, 'got fairly done with nothin' to do. I guess that when I get back to the States in 3 years time I'll be as soft as a sponge." This afternoon big clouds came up from the N.E. & we are in half a gale now. The awnings were soon taken in & we had plenty of water flying over us & cold strong wind - & stormy sunset & glass going down"

"Saturday Dec 31st 1910 Passed Cape Bon at 9 o'clock this morning - a wild looking coast - sea much calmer & wind aft - but still the fag end of the gale. Only a few empty seats at breakfast. The chief told me he had never known a gale last so long in the Mediterranean. Yesterday we passed one of the troop ships no.2 painted white with a yellow funnel bound home taking huge seas right over her - even up to the crows nest - tho' she was close to, no one could be seen on board. During the night the fog horn was going several times as we passed thro' several heavy rain storms, & up to 11 o'clock when I turned in it was as dark as pitch not a star to be seen. Run 262 miles at noon. Passed close to Pantelleria & signalled them at 12.30 a big sea breaking on the rocks. Heavy storm all evening with thunder & lightening & very dark. We saw the light on Gozo - Malta- at 10.30. This being the last night of the old year we had a concert till 11 o'clock when the lights are put out but nearly everyone remained about the deck till 8 bells - midnight - & then general hand shaking all round & amongst our Scotch young men going out to Burma - the whisky was on tap - & some of them had a "night we Burns" !"

This is just a taster from the beginning of his diary and so descriptive of the journey! I suggest you go and have a look at it in HARC and another diary he wrote. It is disappointing when he gets to Cairo as he had not the same time available to write up his experiences, but as far as travelling there and back, it is full of insights into travel in 1910.

I wish you all safe travel and a Happy Christmas and New Year!

Jean Thomson

St Michael's, Breinton

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**MONDAY DECEMBER 8th at 7-30pm  
History Group Meeting.**

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 21st at 3-00pm.  
Carol Service at St, Michael's Church  
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**2026**

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**Saturday January 31st at 7-00 pm.**

**History Group Wassail in  
Orchard opposite Breinton Village Hall**



The 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence Campaign is an extension of the day-to-day grassroots work of Mothers' Union, where we work alongside communities to help end gender-based violence and to support those affected by it.

#NoMore1in3 – 1 in 3 women will be impacted by some form of violence in their life and we believe that this is unacceptable. This international campaign, takes place each year from

**25 November** (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women) until  
**10 December** (International Human Rights



**Calling all toddlers and their grown-ups** to join us for a joyful morning of play, prayer and friendly fun!

Cathedral Seedlings is a group for toddlers between the ages of 1 and 3 (younger siblings are also welcome).

The group is **free** to attend but donations are welcome. Toddlers and their grown-ups can enjoy complimentary healthy snacks, cakes, coffee and tea. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.

The Cathedral Seedlings will run every Thursday morning during term time, from 10 am to 11:30 am in College Hall.

If you would like to speak to someone before attending or arrange for a member of the group to meet you outside before your first visit, please contact the Education team: [education@herefordcathedral.org](mailto:education@herefordcathedral.org)



For all enquiries regarding advertising

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A detailed illustration of a nativity scene set within a stable. Mary is seated on the left, holding the infant Jesus. Joseph stands on the right, gesturing towards the child. A donkey and a ox are present, looking on. The scene is lit with warm, golden light from a manger in the background.

# BREINTON CAROL SERVICE

*Rediscover the Joy of Christmas*

**SUNDAY**

**December 21st**

At 3:00 PM

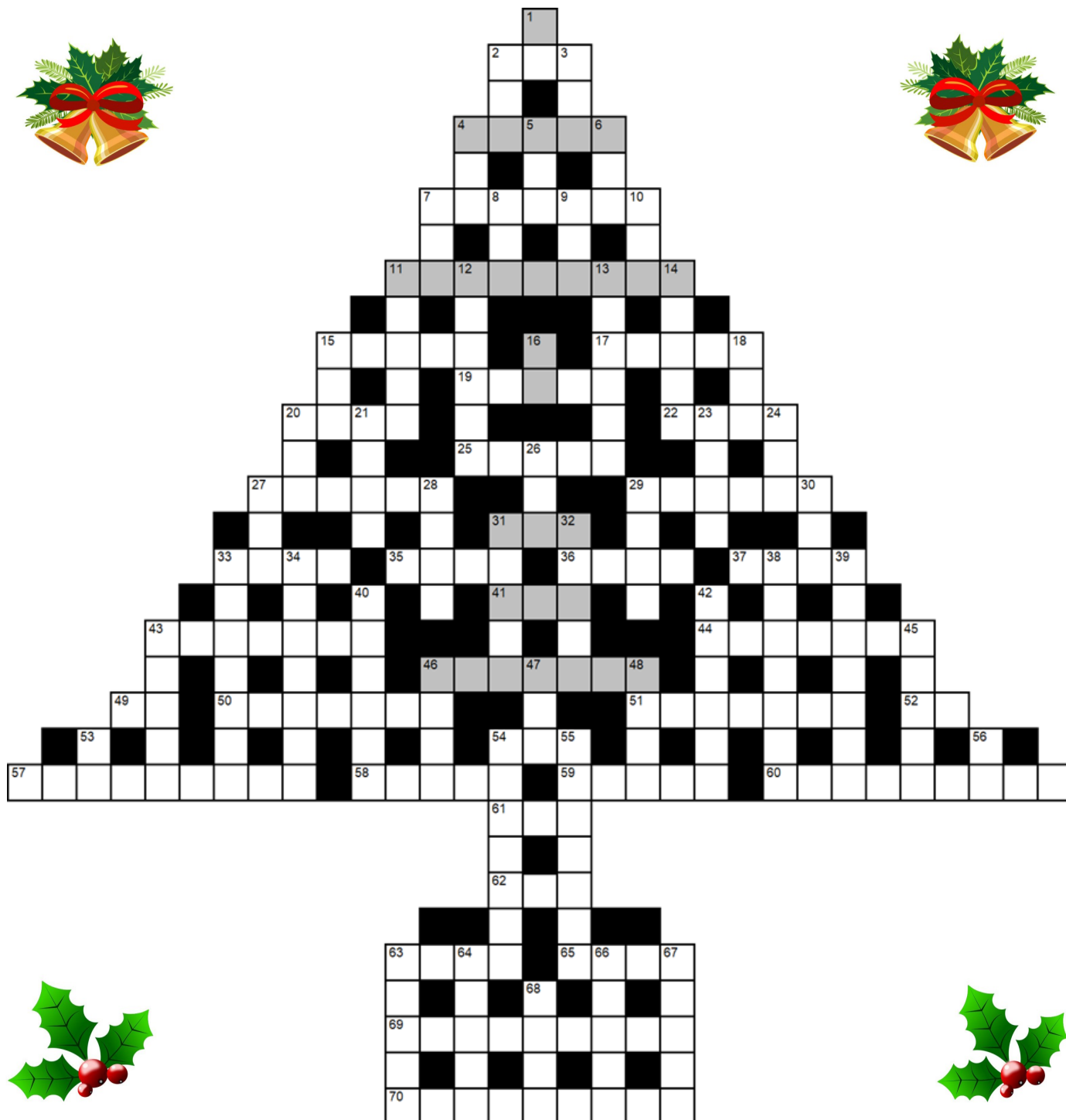
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*You are invited to join us  
for worship, carols and  
seasonal refreshments*

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**St Michael's Church, Breinton**  
[westherefordteam.org.uk](http://westherefordteam.org.uk)





#### Across

- |    |   |    |   |
|----|---|----|---|
| 2  | Animal often shown by the manger (3)              | 22 | A name given to people born at Christmas and sung in carols (4)                 |
| 4  | Cheerful (5)                                      | 25 | Bread or 27are accompaniments to your Christmas 64d? (5)                        |
| 7  | Dramatics sometimes seen at this time of year (7) | 27 | See 25a (6)   |
| 11 | The feast we're celebrating (9)                   | 29 | What The Wanderer is when not setting crosswords (6)                            |
| 15 | Did the wise men ride on one of these? (5)        | 31 | ... for one and one for ... (3)   |
| 17 | Old church language sometimes found in carols (5) | 33 | As Santa might say when amused ... (4)  |
| 19 | Smiley or other graphic image (5)                 | 35 | After too much 27a everything might be a bit of a ... (like a Britpop band) (4) |
| 20 | Modern short word for festival (4)                | 36 | White robes worn by ministers at communion services (4)                         |

- 37 A thought or notion that might become a plan (4)
- 41 Belonging to us (3)
- 43 Lit in the Advent Wreath (7)
- 44 Foretell, like the prophets did (7)
- 46 Lay worship leaders are called this (7)
- 49 Work at (a party) (2)
- 50 Written on many an envelope before Christmas (7)
- 51 Term for citizen of modern Middle Eastern state (7)
- 52 Not so! (2)
- 54 Afternoon drink (3)
- 57 Day after The Day (6,3)
- 58 You might hear one of these at Hogmanay (5)
- 59 'Twas the \_\_\_\_\_ before Christmas .... (5)
- 60 Sort of peas to have with your roast? (5,4)
- 61 No room here (3)
- 62 Found alongside the holly (3)
- 63 Jesus' mother (4)
- 65 A goddess on stage perhaps - but not a divinity (4)
- 69 Sort of wrap for a baby (9)
- 70 Church of a 29a (9)

#### Down

- 1 Like or in the manner of (or an old Roman coin) (2)
- 2 Often drunk at a 61a (3)
- 3 How to 50a a knight (3)
- 4 Would Jesus have called 63a this? (3)
- 5 How to tell the choir to slow down (abbreviation) (3)
- 6 What The Wanderer might call the solvers (3)
- 7 Sort of tree (3)
- 8 A French friend (3)
- 9 You'll be doing lots of this! (3)
- 10 A geologist's word for a drowned valley (looks like air going backwards) (3)
- 11 One of Rudolph's team (5)
- 12 Herod and Caesar Augustus were these (6)
- 13 Herod had this bad feeling towards the one born to be King (6)
- 14 Closely-woven silk (5)
- 15 You'll see this in action if snooker is on the telly (3)

- 16 In the direction of, as far as (2)
- 18 Born like this (if you're a woman) (3)
- 20 Evergreen (3)
- 21 For auld lang \_\_\_\_\_ (4)
- 23 There's a Great one in East Anglia and another in York (4)
- 24 The new Pope's new name (3)
- 26 Abbreviation for internet address (Uniform Resource Locator) (3)
- 27 What we shout at a panto villain (3)
- 28 Old word for Christmas (4)
- 29 4d's have one (4)
- 30 Usually mince at this time of year (3)
- 31 Lovely smell in Rome as the Italians say (5)
- 32 Little and ..... (5)
- 33 Dyed red-orange like some hair (7)
- 34 Most of us are having one at Christmas ... (7)
- 38 ... and what many of us may be afterwards (7)
- 39 And there were shepherds \_\_\_\_\_ in the field (7)
- 40 ... keeping watch, so not \_\_\_\_\_ (6)
- 42 27a is one; another is Holy (6)
- 43 Often worn by 12d in olden times (5)
- 45 Perhaps one of these might 48d 22a in the choir (5)
- 46 What you might put at the bottom of an invitation (4)
- 47 Something that's owed or should be coming soon (3)
- 48 What the choir do at Midnight Mass (4)
- 53 Seen alongside 2a in a crib scene (2)
- 54 Holy \_\_\_\_\_, St Michael's and All Saints will all be holding Christmas services as usual this year (7)
- 55 Herod was very \_\_\_\_\_ at the news of the birth (7)
- 56 In contact with upper surface of something (2)
- 63 Christmas services and concerts are a great time to hear excellent \_\_\_\_\_ (5)
- 64 Turkey, beef or goose? (5)
- 66 It's the Bleak Winter and the world is getting \_\_\_\_\_ (5)
- 67 Gabriel is one (5)
- 68 Lazy perhaps when all the duties are done (4)

#### Solution on page 4

## Breinton news

### Church Works Update

Many thanks to all who contributed to our request for funds to carry out much needed repairs to St Michael's Church.

We are pleased to report that we received sufficient funds to progress the necessary external works to the roof and guttering to make the Church watertight, which have now been successfully completed.

We are now planning to carry out internal repairs and redecoration, which are also required.

Whilst we are fortunate to have a modest contingency for these additional works, you will appreciate that the age of the Church means that further expenditure is never far away, and any further donations will be gratefully received."

Don't forget easyfundraising raise money at no cost whatsoever to you!

(See page for further details.)

### Community Wheels.

This is a Voluntary Service for people who no longer drive or who have never driven a car.

Potential drivers volunteer for as much time as they can give to drive people to hospital doctor dentist and other appointments within the city and surrounds.

The Service is desperately short of drivers so as a customer I am appealing to people within St. Michael's Parish and their friends to please consider doing some of these trips.

It is a great help to people especially when taxis are not always available.. You are reimbursed for your petrol.

If you are interested please contact Community Wheels on 01568 615785

Both the business and the customers will be very grateful for your help and support.

Ann Powell(01432 266432)

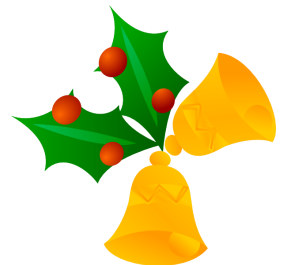


### CHRISTMAS FAYRE CANCELLATION

St Michael's Christmas Fayre - on Sunday, 23 November 2025 unfortunately could not take place.

We are sorry that this event had to be cancelled but we are looking forward to holding a Spring Fayre at Breinton Village Hall on Saturday, 21 March 2026.

Further details to follow.....



STOP PRESS.....

**ST MICHAEL'S HAS  
RECEIVED WELL OVER  
£1700 (NEARLY £1800!!)**

**FROM EASYFUNDRAISING.**

**SEE PAGE 27 TO FIND OUT  
HOW AT**

**NO COST TO YOU!**



If you wish to help St Michael's and have a Smartphone, you might like to use this QR code which will take you to our Give a Little Page.

Thank you for your support.



## Breinton Village Hall

Breinton Village Hall is a community asset and run by volunteers. A number of regular weekly/monthly activities are run at the Hall (see below) and the Hall is also available to hire for family events such as birthday parties, weddings, etc and other activities i.e. local organisation meetings, AGMs etc.

Information can be found on the Breinton Village Hall website at [breintonvillagehall.co.uk](http://breintonvillagehall.co.uk) or by calling Anne and Phil Chapman on 01432 263 769.

Regular Activities		
Breinton History Group	Monday evenings, monthly, as advertised	
Herefordshire Photographic Society	Every third Monday of the month	Contact Phil Chapman 01432 263769
Handbell Ringers	Tuesday mornings 11 - 1	Contact Kay Jones 01432 268 100
Parish Council	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday evening of the month	Contact: clerk@breintonparish.co.uk
Dog Training	Every Wednesday evenings <b>except</b> for Parish Council evenings	
Morris Dancing	Thursday evenings 7.30 – 9pm	Contact Jamie Beaman 07593 256 221
Nordic Walking	Friday mornings as arranged	Contact Louise Evans 07815 315 503 Contact Philip Chapman 01432 263 769
Community Coffee Morning	First Saturday of the month, every 2 months: (February, April, June, October, December)	Contact Anne Chapman 01432 263 769
Tango Tea Dance	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month	Contact Catherine Lusher 01547 560 375

## Community Coffee Mornings

**The next coffee morning will be on Saturday December 6th in aid of the Food Bank with Tea&Tech in attendance.**

## QUIZ

**The October Quiz raised £140 for the Village Hall. Many thanks to everyone who attended.**

**The next Quiz will take place at Breinton Village Hall**

**at 7pm on Friday February 6th in aid of St. Michael's Breinton.**

**Many thanks for your continued support and especially to Jackie and all those who kindly helped clear away.**



### AI's GARDEN CARE

For your garden maintenance needs including: mowing, strimming, shrub & small tree pruning

Specialist fruit tree pruning and training.

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**ALASTAIR CONWAY**

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# Breinton Village Hall



HEREFORD FOOD BANK

## December coffee morning

This month we are supporting

# Hereford Food Bank.

Dry and tinned foods, laundry products, bathing products and anything you are able to donate. Festive Treats appreciated.

It is the month of giving and kindness so please help make this difficult time better for the less fortunate.

## Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December

### 10.30 -12.30.

### December's Breinton Village Hall coffee morning is hosting an IT Surgery

by Richard from Tea&Tech.

If you have questions about how to use your phone, tablet or laptop, bring it along for Richard to have a look. He can also help with specific tasks or software problems, and it's all free of charge!



10:30 – 12:30 on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December

**Breinton History Group**

is holding a

**WASSAIL**

by KIND PERMISSION

Of Mr. Richard Wall

**In the orchard**

Opposite

Breinton Village Hall

Time tbc

**Saturday January 31st 2026**

Please bring a torch, something to bang  
a spoon and tray, perhaps?

**Free Entry**

All donations are gratefully received

Refreshments in the Village Hall



Further to the report by John Hull we publish a full list of Parish Council Meetings for Breinton  
<https://breintonparishcouncil.gov.uk/> clerk@breintonparishcouncil.gov.uk

### BREINTON PARISH COUNCIL

#### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2025 – 2026

Breinton Parish Council meetings are to be held in the Village Hall all at 7.00pm unless otherwise advertised. All meetings are subject to change and cancellation at short notice.

Wednesday 10th December 2025 Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 21st January 2026 Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 18th February 2026 Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 18th March 2026 Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 13th May 2026 Annual Parish Meeting

Annual Parish Council Meeting <https://breintonparishcouncil.gov.uk/> clerk@breintonparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Planning meetings will be arranged separately when required and advertised accordingly.

## Breinton History Group

### In house entertainment



**Monday 8<sup>th</sup>  
December  
7.30pm**



## Breinton Village Hall



**Free to BHG members, £3 donation requested for non-members.  
Seasonal Refreshments Included. Everyone Welcome**

## Services During January 2026

### Sunday, 4th January 2026

Time	Church	Service Type
9:30am	All Saints	Mass
3:00pm	St Michael's	Christingle
11:00am	Holy Trinity	Eucharist

### Sunday, 11th January 2026

Time	Church	Service Type
9:30am	All Saints	Mass
9:30am	St Michael's	BCP Communion
11:00am	Holy Trinity	Morning Worship

### Sunday, 18th January 2026

Time	Church	Service Type
9:30am	All Saints	Mass
9:30am	St Michael's	Morning Worship
11:00am	Holy Trinity	Eucharist

### Sunday, 25th January 2026

Time	Church	Service Type
9:30am	All Saints	Mass
9:30am	St Michael's	Eucharist
11:00am	Holy Trinity	All-Age Eucharist

**Thursday, 25th December 2025 - Christmas Day**

Time	Church	Service Type
10:00am	All Saints	Mass
10:00am	St Michael's	Family Communion
–	Holy Trinity	No Service

**Sunday, 28th December 2025**

Time	Church	Service Type
–	All Saints	Service at HT
–	St Michael's	Service at HT
10:30am	Holy Trinity	Benefice Eucharist



## Services During December 2025

### Sunday, 7th December 2025

Time	Church	Service Type
9:30am	All Saints	Mass
9:30am	St Michael's	Holy Communion
11:00am	Holy Trinity	Eucharist
5.30pm	All Saints	Advent Carol Service for St Nicholas' Day

### Saturday, 13th December 2025

Time	Church	Service Type
3:00pm	All Saints	Christingle

### Sunday, 14th December 2025

Time	Church	Service Type
9:30am	All Saints	Mass
9:30am	St Michael's	BCP Communion
11:00am	Holy Trinity	Morning Worship

### Sunday, 21st December 2025

Time	Church	Service Type
9:30am	All Saints	Mass
3:00pm	St Michael's	Carol Service
11:00am	Holy Trinity	All-Age Eucharist
6:30pm	Holy Trinity	Nine Lessons & Carols

### Wednesday, 24th December 2025 - Christmas Eve

Time	Church	Service Type
3:00pm	St Michael's	Quiet Christmas
4:00pm	Holy Trinity	Christingle
11:30pm	Holy Trinity	Midnight Mass

## Online Services

**Evening Prayer, 6.30pm every Sunday**, except the first Sunday of the month. Follow this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82460018059?pwd=eWUxRW1KM1FXRVNtYlkvK3o4WlpyUT09>

Meeting ID: 824 6001 8059      Passcode: 072124

**Morning Prayer, 8.30am Tuesday – Friday**. Follow this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84352782015?pwd=OU1PNGNZV09OZzExUUo0OGJGaiVsdz09>

Meeting ID: 843 5278 2015      Passcode: 985657

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