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26th November 2025

Holy Trinity Church

Gillian Hill (87)

27th November 2025

Holy Trinity Church

David Dyer (82)

Dear Friends,

I've been noticing something lately. Whether I'm queuing at the supermarket or chatting after the service, the same word keeps cropping up: "uncertainty". People are worried—about money, about health, about what's coming next. And I'll be honest, I feel it too.

When life feels unsettled, our instinct is often to worry harder, as if fretting might somehow give us control. Or we just want to pull the duvet over our heads and hide. But there's another way, though it doesn't come naturally.

Hope isn't the same as optimism. Optimism is thinking everything will turn out fine. Hope is different—it's trusting that whatever happens, we're held by a Love that won't let go.

Hebrews talks about hope as an "anchor for the soul". You don't need an anchor when the sea is calm. It's for the storm—reaching down into depths you can't see, stopping you drifting onto the rocks. That's what God's presence is like. Steady. Unchanging.

When the big picture overwhelms me, I find hope in smaller places: a conversation over tea, knowing someone cares enough to ask how you really are; sitting quietly in church, even when I don't have words to pray—just being there seems to help; and watching the seasons change. Those bulbs we planted aren't dead, they're just waiting in the dark earth.

This theme of waiting and hoping is exactly what we'll explore together this Lent. Please join us for "*Dust and Glory*"—a shared journey across our West Hereford Team.

We start on Ash Wednesday, 18 February, 7pm at Holy Trinity with a simple service including ashes and communion. Then three Wednesday evenings (25 February, 11 March, 25 March) at 7pm, exploring mortality and fruitfulness, darkness and renewal, resurrection and communion. Each evening: worship, a short talk, small groups, and something creative.

No need to register—just turn up when you can. Long-time member or just curious, you're welcome. We'll have booklets and daily Facebook reflections too.

Look, none of us knows what this year holds. But we don't have to carry our worries alone. If things feel heavy right now, please reach out. That's what we're here for.

Uncertainty is real, but it needn't define us. Let's keep our eyes open for the good around us, for the light that darkness can't overcome.

With every blessing,
Jonathan



2026 Lent Course



Ash Wednesday 18/2, 7pm
Wednesday 25/2, 7pm
Wednesday 11/3, 7pm
Wednesday 25/3, 7pm

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Letting the Light in

Spring does not arrive cleanly or all at once. It comes slowly and unevenly. The sounds of returning birds herald warmer weather, green shoots appear before the cold has fully released its hold. Even as the days lengthen, winter often still lingers. Spring understands something that faith has always known: that renewal is rarely quick, and almost never comfortable.

For me, spring is forever bound to the weeks I spent sitting beside my mother as she was dying. It was a season of watching and waiting. In her final days, nights seemed to stretch without end. At around four in the morning, birds would begin to sing outside her hospital window. Their sound floated into the room as we kept watch, fragile and persistent. Slowly the sky would lighten. Family would arrive. Nurses would come in with their laughter, their friendship, their quiet competence. Little by little, the weight of the night would begin to lift, and the light broke in.

The morning my mother died, a dove cooed outside the window. It was an ordinary sound, easily overlooked, but it felt like a sign: God, by his Holy Spirit, had seen us, and God was present within it all. The following day, the weather broke into full spring sunshine. Within days, the trees burst into leaf, bright and astonishingly green. Amidst grief and deep tiredness, life was continuing to unfold, and beauty was to be found everywhere, and yet still, for many months, it was hard to worship, hard to pray and hard to hear God's voice.

The Biblical story never pretends that light appears without darkness first. As we read the Christmas story in the depths of the British winter, Luke is careful not to place God's arrival in ideal conditions, but in a world shaped by political pressure, anxiety, grief, and ordinary hardship. God's work of revealing himself does not begin with triumph or glory, but with quiet presence in tumultuous circumstances.

Many of us recognise that pattern in our own lives. We wait for things to feel resolved before we allow ourselves to hope. We tell ourselves that joy can come later, once the worry has passed or the loss has softened. That we'll return to church when the kids are older, or pray again when God isn't so mad about our bad choices. But Luke offers a different picture. Light appears while things are imperfect and unfinished, and bringing all that mess into the light is what makes it easier to bear.

Spring often teaches the same lesson. It does not begin when the ground is warm, but when it is just beginning to thaw. The first signs of life are fragile and (like the camelia in my garden) sometimes thwarted on a first attempt at breakthrough. We might spot a single bud on a bare branch or daffodils appearing in Tesco. These are not signs that winter is finished, but reminders that its days are numbered. Spring has broken into the harshness of winter despite the most unfavourable conditions.

This is not a dramatic kind of hope. It does not erase grief or hurry us toward resolution. Instead, it sits alongside what is unfinished. Luke shows us a God who enters the ordinary: long journeys, crowded spaces, tired bodies, uncertain futures. Light does not come to deny reality, but to dwell within it.

As spring reaches its fullness, it reminds us that light works patiently. Each day grows brighter and longer almost without us noticing. Growth happens slowly and quietly. Faith, too, is less about sudden certainty and more about learning to trust the small signs of presence along the way.

Luke's Gospel invites us to pay attention to where light has already begun to show itself, and to embrace it wholeheartedly, no matter how unfavourable the conditions of life. Because, like the signs of spring in the dark of winter, God is here in the world and breaking into even the bleakest of circumstances. This hope is not sentimental optimism, but learning to recognise the presence of God with us, and gently making space again for him to meet us.

The Reverend Jane Plackett-Ferguson, Chaplain to the Bishop of Hereford



Dust and Glory: A Lent Journey for the West Hereford Team

This Lent, we are extending a warm invitation to everyone across our parishes and community - from All Saints and Holy Trinity to Breinton and beyond - to join us for a shared journey we're calling Dust and Glory.

While Holy Trinity, Whitecross is the venue, this is very much a whole-team endeavour. We will walk together through the deep themes of the season: our human fragility, our longing for renewal, and the hope for eternity that rises with Easter.

We begin on Ash Wednesday, 18 February 2026, gathering at Holy Trinity at 7pm for a reflective service with imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. It's a profound moment as we remember that while we are made of dust, we are beloved dust. Despite our fears and failings, we are known by name and held in a love that won't let go.

The Wednesday Gatherings

Following Ash Wednesday, the journey continues at 7pm at Holy Trinity on three Wednesdays: February 25th, March 11th, and March 25th. There's no need to register, simply turn up to whichever sessions you're able to attend, and feel free to dip in and out as life allows.

What to expect

These evenings are a time to think and explore - a place where we can come as we are and explore what we believe, enjoying a "holy pause" in the middle of a busy week. Each evening will begin with worship and prayer, to help us settle into the gentle presence of God. There will be a talk as we dig deeply into the grit and grace of our faith. We'll have a time of discussion in small groups to share stories and questions and there will also be a creative element: Something simple and tactile - designed to help us notice God in the "small things" of our lives.

Companions for the Road: Booklet & Social Media

Of course, life can't always be paused on a Wednesday night, so, to help us connect with Dust and Glory throughout the week, we are offering:

The Dust and Glory Devotional: A booklet with weekly devotions (available in our churches and online) providing space for personal reflection and prayer at home.

Daily Crumbs: For those on Facebook, we'll be sharing daily, bite-sized quotes and reflections on the West Hereford Team Facebook page.

The Path We'll Tread

1. Dust and Wheat - Facing Mortality, Finding Fruitfulness

Acknowledging our limits, and discovering how God brings life from the "soil" of our endings.

2. Shadow and City - God's Presence in Darkness and Renewal

Looking honestly at the "valleys" we walk through, and the promise of a world being made new.

3. Resurrection and Communion - Death Undone, Love Welcomes

4. Lifting our eyes toward the Easter hope, where every "stranger becomes a sister or brother" at God's eternal table.

A Shared Rhythm

In a world that constantly demands we "do more" or "be better," Lent reminds us instead to "be still". It isn't about performance; it's about making room - for God, for each other, and for the quiet work of renewal.

Whether you are a long-standing member of one of our congregations, a visitor from the edges of our community, or simply curious about the story we inhabit, you are really welcome. Come for one evening, or come for them all.

We look forward to travelling together.

LENT LUNCHES

The parishioners in Breinton will be carrying on their tradition of offering a simple lunch during Lent at individual houses.

For further details and to book a place at the February lunches ring the appropriate number given below.

Ash Wednesday - February 18th Sheila Bryant, and Margaret Williamson, Wyeclyffe House, Breinton
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Editor

February Saint of the Month: Gilbert of Sempringham (Feb 4)

Gilbert (1085-1189) was the only Englishman to found a conventual monastic order – the Gilbertines, and despite rules banning them, it was one based on “double monasteries” providing for both men and women. He was born at Sempringham in Lincolnshire to an Anglo-Norman father and an Anglo-Saxon mother, and was trained for the church. He did well and was offered an archdeaconry but refused as he knew no quicker way to go hell! Instead, when he inherited his father’s estate he used it to found a monastery – which eventually grew into a chain of 26 of them. He would probably have done well in business today ...

A particular custom of his monasteries was that the best portions of each dinner were put on “the plate of the Lord Jesus” and shared with the poor. I like him!

Located in an isolated setting of a former monastery. St. Andrew’s, Sempringham is a noteworthy Norman and medieval church, with fine external features and later Victorian additions. It is a grade I listed building dating back to 1170. It was restored in 1868, and had its chancel rebuilt. There is also a holy well situated in the grounds of the church which is traditionally thought to have healing qualities. It is known as being the birth place of St Gilbert, founder of the religious order of the Gilbertines



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When We Cannot Say Goodbye: Finding Comfort When a Funeral Cannot Be Attended

You may have noticed the advertisements on television lately for direct cremations. They're presented as a simple, affordable option, and for many families facing financial pressures, they offer a practical solution at a difficult time.

But there's something these adverts don't always prepare us for: the profound sense of loss we can feel when there is no funeral to attend, no moment to gather and say goodbye.

Recently, I experienced this myself when my uncle chose a direct cremation. Like many people, he'd made his wishes clear, perhaps not wanting to be a burden or simply preferring something straightforward. We respected his choice, of course. Yet when the time came, the absence of a funeral service left a space that was harder to bear than I'd anticipated.

There was no church filled with familiar faces, no moment to stand together in our grief, no coffin to focus our prayers upon. The finality felt almost too abrupt. How do we mark such a profound loss when there's nowhere to go, nothing to do?

If you've found yourself in similar circumstances, please know that your feelings are entirely natural. Grief needs somewhere to go. We need rituals and moments that help us acknowledge what has happened and begin to let go.

The Church of England recognises this. Within our liturgy, there are beautiful prayers specifically for those times when we cannot be present at a funeral. These aren't a substitute for the funeral itself, but they offer a framework for our grief, a way to bring what we're feeling before God when circumstances have denied us the goodbye we needed.

When we gathered as a family to use these prayers for my uncle, something shifted. We lit a candle, we spoke his name, we remembered him before God. It didn't erase the sadness, but it gave our grief a place to rest. It reminded us that even when we cannot be physically present at a funeral, God is present with us in our loss.

If you're struggling because a loved one had a direct cremation, or because you couldn't attend a funeral for any reason, please don't carry that burden alone. The prayers are there for you. I'd be more than happy to say them with you, whether in church or in your home. Sometimes just a simple act of remembrance, done with intention and care, can bring more comfort than we might expect.

You're not being silly. You're not making a fuss. Your need to say goodbye matters, and there are ways we can help you do that, even now.

Rev Jonathan Widdess
Priest in Charge of the West Hereford Team





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Repair Café news from October

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

Jean Thomson

Are there any names??

Christian Meditation Lent Term

'Be still and know that I am God'

Psalm 46.10

AT: All Saints' Church, Hereford

ON: Tuesday evenings,

February 24 – March 31, 2026

AT: 7.00pm – 8.00 pm:

An opportunity to experience the stillness of meditation in community. Each evening begins with a short talk and ends with an opportunity for questions and reflection. This is suitable for newcomers and for those with some experience.

For more information contact Sean Cathie

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Holy Trinity News

Hereford Food Bank continues to be grateful for the support provided by the church. The figures below show how the demand for food parcels has continued to remain reasonably consistent throughout 2025.

In 2024 the number of adults assisted was 3,112 with 1,537 children being accounted for, leading to a total 4,649.

In 2025 the comparable figures for adults was 2,941 with children being 1,593 leading to a total 4,534.

The Repair Café will, in 2026, continue to meet on the last Saturday in every month, apart from December. The AGM of the Repair Café was held in December 2025 and the Chair, Rod Howell, was able to comment on how good a space Holy Trinity church is not only internally but outside with a good parking availability. You also may have noticed some of the resources required by the Repair Café being stored at the back of the church so again the Chair was able to mention this in his report. Above all Repair Café was very grateful for both the volunteers provided by the church and the warm welcome accorded to both volunteers and repairers.

On average each session had over 24 volunteers, leading to a grand total of 657 volunteer hours during 2025.

Over a metric tonne of waste was prevented from going to the tip and nearly 4.5 metric tonnes of emissions were prevented.

Between 45 and 55 items are presented at each Repair Café, with around 80% being repaired.

The gratitude of those bringing items in for repairs is shown by donations which generally average between £250 - £300 per session.

The Repair Café will maintain its current cycle in 2026 of Saturdays at the end of each month, apart from December.

Eco Church Committee

The Committee last met in December. Martin Wallis has very kindly agreed to join the group. If anyone would like to see what the Committee discusses their next meeting is on March 25th at 3 pm at a venue to be decided. The Committee usually meets in church.

It was agreed, as in 2025, not to cut the strip of land adjacent to the boundary wall alongside Whitecross Road.

PCC

The next meeting of the PCC will take place on **Monday 2nd February**. The PCC meets on a two monthly cycle. Once the PCC has approved a previous set of meeting minutes they will be posted in the West End.

The minutes will contain a list of PCC members so if you would like to raise any issues do feel free to talk to any of those PCC members.

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Forms for newcomers and for renewals will be available 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

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PRAYERS ON THE PEACE TREE

The trees forming the "Winter Wonderland" at All Saints twinkled and sparkled all through the Advent and Christmas seasons. Each one representing an activity or organization in which the All Saints community participates. It helped enrich the Church environment for all those visiting All Saints for whatever purpose. The faithful group which meets every Monday at 12.10 to pray for peace, donated and decorated "The Peace Tree". Visitors were invited, should they so wish, to write their own prayers for peace and clip them onto the tree; and this a number of people did. At this time when there is so much to find depressing if one is so minded, it is encouraging to read the positive and generous prayers offered.

Here is a selection:-



"I wish for everybody to have a great Christmas and to be kind and helpful at Christmas." Evie (aged 8)

"I wish for peace to enter deeply into all people's hearts, including mine."

"Peace for all the war-torn countries this Christmas throughout the world. Amen"

"Remembering with love and prayers, Dave, on the 15th anniversary of his death. Sandra."

"We pray for people to live in harmony."

"Let the collective good combine to outweigh the bad which feels so oppressive."

"Peace for Ukraine and Gaza and all wanting peace for their own mental health."

"Dear Lord, may events pause so that the seeds of peace can take root and prosper."

Grateful thanks to everyone who took time to write and share their prayer.



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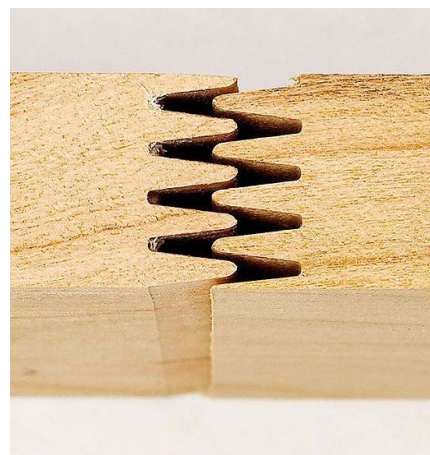
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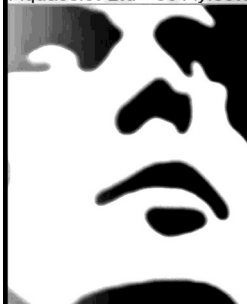
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The Great British Spring Clean 13th March – 29th March

This year Holy Trinity Eco Group are going to do a litter pick on Tuesday March 24 in the morning, meeting outside the church at 10am and then dividing into twos to go collecting litter for 1 hour. Anyone is welcome to come and help us as we could fill up 9 purple sacks! As you will be aware litter picking benefits the environment by removing rubbish that can be hazardous for wildlife and has the added fun of bringing us together while we work and the feel of achievement when we return with some rubbish.

I am collecting this year 2 adult litter tool kits and 1 child litter tool kit on loan from Balfour Beatty. Each pack contains 5 grabbers, 5 pairs of gloves, 5 Hi-Vis vests, 2 bag hoops and three bags. On the form I filled in, I booked the kits from Monday 23th to Monday 30th March and I collect and return the kits on the Monday mornings.

This means that anyone can get in touch with me to borrow a kit during that week before I return it on the 30th. If you as a family or with grandchildren would like to do some litter picking at the weekend or after school that will definitely be possible as long as children are always accompanied. You don't have to fill a sack, as I discovered that one sack of rubbish can be combined with another sack. Maybe there is a place where rubbish collects near where you live and this is a perfect opportunity to do something about it. Do contact me if you would like to do this, give me an idea of how many bags you would like (only the purple ones can be used) and we will arrange a time. Leave a message or phone me on 07504 223113.

There are safety guidelines which include wearing gloves which are included in the kit but like me you may prefer to wear your own gloves. There is a suggestion that you might like to protect your eyes as well in which case can you provide your own protection. Use the litter grabbers to pick up the litter and wear a Hi- Vis vest and be aware of the safety hazards of picking litter up near busy roads and always be aware of traffic in the city. We are asked not to pick up syringes or abandoned needles on public land which should be reported to Balfour Beatty and we should not pick up broken glass. Any green waste should be separated from rubbish as they cannot be separated at the depot. The litter pick has to be done on public land – not in your private garden! Each bag collected should not weigh more than 20kg and any items which don't fit in e.g. tyres or signs need to be put by the bags and Balfour Beatty must be contacted before collection to be aware that there is extra to pick up.

At the end of the litter pick bags are left by a litter bin where they can be collected by Balfour Beatty. I have on the form I filled in given the place of collection as the bin outside Holy Trinity Church however I discovered last year that any further collections can be left at other litter bins as long as we ring through to Balfour Beatty telling them where the rubbish has been left.

Finally, I hope all these details don't put you off but inspire you to have a go at litter picking this year. I will fill in a general risk assessment but obviously need your support in making sure the guidelines are carried out. Perhaps when you go round the streets you could pray for the local area and the local community and ask God to give you opportunities to share with others why you are doing it. We certainly had opportunities last year so do take the opportunity.

Jean Thomson

St Nicholas Mothers' Union



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

Members enjoyed the hospitality of Andy Lewis in January. After the annual paperwork was completed, we enjoyed conversation, and cakes provided by Vicki. Our February meeting will be at Andy's, Bill Jackson is coming to talk to us about his work

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'.

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

April

- Fri 3 **Good Friday**
- Sun 5 **Easter Sunday**
- Thurs 9 Midday Prayers, Cathedral
- Mon 13 Trustee Meeting, Hereford
- Thurs 23 Quiet Day Blessings

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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



Down Memory Lane 1

This New Year I have decided to write just one article a month which I hope you will still enjoy reading. Recently several readers have been in touch with me about what I have written, about family connections, about where they live and about their own interests or puzzles about their family that they have been unable to solve. I have enjoyed doing the research; sometimes I have hit a brick wall but sometimes I have been surprised with the connections which have been made which may be welcomed by you. Most of this year's articles have been inspired by the questions which have been raised and perhaps you may be able to help the inquirer or tell me what you know which will take the story further and perhaps inspire another article!



At the County Theatre Berrington Street, in 1952, children from Scudamore School went to see Muffin the Mule and Jean Owen went too. She told me that she was 14 years old, a pupil at Scudamore School, and after the show she got signatures for her autograph book. Jan Bussell and Ann Hogarth husband and wife puppeteers signed on one side of the book and Ann Hogarth drew a horseshoe signature for Muffin on the facing page.

Today the original puppet, Muffin the Mule, can be seen in the Museum of Childhood in Edinburgh (image via Wikipedia CC BY-SA 4.0 Chemical Engineer) and was a well-known animal character of a TV show which became the precursor for Children's Hour and Children's TV in the 1960's. The shows were broadcast live between autumn 1946 to winter 1954 and presented by Annette Mills from the BBC studios at Alexandra Palace and continued until 1955 when Annette died. More recently an animated version was aired on CBeebies between autumn 2005 and summer 2011.

'Typically, Muffin danced on top of a piano as Mills played. Muffin was supported by a host of other puppet characters who appeared occasionally, including Kirri the Kiwi, Zebbie the Zebra, Hubert the Hippopotamus and Sally the Sea Lion to name just a few. A separate series of 15-minute episodes, Muffin the Mule, was broadcast from 1952, along with his signature tune, called "We want Muffin". Muffin became a television star, and a wide range of spin-off merchandise was made using the Muffin character, including books, records, games and toys.' (Wikipedia)

As Jean experienced in Hereford, Jan Bussell and Ann Hogarth occasionally travelled the country and did their own show using Muffin the Mule. The puppet 'Muffin' belonged to Ann Hogarth who had had Muffin created by Fred Tickner, a puppet maker in 1933, to form part of a puppet circus for their Hogarth Puppet Theatre. Looking through the Hereford Times newspapers for 1952 in HARC I didn't find any report about the coming of Muffin the Mule to Hereford. What I did notice was that there were several afternoons when the County Theatre was closed to the public in January. Maybe Scudamore School made one of their visits on these afternoons.

The County Theatre which Jean went to, had originally been, *'built in 1787 as the Countess of Huntingdon's Chapel, in 1885 it was converted into Beethoven Hall, a piano and parlour organ showroom for Messrs. Heins. When this moved to other premises in 1913, the building was converted into a cinema and renamed the Picture House; in 1919 it was sold again, and this time renamed the Palladium Theatre* (Robin Haig 'A History of Theatres & Performers in Herefordshire'). After a lot of renovation by the buyer Montague Franklin the Palladium was eventually sold again to Derek Samuel Salberg after the war in 1946, when it was renamed the County Theatre.

Derek Salberg who was manager of the Alexandra Theatre in Birmingham set up a repertory company at our theatre before the war in 1939 and then after he bought the theatre in Hereford formed another repertory company known as the County Theatre Players consisting of 15 members, the best known among them being Arthur Lowe (see Robin Haig). The opening play was held in 1947, but the theatre only lasted until 1950 when the audiences were very small. Visiting companies, films and live shows including our Muffin the Mule kept the theatre going until 1957, when the building became the County Ballroom.

'Salberg was a generous and popular man; a member of one of his repertory companies recalled a time when "the wife of a company member was in dire need of an operation, the cost of which was estimated at £100. In trepidation the actor approached Derek Salberg and asked if he would consider lending him money. When Salberg enquired how his employee would repay him the actor suggested that an amount might be deducted from his wages on a weekly basis, a proposal that Salberg agreed to. Imagine the actor's surprise upon opening his pay packet to find that his salary was exactly the same as it had always been, and that the expected deficit had been swallowed up in a pay rise." ' (Robin Haig)

Hereford is proud of its connections with the theatre with names such as David Garrick, Nell Gwynne and Roger Kemble. So how about remembering Derek Salberg who also like these other well-known names never settled in Hereford but owned and ran the County Theatre? Perhaps he personally covered the cost of having Muffin the Mule at the County Theatre and treated local school children to the show? Do you remember seeing The Muffin the Mule Show in Hereford or perhaps somewhere else at this time? Or perhaps you remember having a Muffin the Mule toy? Do tell Jean Owen or myself the story.

Jean Thomson



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On January 10th the text in the Lectio Divina (365), was John 1:47-50. It is the story when Jesus meets Nathaniel. Nathaniel asks Jesus how he knows him. Jesus says to Nathaniel that he had seen him under the fig tree even before he was called by Philip. Nathaniel declares to Jesus that he knows he is the son of God and the King of Israel. Jesus replies that he says this because he was seen by Jesus under the fig tree but that Nathaniel will see far greater things than that!



In the LD we are encouraged to go on and reflect on any fig tree moments we might have experienced in the past year i.e. times of significant experiences that have affected my faith: times when we have felt seen by God. As I was thinking about this I was reminded of all the local choirs and musicians we have hosted at All Saints during Advent, but most of all the local college Choir offering specialist education for young people.



They came early in December, arriving with carers and teachers, laughing, joking and exclaiming with happiness as they came with the sheer joy of a trip on the minibus down to town and setting up ready for their choir performance of Christmas carols and songs amongst the Christmas Trees. We had dancing, percussion, Makaton sign and piano accompaniment. The choir had made their own props, hearts that were sparkling, and bright shades of pink, shouting their Christmas greetings for everyone to hear.



This is their fourth visit as a choir and this year they did not need an invitation, the college contacted us directly as this has become a fixture, a priority even in their Christmas celebrations. The students greeted us so warmly and in solos and chorus, sang their hearts out. No cynicism here, just joy in the music and being in the moment. As always, they were well supported by family and friends with whom they joyfully interacted, arms in the air, those that could dance danced and the hearts were swaying in the air. Looking around there were tears of love and joy and thankfulness amongst those who had come to support these young people who were being seen, both by those who watched and by God.

So Christmas at All Saints 2025 came and went and it dawned on me that one of the most important reasons we do this is so that amongst the music, the glitter, the sparkle we can enable the Christmas offerings of those who are most often ignored or sidelined by society to be seen and heard.

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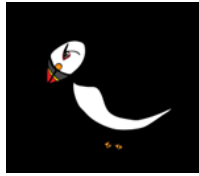
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Ash Wednesday 18/2, 7pm

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HOLY TRINITY

HEREFORD

The Gift of the Narrowing Way

It is one of the gentle ironies of life in church that we spend so much time talking about "the journey" while being preoccupied with the state of the carpet or the precise placement of the biscuit plate. Yet, we are a people of the road. From the first tentative steps of a toddler in the south aisle to the slow, dignified pace of those who have seen many winters, our story is written in our footsteps.

I've recently written a poem entitled **Pilgrim Dust**. It's an attempt to capture a paradox that I've noticed time and again - as we grow older our horizons shrink.

The poem moves through various landscapes. We begin in the **meadow**, where life feels like a sprint through clover and the sky seems to have no limit. Then come the **middle years**, the "straight furrows" of hard work, where the weight of our responsibilities begins to shape our shoulders.

But there is no sense in pretending: as the years pass, the world does tend to shrink. The meadows eventually become a single street, and the long hikes are traded for the short walk to the gate. We slow down because we have to, and there is a natural, quiet grief in that.

Yet, as many of my parishioners have taught me over the years, there is grace even here. When we can no longer run, we are forced to become **attentive**. We become "sentinels" by the window—the ones who notice the shift in the light, the arrival of the sparrows, and the "small footsteps" of the Kingdom that everyone else is too busy to hear. We learn the "liturgy of a single street," finding the wonder that is often hidden in the details we overlooked when the world seemed larger. In the poem, I describe the final gate as being "only shoulder-wide." It's a tight squeeze. We have to leave so much behind as we age, but perhaps that is the point. We are being prepared to step into a land that is, for the first time, truly without an edge. We carry nothing but the stories of the dust we've gathered, finally discovering that the narrowing of the road was simply the path to the only horizon that never ends.

Pilgrim Dust

The Shepherd calls my name
and the meadow has no edge.
I run through clover and sunlight,
fearless as the lamb in His arms.
The streams keep singing ahead of
me,
and every sky is Jacob's ladder,
every cloud a promise undone.
Blessed are the feet
that itch for Zion's gates.
Maps unfold like the parted sea,
and I set my face toward the city
whose foundations God Himself has
laid.
Tents rise and vanish in the wind,
but the road keeps widening,
and the horizon waits like an empty
tomb.

The furrows are straight now,
the rows known by heart.
Some vines bear richly,
others never flower—
yet the Gardener walks between
them still.
The yoke has shaped my shoulders;
its weight is lighter than it was,
but I feel each field I've left unsown.

My post is by the window—
a sentinel over sparrows and shift-
ing light.
Like Simeon, I have waited,
watching the comings and goings,
learning the liturgy of a single street.
Hands rest as if folded in prayer,
feet remember pilgrim dust.
The kingdom still arrives in small
footsteps.
The ceiling becomes my firmament.
Breath by breath, the journey closes
in,
until the gate before me is only
shoulder□wide.
I step through,
and the land opens—
a river clear as crystal,
the tree whose leaves heal every
nation,
the horizon without an edge.

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A Moment to Pause

- **The Maps We Carry:** Looking back at your own life, which "landscapes" do you remember most fondly? Is it the rush of the early days or the quieter pace you have now?
- **The Unfinished Bits:** We all carry "unsown fields"—the hobbies we never started, the letters we didn't write, or the paths we didn't take. Sometimes these feel like failures, but in a well-tended garden, even the fallow ground has its own purpose. When you look at the "unfinished" parts of your story, can you see any quiet beauty in them, even if they never quite flowered?
- **The View from the Window:** If you sit still for ten minutes today and just watch your street or your garden, what is one small thing you notice that you usually walk right past?
- **Travelling Light:** If you had to walk through a gate that was only "shoulder-wide," what is the one memory or feeling you would definitely want to keep hold of?

A Prayer for the Way

*Lord of the Meadow and the Street,
We thank you for the dust on our shoes and the stories in our hearts.
Give us the eyes of a sentinel to see your Kingdom in the small things, and the heart of a pilgrim to trust the
narrowing road.
When our world grows smaller and the day closes in, may we find the gate open and your arms ready to
welcome us into the land that has no edge.*

Amen.



Yours in the journey,
Jonathan

LENT LUNCHES

The parishioners in Breinton will be carrying on their tradition of offering a simple lunch during Lent at individual houses. For further details and to book a place at the February lunches ring the appropriate number given below.

Ash Wednesday - February 18th Sheila Bryant and Margaret Williamson, Wycliffe House, Breinton
Tel: 01432 265021

February 24th Jenny Sherfield, Stourton House, Breinton Common Tel: 01432 356497

Any donations—cash only— in aid of the Food Bank.

Further to the report by John Hull we publish a full list of Parish Council Meetings for Breinton
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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 18th February 2026 Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 18th March 2026 Parish Council Meeting

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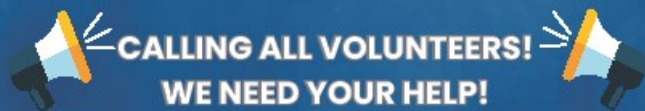
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Breinton news

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CHRISTINGLE

The Christmas Services are always a highlight of life in Breinton and the Christingle is no exception.



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ST. MICHAEL'S CHRISTINGLE

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Jonathan writes on the church door to remind us of the New Year and the three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar.

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Visit ,Lord, we pray , this home with the joy of your presence.

Bless all who live here with the gift of your love,

Help us to share your care and compassion with one another, to make this a place of welcome and strength, of blessing and friendship, that all who pass through this doorway may find a hearth and home lit by the light of love.

May we grow with Christ in truth and wisdom, as we learn to follow in his steps, and take on his yoke, that we may be blessed by his grace and find refreshment for ourselves, soul and body, as we walk in his light into the adventure of this new year.

This we pray through the same Christ our Lord

Amen

Herefordshire Council Local Transport Plan 5

The new Local Transport Plan for Herefordshire for the period 2025-2041 was put before Herefordshire Council in December and adopted by 36 votes for and 13 against. This was despite the fact that the final plan, including the new policies, had not been scrutinised by any of the scrutiny committees, as normal and best practise for local government.

As with the previous Local Transport Plan, the new document includes a road from the A49, south of Hereford, across to the Abergavenny Road (A465) and to the west of Hereford, to rejoin the A49 north of the city. The Council claim this will act as a “Bypass” and enable Highways England to de-trunk the A49 through the City. However, they also claim the new road will go through new developments of over 10,000 new homes to be built to the West of the City. The Council were unable to explain why they were putting a major 60mph trunk road with the associated heavy noise and air pollution through new housing estates, and simply said in some places that speeds would be reduced to 40mph.

Whilst this new road is to enable new housing the 1st Phase, from the A49 to A465 and onto the Clehonger “spur”, is to be entirely funded by the residents of Herefordshire through utilising capital receipts from sales of assets, and then borrowing the remainder, a total of over £40.3million. This cost is to be repaid, along with interest on the loans, by cutting services and increasing council tax costs for the whole county. The Council is not seeking any funding from any housing developers who may benefit from the road opening up land for additional housing. It is unclear how the remainder of the proposed road, including the high level cross of the Wye, will be funded, which is likely to be around £350million, minimum.

The Council have been unable to provide any traffic modelling to show that the proposed Local Transport Plan and the accompanying housing, will reduce congestion in Hereford. The largest number of vehicle journeys in the City are short distances, starting or finishing in the City, with through traffic being only a small element of traffic volumes.

The Local Transport Plan was not accompanied by an up-to-date Strategic Environmental Assessment, as required by law, and shows the lack of commitment to the Council’s own policies on reducing carbon and protecting the valuable environment of our beautiful county.

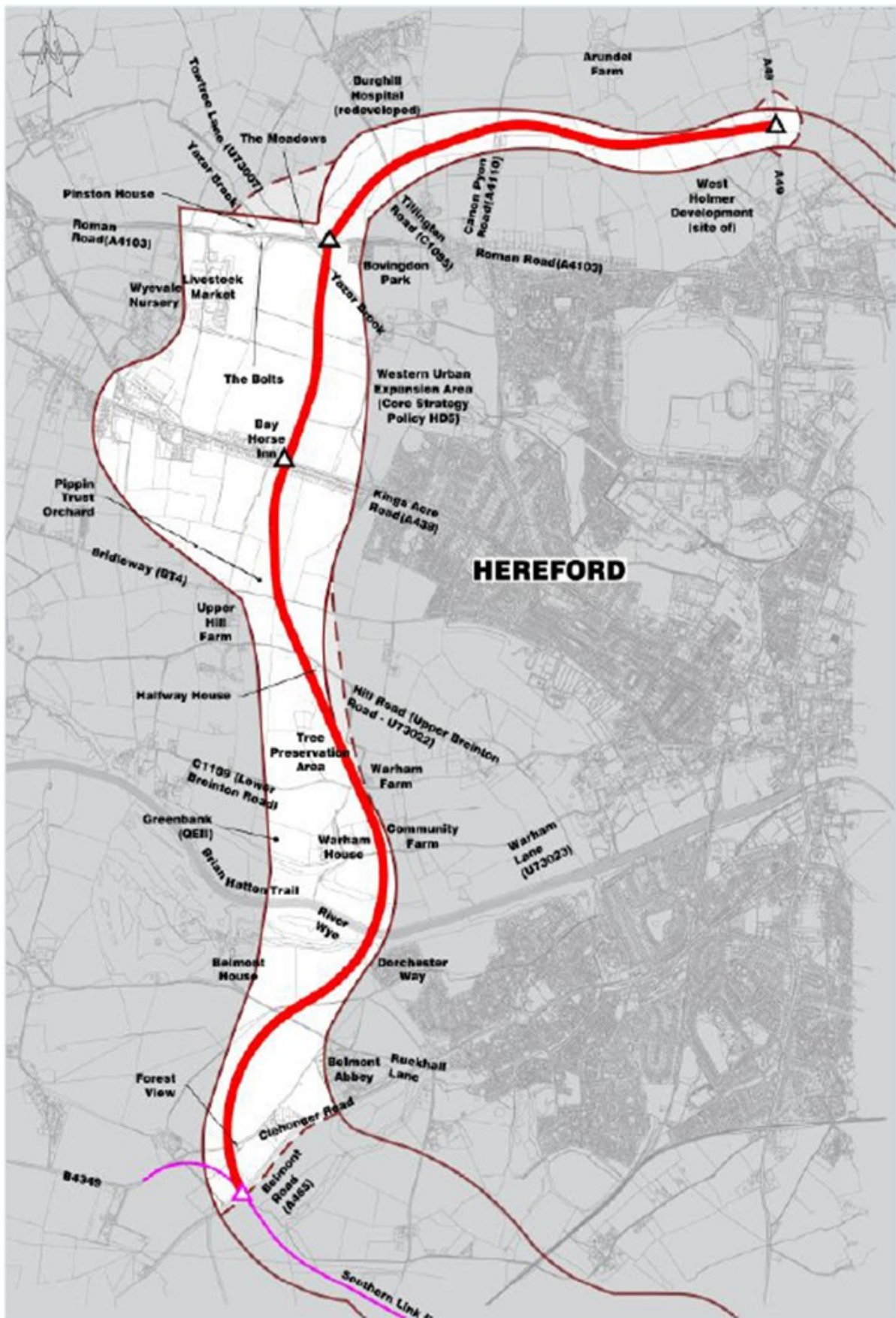
Many properties in Breinton and on the Kings Acre Road will be significantly affected by the road plan. Herefordshire Council confirm that residents can apply for blight on their property for anyone who is affected by the newly adopted Local Transport Plan.

A up to date link to the Local Transport Plan on the Council website is not yet available but it should be visible here sometime in the future when the Council publish their final document <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/travel-and-transport/local-transport-plan/> .

The image of the Western Relief Road is taken from the final Local Transport Plan which is only available in the Council meeting documents, which can be found here <https://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/documents/s50130354/Appendix%201a%20Herefordshire%20Council%20LTP5%202025-2041.pdf>

A lower level transport planning document, the Local Walking, Wheeling and Cycling Infrastructure Plan (LCWWIP) is due to come forward for adoption by the Council around March 2026. This plan should identify areas for improving walking and cycling infrastructure. Breinton Parish Council has been pushing Herefordshire Council for over 25 years for a safe cycle route along Kings Acre Road to connect residents and children with safe active routes into Hereford and to their local schools.

Liz Morawiecka





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 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 nd or 3 rd Wednesday evening of the month	Contact: clerk@breintonparish.co.uk
Dog Training	Every Wednesday evenings except 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 nd Sunday of the month	Contact Catherine Lusher 01547 560 375

Community Coffee Mornings

February's Breinton Village Hall coffee morning is hosting an **I.T. 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 7th February

QUIZ

On the evening before the Coffee Morning

There will be a QUIZ at 7pm on

February 6th at Breinton Village Hall.

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Services during February 2026

Sunday 1st February 2026

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

Sunday 8th February 2026

Time	Church	Service Type
9:30am	All Saints'	Parish Mass
9:30am	St Michael's Breinton	BCP Communion
11:00am	Holy Trinity	Morning Worship
6:30pm	Online (see over for details)	Evening Prayer

Sunday 15th February 2026

Time	Church	Service Type
9:30am	All Saints'	Parish Mass
9:30am	St Michael's Breinton	Morning Worship
11:00am	Holy Trinity	Eucharist
6:30pm	Online (see over for details)	Evening Prayer

Wednesday 18th February – Ash Wednesday

Time	Church	Service Type
7:00pm	Holy Trinity	Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

Sunday 22nd February 2026

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

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=OU1PNGNZV09OZzExUUo0OGJGajVsdz09>
Meeting ID: 843 5278 2015 Passcode: 985657

Midweek Services 8.:30am Tuesday - Friday – Morning Prayer Online (see above for details)

12:10pm Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday – Low Mass at All Saints'

10:00am Thursday – Holy Communion at Holy Trinity

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