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Belonging

There's a moment, if you've lived somewhere long enough, when you realise the place has started to know you back. The man at the corner shop asks after your daughter by name. Someone waves from a car you don't recognise. You walk past a garden and notice the roses are out earlier than last year, and you remember last year, and the year before that.

This is what belonging feels like from the inside. Not a transaction. Not a membership card. Something slower, made of small recognitions that accumulate until you can't quite say when they began.

June brings us to Trinity Sunday, which is the feast the Church gives us for thinking about who God is. The honest thing to say is that the doctrine of the Trinity is hard, and most attempts to explain it end either in heresy or in headache. But the heart of it is this: God is not a solitary figure looking out at a world from a distance. God is, in God's own self, a relationship. Father, Son and Spirit, making room for one another, knowing one another, and being known.

Which means that when we talk about belonging to a place and to people, we are not talking about something incidental to the life of God. We are talking about something that runs all the way down.

Our Team is a strange and beautiful thing: four parishes, three churches, one team. All Saints in the city centre, Holy Trinity at Whitecross, St Michael's at Breinton. Each with its own light, its own people, its own particular way of being church. And yet held together, learning to be one thing without ceasing to be three. Or four. The arithmetic gets interesting.

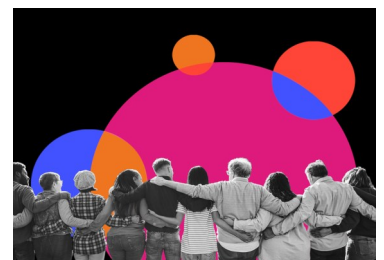
A parish is a patch of ground with people on it, and a church somewhere near the middle, and a particular way the light falls on a particular Tuesday in June. It's also lives entangled: who shares a hedge with whom, whose child sat next to whose at school, who brought soup when someone was ill. None of us are who we are on our own. We are made by the people who have made room for us, and we make others by the room we make for them.

The Trinity tells us this pattern is not just a feature of community life. It is the grain of the universe.

Belonging takes time. It takes turning up. It also takes honesty and vulnerability, which are harder than they sound, because being known means letting people see what you'd rather they didn't. The slow work of a parish, of any community worth the name, is the work of bearing with one another long enough that something true can grow.

Wherever you are on the journey, there is room. If you have been part of this place for years, thank you for making room for the rest of us. If you are new, or unsure, or only here because a friend asked, you are welcome. The table is open.

With love,
Jonathan



Welcome, Christine!

We are pleased to announce that the Reverend Christine Cattanach is joining the West Hereford Team as part-time Assistant Curate, appointed by Bishop Richard.

Christine will be licensed on Monday 1st June, and we will welcome her to All Saints and Holy Trinity on Sunday 21st June, and to St Michael's on Sunday 28th June.

She is a warm and genuine person, with a real gift for people and a deep faith to draw on. I'm confident she will be a real gift to the West Hereford Team.

Please hold her in prayer as she joins us and settles in.





One of the things I have not quite got used to since living in Herefordshire is the multi culturalism of a large city. We simply don't have the diversity of faiths and culture our more metropolitan areas take for granted. Difference can bring great benefits and the opportunities to discover cultures and traditions other than our own. Yet if we are not careful the politics of division and hatred can draw attention to cultural diversity in an unhelpful way which creates tension and divides communities.

So, the question I want to pose is how do you cope with difference? We all think we are good at dealing with diversity, but the reality is that most of us like and feel most comfortable with people just like us! We all have a certain amount of preference and bias, and it is important that we know how to spot our blind spots and the issues that can trip us up. Yet the bible speaks about difference in a positive way because it recognises all of us are unique expressions of God's love.

In the very beginning of creation God created diversity and difference not just in humanity but in the entire creation. However, uniquely, he created human beings to reflect his divine nature. Whatever preferences we have, at heart we are called to treat others as we ourselves want to be treated. When we reject those who are different, we are in effect rejecting God's love for our world.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:30-31

Paul recognised that difference was a key part of our faith. Christians are called to live counter culturally and that alone marks us as different from those around us. Our values are shaped by the kingdom and in the kingdom the differences that matter in this world are meaningless. Instead, Paul wants us to know that what is important is our trust in Jesus as our Lord because this enables us to be citizens of heaven.

"So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

Galatians 3:26-29

Finally when we look elsewhere in the New Testament, we also find a similar message, in fact John goes further in his letters because he says if we love God but hate those we can see then our faith is flawed. John says when we reject difference, we have not let our faith shape who we are.

"We love because he first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister."

1 John 4:19-21

The Venerable Derek Chedzey

Becoming — How to really change.



Becoming: How to Really Change

Most of us want to change — to be more patient, more present, less anxious, kinder to the people who push our buttons. We make the promises and mean them. Then February arrives.

This series isn't about trying harder. It's about how human beings actually transform, and the resources — some of them surprising — that make it possible.

Not by straining. By training.

Part 4: Community – No One Grows Alone

Last month we explored why transformation needs the body. This month, why it needs other people.

There's a story our culture tells about growth: that it happens alone. The lone figure on the mountain, sorting themselves out by sheer will. Good for films. Not how anyone I know has ever actually changed.

We become who we are with other people in the room. That's true whether we like it or not, and most of the time we don't entirely like it.

There was a woman in my last parish who drove me up the wall. Questioned everything. Never satisfied. Always had a better idea about how things ought to be done. I used to see her name in the diary and feel my shoulders go up.

It took years. I don't remember the moment it shifted, only that one day I noticed I was hearing her differently. She'd stopped feeling like an obstacle and started sounding like someone who was actually trying to tell me something. We never became close. We became honest, which is rarer.

She taught me things no one easier could have. That I wasn't as open to challenge as I'd told myself. That listening costs more than good intentions. That a difficult person you stay with for long enough stops being a problem to manage and becomes something more like a teacher you didn't choose.

The early Christians understood this. Their letters are full of instructions to *bear one another's burdens*, and the phrase wasn't sentimental. They knew you couldn't learn patience in a room by yourself. The virtues only grow where there are other people to scratch against. You can't read your way to forgiveness. You can't podcast your way to humility. You need actual people, and they need to know you well enough to disappoint you.

This is what any decent community ends up being, whether it's gathered round a faith or a kitchen table or a Sunday league pitch. Less a showroom for finished people, more a greenhouse. Damp. A bit untidy. Full of things in the middle of becoming something.

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Becoming continued

Most of us would rather skip all that and do our growing privately. Books. Apps. A practice or two we keep up on our own terms. It feels cleaner. The trouble is that you can convince yourself of almost anything in private. You can decide you've become patient when you've simply arranged your life so that nothing tests it. You can think you love widely when you've only ever loved people who were easy to love.

Other people are how you find out what's true.

For Christians the church is where this is meant to happen, and at its best it does. The same logic applies to any group you've committed to over time and can't quietly slip away from when things turn awkward. A choir. A running club. The same five people round a kitchen table on a Wednesday night. What matters is that you've decided to stay, and that staying is sometimes difficult.

You don't need many. Two or three is enough. People who'll notice when you're stuck. Who'll tell you the truth without using it as a weapon. Who'll still be there next year, and the year after. Who know how to forgive, because you'll need forgiving and so will they.

When we moved, the woman from my last parish sent me a lovely message wishing me well. I think of her from time to time. When someone starts to get under my skin, rather than pulling away, I let it remind me not to.

Next month: Through the Desert — Surviving the Dry Season.

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Eco Thought for the Month

I guess that you became aware last month of the 100th birthday celebration of Sir David Attenborough. Were you taken back to where you were when you watched the “Life on Earth” programme in 1979, in which David became closely connected with the gorilla family in Rwanda? Even if you weren’t around then you will have watched many of the programmes on television he has done since. They were pictures which made us develop an understanding for the many living creatures with which we share this planet we call Earth.



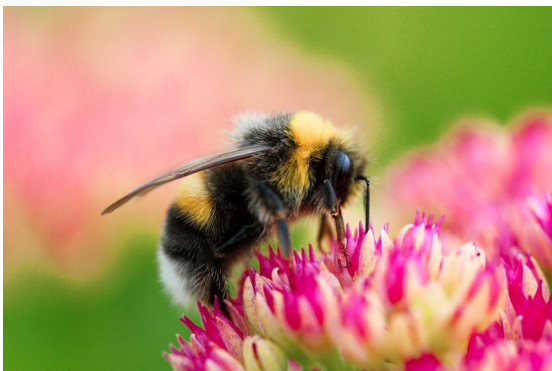
The month of June is full of special days in which we can become far closer to the natural world in the neighbourhood in which we live by getting involved in scientific research or data collection. **From Saturday 6th to Sunday 14th of June there are a trio of events: Love your Burial Ground Week, Churches Count on Nature, and National Cemeteries Week.**

We are asked to celebrate UK churchyards, cemeteries, and other types of burial grounds! Now I know that St Michael’s is the only church in the team which has an open burial ground but there is the council cemetery on West Falling Street which has two areas which are set aside for All Saints and St Nicholas burials and of course Holy Trinity has a garden of remembrance.

The suggestion is that we visit these places and make a note of what we see – from trees and flowers to birds and bugs. More information can be found on caringforgodsacre.org.uk or arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/churches-count-on-nature/

and they do suggest, if we are recording what we find, that we get permission from the managing group for the site. However, this year why not go and walk round and consider whether next year it would be good to make a survey.

Following May’s ‘Thought for the Month’ it is possible to do a Bee Walk (beewalk.org.uk). This is run by the Bumblebee Conservation Trust, “*to collect data to monitor the abundance of bumblebees on transects across Britain. This data collection would be impossible without volunteer BeeWalkers, who identify and count the bumblebees they see on a monthly walk (a fixed route of around 1 to 2 km - you choose where it goes) from March to October*”. You will find out how to recognise different bees and perhaps be encouraged to take an interest in your surroundings when you go for a walk!



All these thoughts make it a good time to pray that more people may become passionate about protecting God’s creation, to resist actions that might cause harm, and adopt actions that have a positive impact, so that in finding out more about the creatures with which we share our surroundings we may take more care and come to appreciate our world more deeply.

Jean Thomson

Saint of the Month: Petroc (4 June)

Petroc was likely the son of a Welsh chieftain who – after study in Ireland and a visit to Rome – moved to Cornwall and founded a monastery at Lanwethinoc, now called Padstow (from Petroc’s ‘stow’ or ‘place’), as well as another at Bodmin. Although he lived as a hermit, he travelled regularly to visit monasteries and found churches, and churches in Devon and Cornwall are dedicated to his memory. He has become known as ‘the captain of Cornish saints’.

Wikipedia recounts that humility is a virtue strongly associated with Petroc.

One of the pervasive stories about this describes his return from the pilgrimage to Rome and Jerusalem. As he set foot home in Britain under a heavy rain, he confidently told his companions that it would clear up by morning. Instead, the downpour lasted for many days and Petroc, ashamed of his presumptuousness, is said to have left on another pilgrimage, this one of penance. It’s a virtue that should be sought more by leaders, saintly or secular....



The casket at Bodmin that once contained the saint’s relics. Photo: Michael Garlick CC BY-SA 2.0

Down Memory Lane - 7566 Private Henry Lea

Last November I wrote about James and Sarah Lea and their sons. I included Henry a son who had died during the WW1, but I hadn’t found out much about him. Well, his great nephew Christopher Jones got in touch with me and passed some information which his grandfather Arthur Lea (who came back from the war) and James Lea, Arthur’s eldest son, had collected.

Henry had enlisted with the King’s Shropshire Light Infantry before the war in December 1903 at Hereford and when war broke out, he was recalled as a reservist to his regiment. According to a Facebook post he and his brother Albert embarked from Southampton on the S.S. Braemar Castle at 2pm on the 8th September 1914 with the 1st Battalion King’s Shropshire Light Infantry along with the 1st Leicestershire regiment. He landed with the 1st Battalion in France on September 11th, 1914, and spent the whole of his war on the western front. James Lea found out at the regimental museum in Shrewsbury in 1987 that at some point, we don’t know when, Henry was for a time attached to the 177th Tunnelling Company Royal Engineers. In 1915 on October 9th he was wounded at Hooge, Ypres and later was killed in action on 19 April 1917 aged 30 (The Shropshire Regimental Museum Shrewsbury,



There is an article in the Hereford Times dated Saturday 5 May 1917, which quotes the official letter to his parents in which they learnt of the news of Henry’s death in April:

“Mr and Mrs Lea, River View, Upper Breinton, are among many Herefordshire parents who are this week mourning the loss of a son in battle. “I am afraid I have very sad news to give you, and that this letter will be the first intimation you will receive, “writes his officer, Capt. Lyndon H Morris, of the Shropshire Regiment, to his mother. CONTINUED OPPOSITE

. "It is that your son, 75666 Pte. H. Lea, was killed in action on the 19th of this month. I am afraid this will be a great blow to you, but I trust that the knowledge that he died on duty, and that his death was instantaneous, and therefore painless, will be some consolation to you in your loss. Your son, together with the rest of his platoon, had done very well in an attack which my company was making, and his death is a source of great regret to me and to all his friends in the company. He was a brave fellow and a good soldier, and one whom we could very ill afford to lose. He has been buried near where his regiment is now. The place of his grave has been carefully registered, and will be notified to you at a later date."

At the regimental museum in Shrewsbury Christopher's uncle, James Lea, found out that the action in which Henry died took place southeast of Loos. All night the artillery was bombarding the German lines when at 4.30 they stopped and then the company was enabled to work down the German line and capture trenches while enduring some severe bomb fighting during the operation. Eventually the captured trenches were consolidated, and the captured line was connected to the British line through Seaforth Crater. At 4.30pm the Germans counter-attacked but after a severe bombardment they were repulsed. "Sadly, the area was fought over many times, before an armistice was reached, and Henry's grave was lost. He is now remembered on the memorial wall to the missing, at 'Dud Corner' cemetery, nr Loos, France" (Christopher Jones) His name is also on the Roll of Honour,

In the photo on the right, Christopher Jones believes that it shows Henry sitting and Christopher's grandfather Arthur standing. Perhaps they both came home for a short time and had the photo taken before they returned to the front.

We don't know where Henry worked on the front with the 177th Tunnelling Company but I looked online to find out what the company did during the war and discovered that several men lost their lives while tunnelling beneath the enemy lines near Hooze during the defence of Ypres between November 1915 and August 1917. This seems too much of a coincidence when we know that it was at Hooze that Henry was wounded in 1915. Tunnelling was at first a tactic our British army did not contemplate until the Germans used the technique in 1914. Historically the tactic had always been used in siege warfare when attacking cities and castles, but the army realised that it was important to break into enemy entrenched positions during defensive trench warfare and so the blowing of mines under enemy front lines was developed but not without human loss during the tunnelling and when the mines were detonated.

Henry was a very brave man. Perhaps some of you have read Sebastian Faulkes book "Birdsong" and will remember the description of the tunnelling told by Sebastian. I found it hard to keep reading as nothing would make me want to tunnel under enemy lines!



Jean Thomson with many thanks for the help from Christopher Jones



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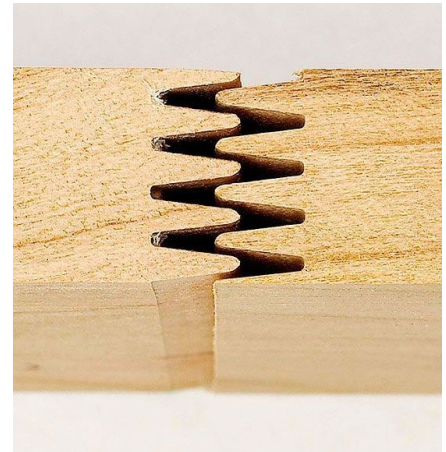
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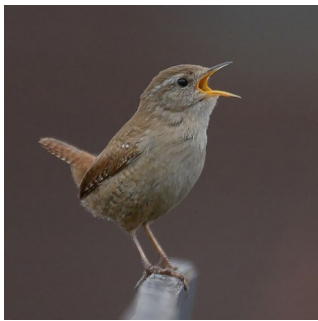
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Pilgrimage is a spiritual journey with the intention of meeting God

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My interest in this practice of spirituality was originally sparked by a combination of events. Firstly, on a practical level, I was searching for a cheap holiday which would appeal both to teenagers and babies – such is the age spread of our family. A pilgrimage is, above all, an adventure. We step out onto a path which will take us on a journey and we never really know what is going to happen. Even if the route is familiar and we have walked it many times before, the unexpected is always round the corner. Our children loved the idea of a journey with a purpose, enjoyed the self-sufficiency of carrying everything we needed on our backs, and relished the variety of hostels, campsites and refuges which form the accommodation of a long distance pilgrim.

But there is a deeper purpose to a pilgrimage – it is more than simply an enjoyable walk.

A Christian pilgrimage is a spiritual journey with the intention of meeting God. We may be encountering Him for the first time, as we move from wondering about our concept of The Other, to discovering the gospel message of profound love for every individual as expressed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We may be seeking to deepen our relationship with Him, through time spent on our own, liberated from our daily timetable and able to fall into a rhythm of prayer and reflection which matches our footsteps as we walk. We may simply be intending to spend time in creation, dwelling in the moment, savouring every aspect with all of our senses, realizing that God speaks to us not just through words but through our surroundings as well.

The gifts of pilgrimage do not stop when the walk ends. Just as the pilgrimage is a metaphor for our Christian journey through this world, so can the lessons learnt whilst on route be applied not only to our spiritual life but to our emotional and physical one as well. Wisdoms such as living lightly, sharing our burdens, being true to our path and navigating obstacles all have their parallel in our daily existence. Above all, we are encouraged to enjoy the journey, relish every moment and hold in our hearts the knowledge that we never travel alone but with Jesus Christ as our route, our companion and our journey's end.

Rev'd Doctor Sally Welch

March 2026



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STOP PRESS..

Breinton News.

A new councillor is now in place.

Dr. Chris Easter has joined the Parish Council team,

WELCOME CHRIS!





We didn't have meetings in April and May, but they were busy months. We had the news on Wednesday 1 April that Irene Bushell had died that morning, Irene was very much involved with St Nicholas Church and Mothers' Union holding various offices during her life. Her funeral, held on Friday 8 May in the Lady Chapel, of Hereford Cathedral, was led by Preb Rob North.

On the 14 April some of us were able to go to Cusop for the Tree Planting in memory of Mothers' Union Trustee Janet Bumford.

On the 23 April we attended a Quiet Afternoon, led by our chaplain Revd Penny Littlewood, at Leominster, the theme was Blessings. I am truly blessed to have known Irene and Janet. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

At our June meeting we will focus on our Wave of Prayer links and our projects.

Do join us if you can.

On Sunday 9 August 2026, when we celebrate Mary Sumner day, and our 150 year anniversary, we are having a celebration service and tea at Colwall, watch this space for more details – if you would like to join us for this celebration please contact me.

On Sunday 23 August we are celebrating in Hereford Cathedral during the Evensong service which will have a Mothers' Union theme.

June

Mon 1 2.15 MU meeting, Price's Chapel Bricknell Close

Mon 8 - Wed 10 Wave of Prayer

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

Wed 10 5.00 pm 150 Celebratory Service - St Paul's Cathedral,
London

Thurs 11 Midday Prayers, Cathedral

10.30 Annual Gathering - The Emmanuel Centre (next to Mary Sumner House, London).

Mon 15 Diocesan Council, Kimbolton



July

Mon 6 2.15 MU meeting, Price's Chapel Bricknell Close

Thurs 9 Midday Prayers, Cathedral

August

Mon 3 No meeting

Sun 9 2.00 pm Mary Sumner Day Service, Colwall Church, followed by refreshments.

Thurs 13 Midday Prayers, Cathedral,

Sun 23 3.30 pm Evensong, Hereford Cathedral

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,

Anne Newman

Traherne Festival 2026: 6th-8th June

This year's Traherne Festival begins on **Saturday 6th June at Credenhill Church** – where Traherne was minister – at 9.30 with a Prayer Book Communion service followed by talks and presentations at the church and a lovely catered lunch at nearby Stretton Sugwas Village Hall.

We begin with talks by two internationally-renowned Traherne scholars, Dr Keith Clements on 'As for the Anabaptists, that abhor the baptising of infants ...' and Dr Julia Smith on 'How to look at an insect: Traherne and the smallest life in all nature'.

The Festival then changes gear as folk singer/songwriter Deborah Rose talks about her personal journey into the poetry of Traherne, and historical dance expert and dancer Anne Francis speaks about the type of dancing that prompted one of Traherne's meditations, describing its history and showing some videos.

On Sunday we move to the Traherne family church, **All Saints Hereford** for a eucharist at 9.30 led by the Bishop of Hereford with Dr Sean Cathie preaching. American scholar Dr Jacob Blevins will then lead a close reading of one of Traherne's poems, before we share another tasty lunch. Finally Bishop David Thomson will interview three artists about their work on Traherne themes, before leading our AGM and Evensong.

The Monday sees us enjoying a day out in **Ledbury** with guided visits to places dating back to Traherne's times and lunch at The Feathers.

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Bellringing in the West Hereford Team



On Saturday 9 May 2026 we were pleased to be part of the Hereford Diocesan Guild of Bellringers Festival. The annual festival and AGM is held in a different district each year. The ringing route started at St Bartholomew's Holmer, before visiting St Nicholas Hereford (with permission from the Diocese) and All Saints Hereford.

The day was based at St Peter's Hereford with activities for all to take part in. The Burghill and Tillington Handbell Ringers gave demonstrations and welcomed people to 'have a go'. Dr John Eisel, Ringing Master at All Saints and Historian, gave tower tours for people to see the ancient unringable bells of St Peter's. Various bellringing related merchandise was on sale. Outside St Peter's was a mini-ring – basically a mobile structure with small bells that are rung in the same style as tower bellringing. This attracted quite a crowd with lots of people having a go!

Refreshments, provided by St Peter's congregation and enjoyed by all, were available until 1.30 pm when we assembled for a group photo to celebrate the 140th Anniversary of the Guild.

Revd Andy Morgan then led our service and The Rt Revd Richard Jackson - Bishop of Hereford gave the address, mentioning the virtues of bellringers within the church and their ministry and mission.

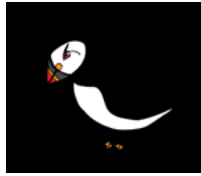
Afterwards the AGM was held in the SPSJ Hall and the church was prepared for the concert being held that evening, the musicians were arriving as we were vacating the church.

All day long St Peter's church was alive with activity, to add to the fun a St Peter's' PCC meeting was held in their hall. A busy day for the Guild and St Peter's!

Anne Newman



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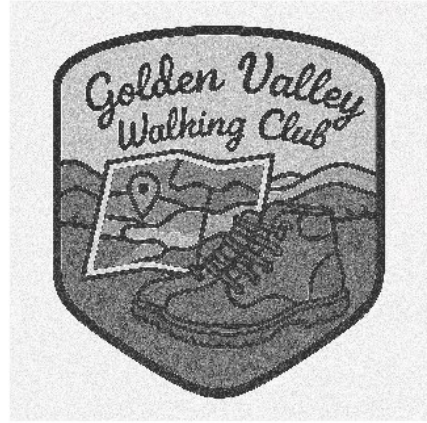
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Breinton Parish Council Chair's Annual Report 2025 – 2026

The end of the 2025-2026 parish council year sees a small change in the structure of the council. We unfortunately lost Tracey Prosser as a councillor as she felt unable to commit going forward, due to family issues. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tracey for her input and the quiet wisdom that she brought to the parish council.

This led to the required procedures for sourcing a new councillor. We were ultimately able to co-opt Dr Christopher Easter from Lower Breinton. Chris brings a vast level of experience, and clearly an analytical mind that will be a great asset to us. I believe the parish is represented by councillors with a wide range of background experience, capability and enthusiasm.

We have again taken advantage of the Herefordshire Council funded Public Rights of Way (PROW) grant scheme. This along with the vigilance of our footpaths Officer John Wade provides us with footpaths, stiles and gates, that are superior to the ones I walk around in other parts of the county. That said, the wet winter did lead to rather a lot of mud in places!

The wet winter also led to problems in fulfilling the Herefordshire Council funded drainage grant scheme, due to the ditches being continually full of water, preventing digger clearance. It is hoped that we can complete ditching work at Warham using next year's funding. We had better luck with the Lengthsman scheme which we have used to maintain grips and drainage gullies.

Going forwards there is clearly a threat to the level of funding from the above Herefordshire Council grant schemes. We have benefitted greatly from these schemes, and the risk of reduced funding led us to implement a small increase in the parish precept after two years of zero increase.

The parlous state of the nation's finances tends to impact local authority funding which has a follow-on impact to parish council grants. The parish council has healthy financial reserves but we need to maintain these for the anticipated revision to the parish Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).

The revised National Planning Policy Framework, introduced as one of the first acts of the current Government, negated any planning protections offered by our current NDP, which means it will have to be revised and reissued. This can only be done when the new housing requirements for the parish, up to 2041, are established as a result of Herefordshire Council's updated Core Development Plan. This plan is currently waiting for the request for land for development from local land owners, with land required for 10,000 – 14,000 houses west of Hereford. The threat to the parish, and its boundaries, from development is currently unknown, but has to be considered as significant. The update with regard to allocation of new housing requirements had been scheduled for autumn 2026 but it is unlikely that this date will be achieved.

Housing and the associated road building will still represent a major threat to the quality of life to parishioners even if the parish is to remain as a Rural Settlement. This will be particularly acute for parishioners living along Kings Acre Road.

One of the main activities initiated this year has been the Breinton Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP). The detail and thoroughness of this plan are due to the many hours of work put in by Councillor Emil Morfett. He is to be thanked for his dedication to this task, and the hours he has put into it. As part of this initiative, we are currently working to carry out a bat survey using acoustic measuring devices, aided by the Herefordshire Mammals Group.

Parishioners will no doubt have noticed the poor state of many of the roads in the parish after the very wet winter. Hydrodynamic pressure and frost had, by the end of winter, resulted in a serious pothole problem. The most serious of these have been repaired by Balfour Beatty but many remain to be repaired, having been identified with white paint. Parishioners can report the location of potholes onto the Herefordshire Council website but it is important to upload a photograph of the pothole to aid in any claim for subsequent resultant vehicle damage.

One of the issues potentially affecting the quality of roads is the Herefordshire Council revisions to the Public Realm. This is resulting in the replacement of Balfour Beatty for infrastructure work by M Group, in June 2026. Breinton parish council expressed concerns over the potential loss of the Locality Stewards who have substantial local knowledge of roads and drainage infrastructure. It appears that the Locality Stewards will be inducted as Herefordshire Council employees in order to ensure continuity.

At the end of this parish council year our vigilance is required with regard to road and property flooding, most importantly in the area of Breinton Lee, where we feel an unsuitable housing planning application represents a significant threat to the already unsatisfactory flooding situation. Road flooding at Lower Breinton is also an area where solutions are being explored. These issues, along with road and verge damage from Heavy Goods Vehicles supplying agriculture in the south of the parish, are areas where we greatly appreciate the ongoing support of our ward councillor Charlie Taylor.

John Hull



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Grahame Sherfield, Treasurer, St Michael's, Breinton

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Join us on Saturday 6th June for Coffee and Chat

Our next Community Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 6 June 2026 from 10.30am to 12.30pm. We will be raising funds to purchase new chairs for the village hall.



Breinton Village Hall Annual General Meeting – 29 June 2026 at 6.30pm

Breinton Village Hall AGM will be held on Monday 29 June 2026 at 6.30pm at the village hall. This will be a short meeting to receive reports from the Chairman and Treasurer for the previous year and to elect the Committee for 2026/2027. Everyone is welcome to attend.

AND DON'T FORGET ST, MICHAEL'S FETE ON JULY 5TH!!

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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

Services during June 2026

Sunday 7th June 2026

Time	Church	Service Type
9:30am	All Saints'	Parish Mass & Traherne Festival
9:30am	St Michael's Breinton	Holy Communion
11:00am	Holy Trinity	Eucharist
3:30pm	All Saints'	Evensong (Traherne Festival)

Sunday 14th June 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 21st June 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

Sunday 28th June 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 & Baptism
6:30pm	Online (see over for details)	Evening Prayer

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