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Baptisms

May their lives be long and happy.

28th November 2021
All Saints' Church
Constance Ruth

28th November 2021
St Michael's Church, Breinton
Posie Alice

28th November 2021
Holy Trinity Church
Lucas Ivor Matteo

28th November 2021
Holy Trinity Church
Jacob Gabriel

Weddings

May their lives together be long and happy.

4th December 2021
St Michael's Church, Breinton
Ryan & Melanie

Funerals

Please remember the departed their family and friends in your prayers

18th November 2021
Holy Trinity Church
Daphne Turner (80)

22nd November 2021
Hereford Cemetery
Ella May Turner (3 months)

24th November 2021
Hereford Crematorium
Joyce Ball (84)

2nd December 2021
St Michael's Church, Breinton
Barbara Read (94)

21st December 2021
Holy Trinity Church
Kathleen Burborough (95)

23rd December 2021
Holy Trinity Church
Margaret Slade (88)

Funerals

Please remember the departed their family and friends in your prayers

10th January 2022
Hereford Crematorium
Wendy Lane (72)

1 January Christmas Cards have brought us greetings, prayers, good wishes and thanks. But some have also brought sad news. Friends and acquaintances who have died. I don't know why, but I think of Revd Eli Jenkins in Dylan Thomas's "Under Milk Wood." Eli accepts "we are all creatures born to die" so each morning and each night he prays for everyone. He does not criticise or eulogise but trusts in the mercy of God who knows us better than we know ourselves:

*We are not wholly bad or good
Who live our lives under Milk Wood.
And Thou, I know, wilt be the first
To see our best side, not our worst.*

3 January Enjoyed my first day out of isolation after 4 weeks (caused by food poisoning) by travelling by taxi to the Cathedral to preside at this morning's Eucharist. It was my first visit to church since the beginning of Advent, so I do appreciate what it is like for those who are still unable because of COVID to join in worship. Mind you, having dealt with hand sanitising, mask wearing, social distancing, communicating in one kind, coping with reading glasses, I forgot to use a radio microphone. Too much to think about, especially as there is the order of service in one booklet, readings, prayers and prayer lists in others. I remember when I needed just the Book of Common Prayer and we were away. But worship is richer now.

6 January Last night was Twelfth Night; today it's the Feast of the Epiphany. So the Christmas Decorations (except the Crib) are consigned to our new loft. Also my diaries, (appointment- only diaries really) have been dispatched there also. Why bother to keep them? They go back to 1952, and record the death of George VI and the Accession of our Queen. January takes its name from Janus, the two headed god who looks both backwards and forwards. I look back and remember the Accession Day well, and the service which was held in our village church. We used the Accession Service in the aforementioned BCP which begins with this prayer asking God: "... to bless thy Servant our Queen, that under her this nation may be wisely governed and thy Church may serve thee in all godly quietness..." My 2022 diary looks forward to February 6 when I have accepted an invitation to preach in Bristol at the 70th Anniversary of our Queen's remarkable reign.

8 January Received a request via our Team Office from a Suffolk Funeral Director to take a Funeral for the mother of a young girl for whom I had conducted a Memorial Service over 30 years ago. Encouraged by the fact that the family had remembered me, I had to say that it was not possible. I think that memory may have been revived because last year I had made a return visit to preach at the village church where I was baptised 80 years ago. The present Rector of the church was welcoming, and he has 10 parishes in his care. In 1940 there were 9 full time clergy in the villages he now serves. He exercises a very different kind of Ministry now, and the church members, few in number, have very different aims and aspirations. They were enthusiastic about their faith and the opportunities presented to them as they try to share the Good News of God's love. The congregation on the morning I visited probably looked at me as a curiosity who spoke about a past that could never be recovered. I looked back, thankful for my Baptism, for my Confirmation at the age of 14, rejoicing that

"Jesus Christ is the same; yesterday, today and for ever."

ON DESMOND TUTU . This was kindly sent in by Malcolm Robertson

"I am attaching the sermon given by the present Archbishop of Cape Town at Archbishop Desmond Tutu's funeral eucharist which a good friend sent me. It includes an exegesis on Micah 6:8 a favourite verse of mine. I was in Westminster Abbey with 16 year 6 pupils for the special service to welcome South Africa back into the Commonwealth. Nelson Mandela was unable to come so Thabo Mbeki (Vice President) was present & I got his autograph. The highlights which we saw were 1) prior to the service when Desmond Tutu arrived at the West gate on stepping out of the car he danced a jig on the pavement. We were about 2 yards away. 2) Then during the service in the nave he danced another jig. I regret that I don't still have the order of service with Thabo's signature.

Desmond Tutu was indeed a very great man."

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January 1, 2022. St George's Cathedral, Cape Town

"What does the Lord require of you but to pursue justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8)



In Desmond Mpilo Tutu this threefold cord was interwoven in a long, lived authenticity. That is why we loved him and respected him and valued him so deeply. Small in physical stature, he was a giant among us morally and spiritually. His faith was authentic, not counterfeit or half-hearted. He lived it, even at great cost to himself, with an inclusive, all-embracing love. His friend, Nelson Mandela, put it perfectly when he said: "Sometimes strident, often tender, never afraid and seldom without humour, Desmond Tutu's voice will always be the voice of the voiceless."

I come here today, in my octogenarian years, sensitive to the awesomeness of the occasion, which is likely to catch the tearful and thankful mood of this our nation and of the entire world. I come in response to the expressed wish of my archbishop and friend, for it was he who asked me, some years ago, to do this at his funeral. How could I refuse such a request, such an honour?

First, let me say a few words to the chief mourner among us. My dear Leah, Gogo Emeritus of our church, distinguished member of its Order of Simon of Cyrene, you and I are in a close solidarity in the loss of a much-loved spouse. I therefore know something of what you must now be going through, though each person should be free to grieve in whatever way is most appropriate for them. Many times you wiped away the tears of your husband for, as we all know, he cried very easily and, in the life of our country, both past and present, he had much to cry about, not to mention the wider world which seems in many ways to be tearing itself apart. Today we are here to try, in a small way, to wipe away your tears, though tears are, of course, a very necessary part of our grieving. Allow me to give you, and your family, a comment which was sent to me for my comfort and which I found helpful within the strange twists and turns of my grieving:

"Grief is not a disorder, a disease or a sign of weakness. It is an emotional, physical and spiritual necessity, the price you pay for love. The only cure for grief is to grieve." (Earl Grollman)

Desmond and I became close in an unlikely partnership at a truly critical time in the life of our country from 1989 – 1996, he as Archbishop of Cape Town and I as his deputy when, as Bishop of Natal, I was elected by my brother bishops to be also what is called "Dean of the Province" I was asked during a pastoral visit we made to Jerusalem what this cumbersome ecclesiastical title meant. My answer, on the spur of the moment, was that it meant "number two to Tutu". The nickname stuck, but more importantly, at a deeper level our partnership struck a chord perhaps in the hearts and minds of many people: a dynamic black leader and his white deputy in the dying years of apartheid; and hey presto, the heavens did not collapse. We were a foretaste, if you like, of what could be in our wayward, divided nation.

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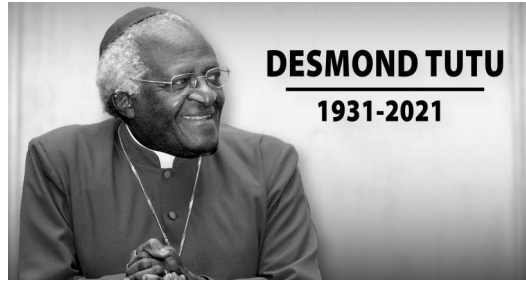
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“What does the Lord require of you but to pursue justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?” Allow me briefly to unpack each of these qualities in relation to our esteemed Archbishop.

Pursue justice

Desmond was not on some crusade of personal aggrandisement or egotism, though he often and disarmingly admitted that he loved to be loved, and what is wrong with that? Do we not all love to be loved? It is a human craving from the moment we are born. But no: Desmond's response to grave injustice came from the depths of his being and often in response to what he called 'the divine nudge'. Listen to what his favourite prophet, Jeremiah, wrote: "There is in my heart, as it were, a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot." (Jeremiah 20:9) That is how Desmond Tutu lived and ministered in a situation of systemic and often brutal injustice in his own beloved country. Nor did the fire in his breast die out in his years of retirement and old age, though he was thrilled with the coming of democracy in 1994. "Watch out, watch out, watch out!" he warned sternly when the new government stalled expediently in giving a visa to his friend and fellow Peace Laureate, the Dalai Lama, at the time of the Arch's 80th birthday celebration. He was not similarly turned down when he went to Dharamsala in India for the Dalai Lama's 80th birthday and, together, they produced a remarkable book called "The Book of Joy", which is a spiritual classic for our time and, indeed, for all time: a book crafted by deep and humorous conversation between a Buddhist and a Christian, and compiled beautifully by Douglas Abrams who is a Jew. There is a profound pursuit of a just order in this fine product, namely a religious just order amidst so much shameful intolerance in today's world. Those who have ears to hear, let them hear.

Love kindness

This was our 'Arch' at his very best. His was not a harsh, ideological quest for justice. Always it was grounded in mercy, in 'hesed' (to use the Hebrew word), in an enduring loving-kindness: the gentle touch, the forgiving heart, the warm smile – ah yes, the warm smile. Remember his fine book on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, that seminal body which he chaired; it was titled "No Future without Forgiveness". How could someone who had suffered so much hostility and disdain in his own country settle for such a conviction, such magnanimity? It was because all that he stood for and strove for was undergirded by a spirit of mercy towards everyone. Did you ever receive from him a phone call or a gift of flowers, a card, a handwritten letter or an email? When my wife of 57 years died on All Souls Day, 2016 he was on the phone to me, despite great physical frailty, to comfort me and to offer, as he would say, a little prayer from the heart. Desmond was quite at ease praying on the telephone with others. Actually, he prayed anywhere and everywhere, not only in churches and chapels. He so wanted to be at Dorrie's funeral and was truly pained that ill-health prevented him. The flowers, of course, arrived.

Walk humbly with your God

Here is the mystery of the interior pilgrimage of the soul. There were three Ps about our Archbishop; he was the prophet, the pastor and the pray-er. What many perhaps did not realise was that the prayer undergirded, guided and prompted all the rest. A daily Eucharist was his custom, regardless of the circumstances; I remember having one with him in Frankfurt airport when we waited for a connecting flight. It is utterly appropriate that his funeral service today is immersed in what we call a Requiem Eucharist, and it would be his wish that all of us be free to receive the sacred body and blood of Christ at it. Desmond was not only immersed in the liturgical prayer of the church; he was also up at four in the morning each day to pray – to meditate, to contemplate and to intercede. In his intercessory work, he would engage in what Leah called a Cook's Tour around the whole world.

In his prayer the world was his parish, and surely that was appropriate for a holder of the Nobel Peace Prize.



Exactly a year ago, a group from my former Diocese of Peterborough, committed to the task of reading the entire bible in a year. They completed the challenge this week! Aged between 15 and 88 and starting with different levels of knowledge and experience they shared their insights, (sometimes profound, sometimes shamelessly trivial and sometimes very funny!) and all found the experience personally transformational. Some realised how little they had previously understood and others suddenly made sense of what happens in a church and why. All were astounded by the love and mercy shown in the Old Testament as well as the new and all agreed that God's Chosen people were repeatedly shockingly awful but repeatedly redeemed by God's love so that we could all be saved.

I invite you to join me this year on a similar biblical pilgrimage and hope that you too will be inspired and blessed by the challenge.

Perhaps you have a fair knowledge of the New Testament but have always dodged the Old...

Perhaps you have sat through many church services but never really known what is going on ...

Perhaps you have studied many biblical books in-depth but never looked at the over-arching narrative

Perhaps you only know the old Sunday School stories and want to know more...

Perhaps you are intrigued by writing that has inspired so much beauty, debate and extraordinary behaviour...

Perhaps you are not at all religious but fancy an intellectual challenge

Or perhaps you are feeling a nudge from God to find out more...

Whoever you are, whatever you do or don't already know, a guided journey through the whole bible in the company of friends will change the way you see things. Over the next few days and weeks, I shall be sharing testimonials on the experience from members of the Peterborough group. I hope that their reflections will inspire you to join me in this pilgrimage.

It does not matter where you live in the Diocese as long as you have access to the internet. Each Sunday evening, I will post on a closed Facebook Group (or website) readings, videos and points to ponder for the coming week. I will also monitor a WhatsApp group so that readers can at any time chat, ask questions, discuss, moan about the awful bits and support each other through the challenge! No meetings, no masks and it can all be done at your own pace.

I'd love you to join me. To find out more email

Dean Sarah

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Please send your articles to the office or to the editor (jeshermag@gmail.com)

It may not be possible to include material which is received after this date!!!

An update on our Families Work

Christmas was a busy time for our families – we got involved in all sorts of things. What can you see us doing?



There were...

... Advent Wreaths at St Michael's Breinton (maybe we have some budding flower arrangers?)

... Eco-Christingles at Holy Trinity

... The Crib service and Nativity at St Nicholas'

... Sharing about our favourite Christmas morning presents with All Saints

... And in the New Year we learnt about Jesus' baptism (and our own!)

We are also delighted that, following interviews at the start of December, a Families Worker has been appointed. However we cannot announce the name of the successful candidate until all the paperwork is sorted so that piece of good news will just have to wait until the next issue of TeamTalk.

However, if you would like to support our new Families Worker in their role then you might like to consider giving to the project.

You can do this in the following ways:

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The newly appointed Families' Worker will...

Grow the relationships with our existing Church families, encouraging the children and their carers and supporting them if things are tough

Invest time and expertise into our family activities and services, to make them the best that they can be, and to build up new leaders for the families group

Provide parenting courses in partnership with a local school, to support families who are struggling by giving them the tools they need to succeed and flourish as a family

PROJECT LINUS".....A group of quilters have for many years made beautiful items for children in hospital or in difficult circumstances.

Mothers Union have been given a few to pass on to families (possibly refugees) who would benefit from something beautiful to keep for life. They cannot be sold or given to "anyone!"

Linus was the "Peanuts" character who carried a blanket around and this is what might exemplify the children in question. The quilts are truly lovely and if a home is not found for them I shall have to return them to the makers....please think of worthwhile homes for them!!

Andria Lewis..Mothers Union...357281



A BIT OF HISTORY AND STORY-TELLING....

Mothers Union has worked with the volunteer organisers at the county hospital for some years. - Making small toiletry bags with contents to provide washing items for emergency admissions and recently belongings bags for items belonging to the deceased.

Now we are requested to search our memories for photos with stories that can be used by young volunteers to stimulate conversation with inpatients - for example, royal visits, local landmarks or gifts of history that would make a good story.

Please contact me or the coordinator Anna Beckhouse if you can help.

Andria Lewis...01432 357281





St Nicholas' Mothers' Union

On St Nicholas' Day, 6 December, The Rt Revd Dr David Thomson led our prayers and Jean Thomson introduced us to Godly Play. I'm not the only one who found the whole afternoon amazing. Jean has accepted the invitation to bring another Godly Play story to our February meeting – so, if you missed Godly Play in December come and experience it for yourself.

In January we looked at some of the Mothers' Union Transformation – Now! material and we decided that we would 'Evolve Gently' rather than making sudden step changes to our programme and meetings. Of course, the pandemic has forced some changes over the last couple of years and we look forward to when we can host parish lunches again. Despite the pandemic we have continued to support our local and world-wide projects. During the summer we held various sales and since then we have kept a Sale Table in St Nicholas' Church. With the support of our congregations, we have donated money to The Mothers' Union Summer of Hope appeal, The Mothers' Union Christmas 2021 Appeal (all monies donated were doubled as part of Big Give). The Christmas Appeal helped to support women suffering from Gender-Based Violence across Africa (in Uganda, Kenya, and South Africa). Recently we have donated to the Team Family Worker Fund.

February Monday 7 2.30 pm MU Meeting St Nicholas' Church, a return of Godly Play!

Thursday 10 Midday Prayers, Cathedral

March Wednesday 2 Ash Wednesday

Friday 4 Woman's World Day of Prayer

Monday 7 2.30 pm MU meeting, St Nicholas' House

Thursday 10 Midday Prayers, Cathedral

Thursday 24 11.55 am Lady Day service at St Martin's Church, Hereford

Friday 25 Lady Day

Sunday 27 Mothering Sunday

April Mon 4 Trustees meeting, Conference Room or Zoom

Sun 10 Holy Week

Mon 11 2.30 MU meeting, St Nicholas'

Thurs 14 Maundy Thursday – Please join Chrism service, Cathedral

Fri 15 Good Friday

Sun 15 Easter Sunday

May Mon 2 No meeting

Thurs 12 Midday Prayers, Cathedral

June Mon 6 2.30 MU meeting, St Nicholas'

Wed 8 - Fri 10 Wave of Prayer

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

Thurs 9 Midday Prayers, Cathedral

Mon 20 Diocesan Council, Kimbolton



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

For more information phone the Team office on 01432 273086.

St. Nicholas' 50+ Club

December Winners 2021

1st Prize	£50	Jude Rogers
2nd Prize	£20	Russell Preece
3rd Prize	£11	Annette Hughes
Bonus Prize	£10	Neil Higginson

St. Nicholas' 50+ Club 2022: The money raised from the 50+ Club is divided equally between the draw prizes and funds for St. Nicholas' Church. It is a good way to raise money for the Church and you have a chance of winning a prize.

Enter St. Nicholas' 50+ Club Draws for 2022

The cost is £12 for a number in the 4 Draws for 2022. You can have as many numbers as you like. If you would like to enter, please give your money and details to Dave Pears or Julia Wright or send to the Team Office marked St. Nicholas' 50+Club 2022.

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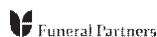
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St Nicholas' Notebook 1



The new
St.
Nicholas'
Church
in 1842

On Thursday 11th August 1842 the newly rebuilt church of St Nicholas was consecrated on a day which was 'exceedingly fine, the sun shining without intermission. ... The church is beautifully situated at the Friars, a very short distance from the site on which the old church stood, leading to the Barton, extending east to west from Victoria Street to Friars Street ... and contains 800 sittings, 350 of which are free' (Hereford Times). It is my intention that over the next 9 issues of Team Talk I will be able to tell the tales of a few of the community who lived in this part of Hereford and perhaps filled a few of these seats! If our editor can find room I'll also put in some more *Whitecross Chronicles* too, as there are still lots of stories to tell from there!

One family who attended that service in August was that of the Rector, John Hanbury MA, who had been appointed to both St John the Baptist in 1839 and St Nicholas' in 1840 and had overseen the rebuild of the new and the destruction of the old church building. John had married Sarah Bobart in April 1824 at St Peter's Oxford where his occupation is given as 'Clerk of St John the Baptist, Hereford'. In 1841 when the first countrywide census was taken John (42) and his family were living on Barton Road: Sarah (43), Frances Elizabeth (9) and John Capel (7). Two older children; Maria and George Bobart were staying with their Uncle George (45), ironmonger, and Aunt Elizabeth (30) in Bridgnorth. In the 1851 census we learn that John (52) is now living in Broomy Hill with his wife (55) and daughter Maria (25) and two house servants, Mary (30) and Eliza (16) Powell. Their daughter Frances Elizabeth had died in the previous year and Maria was to marry Edward Braithwaite Smith, curate of Gresford, Denbighshire, in 1856.

By 1859 John and Sarah, were living on Castle Street which is the address on his probate record. According to the report in the paper he had 'until an attack of paralysis last year ... been active and able' but this had 'laid him aside from his duties. He, however recovered from that attack, although his health was never thoroughly re-established. On Monday last we were informed, he was in the Crystal Palace, at Sydenham enjoying an inspection of the many wonders which it contains when he was suddenly seized with a second attack of paralysis which speedily proved fatal. The lamented deceased was in his 63rd year' (Hereford Times). There is a memorial to him in the church donated by his parishioners, 'as a small record of the great love borne him for his works' sake, and of the grace that rested upon him'. It was of course, such a young age to die and for the family I expect, a tragic end to a well planned, longed for, great day out.

The paper goes on to describe one of the consequences of such a sudden death: 'It has been determined to postpone the amateur concert, which would otherwise have been advertised this day, to take place on October 11th, to the earlier part of December. As the talented son of the deceased reverend gentleman is principal musical director, and a performer too at the proposed concert, the other gentlemen engaged have resolved to adopt this course ...'

So, who was the 'talented' son? Well in fact there were two sons gifted in different skills and I will do their story another time!

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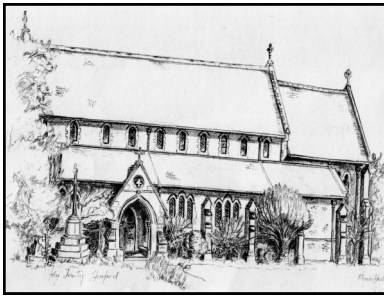
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FEBRUARY 2022



Getting ready for Easter. New Lent course for 2022!

Time to pray!

When it seems only yesterday that we were celebrating Christmas, its time to look forward. Ash Wednesday, which marks the start of Lent, is on 2nd March this year and we are already planning the Team Lent Course.

We have all been through a period of great uncertainty and as I write, although there are some reasons to feel optimistic, we seem to remain a long way from seeing the tailing off of measures required to ameliorate the effects of the Covid pandemic and any significant reduction in the numbers of people catching Covid.

It is not only the pandemic which gives rise to uncertainty. The pandemic itself has brought about significant challenges to our economy, individuals' finances and job security. On the international scene there has been and will continue to be tension between the superpowers flowing from the realignment of power structures at the global scale.

Within the Anglican communion and the Church of England significant debates are taking place on a variety of topics. During Advent a number of us took part in a really interesting course looking at 'Living in Love and Faith' a wealth of material published by the Church of England and intended to support debate on issues relating to human sexuality and marriage.

With this background of threats, changes and uncertainty it can be a source of great comfort to consider that each of us is a member of the vast Christian family which is manifest at the local level in the communities served by our Team churches.

Times of challenge and change can seem daunting and yet at such times opportunities can arise. There have been many examples over the last two years of the communities which comprise the Team coming closer together. Some of this positive change has been brought about by the sharing and use of technology. There have been many more opportunities to meet -although sometimes only 'virtually', people from other churches within the Team. There have been many pastoral opportunities to reach out to people who have a particular need or who have become isolated from many aspects of everyday life.

There is much to pray about!

In our Lent Course we will be looking at different aspects of prayer and different kinds of prayer. I wonder for example how many times you might pray each day without even thinking of what you have said, thought or done, as being prayer. Food for thought perhaps. It would be wonderful to join together to spend time looking at the subject of prayer. To consider what it is to pray, how to pray and to discover some of the examples of prayers which have been prayed over the centuries, through times of change and challenge.

The course is likely to be by Zoom but this will be kept under review until it happens!

Our plan is to 'meet' on Wednesday evenings at 7p.m. on 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th March. Please keep an eye open for further details in due course.

Chris Webb



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Saint of the Month: Janani Luwum



Janani Luwum was born in Uganda in 1922, and his ability meant that he rose quickly from being a goatherd as a youth to teaching and then ordination. He became Bishop of Northern Uganda in 1969 and Archbishop of Uganda in 1974.

Idi Amin was by then in power in Uganda and was criticised by the bishops for the deadly violence of his regime. Shortly afterwards Janani and two of Amin's own government ministers were arrested and then found dead "following a car accident", but it soon emerged that they had in fact died on the implicit instructions of the President, possibly even at his own hands.

The story of Thomas Becket comes to mind, and Janani's death on 17th February 1977 is now commemorated as that of a martyr, and his statue stands alongside those of other modern martyrs on the facade of Westminster Abbey.



Something for the Mother's Union project.

When I was little my mother always bought bread from Bill the Baker who came to our door carrying bread and cakes in a large basket like this one.

He came twice a week and I was allowed to choose a cake to eat as my pudding that day. My favourite cakes were little curd tarts. They were a bit like jam tarts but they had a filling made from sweetened curd cheese and raisins.

I haven't seen any for sometime now. Does anyone recognise them?

Perhaps this might help someone remember a similar experience.

Jenny Sherfield



The Whitecross Chronicles No: 8

This episode of the *Chronicles* is about another woman connected to Holy Trinity who carved out a life for herself, this time I think working as a Sub Postmistress: Kate Elizabeth Earp. In Norman Owen's book on Holy Trinity there are three Miss Earps who are pictured in the photograph taken between January 8th 1907 and 1908. Mrs Earp (Anne) at the Post Office was one of the contacts given for procuring tickets for 'A Grand Concert' in December 1898 and for the choir outing in 1900, Mr Earp, her husband, 'provided an ample and good supply of provisions'. In the 1901 census the family are living at 58 & 59 Whitecross Street which is a Sub Post Office with Anne (61) and Charles (57) a 'Grocer Shopkeeper'. Their three daughters are Kate (27) and Eveline (25) 'Grocer's assistants' and Jessie (22) is a 'Post Office Clerk.'

Several years before, in 1881 Charles Earp (37) is living at 59 Whitecross Street; a 'Provision Dealer & Co.' Charles advertises his business in the Hereford Alphabetical Directory as '*Charles Earp grocer, tea dealer and provision merchant, post office, agent for antibilious, castor oil, rhubarb, stomach, dandelion and herbal pills Gloucester Place, 59, Whitecross St.*' Ten years later in 1891, Charles is now an established 'Grocer' and Kate (18) and Evelyn (15) are 'Grocer's Assistants' and Jessie (12) is still a 'scholar'.

I wonder where 58 & 59 Whitecross Street is? In Kelly's Directory of 1895 the P.O. was between Guildford Street and Whitehorse Street where there was a row of shops including two butchers, a tailor and a boot maker. It seems to me to be a typical sub post office selling grocery provisions along with the income from the postal trade; a combination which interestingly has lasted right up to the present day.

In 1911 they are still at 58 & 59 Whitecross St. where Charles (67) says he is 'Grocer and Sub Postmaster' and Kate and Evelyn are 'Assistants in shop'. Later that year in July, his wife, Anne (71) dies and Charles (68) dies in February the following year. This must have been a traumatic time for the three daughters but Kate takes over the business.

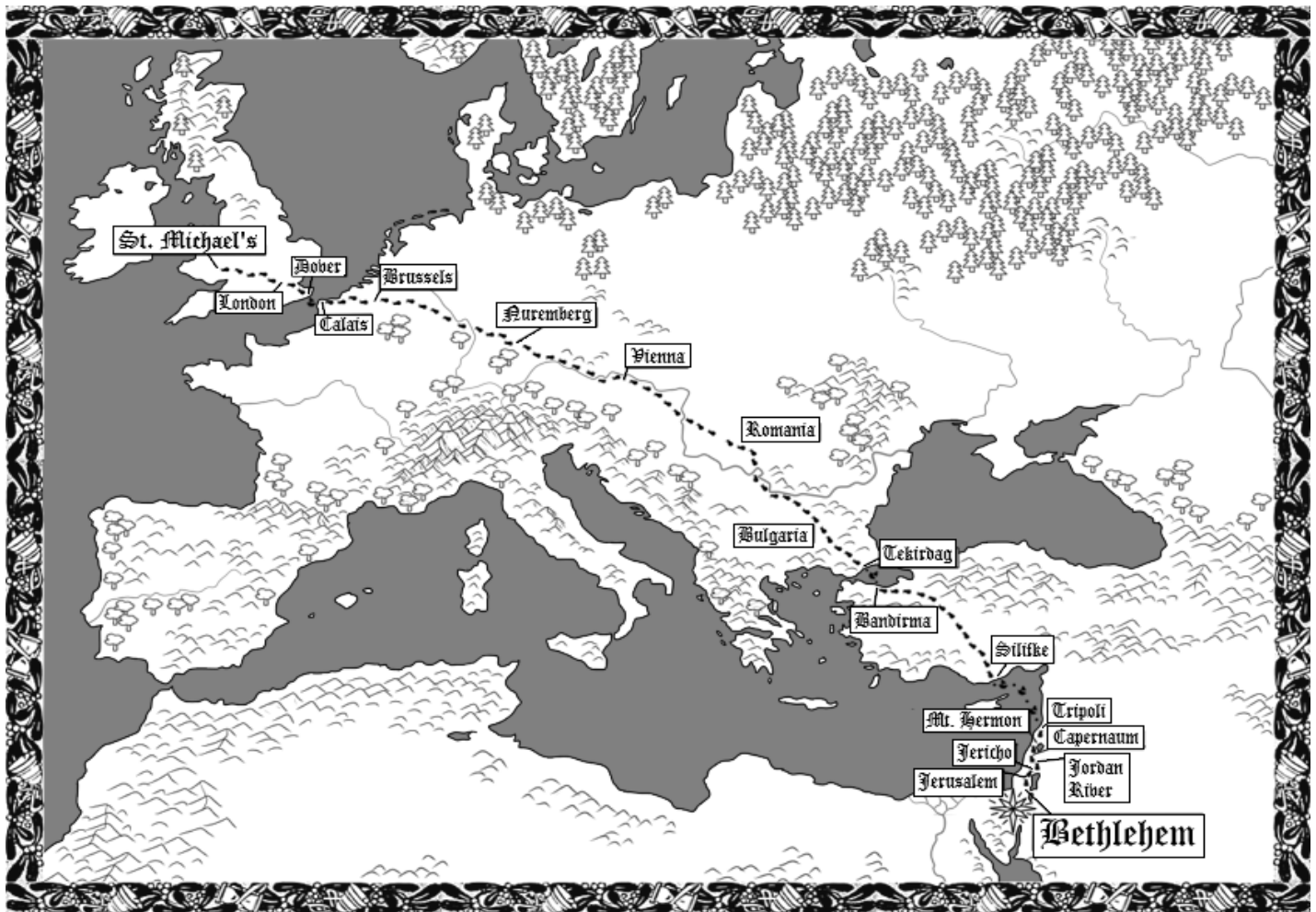
On the Post Office history website we learn that '*For much of its early existence, the Post Office in Britain was not a welcoming place for women workers. For a long time, the institution resisted employing women, and when it did so (beginning in 1868), the Post Office initially hired women for lower pay and less desirable positions than men..... Some critics at the time believed that the Post Office was a poor occupational choice for "respectable," single women. For instance, on August 24, 1859, the Morning Chronicle derided the Post Office's employment of women as "a notorious and cancerous evil in our social system." The newspaper lamented the fact that "so large a number of respectable and well to do young women...apply for not very tempting employment."*'

I think it is fair to say that daughters working from a shop which was also home probably didn't have much choice as to their occupation but it did mean that if they wanted to be independent as Kate seems to have been, then it was a secure living for her when she finally took over from her father. She is listed in the Kelly's 1913 and 1917 Directory as having a Grocers and Post office at 59 Whitecross Street and she is listed in the Civil Registration Death Index as dying age 59 in 1932.

Thank goodness women are 'respectfully' employed nowadays!

Jean Thomson

BREINTON'S SPECIAL PILGRIMAGE 2021



The Walk to Bethlehem.

Members, friends and families of Breinton Church decided to walk to Bethlehem during Advent—in time for Christmas.

The total number of steps logged thus far is 3,301,382, about 1,600 miles which is a little over half way. It means that we reached Bulgaria.

Unfortunately we needed to do 6,000,000 steps. Getting over half way was a great achievement. Can we blame covid restrictions at Border controls for our failure to achieve our goal??? I think not!!

Total money raised so far is £120....perhaps there is more to come??



Bethlehem, the Church of the Nativity

I would like to thank everyone who took part and made the effort to try and achieve our goal. Perhaps we will do it again next year or find a different destination at a different time of year.

Thank you too Jo and Grahame for your help.

Ann Powell.

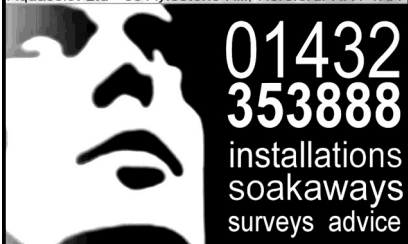


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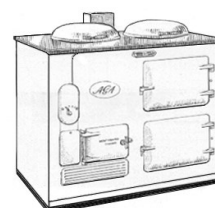
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Our 5 year Families Worker project will aim to encourage whole life discipleship in families, through focussed activities, the sacraments and pastoral care. With focused leadership we hope to be able to develop this investment in the future generations of the Church.

Taking seriously the dismissal of our services, 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord', the Families Worker will also work with local families in need of extra support, referred through Whitecross School, to encourage family life that allows the whole family to flourish.

If you would like, and are able, to contribute, please fill in the form below and return it to The Team Office, Vowles Close, HR40DF. Or email it to office@westherefordteam.org.uk. You can begin to contribute at any point from now, but this form will give us an idea of the contributions we can expect in the future if you are not able to begin the donation at the present time.

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

Thank you!



Another Year in the Church

The new Christian year started on Advent Sunday. All Saints like many churches lit the first candle of the Advent wreath and remembered the patriarchs who started our journey of faith thousands of years ago.

Our crib also appeared in the church, with the Wise Men far away over the café and no baby in the manger. It is wonderful how many children remember the crib and want to see it several times as the story unfolds.

This year, the new covid variant meant that our celebrations were curtailed. Few schools were able to come and sing, Scudamore Academy had to cancel their carol singing in the playground and the Nativity Trail was cancelled. Nevertheless the carol services at St Nicholas' and Holy Trinity went ahead. The singing was as enthusiastic as ever but we missed the convivial refreshments.

On Boxing Day mince pies had vanished from the shops but Easter bunnies and eggs were in plentiful supply! Unfortunately the new Church Lectionary observed Epiphany on 2nd January allowing only 8 days of Christmas instead of the traditional 12.

At All Saints we were able to observe the Epiphany at the Thursday Mass. Now we are left in happy celebration of the Incarnation, which altered the course of history forever. The crib will remain until Candlemass and this year there is a reasonable gap before we turn our thoughts to the Cross.

Kalyani Menon

Thoughts on February.

On the 14th....

and on Spring.

Do you carrot all for me?
My heart beets for you ,
With your turnip nose
And your radish face.
You are a peach.
If we cantaloupe ,
Lettuce marry.
Weed make a swell pear.



Over the land freckled with snow half-thawed

The speculating rooks at their nests cawed

And saw from elm-tops, delicate as flowers of grass

What we below could not see, Winter pass.

Edward Thomas



Eden Rock

They are waiting for me somewhere beyond Eden Rock:

My father, twenty-five, in the same suit
Of genuine Irish Tweed, his terrier Jack
Still two years old and trembling at his feet.

My mother, twenty-three, in a sprigged dress
Drawn at the waist, ribbon in her straw hat,
Has spread the stiff white cloth over the grass.
Her hair, the colour of wheat, takes on the light.

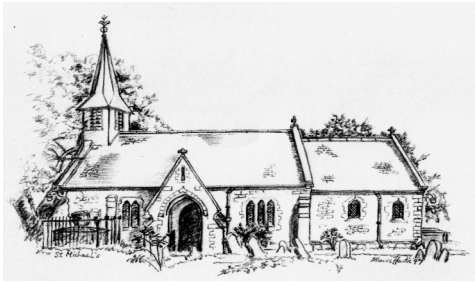
She pours tea from a Thermos, the milk straight
From an old H.P. Sauce bottle, a screw
Of paper for a cork; slowly sets out
The same three plates, the tin cups painted blue.

The sky whitens as if lit by three suns.
My mother shades her eyes and looks my way
Over the drifted stream. My father spins
A stone along the water. Leisurely,

They beckon to me from the other bank.
I hear them call, 'See where the stream-path is!
Crossing is not as hard as you might think.'

I had not thought that it would be like this.

Charles Causley



ST MICHAEL'S BREINTON

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

Social distancing and hand sanitising are standard.

MRS TRUDY BROOKES

We were all so saddened to hear the news that our beloved Trudy had passed away on December 19th peacefully in her sleep.

Trudy was such a lovely genuine lady with that wonderful welcoming smile and a great sense of humour. She devoted so many years to St. Michael's and also to St. Nicholas' Church when living on Broomy Hill .

As well as being our beloved organist she served on the P.C.C. for many years, hosted Lent Lunches , collected bottles and manned the bottle stall at the Fete

At Christmas time she played for all 4 services Carol Service, Crib , Midnight Mass and Christmas Day! This on top of weddings and funerals throughout the year. She did this until well into her eighties . Trudy not only played in church but regularly accompanied Rob to the local Nursing Homes where she played while Rob conducted services for the residents.

Within the community she was a great supporter of the Lunch Club and the Village Hall. She was also secretary of the Thursday Club and a member of the W.I.

We are all so fortunate to have known her ,and our lives have been enriched by her, presence in our community. She was a truly Christian lady and an example to us all. We shall miss her dearly .

Rest in Peace Trudy dear God Bless you and Thank you from us all.



Breinton Village Hall



Restrictions during the Pandemic are gradually being lifted and the Hall has been following the Government's published road map for relaxation of Covid restrictions.

Current regular Users who have confirmed use of the Hall from 17th May include:

Parish Council	Every 2 nd or 3 rd Wednesday evening of the month	Contact: Emily Godsall 07501 293 457 clerk@breintonparish.co.uk
Morris Dancing	Thursday evenings 7.30-9 pm	
Nordic Walking	Friday mornings 9.30 am	Contact: Louise Evans 07815 315 503

Other users who restarted their Groups from September include:

Breinton History Group	Every 2 nd Thursday evening of the month 7.30 pm	Contact: Ann Powell 01432 266 432
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Travel notes

I am sure you know my work, if not my name. I am one of those anonymous jobbing travel writers who produce the standard pieces which allow you to decide which pretty place to fly off to, and experience sea, sun, sand and not much else. Sadly, you are not looking for adventure, but more interested in the standard of accommodation, the food, and the night life. I am grateful. It does pay well and allows my family to have a comfortable lifestyle. The adventurous bits tend to occur 'off piste', so to speak.

On the final day experiencing a skiing package holiday I was to promote, I took advantage of all the included perks, downed seven glasses of Schnapps, stealing myself for the ordeal or adventure to come. I had entered for the end of the week race. Now nearing the start line, my heart thumping, my brain befuddled by the unaccustomed Schnapps, there was no one ahead of me it was do or die. Recklessly I threw myself down the mountainside the words 'Patrick from Ireland' ringing in my ears, the first gates loomed. As I whizzed through them, I could not believe my luck. At the same time desperately trying to keep my balance. The second gate, somehow or other I was in the right position to sail through, elated, exhilarated, euphoric. I was on cloud nine, my whole body at one with the snow-packed surface of the run. Moguls and shalom gates posed no threat as I continued to streak downwards hurtling myself over the finishing line, collapsed as the tannoy announced, 'Patrick from Ireland. ---One minute forty-nine seconds' Good or bad, I did not care, I had done it. Even on a package holiday one can risk life and limb, is that not a definition of an adventure?

Thought! "I forgot to stick my pin in the map". I pierce Guyana in S. America. A small narrow country, the land mostly forested over the higher ground it stretches from Brazil in the south, incorporating part of the Guiana Highlands, falls to a plain where the main export sugar cane grows and Georgetown the capital lies. The strip is bisected by the Essequibo River a tributary is the Potaro river. I have seen it from the air when I visited the Kaieteur Falls. There the Potaro river glides almost imperceptibly along to a sandstone ledge and plunges a dramatic 741feet. Magnificent.

I arrived that morning from Tobago, to stay with Malcolm an old school friend working on the Georgetown flood protection project. As instructed, I took a taxi to the sugar plantation where Malcolm was billeted. There a local woman, greeted me, and said lunch was ready. Very thoughtful and unexpected. Equally unexpected the dessert was served first.

The next day we joined Malcolm's colleagues for a day's sailing on the Potaro river. Neither Malcolm nor I were experienced sailors but we assumed those with boats knew what they were doing. Our little flotilla set off, sailing happily up stream, with a good wind behind us. Enjoying the good pace, cooling breeze, the sun, bird song and the gentle if monotonous scenery. We passed sugar cane plantations after plantation. And so, we idled away the day until the sun began to sink and it was time to head for home. No-one had known that the river was tidal and to sail against the tide was at least at our level of experience impossible, nor could we get ourselves to the bank again the current was just too strong for us even to paddle. We were getting really worried when a man with a in a dug-out canoe saw we were in difficulty and came to our aid, produced a rope, and tied together proceeded to tow us to the bank. Where we managed to drag the boat ashore and our saviour went back to tow the other boat. He sat on the prow of his canoe with one paddle dipping and pulling on alternate sides. It was only then we noticed our rescuer had no legs. Was he exceptionally strong or did he just paddle properly? We will never know.

Finally, why was the dessert served first? An old Guyanese custom. No, Malcolm liked desserts but often had no room for them after the main course, so he limited his main course to what room he had left after dessert. A practical solution .

Pat Grieves, a writer who writes for enjoyment .

(Pat previously organised the Lunch Club at the Village Hall for us.)



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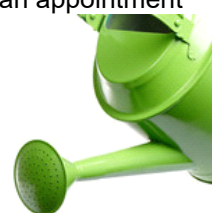
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*TWAM's mission is to collect unwanted tools, refurbish
them, sort them into trade kits and send them across the
world for livelihood creation. We send around 20 containers
filled with over 300 tonnes of tools every year. We want to
support local people supporting their own communities
through livelihood creating projects. We believe there is
dignity through work and the ability to provide for yourself
and your family. We believe entire communities can
be transformed through training and the provision of tool
kits and equipment.*

*Please contact, Cat Whiteaway, via catherinew@twam.uk or
call 01473 210220 if you have any questions or would like
me to collect any local donations you might have for TWAM*

VACANCY – Voluntary Advertising Co-Ordinator

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

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

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

BREINTON CHARITIES – A WAY FORWARD

The Breinton Charities is a small charitable trust established a long time ago to make donations to those in need in Breinton Parish and to help young people of the parish with the development of their education or training.

For some time now, the trust has found it difficult to distribute what little funds it has in a meaningful way, following the aims of the trust.

Recently it has been in discussion with the Hereford Community Land Trust about the possibility of developing a small area of land that would benefit the local community. This may include the building of housing that meets local needs, ideally built to passivhaus standards, land for a community farm, and/or other land uses desired by and accessible to parish residents. Any plan would, as far as possible, meet the local community's approval through involving them in the design of the overall scheme.

The first step on this journey is to ask the people of Breinton Parish to complete a new Housing Needs Survey, and hopefully this will happen in the next few months.

If anyone wishes to help explore uses for the land which the Breinton Charities own please contact

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THE DIZZYING HEIGHTS OF PRAY- ER.

I recently climbed the Cathedral tower with a group of church leaders from across Hereford. At the top, we looked out across our beautiful city, and prayed in turn, for each side of our city (North, South, East, West), and then joined together in singing a worship song. I'm told we sang so loudly you could hear us from the Cathedral entrance, but it wasn't the collective voice of a group of church leaders blaring out that struck me that lunchtime. Once I got past the distraction of the freezing cold wind, I was struck by how a group, all ministering in slightly different contexts, church traditions and theologies were able to come together, and pray as a single collective for our city, before dispersing once more (after some welcome hospitality from our Dean!) to return to our respective churches, and continue with our ministries.

Firstly, I was reminded of the importance of stopping. Laying down the tasks ahead of us and basking in God's presence – enjoying the beauty of His creation, resting a little, and sharing times of fellowship, before picking back up those tasks before us, and continuing with our day.

Secondly, I was reminded of the importance of community. In coming together, we were able to pray for our whole city, bringing before God the needs of our local community, and the issues we face. If we were just praying on our own, we would have just prayed for our own small parts of the city, whereas in praying together, we could share the joys and the sorrows faced in other parts of our wider community with each other, as well as with God.

As we move into what feels like yet another rise in COVID cases, many of us are feeling the need to be more cautious with our in-person interactions, on the advice of the leaders of our nation. My prayer is that in this time of uncertainty, and reduced 'real-life' meeting, and especially for those who have returned to working from home, that we might remember to rest. To stop, lean on God, rest a little, and then continue with our day, refreshed by His healing spirit. And also that we continue to remain committed to one another. It's all too easy to lose touch with our community if we aren't present. So my prayer is that we will each remember to pick up the phone, or embrace those chance encounters in the street, and check in with one another. In one such chance encounter on Friars Street this week, somebody shared the following passage from Ecclesiastes 4.9-12 with me, and it sums up the sentiment far better than I can!

'Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.'

The Reverend Lois Beynon

Sunday Services in February 2022

	All Saints	St Michael's	Holy Trinity	St Nicholas'
6th February: <i>Fourth Sunday before Lent</i>	9.30am Mass@All Saints	9.30am Parish Eucharist	11.00am Morning Prayer	11.00am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
13th February: <i>Third Sunday before Lent</i>	9.30am Parish Mass	9.30am Parish Eucharist	11.00am Parish Eucharist	11.00am Contemporary Morning Prayer 6.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
20th February: <i>Second Sunday before Lent</i>	9.30am Parish Mass	9.30am Morning Prayer	9.30am Parish Eucharist	11.00am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
27th February: <i>Sunday next before Lent</i>	9.30am Parish Mass	9.30am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Parish Eucharist	11.00am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Week-Day Services in February 2022

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

Online Team Services in February 2022 (email the office for details and link:

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Sunday	9.30am Morning Prayer 6.30pm Evening Prayer
Monday - Friday	8.30am Morning Prayer

Ash Wednesday: 2nd March

All Saints	12.10pm Said Mass with ashing
St Nicholas'	7.30pm Team Eucharist with ashing

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