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May their lives be long and happy.

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17th April 2022

Holy Trinity Church
Eve Kathleen Louise

1st May 2022

Holy Trinity Church
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Weddings

*May their
lives together be long and happy.*

Funerals

*Please remember the departed their
family and friends in your prayers*

14th April 2022

Hereford Crematorium
Adrian Newman (41)

27th April 2022

Hereford Crematorium
Norman James (62)

6th May 2022

St Michael's Church Breinton
Margaret Griffiths (88)

10th May 2022

Hereford Crematorium Chapel
Christine Durham (82)

10th May 2022

Hereford Crematorium
Paul Bitmead (79)

Funerals

*Please remember the departed their family and
friends in your prayers*

If you have been paying any kind of attention to the news (or the parish notices!) then you will know that on the first weekend in June we have an extended bank holiday (Thursday AND Friday) to mark the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen, celebrating her 70 years on the throne. For most of us, she will be the only British Monarch that we have ever known or the only one that we remember. For some, I know that there will be memories of huddling around TV screens in neighbour's living rooms, or in shop windows, of street parties and radio broadcasts. For others we might recall the Diamond or Golden jubilees. There's no doubt that, whatever you might think of the monarchy in general, Her Majesty's long service commands respect. In the last couple of years, we have seen the weight of her position sit more heavily on her shoulders; particularly with the twin strains of national unrest - in politics, the economy and of course the pandemic - and her increasingly fragile health. As a result she has withdrawn a little from public life, although the technological marvels of the digital age have allowed her a whole new way of interacting with her subjects.

There are a whole host of celebrations planned for the Jubilee weekend - some of them recall historic celebrations with street parties, beacons and parades, and others have a more modern twist with a national Platinum Pudding competition, Crown making competitions on social media and the Queen's Green Canopy initiative (driven by the re-discovered awareness of the importance of nature and biodiversity). We have our own celebrations planned in Breinton Village (you can find more details in the Magazine) and it would be lovely to see you at some of these events - building up our little community, which is one of so many that Her Majesty has faithfully served.

Alongside the Jubilee, that first weekend in June is special for another reason. On Sunday, the Church celebrates the Feast of Pentecost (or Whitsun). This is sometimes called 'the birthday of the church' as it marks the day when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples as they huddled fearfully in an upstairs room, and inspired them to go down into the street and proclaim the message of Jesus Christ to the crowds gathered there. Not only were they able to overcome their fears, but they found themselves speaking in all kinds of foreign languages so that everyone could understand them. In their gabbling exuberance many thought they were drunk! But nonetheless that day, so the Bible tells us, some three thousand people were baptised. As an anniversary milestone it marks more like 2000 years than 70!

Her Majesty has often spoken of her faith - particularly in recent years. In 1947 she spoke of dedicating her life to service and ended it by saying "God help me to make good my vow" (Guardian, 24th Dec 2017). In 2000 she reflected that "I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example."

As we mark both the Platinum Jubilee and Pentecost, we might wonder what connects these two distant events. In both events, I see God as an anchor in people's lives - a source of strength for those who feel weak or overwhelmed. Whether that is the brilliant emergence of the frightened disciples from their upper room refuge, with their miraculous gifts for language and communication, or the steadfast service of Her Majesty, they both remind us of the strength that can come from faith. And, as Lois looks forward to being ordained a priest next month, she too will be reminded of her reliance on God - saying in response to the Bishop's questions:

'With the help of God I will.'



Rev'd Jo Jennings

Price's Chapel.

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

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

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

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

Stuart Vince, Reader

CHATT

Have a cup of tea and a break.

There's good company and cake.

Every month there are sandwiches, cakes, tea and company in Holy Trinity Church for anyone who would like to come. It is very informal and just lets anyone who pops in enjoy conversation and fellowship for an afternoon. It starts at 2.30 and we put the tea pot away at 4.30. We welcome anyone from across all 4 parishes – whether you worship with us or not. The dates for the first part of this year are:-

Tuesday 7th June

Wednesday 6th July

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As I write this we are preparing to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Whatever your view about having a hereditary monarch from a historical point of view most of us alive today will not see such a long serving monarch again in our lifetime. This truly is therefore a once in a lifetime event and may never take place again. Queen Elizabeth the Second came to the throne 70 years ago she has already reigned longer than Queen Victoria who reigned for 63 years and 7 months and King George III who reigned for 59 years and 96 days. This is a significant historical event and it should be marked with appropriate national celebration. Some of you reading this may have met the Queen and have very clear memories of that moment and the impact it made. The jubilee coincides with Pentecost and the 'Thy Kingdom Come' global wave of prayer organised by the church and it strikes me this is entirely appropriate given that the Queen has such a strong personal faith. As she herself has said on many occasions, it is her personal faith that guides her actions and her life.



"To many of us our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example." (Christmas message, 2000)

Whilst it is easy to complain or write off royalty as an historic anachronism, which has no place in, the 21st Century we are fortunate in our nation to have a Queen who has publicly stated her belief in Jesus and takes seriously her role as head of the Church of England. She recognises as so many of us have that there is a better way to live our lives and that trust in Jesus is at the heart of that life. It does not matter who we are or what our circumstances God does not judge by our race, gender, age or many other things we use as humans to divide and discriminate he judges the heart. When Samuel was called to anoint a new King over Israel, he had to learn the same lesson that God did not choose the obvious candidates.

"When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.'"

1 Samuel 16:6-7

The challenge for us is to ask ourselves what guides our lives and shapes who we are? Do we simply live for ourselves or do we recognise that there is a better way of living that God has provided for us through the death and resurrection of his Son Jesus Christ. The offer to live God's way is constantly available to us but we must choose it. As the writer of the book of Revelation says Jesus stands at the door of our lives and longs for us to let him in.

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me."

Revelation 3:20

Whatever our view of the Queen as an earthly monarch as Christians we believe in a King and a Kingdom which is everlasting and without end. Our service and allegiance is not to the United Kingdom but to God's Kingdom something our Queen understands and acknowledges. We can and should celebrate the Queen's 70 years of service to our nation shaped by her faith, calling and determination to serve God. We should also remember as Paul taught Timothy to pray for her and our nation's leaders but remember too that the faith she so often speaks about is available to all of us too.

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings, queens and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus."

1 Timothy 2:1-5

The Ven Derek Chedzey Archdeacon of Hereford



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(rearranged date)

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Congratulations to our April Winners!

1 st Prize	£50	James Tompkins
2 nd Prize	£25	Angela Symonds
3 rd Prize	£12	Gemma Hotchkiss

Living in Love and Faith

If you have taken part in a Church of England project Living in Love and Faith group or looked at any of the material that has been published as part of it, could we ask you to complete a questionnaire that has been issued nationally? You can find the questionnaire on the Church of England website. Select resources and then Living in Love and Faith.

Stuart Vince

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PRAYER is one of the foundation stones of our life together in the West Hereford Team. As well as the Sunday services we have regular midweek prayers and services, and pray daily for many individuals who have let us know their needs, as well as for the needs of the world. Here are some famous prayers.

Christ be with me,

Christ within me,
Christ behind me,
Christ before me,
Christ beside me,
Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort
and restore me.
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ in quiet,
Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of
all that love me,
Christ in mouth of
friend and stranger.

From St Patrick's Breastplate

Christ has no body now on earth but yours,

no hands but yours,
no feet but yours;
yours are the eyes through which he is to look
with compassion on the world;
yours are the feet with which he is to go about
doing good;
and yours the hands with which he is
to bless us now.

St Teresa of Avila

God be in my Head,

and in my Understanding.
God be in my Eyes,
and in my Looking.
God be in my Heart,
and in my Thinking.
God be in my Hands,
and in my Serving.
God be at my End,
and at my Departing.

From a Book of Hours 1514

God grant me the

SERENITY

to accept the things I cannot change,

COURAGE

to change the things I can, and

WISDOM

to know the difference.

Reinhold Neibuhr

O Lord,

support us all the day long of this troublous life,
until the shadows lengthen and the evening
comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then, Lord, in your mercy
grant us safe lodging, a holy rest,
and peace at the last,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
after Cardinal John Henry Newman

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon:
Where there is doubt, faith:
Where there is darkness, light:
Where there is despair, hope,
And where there is sadness, joy.
Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And in dying that we are born to eternal life.
St Francis of Assisi

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after Cardinal John Henry Newman

Teach us, good Lord, to serve thee as thou de-
servest; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and
not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for
rest; to labour and to ask for no reward save that of
knowing that we do thy will, through Jesus Christ our
Lord.

St Ignatius Loyola

Thanks be to Thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,

For all the benefits
Which Thou hast won for me;
For all the pains and insults
Which Thou hast borne for me.
O Most Merciful Redeemer,
Friend and Brother;
May I know Thee more clearly, love Thee more dear-
ly, and follow Thee more nearly,
Day by day.
St Richard of Chichester

Where there is hatred, let me sow love:

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St Francis of Assisi

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If you asked me twelve years ago when my husband and I became first-time parents how I wanted to raise my child (and surprisingly subsequent tribe of humans), I would have naively answered WAY too quickly, "To love and serve the LORD!" I knew I wanted to raise my child in faith, but didn't have a clue of how that looked in reality. Genuinely, I thought if I had a handful of snacks it would be smooth sailing on this mothership to spiritual riches.

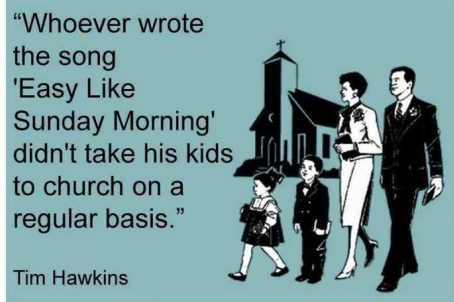
Well, fast forward and yikes.....how I've been humbled. That's not to say my little humans aren't genuinely kind and loving people, but getting them to church sometimes is akin to, well, dragging.

Then bribing. Then insisting.

And then....putting the maternal foot DOWN.

(footnote.....they now ALL ignore the maternal foot being put down).

There are times when the Holy Spirit gently guides me, but lately it's in the manifestation of a toddler melting down while also creating destruction in our holy place, or even my oldest stumbling over the First Reading in Acts during a service and innocently pronouncing 'gentiles' as a more inappropriate term. I **should** joyfully embrace these realities as a return to the 'norm' after the past few years of, well, weird. But I don't.... I guiltily feel embarrassed.



As a certain point, a mother or parent must embrace the beautiful unexpected in our children, because it's not in the "perfect version" that one feels God's love; it's in the messy blemishes that we can truly rejoice in faith together. Because, as our gospels during Eastertide have reminded us all, the disciples were flawed and troubled, but also faithful. Ultimately, how can we expect our children to be flawless in the presence of the Lord when He loves us despite our imperfections? He loves us beyond the unexpected nappy explosion (please see the plea for changing table below) or mispronunciation of difficult readings. The path to heaven is not paved with crushed cheerios beneath our bare feet.

So, beautiful and imperfect friends, know that your struggles getting to Sunday worship are felt. You are welcome here and God blesses you.

FROM GENEVIEVE

June events...

Sunday 5th June - Free event at the Whitfield Estate
Noon until 5pm

Platinum Jubilee Fete (whitfield-hereford.com)

****No 4pm Families Activities***

Tuesday 7th June - 9.30 until 11.30am board games and food at Life and Soul Kitchen

Wednesday 8th June - Ice-cream and children's walk in and through Rowlestone Dairy Farm 1.30 until 3.30pm
[Rowlestone Court I Luxury Dairy Ice Cream I Campsite \(rowlestoneicecream.co.uk\)](http://rowlestoneicecream.co.uk)

Saturday 11th June - NEW!!!! Youth Group 6-8pm Holy Trinity

Pizza, soda, games and prayer

For those entering Year 6 or already in high school

****Please register your child/children on our website****

Sunday 12th June - 4pm Active Church Breinton

Saturday 18th June - PrideFest (check our website for updated information)

Sunday 19th June - Father's Day **no 4pm Family Activities**

Sunday 26th June - 4pm Lego Church at Holy Trinity
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 - DONATION: Changing table & mat for St. Nicholas Church
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2022 Theme: Transformation – Now!

During Covid-19 Hereford County Hospital did not take any of our famous washbags. Herefordshire Council set up Hereford Homeless Hub and they welcomed having a box of our bags to give to their new clients. When Hereford Night Shelter 2021, opened we supplied washbags for their new arrivals. We have also given a supply to St Lawrence County Primary school, in Church Stretton, as part of their welcoming children from their local refuge.

Hereford County Hospital have requested bags from us again, but our store of items to go in the bags is low, and we now need donations of **toothpaste, toothbrushes, unscented simple soaps, flannels, combs, small packets of tissues, and deodorants**. It is expected that we will be supplying about 15 to 25 bags a month. Thank you.

My sewing machine has come out of retirement – it only went in March when I had family staying and needed the bedroom space, if you have any cotton or polycotton fabric that you have never quite got round to using I will gladly take it off your hands to turn into bags or you might like to make some for us, I tend to start with a piece of fabric about 13" x 18", which I fold in half to give 13" x 9" and make a French seam, (this ends up at the centre back), I flatten the created 13" long tube and put an inside-out French seam at the bottom to create a bag before hemming the top for the drawstring.

June

Mon 6 2.30 MU meeting, St Nicholas' House or Church

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

July

Mon 4 2.30 MU meeting

Thurs 14 Midday Prayers, Cathedral

August

Mon 1 No meeting of St Nicholas' Branch

Tues 9 Mary Sumner Day Service, Bishops Castle

Thurs 11 2.30 pm Mary Sumner Day Service, Ross on Wye

September

Mon 5 2.30 AGM & Eucharist, St Nicholas' Church

Thurs 8 Midday Prayers, Cathedral

Mon 19 Trustee Meeting, Conference Room Hereford



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





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

Would you like some company during the week?

Would you appreciate a short (25 minutes approximately),
gentle service of Communion, followed by
a chance to meet people over coffee?

The Thursday service at 10am might be for you.

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.

TEAM SERVICE

SUNDAY June 5th

St Michael's Breinton 10am

Celebratory cake and drinks afterwards



St Nicholas' Notebook 5



We're celebrating the Platinum Jubilee this month so I've looked out for a story with a coronation connection. Are you sitting comfortably? Then I'll begin.

A plaque in St Nicholas' Church remembers John Reginald Symonds who died in 1924, a solicitor and three times Mayor of Hereford. He is described by William Collins in his 'History of Hereford' (1912) as being on the Council for nearly 25 years, *'His courage, his grasp of public problems, and mental capacity to see their true inwardness, his unsparing devotion to public duties, calls for our interest and sometimes our astonishment. He is regarded as a representative not of a party or clique, but of the combined council.'* He lived through the death of Victoria in January 1901 and the eventual coronation of Edward VII in August 1902.

Symonds was elected as The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Hereford for the first time in November 1892 and took up office in 1893. Local councils were required by the Public Health Act of 1875 to have a facility for controlling the spread of infectious diseases. John must have been present for the opening of the new Infection Hospital erected on Gorsty Lane, Tupsley. Originally the council had provided tents for patients but *'in 1893 these were replaced by a pre-fabricated iron hospital with 12 beds..... The Isolation Hospital as the name suggests, was used for patients with contagious illnesses'* (Herefordshire Through Time website).

John was elected Mayor again in 1901 for 1902 (and again for 1903). Queen Victoria had died on 22nd January 1901 at Osborne and her funeral was on Saturday February 2nd in Windsor, with a memorial service held at the same time in Hereford Cathedral with shops and markets closed. The proclamation for the new king Edward VII took place on 25th January at 12 noon in High Town. Alderman John Reginald Symonds would have taken part in these occasions ending with a loyal toast at the Guildhall with all the civic leaders on the 25th.

An important and unexpected occasion for John was the visit in May 1902 of HRH Beatrice, Princess Henry of Battenberg (Queen Victoria's youngest daughter), who unveiled a memorial window to Queen Victoria in the Cathedral, decorated heroes of the South African War and laid a foundation stone for a new Town Hall, *'The princess drove in an open carriage from Holme Lacy, where she had stayed with Lord and Lady Chesterfield. She had an escort of Household Cavalry, brought by train from London for the occasion. The untimely death of the Mayor, Alderman Bosley, on the evening before her visit, cast a shadow over the proceedings, but the goodwill of the citizens was apparent in the cheers which followed the ceremony. The Loyal Address was read by the Deputy Mayor and the princess expressed her regrets on the Mayor's death'* ('Edwardian Hereford' Grist & Foxton). The Deputy Mayor was J R Symonds and so he must have suddenly found himself 'leading the charge' and it sounds as if he carried it off well!

John would then helped plan the coronation celebrations for 26th June 1902, but on the 24th a telegram arrived announcing that the King was ill and it was postponed. On June 25th John published a leaflet *'Postponement of Coronation'* outlining the new plans. Thursday and Friday were still public holidays. Though the preparations on Castle Green were taken down, the HRV Corps band still played during the afternoon and evening, shops stayed shut, children received their coronation medals, and 1000 aged poor received a dinner. The news from London on Monday was good and bonfires prepared for Coronation Day were lit that evening. Finally on Saturday 9th August Coronation Day arrived, decorations went up and bells rang, but the shops stayed open and there were no extra celebrations as planned previously, which the papers saw as an anti-climax. ('Edwardian Hereford'). But John's *'unsparing devotion to public duties'* kept him in the public's eyes and goodwill and as the Symonds family had a special relationship with St Nicholas church it is not surprising that a memorial plaque was placed there when he died.

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SAINT OF THE MONTH: THOMAS KEN (June 8th)

Thomas Ken (1637-1711) may be a new name to you. But I suspect some of his poetic hymns are much more familiar:

Awake, my soul, and with the sun
Thy daily stage of duty run,
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
To pay thy morning sacrifice.

Glory to thee my God this night
For all the blessings of the light
Keep me O keep me, King of Kings,
Beneath thine own almighty wings.



I often find these verses coming to mind as I wake and sleep, and singing along with them in my head becomes a prayer.

So who was Ken? He grew up in the troubled years of the Civil War, and as a High Churchman flourished after the Restoration, becoming chaplain to the Bishop of Winchester (while also serving though as curate in a poor parish) and to Charles II. When Charles came to Winchester, Ken refused on principle the use of his lodgings by Nell Gwynne – and rather surprisingly must have made a positive impression on the King because of it because he was made Bishop of Bath and Wells soon afterwards.

He was obviously a man of strong principles and later refused to sign James I's declaration of indulgence to Catholics, but then also refused to swear allegiance to William of Orange when James was deposed, and was deposed himself, living out his days in quiet but devotional comfort at Longleat, where the then Viscount was an old Oxford friend.

But it is for his simple verses that we remember him now, and perhaps you like me might like to make them your own.

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David Thomson

“Discrimination still exists. Some people feel that their own beliefs are being threatened. Some are unhappy about unfamiliar cultures. They all need to be reassured that there is so much to be gained by reaching out to others; that diversity is indeed a strength and not a threat.”

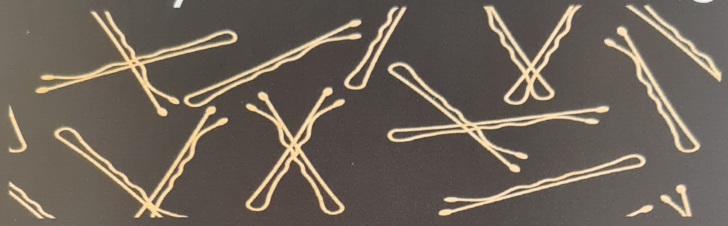
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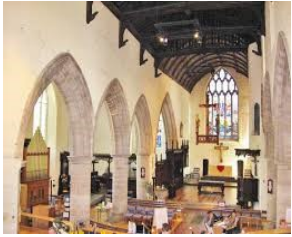
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When Israel came out of Egypt

This year we were able to celebrate Holy Week and Easter in the traditional way. Much has changed since 2019 both in the world and in ourselves. We have learnt from the lockdown and done things we would not have thought possible. Many of us have virtually attended funerals and weddings in distant places to which we could not have travelled in the time available.

Our links with Nuremberg have grown stronger as we shared acts of worship and chatted afterwards. We have met each other on Zoom church and seen each other's pets. Perhaps most, importantly, through Zoom church we have found God in our own homes.

The Easter Trail engaged families and the schools did a wonderful job reminding the neighbourhood that Easter is fun but much more than chocolate eggs and Easter bunnies. New traditions will make our celebrations richer. In fact we have adapted as the Israelites did in Babylon. We have found new ways as they did but we have not forgotten our traditions.

This year we processed outside the church on Palm Sunday. We went to St Nicholas, Holy Trinity and the Cathedral to hear Passion music. The Chrism Mass took place and we received our holy oils. On Maundy Thursday we shared the Mass of the Last Supper with the Cathedral and processed down Broad Street to the beautiful Altar of Repose that had been prepared in All Saints and was so apt for meditation as we kept watch.

Good Friday started with the Stations of the Cross which is a wonderful way to remember Jesus' journey from Gethsemane to Calvary. After Hot Cross Buns the procession of witness went round the city finishing at the cathedral where the Three Hours of meditation and Liturgy reminded us of Jesus on the Cross.

At 5am we lit the new fire and celebrated Easter. Party goers were still round the church and my taxi driver was reluctant to leave me until he knew other church members were around. After a delicious breakfast and a quick dash home, we celebrated with the Parish Mass at which it was lovely to have children.

The church enables us to re-enact the events from Palm Sunday to Easter Day every year. What a blessing to return to this wonderful week but strengthened by what we have learnt. May invite more people to come and share the week next year.

Kalyani Menon



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Can you remember another Jubilee?

How will you celebrate the Platinum Jubilee with family and friends ?



The Whitecross Chronicles No: 12

A visit to HARC to look at Holy Trinity magazines from 1900-1904 gave me some information about the choir. After 1900 the organist was Alfred William Wigley, a local man. I don't know when he was appointed but in the 1901 census he was living at 75 Park Street, aged 35, and in Jakeman & Carver's Directory & Gazetteer of 1902 his occupation is 'teacher of music and singing'. In the 1911 census he (40) is living at 3 Ingestre Street and his occupation is 'Professional Musician'. He has a couple living with him who are 'gardener' and 'housekeeper', Benjamin (66) and Mary Synnock (72), as well as their daughter Gertrude J (31) and Elizabeth M Herbert (37) a visitor. More promising are the records from Kelly's Directory of 1913 and 1917 where Alfred is living at 3 Ingestre Street and has the occupation of 'organist Holy Trinity Church'. In 1939 he is back in Park Street with the occupation of 'organist retired'.

According to the Holy Trinity magazine of 16 April 1901 the Annual Accounts included:

Organist £30, Boys £7. 5. 0., Organ blower and bell ringer £5.00, Organ tuning £2. 10. 0. Choir Fund: Expenditure £13. 14. 5., Greenlands Ltd for surplices £2. 18. 0. Messrs Wilson and Phillips Books £3. 16. 1.

The following year the choir is praised as giving '*simple music, earnestly, eagerly and excellently rendered (which) surely is the ideal for a parish church*'. Mr Wigley was mentioned for raising money for expenses. That year new surplices were made and old mended, by ladies who met at Fayre Oakes with Mrs Ernest Edwards. Providing music for a parish church is never easy and Alfred had to make ends meet by fund raising and encouraging women in the church to make surplices. He should have been given a medal! In a way he was, because Mrs Edwards paid for him to have instruction from Dr Sinclair the Cathedral organist and choirmaster.

Alfred must have done well fundraising because the choir is mentioned over several years as having an outing in the summer. In 1900 after the Morning Service on 19th July the choir had set off in Mr Prosser's four-in-hand brake, '*32 strong to King's Pyon with 3 following on bicycles*'. They then had a cricket match at King's Pyon who '*being the better men, deservedly carried off the laurels for the day*'. Mr O'Brien of Ranelagh St. helped make a '*fair show*'. On the 6th June 1901 after the 9.30 morning service they set off in '*Mr Prosser's large brake and another brake filled with 48 excited boys and gentlemen of the choir*'. Mr Evans, Mr Abel and Mr Earp came along to help with the food and refreshments. When they arrived in Ross, '*some of the party went in boats and the rest walked*' to Symonds Yat and had dinner by the riverside. They then journeyed to Whitchurch and had '*tea served in (a) meadow placed at our disposal by Mr Robinson, Rector of Whitchurch*'. Following Evening Service at Whitchurch they returned home. The next outing on 12th June 1902 is announced in the magazine as a '*holiday*' at Ledbury but unfortunately the report of what happened is in the next issue and it has not been saved.

Of course some events were advertised in the magazine: '*An organ recital will be given in HTC on Thursday June 20th 1901 at 3pm by Dr Sinclair assisted by Mr Llewelyn (Cathedral Choir) as vocalist and Mr J.A.T. Nicholson (a member of the church council) as violinist. A collection will be made for the Endowment Fund.*' A report on this event says, '*Dr Sinclair developed our organ in his usual masterful manner. The violin playing by Mr J.A.T. Nicholson and the singing by Mr Llewellyn were of a high order of excellence*'.

I am sure that the quality of music that was set by Mr Wigley at Holy Trinity has remained to this day and I for one appreciate the dedication to keeping this musical tradition alive made by the choir and choir master today.

Jean Thomson

Pledge form for contributions towards the Families Worker Project

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

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

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

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In 2022 we are hoping to be able to return to offering more opportunities for the Community to meet up in the Hall. With this in mind the Committee aim to start with a **Saturday Coffee Morning** on the *first Saturday of each month*. Please come along to support us to enjoy coffee, tea, soft drinks, cakes and biscuits, enjoy a chat with other community members, share your ideas for future events in the Hall, peruse the book swap bookcase and, if you bring your own internet device, use the excellent internet provided by Gigaclear. Activities for children too, including Minecrafting with Jo.

We also wish to plan an event at the Village Hall to celebrate **our Queen's Platinum Jubilee** during the first weekend in June. Again, ideas and help are required. If you would like to join the planning group for this event or simply have an idea you would like to suggest please call Anne on the number above.

Regular Events at Breinton Village Hall

Hand Bell Ringers	Tuesday mornings 11am – 1pm	Contact Muriel on 01981 551973.
Parish Council	Every 2 nd or 3 rd Wednesday evening of the month	Contact Emily Godsall 07501293 457 clerk@breintonparish.co.uk
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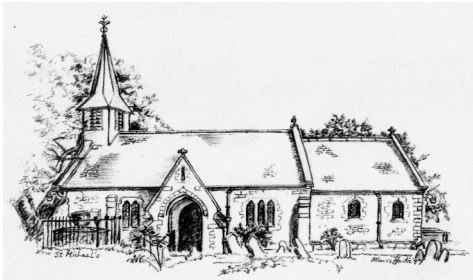
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Jubilee update

We are looking forward to Jubilee events and activities.

So far our plans include building on our now well-established regular coffee mornings – last held on Saturday 4th June. – Many thanks to those who brought/swapped/bought plants (some anonymous!) for the Plant Swap and to everybody who assisted and donated cake.

This time we invite you to drink a toast to our Queen with special cake and fizz along with a display of Royal Memorabilia, artifacts and illustrations from the last 70 years, as well as a Jubilee-themed Quiz with Prizes.

Children can decorate their Crown with a reward for the best!

In addition on Jubilee Sunday 5th June we invite you to bring your own Picnic to the Hall for a Big Jubilee Celebratory Lunch and share with your friends and neighbours. There will also be Drinks, Desserts and Jubilee Cake provided.

This is an extra special once-in-a-lifetime occasion!

ANOTHER INVITATION

Dear Friends,

As the 'new' (ish) gates at St Michael's are to be dedicated on Sunday July 3rd at 3.00pm, I hope all of you who still remember Pat and/or myself will join me and members of my family for a slice of cake and a cup of tea in Breinton Village Hall afterwards. You can always record the middle Sunday of Wimbledon!

Best wishes to all, John Courtney.





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The group originally started at Stretton some 30 years ago and are called the 'Monday Handbell Ringers', though they meet on Tuesdays.

Originally led by Janet Watson for some 25 years they are here led by Geraldine Comba and have re-started after a brief respite caused by Covid. They use the less well known American Bells and the sound is absolutely delightful!

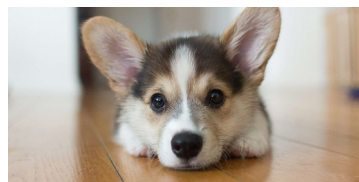
It is not necessary to read music, instead they use a form of tablature that has its roots from centuries ago. Thus everyone can find their way.

They meet during the day on Tuesdays from 11.00am until 1.00pm and would welcome new members. Contact Muriel on 01981 551973.



Jubilee quiz

- 1) How old was the Queen when she heard her father had died?
- 2) On what date in 1953 did the Coronation take place?
- 3) What did the Queen allegedly do to open the 2012 games— with the help of James Bond?
- 4) When was her first child born ?
- 5) Who is the Queen's great grandmother?
- 6) What is the name of the dessert created for the 2022 Jubilee?
- 7) What is its predominant flavour?
- 8) Which president 'bumped' hands with the Queen and did not shake hands?
- 9) What is the Queen's favourite breed of dog?
- 10) Where is her Norfolk estate?



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

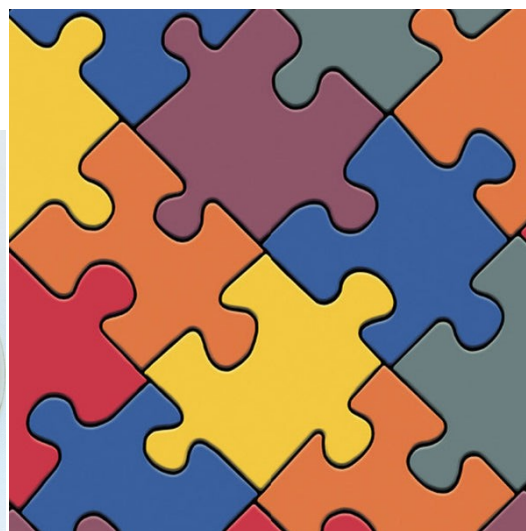
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Collection of Plates

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

Would anyone be interested in taking on this task?
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Sunday Services in June 2022

	All Saints	St Michael's	Holy Trinity	St Nicholas'
5th June: <i>Pentecost / Queen's Jubilee</i>	10.00am Outdoor Team Eucharist for the Queen's Jubilee at St Michael's	10.00am Outdoor Team Eucharist for the Queen's Jubilee	10.00am Outdoor Team Eucharist for the Queen's Jubilee at St Michael's	10.00am Outdoor Team Eucharist for the Queen's Jubilee at St Michael's 6.30pm A Jubilee Evensong
12th June: <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	9.30am Parish Mass	9.30am BCP Communion	11.00am Parish Eucharist	11.00am Morning Prayer 6.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
19th June: <i>First Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.30am Parish Mass	9.30am Parish Eucharist	11.00am Parish Eucharist	11.00am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
26th June: <i>Second Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.30am Parish Mass	9.30am Morning Prayer	11.00am Parish Eucharist	11.00am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Regular Week-Day Services in June 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 June 2022 email the office for details and link:

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Sunday	6.30pm Evening Prayer (except first Sunday of the month)
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