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May their lives be long and happy.

Baptisms

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Holy Trinity Church
Ruby Charm

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Bodhie Theodore

Weddings

*May their
lives together be long and happy.*

Funerals

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

23rd March 2022
Hereford Cathedral
Benjamin Edwards (36)

25th March 2022
Holy Trinity Church
Gordon Wallace (90)

30th March 2022
Hereford Crematorium
John Tuffin (81)

4th April 2022
Hereford Crematorium
Phyllis Tindale (84)

6th April 2022
St Nicholas' Church
Janet Edwards (66)

Funerals

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

I am writing this letter during the first week of April, and when I look out of the window into our garden, the blossom is just starting to show on one of our cherry trees. The grass on the lawn has had its first real mowing, and there are beautiful flowers breaking out on a camellia. Daffodils are just finishing and the sparrows that live in the thick hedge at the side of the garden are starting to be really busy flitting into and out of the hedge. It is that wonderful time of the year when we leave winter with its bare garden and enter spring with its freshness and newness in the garden. I am filled with the wonder at the beauty God sends us. My wonder seems to grow as I get older, perhaps because I realise that the number of Springs left for me to enjoy is decreasing as years go by.

The opposite to this sense of wonder at God's beauty in the world is built in my thoughts as I listen to the radio news. My mind is full of wonder at the stupidity and cruelty of humankind as I hear the latest reports of the war in Ukraine. They are about the atrocities that have been conducted by the Russian military and the numbers of dead civilians that they have murdered in their retreat from Kiev. How can God bring such beauty as an English Spring into his world but allow such cruelty in these murders to happen?

This week our gospel reading in church was from the Gospel of St John and was the start of John telling the events of the crucifixion. Jesus has stopped to stay with the family of Lazarus on his journey to Jerusalem where he will be betrayed and killed. Mary the sister of Lazarus worships Jesus by kneeling at his feet and applying a very expensive perfumed ointment to them. She is anointing Jesus in the manner of anointing a body when readying it for burial. She is foretelling what is going to happen in Jerusalem. The gospel writer tells how Judas Iscariot chides Mary for wasting money, saying the perfume could have been sold and the money used for the poor. (Judas was really thinking of stealing the money.) In this story we can see the contrast between people choosing the good way or the evil way to follow in the world, even when in the presence of Jesus.

The family of Lazarus was special to Jesus. In John's gospel it says Jesus loved Lazarus and his sisters Mary and Martha. Yet when Jesus learns that Lazarus is ill, he does not rush to be with the family although his disciples urge him to. He carries on healing and preaching for 3 days and then makes his way to their house. By the time that he arrives, Lazarus is dead and buried. Martha meets Jesus as he arrives and tells him that he should have come earlier and healed Lazarus. Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead, and I think he delayed going to the family to demonstrate the power that had been given to him by God.

I have said the same thing to God as Martha said to Jesus. Why did God allow my sister to die when she was 13 years old? Why didn't he save her because she was loved by so many people? You have probably asked God the same question, and I am sure that it is being asked now many times in Ukraine. I think in this story of Lazarus we have some kind of answer to this question. God gives us a choice – to choose the good or the evil way. Russia is choosing the evil way. God also sometimes looks at a different picture to what we see, as Jesus did when he looked at the illness of Lazarus. We have to trust God and know that although we suffer pain and death in this life as Jesus did on the cross, Jesus promised that we would be with him in his kingdom when we do leave this world.



Stuart Vince

HEREFORD RAIL MALE VOICE CHOIR'S 25th CONCERT

On Saturday, 14th May at 7.00pm in Holy Trinity Church, Hereford Rail Male Voice Choir will be performing their 25th Concert. Tickets cost £10 which includes a numbered programme with winning prize and are available from Rail Choir members or payable on the door.

Sean Ruane will be their guest artist.

The Rail Choir members look forward to having your support.

June Stephens

[Honorary Vice President, Hereford Rail Male Voice Choir]

CHAT

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:-

Wednesday 4th May Tuesday 7th June

Wednesday 6th July

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IF YOU ARE CONCERNED THAT SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS AT RISK OF, OR IS BEING ABUSED, OR PRESENTS A RISK TO



Hello Everyone,

There is a piece of engineering art in the Mercedes Benz Museum at Brooklands which shows a Formula One Car suspended in all its constituent parts. It is still obviously a car and each part, large or small clearly has a defined function and purpose although they are not connected in such a way as to enable it to move at all, still less win a race.

It occurs to me that this is a metaphor for the Church; that we are in a time of uncertainty and waiting to find our way. The shock in 2020 of first emptying our buildings and then closing our doors for worship and prayer, thus removing all our physical certainties, was like a slow-motion explosion into suspended animation and whilst a fair bit of former functionality is restored there is still a sense of struggling in no man's land. All that we are and have been hanging breathlessly in the unanticipated gift of wait and see.

I think we all know in our hearts, much as we want to rebel against the knowledge, that church will never be the same as it was and that in truth, Covid merely accelerated what was already happening. We are still Christ's church, His body, but a bit like a string puppet, uncoordinated, unskilled, uncertain how to take the next step. Yet in faith, courage and the power of the Holy Spirit firing creativity, we might start to move towards re-imagining and re-engineering what will be.

Even as we start to work out how to serve God's people in what are distressing and terrible times for the world let us accept with perverse gratitude the chance to stop our perpetual motion; to pause and to seek God; to hang for a season moved only by His spirit and to watch and wait and discern His will. The Spiritual Certainties remain unchanged. How we arrange ourselves around them to serve the nation and our communities in Jesus' name is the question for today. But this no reason to fear.

God will build His Church and the gates of Hades, will not prevail against it.

The Very Revd Sarah Brown,
Dean of Hereford

Festival Churches

More and more churches in the Diocese are becoming Festival Churches, and at a recent PCC, we were asked what these were, and whether we could write something for Teamtalk on the subject. The following comes directly from articles by Wendy Coombey MBE, Diocesan Community Partnership and Funding Officer:

What is a Festival Church?

In its simplest form – it's doing less, but doing it better!

A Festival Church is a church building which is not used for weekly worship, but is valued and required by the community for local events, for Festivals of the Church and for Rites of Passage (Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals).

These Festivals include Christmas, Easter and Harvest Festival, but also local festivals, Saints' days, Mothers' Day, Remembrance Sunday, Rogation Days, etc.

A Festival Church remains an open, parish church. Its primary function will continue to be a place to worship God, and to show the love of Christ to local people. It may well be a parish where the PCC feel that the future is in some way uncertain. Perhaps there have been challenges with governance or finance, or the congregation is very small or has struggled to gain a pre-pandemic momentum. It may be that Clergy within the benefice are overstretched and moving to a Festival model may help create a more sustainable pattern of ministry. It may be a church that still has potential, but could become more sustainable if energy and effort was more effectively targeted on doing fewer things but making them the best they can possibly be. Crucially it is a church that the local community, wider benefice and clergy will continue to support and there are clear benefits to the church remaining open and available for Festival worship.

Festival Churches are intended to be fully open and sustainable, but especially socially open, presenting a view of churches as social hubs and centres of communities. Church of England churches belong to everyone in the parish, not just the worshipping congregation.

Festival Church status gives the opportunity for a PCC to stop, reboot and think about how it can work with the local community to deliver the worship they want to see and to explore ways the wider community can support the PCC to create and deliver the worship. It is intended to be a springboard to mission by continuing to serve the local community by holding a minimum of six services a year (with no maximum number of services), providing a place for prayer and contemplation, and occasional offices of baptisms, weddings and funerals.

NB: Not all churches that choose to alter their patterns of worship will become Festival Churches – and this name is not a legal one, so dioceses may choose to call this category something else.

If you want to find out more about Festival Churches, you can start here:

<https://www.hereford.anglican.org/parish-support/community-partnership/festival-churches/> and

<https://afchurches.org/frequently-asked-questions/>

PLEASE REMEMBER THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT EDITION IS MAY 10TH!

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP AND UNDERSTANDING!!

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The 1st Draw of St. Nicholas' 50+ Club Draws for 2022 was held after the 11.00am Service at St. Nicholas' on Sunday, 3rd April 2022.

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 in the West Hereford Team

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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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

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From Genevieve

As we venture into another month of glorious Spring, I am reminded of my late grandfather; as an American Baptist minister and from "mountain folk" near the West Virginia/ Pennsylvania border, Bob was a man of very few words. He never wasted his breath with any conversation not deemed important, and neither sang praises of one's achievements nor scolded one's poor choices. As a man of God, my grandad was an avid carpenter and the scent of sawdust continues to make me smile. But what had the most impact on my path within ministry long-term is the innate and intuitive way he made us children feel welcome, included and involved. Bob cast his net wide to gather as many as those willing, simply through inclusion (and funny turn of phrases and poems). So, with that thought, please find a list of more activities and events for any and all to be involved during the month of May. Bring friends, grandkids, little ones, big ones, or simply come to enjoy fellowship.

From the Gospel of Bob Ford:

***Spring has sprung
The grass has riz'
I do wonder
Where all the birdies is!***

As always, feel free to contact me to be included on the weekly "What's On: Family Ministry" emails, and stay up-to-date on our West Hereford Team's website.

God bless you,

Genevieve
Families Worker

What's On

Sunday 1st May - 4-5pm Active Church (St. Michael's Breinton) Bring your trainers and bottles of water! We will be doing circuits, challenges and sprints centered on the teachings of Jesus!

Saturday 7th May- 10.30am until noon: Teddy Bear picnic (St. Michael's Breinton)
Bring your own special 'Prayer Bear' and lunch to enjoy together, making new friends and having fun with old ones! Perfect for little ones and teddy bear (and food) enthusiasts.

Sunday 8th May- 4-5pm Lego Church (All Saints Church, Hereford)
Our friends and families will be putting together the stories of the Easter season, where Jesus has been resurrected and continuing his earthly ministry. Bring any extra Lego and join us!

Sunday 15th May - 4-5pm Outdoor Church (St. Nicholas', Hereford)
We will be using the helping hands Jesus blessed us with to tidy around the church and graveyard, picking up any rubbish. Afterwards, a story of Jesus and then beautifying St. Nicholas with colourful chalk for passersby to enjoy! Gloves, appropriate outerwear and footwear needed as this activity will be outside.

Saturday 21st May - 11-12.30 Intergenerational Social (Life and Soul Kitchen, 3 Elms Road)
A wonderful way to bring us together in fellowship, across all four churches! All are welcome; there is a fantastic play area for little ones, some board game stations for the elders, and lots of delicious food and beverages to purchase.

Sunday 22nd May - No 4pm families activity

Sunday 29th May - 4-5pm Minecraft Church (online)
Please get in touch should your child/children love to be involved in Minecraft Church, and the link will be forwarded on! It's a fantastic way to connect deeper with our faith through the playing field of Minecraft. Email: genevievebarker1@gmail.com for more information!



Caring for a person at home 24/7 can bring many Pressures on Families, affecting their health & wellbeing.

This allows social opportunities for your loved ones – whilst giving family members some “well deserved” free time to themselves or to attend appointments etc.

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St Nicholas' Mothers' Union



2022 Theme: Transformation – Now!

It has become our custom to try to hold two meetings during Lent, one meeting at the start and one during Holy Week, this year it meant that our April meeting was on Monday 11 April, when we welcomed Revd Ruth, our team Rector. Ruth led the prayers and a Reflection for Holy Week.

Due to the early May Bank Holiday, we are not having a meeting in May, but we are invited to a Quiet Day at Leominster Priory on Wednesday 11 May, the day will begin with a service of Holy Communion, followed by time for fellowship, a shared lunch - please bring your Own - plus time for some guided reflection and study, or free time as required. Our Chaplain Revd. Penny Littlewood will guide us through the day. You will also have the chance to see the wonderful art installation - The Last Supper by Peter Barnes, it leaves Leominster Priory in mid July.

Our meetings are open to all. Come by yourself or come with friends.

May

- Mon 2 No meeting
Wed 11 May 10.30 am - 3.00 pm Quiet Day at Leominster Priory
Thurs 12 Midday Prayers, Cathedral

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

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,





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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.

HEREFORD RAIL MALE VOICE CHOIR'S 25TH CONCERT

The Hereford Rail Male Voice Choir's 25th Concert takes place at Holy Trinity Church on Saturday 14th May 2022 at 7.00pm. Tickets cost £10.00 to include a numbered programme with winning prize and are available from Rail Choir Members or payable on the door.

Their guest artist will be Seán Ruane, who was raised and educated in his native Lancashire. Seán made his professional debut in 2001 and has worked in many countries since then.

While opera remains at the heart of his work, Seán has become the voice of many of the national sporting events. He has performed at the Ashes since 2005 and his rendition of Jerusalem is played before the start of every England Test.

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June Stephens

[Honorary Vice President, Hereford Rail Male Voice Choir]





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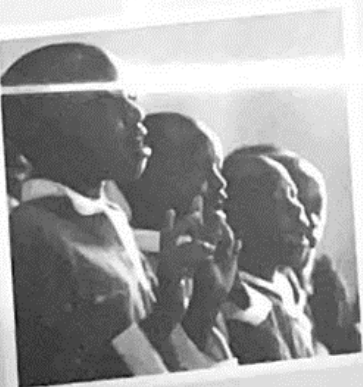
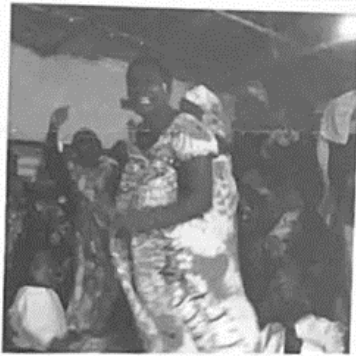
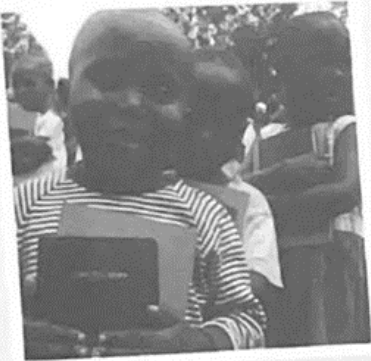
NEWS FROM AFRICA.

The latest letter from our sponsored child.

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MUKUNDWA
(Dear _____)

Holy Trinity Church, Hereford

Date 12/1/2022



Mediatrice Imanishimwe, Umukobwa
wanyu ukunda cyane
hamwe n'umurya w'abo bishimye
kongera kubandikira bababwirako
ko babakunda cyane.

Ubu Mediatrice amaze nze.
ariga nze. arabashya kwitabira
umushyamba.

Ubu n'igihirwe cy'urugamba mu
Rwanda. barashyamba ibishyamba

Ez mwebwe mumeze gute?
Barabakunda, barabashya n'abo
Imana ibakome imigisha.

TRANSLATION

Dear Holy Trinity Church Hereford, Praise God ! It is your daughter who loves you so much together with my family , We are so happy to write to you telling you that we love you so much . As of now Mediatrice is doing fine and she study's well , She is also able to respond to the project. Here in Rwanda, It is a dry season and we are harvesting beans . How are you doing over there? We love you so much and we always pray for you so that God blesses you .

Renovation and renewal at All Saints . . .

Highlights of the story from 25 years ago

Last month's Teamtalk told the story of the Café@All Saints. This month tells of the rescue and renewal of All Saints as a viable church building and congregation.

At the heart of that story is the imagination and energy of Andrew Mottram, the priest who saw the opportunity, raised the necessary funding, and took the congregation with him to make it a vibrant church in the centre of Hereford.

He was animated by the spirit of the medieval church as "a meeting place, the equivalent of the pub and the town hall as well as the centre of worship". If it is memory that gives us our identity, then this is an important story for All Saints. It's also a story worth sharing.

What I realised, listening to Andrew, is that the warm, light church and bustling café that we know today, was not an obvious possibility twenty five years ago. Then, "the church was cold, dark and wet." The spire was starting to collapse and the building had been served 'dangerous structure' notices. Beyond taking the spire down, no one was sure what to do. It was Andrew who recognised the opportunity in the crisis.

He saw that the church had two great assets. First, it's strategic location on the busiest commercial street in the city and, second, its strong spiritual atmosphere. He also had the ability to speak honestly and directly about the challenges as well as the opportunity. That gift was integral first to Andrew's appointment and then to his ability to attract people to join him on what, he warned, was going to be a difficult journey. And join him they did so that it was truly a shared project between priest and people. Key players in this were Roger Tingley, Jackie Mumford and Richard and Barbara Glasspoole.

His first challenge was the Church's third 'dangerous structure' notice that required immediate action ! When he discovered that the cost of dismantling the spire was virtually the same as to rebuild it, he decided to go for it.

A further challenge came when the Lottery Fund, who were willing to provide substantial funds towards the cost, first wanted to know how the building would continue to be financially viable. The idea of a café was his answer. By happy chance, Andrew knew of a church in the City of London which already had a café in it, which Bill Sewell was running. It was something of a coup to persuade Bill to relocate to Herefordshire!

From the beginning, this was always about much more than rescuing an historic church building. This is clear from talking with church members who were there at the time. Integral to it was a vision of the church as a place that would welcome people. So in his first teaching course, Andrew focused on hospitality, highlighting sharing food as an expression of this and drawing on other cultures and religions to demonstrate the richness of this idea.

Building up the discipleship community through courses became a staple element of church life, often focusing on Biblical stories as teachings about human life. One very participative approach that sounds fun involved dividing the congregation into groups, each representing one of characters in a Gospel story. They discussed the story from the viewpoint of their character. Then the groups reconfigured to represent all the characters. They then discussed its meaning with the others.

Andrew took this teaching role a stage further by building on the large number of people coming into church to visit the café. Some days he had his own "open table" where anyone could join him for discussion. Later, he arranged some open evening sessions when those who came could ask the questions they wanted to ask. His own openness and willingness to take risks is well demonstrated by the title he chose: "Shoot the Vicar" !

Before he left, and knowing that then the parish would become part of a team, he considered how could he prepare them for that change. That was the purpose of his setting-up the Lay Ministry Development Group. It was a way of empowering the congregation to provide pastoral support. Twenty five years later, current church members and visitors alike can look back with admiration and gratitude and remember it as "our story."

Sean Cathie

St Nicholas' Notebook 4



The *'inspiring stained-glass window, representing Christ pointing out the Way of Life'* (The History of the Parish Church of St Nicholas, 1910) dedicated to Ellen Jemima Williams was erected by her husband Howell Bennett Williams after her death on 18 March 1886. Born Ellen Jemima Garrold in 1828 at Kill Forge farm at Boulstone, at the time of the 1851 census she lived with her family at 1, Priory Terrace in Holmer where her parents ran a small school, though her father claimed to be a 'landed proprietor'. It was a large household including Ellen, three siblings (one with her husband), a 'domestic governess' and 4 scholars (unrelated). By 1861 her father had died and she was living with her mother and brother at Huntington Court with a servant, cook and groom.

Seven years later she married Howell and they lived at 46 Bridge Street where Howell kept a chemist's shop. In the '71 census they have Thomas Lane (19) 'Assistant', Ellen Meredith (30) servant and William Barber (17) 'Errand Boy' living with them. Unfortunately they didn't have a family so I wonder what Ellen did all day? They could afford servants and so as a wife of a shopkeeper she would not have to clean the shop or even help in it. She could of course have managed the finances and book keeping but she certainly would not have been able to earn independently for then it would seem to outsiders that her husband could not afford to keep her. Many women did voluntary work for charities and she may have taken part in these.

We know more about Howell than Ellen. According to the writer of the St Nicholas guide book of 1910 he was *'for 18 years the people's Churchwarden and willing slave a more tender, sympathetic, discriminating dispenser of charity no one could wish.his smile served as a tonic in many homes.....He was also the almoner of his own wealth which he distributed with a lavish hand. Of the choir he was a frequent and most liberal host.....Our Hospital was the recipient year by year, of his generous benefactions.'* Perhaps Ellen welcomed the choir to their home for a meal and was a hospital visitor, both activities supported by Howell.

Howell's father Walter had been a 'Chemist & Druggist' on Wye Bridge St in 1851 and Howell was part of a growing profession who by 1868 Pharmacy Act needed to have a qualification and training to dispense medicines which was provided through membership of the Pharmaceutical Society established in 1841. *'Chemists and druggists were also versatile, offering a very wide range of medical services. While the most clearly-defined function of the nineteenth-century chemist and druggist was to make up the prescriptions of qualified medical men, this was not normally their most important function, and they also engaged themselves in ... the making up of family recipes, and the sale of a wide range of drugs and patent remedies, (which) accounted for the largest proportion of the chemist and druggist's trade'* (Hilary Marland, 'The Medical activities of mid-nineteenth-century chemists and druggists ...' 1987)

As a churchwarden, Howell had social standing and is an example of *'the middle-class status of many chemists and druggists, their growing professionalism, frequent expertise, close working relationship with the medical profession, and, in many cases, wealth and high social standing in the communities in which they worked, which made them distinct from other fringe groups'* (Hilary Marland).

The window is perhaps a record of a happy marriage in which husband and wife encouraged and supported each other in a 24/7 occupation. Ellen's love and support must have been missed by Howell when she passed away.

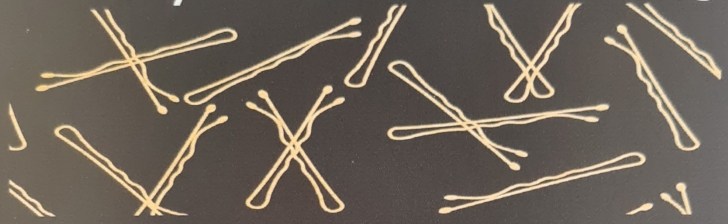
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Looking to Easter

As I write this, Holy Week has started. There was plenty of activity in the city with Palm Sunday processions, some with and some without donkeys. This year, without a donkey, All Saints just went round the outside of the church- a considerable distance past Boots and HSBC. In earlier years we went into High Town which provoked a regular customer of the coffee stall to sing Once in Royal David's City each year, probably the only hymn she remembered. These processions and the Walk of Witness on Good Friday arouse curiosity, interest, memories but not derision or hostility. Hereford is full of churches and Christian gatherings and the city is proud of its Cathedral.

On Palm Sunday evening there was a moving recital of Faure's Requiem at St Nicholas Church by the combined choirs of St Nicholas' and Holy Trinity preceded by an Act of Worship. Inevitably, the Requiem took our thoughts to Ukraine. I look forward to Stainer's Crucifixion on Good Friday at Holy Trinity and the Cathedral's offering of Bach's St John's Passion on the Tuesday of Holy Week. After our isolation in 2020 and 2021 how good it has been to get back to these treasured customs having learned the value of Zoom and other means of communication.

Lent has passed quickly from the meditations on Ash Wednesday through a most interesting Lent course on Wednesdays at lunch time with participants from All Saints, Holy Trinity and St Nicholas'. Lois had chosen a fascinating book by Paula Gooder looking at Holy Week through the eyes of the women who followed Jesus. It led to thoughtful discussion and we all ventured ideas as we came to know each other.

At Watkins Court, where I live, we also had a Lent course which attracted 10 residents and followed Embrace's book Lament studying Psalm 13.

By the time the May edition of Teamtalk is published we will be well into the great 40 days leading to Ascension Day.

Kalyani Menon

SAINT OF THE MONTH: THE WESLEYS (May 24th)



Now here's a surprise: two heroes of Methodism in the C of E's Calendar of "Saints". I put saints in quotes because of course we don't make them as such any more this side of the Tiber; but we do keep our calendar of feasts up-to-date, and John (b.1703) and Charles (b.1707) deserve their place in it.

Both, as you perhaps know, were Anglican priests, high-churchmen but with a strong pietist streak. In them the Protestant message of justification by faith alone and a seriousness about discipleship was accompanied by a sureness of God's love for all, and evangelical warmth, and a love of music. (Samuel Wesley was Charles' son and SS Wesley

his.) Oh yes, and a serious concern for the poor as well. No wonder they attracted a strong following, and no wonder perhaps that some of the leaders of the Established Church took fright. (Bishop Benson called the enthusiasm of the Wesleys' fellow-preacher George Whitefield "a horrid thing, Sir, a very horrid thing." Ouch!

As you can perhaps tell, I have a lot of time for our cousins the Methodists (as I do for other branches of our faith), and wish that what the Wesleys and their followers brought had stayed within our Anglican family and not split from it. History is what it is, but I remember once preaching to a conference of Anglicans and Lutherans that God must weep when he looks down on our divisions, and I still think that now (when he is not laughing down his sleeve at us, if I am allowed to also imagine that).

Illustrations: Left - John Wesley, 18th century engraving by James Thomson after John Jackson, Wellcome Collection CC BY 4.0 via www.lookandlearn.com. Right - Portrait of Charles Wesley by John Russell, PD via Wikipedia

David Thomson

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Keep the Feast ...

ASCENSION DAY

Ascension Day this year falls on Thursday 26th, and everyone from across our Team Benefice is warmly invited to “Keep the Feast” at a Eucharist in All Saints Church at 7.30pm.

I like the phrase “Keeping the Feast”. It reminds us that our great Festivals are indeed moments to be feasted – and feasts consumed! Feasts for the spirit, and often for the stomach too.

We don't have special Ascension Day food in this country, but in Italy just as Christ ascends into heaven as the “first fruit” of all our journeys there (we hope!), so they bring the first of the grape harvest to church as a contribution to the heavenly banquet (and share a few bottles of the fruit of the vine afterwards too I expect...) Over in Armenia they make Dolmas (Dolmades) out of the vine leaves, stuffed with a delicious mix of rice, meat, herbs and spices. That's supper for the 26th sorted then!

“Keeping the Feast” is also about keeping in time with God. Our lives as SO rushed, so busy. And one day just seems to blur into the next. The rhythm of the Christian Year with its feasts and fasts, times and seasons, is a way of remembering that all our days are special, made by God, not just one thing after another. Just as pilgrimages and church spires remind us that very landscape of the world is a sacred gift to us from God. So even if it's an effort, it's worth it to step out of the daily struggle and take a little holiday, a holy day (or in this case a holy evening) with God and let him refresh our souls.

Before the Ascension Jesus was just with those disciples he was able to walk alongside in that one space and time. Now he is with us in Spirit wherever and whenever we go. And especially in the bread and wine of the Eucharist,

Come and Keep the Feast with Him!

David Thomson



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The Whitecross Chronicles No: 11

The month of May is of course the time for the May Fair and last year it was the 900th anniversary. The fair charter was originally granted to the Bishop of Hereford in 1121 and was held on the Feast of St Ethelbert. In 1838 the rights were passed to the City Council and it was run as a three-day fair for pleasure and entertainment as well as selling livestock, poultry and other produce. It opened with the ceremonial proclamation in which an offering of 12 ½ bushels of wheat are offered to the Bishop as payment for allowing the fair to proceed. Over the years besides the fun and entertainment there has always been law breaking and other misdemeanours which has led to opposition against it. I have found a story which links this with the Plough Inn, the Red Lion Inn and Mary Anne Jones 'a traveller'.

The old Plough Inn built on the corner of Plough Lane and Whitecross Road was originally part of Price's Hospital which had been founded by William Price a citizen of London in the 17th century, of which the Almshouses and Chapel still exist, further along Whitecross Road. According to Ron Shoesmith in his book *The Pubs of Hereford City* a visit by the Royal Commission on Historic Monuments in the 1920's described it as a, 'timber-framed innbuilt in the 16th century.....refronted in brick ...and a timber-framed barn which stood just to the north of the house.' 'In 1928 'the main entrance was from Whitehorse Street with an L-shaped bar to the rear and a smoke room with an enormous chimney-stack on the right. The large garden included an arbour and a summer house and was sheltered from the north winds by a skittle alley.' What is confusing for us today is the changing names of inns and the streets they were on. The Plough seems to have remained the Plough all its life but was demolished in the 1930's and the present building built. In the late 19th century it was on the corner of Whitecross Street and Canon Moor Lane leading to Canon Moor Farm. The inn was on the city side of the Toll Gate and must have flourished with people travelling to and from Wales as well of course the residents of the almshouses, who I guess enjoyed a good meal and a game of skittles.

Well, in May 1866 at the time of the May Fair, Mary Anne Jones 'a respectable person' was living with Mrs Williams at the Plough Inn (I am assuming our Plough Inn). In the report of the court case told in the Hereford Journal, Edward Watkins said, *'I am a labourer and live in the parish of Almeley. I was at the Red Lion Inn in this town on Tuesday evening, the fair day. I was in the parlour where a good many were dancing. As I was 'turning' a polka with the prisoner she put her right hand in my right side trowsers pocket, and took out my purse containing a two shilling piece and one shilling. She pulled out along with it my watch which I had in the same pocket, but it was fastened to a guard. I felt her hand in my pocket and 'hallooed out', and caught hold of her hand taking the purse from her, when I fetched a police constable and gave her in charge.'* Mary Anne was accused of stealing the purse and 3s. and pleaded guilty but she said, *'that she was put up to take the money to pay for a pot of beer by the company'*. She was sentenced to two months imprisonment with hard labour in the House of Correction.

We can imagine the atmosphere in the parlour that night and *'The Results of Dancing a Polka'* (the heading for the HJ report). The Red Lion Inn was just down the road at the crossroads of Victoria Street and Eign Street, outside the city gates, and later survived the destruction to make the relief road. The room must have been tight but not yet crowded for according to a witness who entered the room, *'about six o'clock in the evening. Some were dancing and others were sat down.'* There must have also been musicians and I assume as it was early evening not too much drink, made in the inn's brewhouse, had been consumed. According to Ron Shoesmith the Red Lion was the main inn on the approach road to Wales and had in 1841, 'the Brew-house, Lock-up Coach House, Saddle Room and Stabling (for 38 horses)'. In 1906 it was described as being a multi-gabled, timber-framed building and had, 'Smoke rooms less than 6 feet high, with beams in the ceilings, no two rooms on the floor the same level.....its great yard, in full use every market day, could accommodate nearly a couple of hundred horses and, should their owners imbibe too much during the day, they could have the beds on the floor...' So it was well used and a place to enjoy life on a May Fair evening.

I guess the moral of this tale is the same then as it is today - keep your hands to yourself!

Jean Thomson



Breinton Village Hall

Breinton Village Hall is available to hire and information can be found on the Village Hall website at breintonhall.chessck.co.uk (please note the recent change) or by calling Anne or Phil Chapman (01432 263 769). Please contact us if you wish to use the Hall for a family event or a group activity.

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.
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Morris Dancing	Thursday evenings 7.30 – 9pm	
Nordic Walking	Friday mornings as arranged	Contact Louise Evans 07815 315 503
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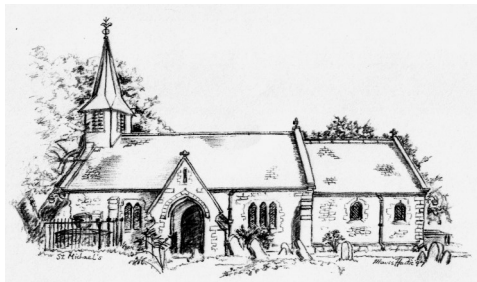
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The Rev. Jo Jennings has recently joined the Village Hall Committee and is part of the Planning Group organising activities for the forthcoming Royal Jubilee.

If you would like to help read below for further details.

BREINTON SPRINGS TO LIFE!!

There are new activities at the Village Hall and plans for a right royal jubilee.

Last week's Coffee Morning held at Breinton Village Hall was a great success, and the BVH committee are pleased to report that £45 will be donated to the Ukraine DEC Appeal after expenses!

Thanks is deserved to the many who contributed cakes and refreshments, Mike who informed us about our changing climate and Jo who entertained the children.

This was the first of regular Coffee Mornings being held on the **first Saturday of each month**. The next is on **7th May (from 10.30-1.00pm)**.

This time there will be a **Special Plant Swap** – you can bring, buy or swap a plant. You can enjoy coffee, tea, soft drinks, cakes and biscuits whilst chatting to fellow community members and share ideas. You will also be able to peruse the Book Swap bookcase as well as use your own internet device using the fast fibre connection. Children will be provided with activities including **Minecrafting with Jo**.

There will be a short AGM for the Hall during the morning and the large Village Hall is amply ventilated facilitating social distancing.

Advance Notice: On **Saturday 4th June** there will be a **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Coffee Morning** - including an **extra special cake and some bubbly**.

On **Sunday 5th June**

a **Big Jubilee Picnic Lunch** is planned: bring your own picnic!

Desserts and drinks will be in the Hall with Games and Competitions, a display of pictures and artefacts from the last 70 years of the Queen's reign.

Look out for further details!

Contact Anne on (01432) 263769 if you would like to offer help or ideas.





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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 restarted 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.





Faith in Art?

The creative and visual arts, whether painting, drawing, photography, film making, ceramics sculpture, textiles or any other medium, for many, is the essential way that we connect with God, express our love for Him or celebrate all that He has done for us. We can worship, we can meditate, we can pray, and we can share all of this with others communicated through what we create.

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up Thessalonians 5:11

If you are an artist or creative craftsperson you may be interested to hear about a new group in the West Hereford Team of churches, who have a desire to explore their journey of faith and the relationship between God and their creative practice. With the blessing of our Rector Rev. Ruth Hulse, we plan to meet about once a month where we will reflect on the Word that encourages us, share ideas and progress on creative projects, hear from other inspiring Christian artists and pray together and for each other.

The group is open to everyone with an interest in exploring the relationship between their creative practice and the Christian faith and in encouraging others who are at varying stages of their journey.



He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end

Ecclesiastes 3:11

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Sunday Services in May 2022

	All Saints	St Michael's	Holy Trinity	St Nicholas'
1st May: <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	9.30am Mass@All Saints	9.30am BCP Communion	11.00am Morning Prayer 1.30pm Baptism	11.00am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evensong in St Nicholas'
8th May: <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	9.30am Parish Mass followed by APCM	9.30am Parish Eucharist	11.00am Parish Eucharist	11.00am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
15th May: <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	9.30am Parish Mass	9.30am APCM followed by Parish Eucharist	11.00am Parish Eucharist followed by APCM	11.00am Morning Prayer 6.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
22nd May: <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	9.30am Parish Mass 26th May, 7.00pm: Team Mass for Ascension Day:	9.30am Morning Prayer	11.00am Parish Eucharist	11.00am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom
29th May: <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	9.30am Parish Mass with the Traherne Association	9.30am Parish Eucharist 11.30 Baptism	11.00am Parish Eucharist	11.00am Parish Eucharist 6.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom

Regular Week-Day Services in May 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

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Sunday	6.30pm Evening Prayer (except first Sunday of the month)
Monday - Friday	8.30am Morning Prayer

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