



NEWSLETTER

**Sunday 9th August
2026**
Tenth Sunday after Trinity

LUNCHTIME SERVICES THIS WEEK

Monday 10th 12.10pm Prayers for Peace **Tuesday 11th** 12.10pm Low Mass
Wednesday 12th 12.10pm Low Mass **Thursday 13th** 12.10pm Low Mass

TODAY'S SERVICE

9.30am Parish Mass

OTHER SERVICES

Monday to Friday, 8.30am

Morning Prayer on Zoom. All welcome. Please see the website for joining details.

Zoom services: joining details and other resources on the website, westherefordt.org.uk

NEXT SUNDAY 16th AUGUST: ELEVENTH AFTER TRINITY

9.30am Parish Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer, on Zoom

Readings: Genesis 45: 1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Our friends in the old catholic church in Landauerkapelle, Nuremberg, and for their Bishop, who retires in September, and all involved in the election of his successor in October.

The Mother's Union, whose founder, Mary Sumner, we celebrate today

The West Hereford Team sponsored theological students in Tanzania: Yusuph Simon Shauri and Pius Leonard Tengeneza.

The charities we support: The Children's Society, USPG, and the Hereford Diocese Tanzania link.

All those who live and work in our parish.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 9th: 2.30pm Mary Sumner Day Celebration Service at Church of St. James the Great, Colwall, WR13 6HE followed by refreshments. All welcome

Sunday 9th 6.30pm Evening Prayer, on Zoom

Tuesday 11th 2.30pm CHATT at Holy Trinity. Join us for a cuppa and a chat.

Tuesday 11th 7.00pm Christian Meditation summer term, All Saints

UPCOMING DATES

29th August: 10.00am- 12.30pm Repair Cafe at Holy Trinity Church.

3rd September: 11.00am First Thursday Friendship Table at All Saints

3rd September: 11.00am St. Nicholas' Coffee and Catch up at All Saints.

3rd September: 7.00pm Revd Paul Roberts will be Licensed as Team Vicar Designate at All Saints. All welcome.

ALL SAINTS: PASTORAL CARE

Barbara G, Jackie M, Jane H, Mel C, Kalyani M and Mary S. Please let us know if you would like prayer, home communion or other support, or speak to one of us to find out more.

NOTICES

New Website: A new home for everything happening across our churches. Our website has been rebuilt at westhereford.org.uk, do take a look.

September Teamtalk: Items should be sent to office@westhereford.org.uk or the editor, jeshermag@gmail.com by **tomorrow, 10th August.**

Mothers' Union 150: Two chances to celebrate - Today at 2.30pm, join the Mary Sumner Day Celebration Service.

Then on Sunday 23rd August at 3.30pm, Hereford Cathedral holds Evensong with a Mothers' Union theme.

Good news: Louise, who was on placement with us at the start of the year, has been recommended for ordination training and starts in September. She sends her thanks for your prayers. Please pray as she takes this next step.

Paul's Licensing: Our ministry is stronger when we stand together. On Thursday 3rd September, you can do exactly that as we gather for the licensing of Revd Paul Roberts as Team Vicar at All Saints, 7.00pm, refreshments afterwards. Come and help us welcome Paul.

Can you help St. Michael's Hospice? Please can you put your used stamps in the box in Church.

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COLLECT

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING

Genesis 37.1–4,12–28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.' So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.' So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?' 'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.' The man said, 'They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan." ' So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.' But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.' Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him'—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat;

and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, 'What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.' And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

PSALM 105.1–10

O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises, and tell of all his marvellous works.

Rejoice in the praise of his holy name; let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his face continually.

Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgements of his mouth, O seed of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.

He is the Lord our God; his judgements are in all the earth.

He has always been mindful of his covenant, the promise that he made for a thousand generations:

The covenant he made with Abraham, the oath that he swore to Isaac,

Which he established as a statute for Jacob, an everlasting covenant for Israel.

SECOND READING

Romans 10.5–15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" ' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?" ' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe

in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14.22–33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

POST COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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