

Wye Bridge News

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St Martins & St Peters Bullinghope churches
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See how the wild flowers grow! They don't work to earn, or craft their own clothes, but even King Solomon with all his wealth was not dressed as well as they are. LK 12:27– 28

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The Venerable Sam Hustwayte Archdeacon of Ludlow

Journeys



I wonder how many journeys you have planned in your lifetime: the daily trips and the longer adventures; the familiar routes we take almost on autopilot, and the journeys we plan carefully because of where we are going, or what we hope to do and see.

There are the journeys we make every day—to work, to school, or to see a neighbour. There are the journeys we make less often, but still regularly: visiting relatives, going to church, or attending commitments. And then there are the journeys we may make only once in a lifetime. Each journey has a purpose, a beginning and an end: to see a loved one, to celebrate, to earn a living, to shop for food, to visit the doctor, to take a holiday, or to explore somewhere new.

As a family, we recently spent hours planning the route and places to stay for a road trip through Italy—from Lake Como to Naples and back. We wanted to visit the places on our “we would really like to see” list, while also making time to rest, explore and enjoy being together. The planning resulted in a wonderful holiday: we saw amazing things, experienced busyness and rest, encountered a different culture, and came home refreshed—physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Throughout the Bible there is a great deal of journeying, and often in those physical journeys we see God at work in the lives of those who travel. We see the Israelites rescued by God and formed as his people; Elijah running away and discovering that God is with him; Paul shipwrecked yet protected so that he can speak to others about Jesus; and Jesus journeying to the cross, revealing God’s ultimate love through his words and actions along the way.

At the beginning of July, I was part of two joyful services as Bishop Richard ordained our new priests and deacons. As I sat through those services, I was reminded again of journeys—not physical journeys this time, but spiritual ones: the journeys we make with God as we respond to his call and leading. As followers of Jesus, we are called by God into his service, a calling that takes many shapes and forms. Like our physical journeys, our spiritual journeys have a purpose. Paul speaks of doing whatever we do to the glory of God, and Jesus teaches that in all we do we reveal God to others—his light, his life and his love. So, as we head into a season of holiday journeys, I wonder whether we might use the opportunity of a physical journey to reflect on our spiritual one, from beginning to end.

The Venerable Sam Hustwayte

Archdeacon of Ludlow

Churchwarden News—St Martin's

July 2026

The contract for the refurbishment of Flat 2 following the fire has now been agreed by the wardens, and work should commence once the insurer has finalised the paperwork their end.

The flat will be offered for rental via our agents, and it is expected that there will be good interest. We are pleased that a new tenancy for 211 Ross Road has been negotiated, and that a break in occupation has been 'a-void-ed'.....!

Thanks to Clive Wilce for doing an excellent job in repairing and painting the doors to St Martin's and also the front gates, which look much better in black and gold. There are a number of other maintenance jobs required in and around the church and hall - if you are in any way practical, please mention this to John or Onnie, and we may be able to find something that suits your interests.

The cycle of monthly activities continues - thanks to all those who support our various fundraising initiatives - the financial out-turns for fundraising activities will be published in the parish magazine for the following month - the regular, small events are valuable for social cohesion and bring in essential funds for St Martin's. Thank you if you plan and organise events, and thanks to you for your continued attendance and support.

A couple of requests:

Please sign up if you are able to help with post-service coffee, intercessions, readings, and if you are interested in sacristan duties, welcomer/sidesman duties.

When reading lessons or making announcements, please adjust the microphone at the lectern so you are speaking directly into it. The system does require readers to speak up - you should be able to hear yourself through the speakers if you are speaking loudly enough.

Finally, we are pleased to report that a young muntjac deer was photographed in the churchyard – Scott our gardener was out and about and spotted it!

Thanks John

Fund Raising @ St Martin's



The fundraising for the month of July has been phenomenal!!

Fete- £1284.90

Parish Breakfast- £90

Strawberry Tea- £342.25

Young at Heart- £180

Grand total of **£1897.15**

Well done everyone!!

August News—St Peter's

The August pattern of services has been slightly altered.

On Sunday 2nd August we have Morning Prayer at 11.15am

Summer Songs of Praise

On Sunday 9th August at 6pm we will be holding a 'Summer Songs of Praise' service with a selection of our favourite hymns . This will be followed with some very light refreshments.

There will be no service on 16th August.

On the 30th August we are having a joint Benefice service at St. Martin's church at 9.30am.





Parish Breakfast @ St Martin's

**A new regular feature
bringing together folk after our Communion
service.**

**Thanks to all who help bring this together.
One of our many fund raising events in the
parish.**

Next one is one Sunday 23rd August 2026





**Afternoon Strawberry Tea
@ St Martin's Church Hall.**

Sunday 26th July .

**A delightful afternoon , well
attended and enjoyed by
parishioners and families.**





St Martin's & St Peter's Diary June 2026

Sun 2nd Aug	9:30am 11:15am	Holy Communion at St Martin's Morning Prayer at St Peter's
Tues 4th Aug	7pm	PCC Meeting in the Choir Vestry
Sun 9th Aug	9:30am 6pm	Holy Communion at St Martin's Summer Songs of Praise at St Peter's
Tues 11th Aug	2-3pm	Coffee - in the Narthex
Sun 16th Aug	9:30am	Morning Prayer at St Martin's No service at St. Peter's today
Tues 18th Aug	2-3pm	Coffee - in the Narthex
Thurs 20th Aug	2pm	Young at Heart
Sun 23rd Aug	9:30am	Holy Communion at St Martin's—followed by Parish Breakfast in the Church Hall
Tues 25th Aug	2-3pm	Coffee - in the Narthex
Sat 29th Aug	10am-12pm	Coffee Morning in aid of Midlands Air Ambulance at St Martin's
Sun 30th Aug	9:30am	Joint Benefice Holy Communion at St Martin's



St Martin's & St Peter's Diary—advance dates

- ♦ PCC— 4th Aug
- ♦ Quiz night TBC
- ♦ 9th August 6pm St Peter's Summer Songs of Praise evening
- ♦ 23rd August Parish Breakfast at St Martin's
- ♦ 29th August Coffee morning at St Martin's Hall in aid of Midlands Air Ambulance 10– 12 noon



St Martin's, Visiting Clergy

Sunday 2nd Aug 9:30am Rev Sheila Anthony

Sunday 9th Aug 9:30am Rev Jackie Nevill

Sunday 16th Aug 9:30am Rev Jackie Nevill

Sunday 23rd Aug 9:30am Canon John T

Sunday 30th Aug 9:30am Rev Jackie Nevill



In aid of Midlands
Air Ambulance

Summer Coffee Morning

Saturday, 29th August
St. Martin's
Church Hall
10am-12noon



What am I reading on Sunday?

Please check with the person running our service.

Date	Sunday 2nd August
'Sunday'	9th Sunday after Trinity
Colour	Green
1st Reading	Genesis 32: 22-31
Psalm	17: 1-7, 15
2nd Reading	Romans 9: 1 -5
Gospel	Matthew 14: 13-21

Date	Sunday 9th August
'Sunday'	10th Sunday after Trinity
Colour	Green
1st Reading	Genesis 37: 1– 4, 12-28
Psalm	105: 1-10
2nd Reading	Romans 10: 5-15
Gospel	Matthew 14: 22-23

Date	Sunday 16th August
'Sunday'	11th Sunday after Trinity
Colour	Green
1st Reading	Genesis 45: 1—15
Psalm	133
2nd Reading	Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32
Gospel	Matthew 15: 21-28

Date	Sunday 23rd August
'Sunday'	12th Sunday after Trinity
Colour	Green
1st Reading	Exodus 1: 8-2: 10
Psalm	124
2nd Reading	Romans 12: 1-8
Gospel	Matthew 16: 13-20

Sunday 30th August
13th Sunday after Trinity
Green
Exodus 3: 1-15
115
Romans 12: 9-end
Matthew 16:21-end

All you need is LOAF!

Sing to the tune of 'How do you solve a problem like Maria?' (The Sound of Music)

**How do you solve the threat of global warming?
How can you lessen risks of climate change?
We need a way of life that's habit-forming,
with new routines for old, in good exchange.**

**Think of your weekly supermarket visit;
do you buy eco-friendly merchandise?
Which products pass the test –
the cheapest, or the best?
The ones that come by train, or boat, or skies?**

**When writing a shopping list tomorrow morning,
please Use Your LOAF – you'll soon be eco-wise!**

.....

**Aim to get this season's crops,
and from Local stores and shops,
thus reducing all the food miles that accrue;**

**buy Organic goods besides,
with no harmful pesticides,
which are tasty in a meat or veggie stew;**

**and this policy includes
eating Animal-friendly foods,
using farming methods that are most humane,**

**and the F-word is Fairtrade,
with the logo well displayed
showing others you agree with its campaign.**

**Now shopping for food can really be transforming,
using our LOAF, we'll bring about real change!**

Alison Blenkinsop

<https://greenchristian.org.uk/resources/loaf/>

**Alison is a retired midwife and member of Pagham Parish Church.
She has written songs, hymns and verse.**



St Martin's Bible Study Group



Bible study is having a summer break and will return in September.

We look forward to seeing you then.

St Martin's Summer Fete 2026



Support for victims and survivors of abuse

Church of England - Responding Well to Victims and Survivors of Abuse

If you have been hurt or harmed and want to speak to someone in the Church, you deserve to be listened to, taken seriously, and treated with compassion, respect, and honesty. This leaflet explains the kind of support and response you can expect from the Diocese of Hereford.

Who can I talk to?

- You may begin by speaking to someone you trust within your church. Many churches have appointed a Parish Safeguarding Officer (or PSO), and their details should usually be visible on posters inside the building.
- You may choose to speak directly to the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer or safeguarding team if that feels right for you.
- If you would rather speak to someone independent of the Church, you can contact Safe Spaces for confidential support.
- You do not have to work out everything on your own — help is available, and you can choose the route that feels safest for you.

What support can I expect?

- We will listen to you carefully and respond with compassion, dignity and respect.
- We will take your wishes, needs and wellbeing seriously.
- Support may include emotional and practical support, pastoral or spiritual support if this would be welcome to you. We can also help you access therapeutic support where appropriate.
- You can have a Support Person to help you understand the process and stay in touch with the Church if you would find that helpful.
- Where harm has occurred, the Church will acknowledge that and, where appropriate, offer an apology.

What happens when I tell the church about abuse?

- What you share will be taken seriously.
- In some situations, the safeguarding team may need to share information with statutory agencies to help keep people safe. If this applies, we will explain why and what it means for you.
- We will keep you informed, as far as possible, about what happens next and who will be involved.

- Support will be discussed with you and arranged in a way that reflects your needs and choices wherever possible.
- You will not be pressured into receiving spiritual or pastoral support if you do not want it

What about my choices?

- You will be involved in conversations about the support you need.
- We will work with you to identify what might help, how it can be arranged, and when it can begin.
- Your views, your pace, and your preferences matter, and will be respected.

What if I am in immediate danger?

If you or someone else is in immediate danger, please **call the police on 999** straight away.

Diocese of Hereford contacts and support

Diocesan Safeguarding Officer - Lisa Anderson: 07999 028076

Email: safeguarding@hereford.anglican.org

Safe Spaces (independent support service): 0300 303 1056

Email: safespaces@firstlight.org.uk

Police / emergency services: 999 in an emergency

If you would prefer to seek support outside the Church, you can also contact statutory services or an independent specialist support service.

Additional support can be accessed via the Hereford Diocese Safeguarding website at <https://www.hereford.anglican.org/parish-support/safeguarding/safe-spaces/>



You matter, and so does your wellbeing. Reaching out should lead to care, support, and honest communication. We hope this leaflet gives you confidence that you will be treated with dignity , sensitivity, and respect.

Our Young at Heart Meeting was held on 16th July. It was lovely to see so many new faces. A total of 35 enjoyed a wonderful afternoon singing.

Irene played the keyboard, great well-known songs with plenty of laughter and entertainment.

I would like thank Irene and Michael for organising this lovely afternoon, also to thank my helpers Marlene, Julia, Joyce, Andrew and Carl for all their hard work helping myself with preparing the Tea Party.

Thank you all for the Donations for St Martins Church Funds, a total of £180.00 plus gift aid.

The next Young @ Heart will be held on **Thursday 20th August @ 2.00pm** with another Sing-Along with Irene followed by Puddings and Pimm's. Thank you everyone for donations and attending.

Onnie



A big **'Thank You'** to Hereford Gilbert & Sullivan Society for a fantastic concert held in St Martin's Church.

Also a big **Thank you** to Geoff for organising this wonderful event.



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Regular Sunday Services

St Martin's, Ross Road

9.30 am Holy Communion every Sunday



***We no longer live stream Sunday services on Facebook.
We do though live stream Night Prayer every Monday on
Facebook.***

St Peter's, Bullinghope

***Please note there is a change to our regular service pattern in August
– please see page 4**

Morning Prayer.

On first Sunday of the month we have a service of Morning Prayer,
Service begins at 11:15am

Holy communion

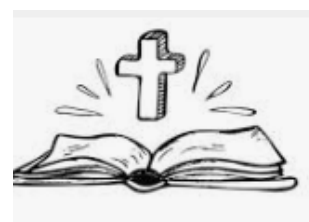
Third Sunday will now be Holy communion, service begins at 11:15.am
For service times, please see the Church Facebook page.

We hope you have enjoyed this edition of Wye Bridge news.

Please let us know what you have liked and would like to see in
Future editions. Please email - office@stmartinshereford.org.uk

Thank you

Sue the editor



Meet The Team

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We are currently in the interregnum for South Wye churches.

Updates will be provided and timescales announced when known.

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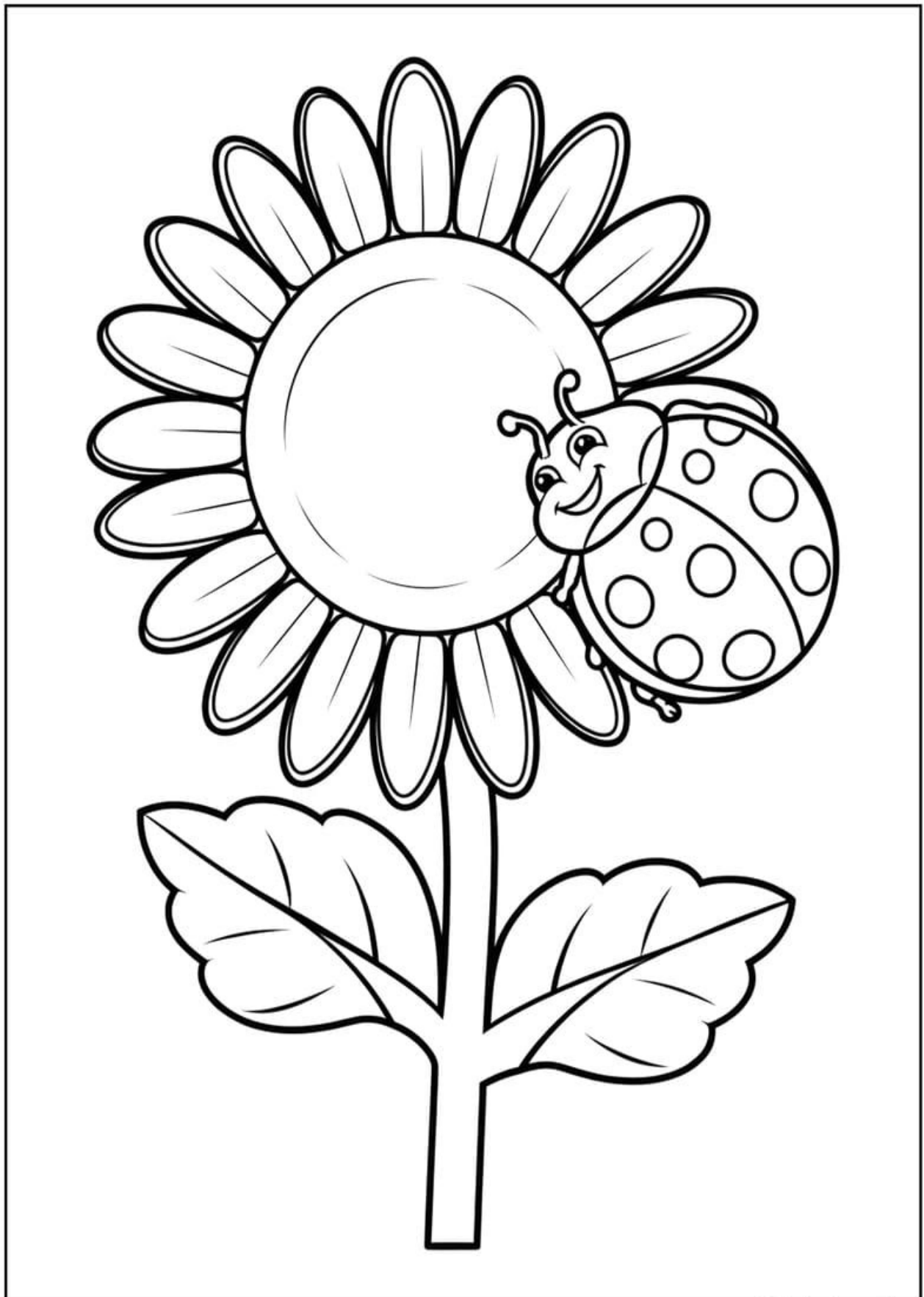
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