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Forward From The Archdeacon of Hereford

Some people seem to have the ability to glide effortlessly through life apparently without a care in the world. Others constantly seem to struggle and trouble seems to follow them wherever they go! We all have impact on those around us whether we like it or not, how we are viewed and understood by others is part of who we are. I often describe human life as a constant struggle to identify God's best amongst the myriad competing possibilities. Struggle is often seen as a negative but struggling is often a good way to find a new way of being and helps our faith grow.

The story of Jacob in the Old Testament shows how God encounters this rather wayward character. When Jacob wrestles with God he did so all night, this should not surprise us after all he is about to meet his brother whose inheritance he stole! Whether we see it as a literal wrestling match with God or a metaphor for Jacob coming to terms with the cost of his previous deceitful actions the result is the same. Jacob has to recognise he cannot always win or be right and it is the presence of God that stops him in his tracks. Jacob eventually discovers that whilst he may think he can beat God there is always a cost to our decisions.

Jacob is changed by the struggle and as a result gets given a new name by God, Israel. His new name recognises that he has struggled with God and with his own humanity and has been changed by the experience. When we truly struggle with God or with those around us, if we are open to the Holy Spirit at work in us then we too can be changed. I often think we learn more in our struggles both with our faith and in our lives than when everything comes easily. Jacob only realised that he had struggled with God after the event and we are often the same we discover

God's presence after we emerge from the storm not whilst we are in the midst of it!

Derek Chedzey
Archdeacon of Hereford

Churchwarden News—St Martin's

May 5th PCC meeting John Eden was happy to continue as PCC Treasurer, Irene Goodman was also happy to continue as PCC Secretary and Sue Wilce to continue as Minute secretary.

Messy Church was held on May 8th and was well attended. The students had enjoyable afternoon with crafts etc and followed by refreshments.

Monday 11 May Orientation Day showing around St Martin's and St Peter's Churches and areas surrounding both parishes , also excellent lunch was served followed by tea .We would like thank everyone who helped in everyway by putting the Benefice Profile together, catering and help that was given which made the day so interesting and the following day, the interviews took place at the Bishop's Palace. The next interviewing day will be 15th October.

We had a busy month fund raising on 21st May Young @ Heart had a lovely enjoyable afternoon with a talk by Sue on her lifetime employed by Central Government, so interesting with many laughs followed by a tea party hosted by myself and donations all gift aided total £230 .00 ,a big "Thank you" to Marlene, Julia ,Carl and Andrew for helping with the catering and getting the hall ready and thank you also to everyone for the donations.

May 23rd, we visited Sue Cockroft's lovely home for a coffee morning and a walk around Sue's wonderful garden and pond. It was a beautiful sunny morning with loads of great raffle prizes and beautiful cakes, scones etc a big thank you to everyone for attending and donations with a total of £250.00, with gift aid raised for church funds.

May 24th Everyone enjoyed the Full English Breakfast cooked by Gaye, John and Marlene it was enjoyed by everyone and I received comments when is the next one!! A total of £190.00 was raised for church funds this was also gift aided.

Evening Prayer Passiontide with Barry and the students from the Academy a very enjoyable evening with musical played by John and Gaye. Prayers with Jackie Psalms by students thank you to Barry for all the hard work.

Thank you also to Scott for all his hard work keeping the Churchyard looking so neat and tidy especially taking on the SAS plot as well as the main churchyard.

You may have noticed that the Church is having a facelift! Thank you to Clive who has already started work on the South Transit doors, the Vestry doors and also the gates are being renovated.

And finally, a "Big" Thank you to Sharron, for all the extra work you have undertaken in producing a proposal for a prospective new Service Sheet.

Onnie

Churchwarden News—St Peter's



We had two services in May, Thank you to Canon John Thewlis for taking our service on 3rd May.

In June as well as normal services we will be having a coffee morning On Saturday 27th June at St Martin's Church between 10:00 and 12:00 to raise money for St Peter's, again everyone is welcome to come along.

We will be holding our Patronal St Petertide service on Sunday 28th June at 11:15, followed by a bring and share picnic after the service. Hopefully the sun will be out!

We will be joined by St Martin's congregation on this day, everyone is welcome to join us.

Petertide refers to the week surrounding St. Peter's Day on June 29, which is the traditional period for Church of England ordinations.

Our finances at St Peter's are very tight like everyone else, if anyone has any fundraising ideas or would like to put on a fundraising event for St Peter's please let me know.

Simon



Safeguarding :It's Personal

New safeguarding campaign: It's Personal

At the centre of every safeguarding concern is a person who has taken the difficult step of disclosing harm or risk. This new campaign from the Church of England running from 1st - 14th June reminds us that safeguarding guidance is not just a statutory process to be followed. Creating a safe space for people to report, and how we respond to them, matters. There is a suite of resources for churches to use to promote this campaign including posters, info sheets, and email banners. Find them here:

churchofengland.org/safeguarding/safeguarding-e-manual/its-not-just-policy-its-personal

Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, Lisa Anderson, says, "I would encourage anyone who has any safeguarding concern to use our diocesan reporting process using the reporting form found on our website:

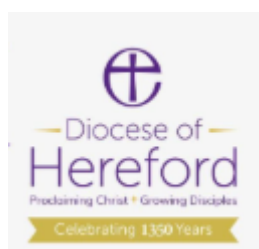
hereford.anglican.org/parish-support/safeguarding/reporting-concerns-or-abuse/confidential-incidentconcern-form-.php

She continues, "This new campaign reminds us that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and we want people to feel confident and supported in reporting any concern. Using the diocesan reporting form helps us respond sensitively to protect those who may be at risk."

Statement from Bishop Richard

We seek to help people become disciples of Christ, that through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit they will come to know how deeply God loves them. That is why we think good safeguarding practice is at the heart of our mission. We uphold the policies and practice for Safeguarding within the Church of England across every one of our churches and schools. We want to ensure they are adopted and implemented across every part of the Church so it can be a safe place for everyone.

In our diocese, we are committed to putting things right when they go wrong. We put survivors first, strive to care for any who have been harmed and follow the best possible practice. We work with all statutory and other authorities to deal effectively with any disclosures of harm, contemporary or historic. We seek to learn the lessons from every situation to make our churches and schools a safer place for all. A good culture of safeguarding is essential in all we do. I pray you will find these resources helpful as we all work to support and uphold these values and practices. Thank you for all you do to sustain the life of our diocese in this as in so many other areas of our common life.



What is the Parish Giving Scheme?

PGS enables you to give to your chosen church monthly, quarterly or annually by Direct Debit. You can set up your Direct Debit online, fill in a gift form at church, or call our team and we will talk you through it, step by step. You can also make a one-off gift to your church online at any time.

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- Give anonymously, if you prefer
- Give securely

Look out for our leaflet in Church or ask a member of the congregation or call the team office on 01432 353717





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

Tues 2nd June	7:15pm	PCC Meeting in the Choir Vestry
Frid 5th	4pm	Messy Church in St Martin's Church Hall
Sun 7th	9:30am 11:15am	Holy Communion at St Martin's Holy Communion at St Peter's
Tues 9th	1-2pm 2-4pm	Bible study in the Narthex Coffee - in the Narthex
Thurs 11th	12pm	Home Instead lunch in St Martin's church hall- please 'phone 01432 804000 to book- £5pp
Sat 13th	10am-12noon	Coffee Morning hosted by Irene Goodman
Sun 14th	9:30am	Holy Communion at St Martin's
Tues 16th	1-2pm 2-4pm	Bible study in the Narthex Coffee - in the Narthex
Thurs 18th	2pm	Young at Heart Talk and Tea Party in church hall
Sun 21st	9:30am 11:15am	Holy Communion at St Martin's Morning Prayer at St Peter's
Tues 23rd	1-2pm 2-4pm	Bible study in the Narthex Coffee - in the Narthex

Celebrating St. Peter's!

Come and join us for a special weekend, celebrating St. Peter's, Bullinghope

Sat 27th	10am-12pm	Coffee Morning in St. Martin's Narthex for St. Peter's
Sun 28th	11.15am	Joint service at St. Peter's, celebrating Petertide, followed by a bring and share picnic lunch.

Tues 30th	1-2pm 2-4pm	Bible study in the Narthex Coffee - in the Narthex
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St Martin's & St Peter's Diary—advance dates

- ◆ PCC—2nd June
- ◆ Messy Church — 5th June see page 9
- ◆ Jumble Sale 6th June—see page 14
- ◆ Coffee Morning Saturday 13th June—see page 14
- ◆ Quiz night TBC
- ◆ Gilbert and Sullivan Concert 5th July, in St. Martin's church, followed by refreshments in the hall.
- ◆ Summer Fete Saturday 11th July 12 pm–3pm—see page 16



St Martin's and St. Peter's, Visiting Clergy

Sunday 7th June 09:30am Rev Jane Plackett – Ferguson
11:15 am Rev Penny Littlewood

Sunday 14th 9:30 am Rev Jackie Nevill

Sunday 21st 9:30 am Rev Dr David Thomson
11:15am Lay- led

Sunday 28th 9:30am Rev Jackie Nevill & Barry Stevens

St Martin's Church

Friday June 5th 2026 4-5:30pm



Another fantastic Messy Church session at St Martin's, based on 1Corinthians 12:12–27, learning how we all have different roles to play in the community and in the body of Christ ... activities included pebble painting, pasta skeletons, Potato head making! and body part target practice (no attendees were harmed during the participation of this activity!!)



What am I reading on Sunday?

Please check with the person running our service.

Date	Sunday 7th June
'Sunday'	1st Sunday after Trinity
Colour	Green
1st Reading	Genesis 12: 1-9
Psalm	33: 1-12
2nd Reading	Romans 4: 13-end
Gospel	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Date	Sunday 14th June
'Sunday'	2nd Sunday after Trinity
Colour	Green
1st Reading	Genesis 18: 1-15
Psalm	
2nd Reading	Romans 5: 1-8
Gospel	Matthew 9: 35-10:8

Date	Sunday 21st June
'Sunday'	3rd Sunday after Trinity
Colour	Green
1st Reading	Genesis 21: 8-21
Psalm	86: 1-10
2nd Reading	Romans 6: 1b –11
Gospel	Matthew 10: 24-39

Date	Sunday 28th June
'Sunday'	4th Sunday after Trinity
Colour	Green
1st Reading	Genesis 22: 1-14
Psalm	13
2nd Reading	Romans 6: 12-end
Gospel	Matthew 10: 40– end



Single-use plastic has created a global environmental crisis.

Research shows that 78% of the public is already taking action to reduce their use of single-use plastic and want to do more but can't always find available options. The good news is solutions already exist! In some supermarkets across the country, they have refill stations for products such as laundry detergents and cereals. Products are on the Refill Return app to connect us with new ways to reduce packaging waste.

We can get involved at www.worldrefillday.org

Are you more of a water bottle 💧 or coffee cup refiller? ☕

Shopping for loose veg 🍅 or filling up on dried goods? 🥜

Topping up toiletries 🧴 or your cleaning products? 🧼

@Refillhq are launching a #5DayChallenge to ditch disposables and show the world that a reusable future is already here! Join the movement and help turn the tide on plastic pollution!

How does it work?

- ❑ Pick your reuse swap: either do the same swap for 5 days, or a new swap each day
 - ❑ Download the Refill Return app
 - ❑ Post your progress using #5DayChallenge, #WorldRefillDay. Tag @Refillhq to join the movement!
- 📱 Download our FREE app to find places to reuse and refill (or add new refill spots that you know of!) and share a picture to encourage others to do the same! 🗑️ Let's stop waste before it starts 🙌🙌🙌

Where in Hereford can we refill?

- Most cafes now offer a water refill station, and will sell you a drink and put it in your own reusable cup
- Most Supermarkets and Greengrocers sell loose fruit and vegetables
- Fodder in Church Street sell refills of food and has a milk dispenser
- In The Body Shop you can refill bottles with Shampoo and Conditioner and shower gel
- M&S sell refill pouches of hand and body washes (which use less plastic than bottles) and glass bottles of reed diffuser refills and Asda sell refill bags of Kenco Coffee and Cadbury's Hot Chocolate

Any more ideas? Please let the **Eco Church Team** know, so we can spread the word.





£250.00 was raised at Sue's Coffee morning. Thank you to Sue and everyone who attended.

What's coming up in June ?

JUMBLE SALE

SATURDAY 6TH JUNE
ST MARTIN'S CHURCH HALL
12-2PM



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Coffee
Morning



Irene is holding a Coffee morning on **Saturday 13th June** from 10: 00am – 12:00pm @ **3 Tavistock Drive Hereford HR2 7XN**
All welcome. Funds raised will go to St Martin's Church.

Hereford Gilbert and Sullivan Society Summer Concert, in St. Martin's church

Sunday 5th July, at 3pm, followed by refreshments in the church hall.

Admission £12 adults

Under 16's £5

A wonderful afternoon with nearly 30 people enjoying an entertaining and interesting talk by Sue on her working life of 47 years working for Central Government it was full of jollity and laughter a big thank you to Sue

A big thank you to Andrew, Carl, Marline and Julia for helping me preparing the Tea Party and a big Thank you to everyone for the donations I received with Gift Aid a total of £232 .00 was raised for Church Funds.

The Next Young @ Heart will be held on Thursday 18th June at 2.00pm in the church





Summer Fete
St Martin's Church
Ross Road Hereford
Saturday 11th July 2026
12pm – 3pm

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9.30 am Holy Communion

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There will be no live Facebook screening of services during the Interregnum. We will be live screening Night prayer every Monday on Facebook.

St Peter's, Bullinghope

11.15 am Holy Communion—1st Sunday is Holy Communion.

3rd Sunday of the month is Morning prayer. From July onwards, Morning Prayer will be on the 1st Sunday and Holy Communion will be on the 3rd Sunday.

Baptisms if required on second Sunday of the month

For patterns of Communion and Morning Prayer, please check on St Peter's Facebook page

For special service times, please see the Church Facebook

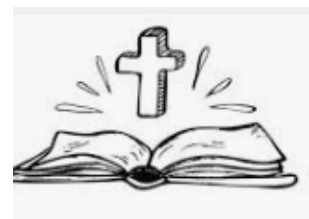
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Please let us know what you have liked and would like to see in

Future editions. Please email - office@stmartinshereford.org.uk

Thank you

Sue the editor



Meet The Team

Clergy

We are currently in the interregnum for South Wye churches.

Updates will be provided and timescales announced when known.

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