



South Wye Team Ministry Newsletter

17th October 2021
20th Sunday after Trinity

Hello Everyone,

I hope that you are keeping safe and well. I'm aware that there are a considerable number of people who are ill at the moment. Please let us know in the office if you would like your name added to the prayer list or if there is anything that we can do to help – especially if you've already asked and we haven't responded as you might have hoped.

A member of the clergy that I follow on Twitter describes himself in his bio as “a limiting factor after the order of Melchizedek.” The ‘limiting factor’ part is a reference to a continuing argument within Anglicanism about the expense of ordained ministry; “after the order of Melchisedek” is a quote from this week's section of the letter to the Hebrews. The same words also appear in Psalm 110 - “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

My plan for writing this letter now involves an explanation of the place of these words in the ordination of priests and possibly a line about how it feels to hear them at ordination services and how familiar they are in that context. However, having looked carefully at the wording of those services, the magic phrase – even the name Melchisedek – don't appear at all. Psalm 110 isn't even one of the set psalms! So what am I remembering? How could I be so wrong? Maybe my memory actually is a limiting factor!

Clergy and other ministers (as I am sure I don't need to tell you) are human, and get it wrong, a lot. In the words of a card I used to have above my desk “I've learned so much from my mistakes I'm thinking that I'll make a few more.” How reassuring then that our church and our salvation do not depend on frail humans, but on the high priest who does not forget, doesn't get confused or overwhelmed. Jesus Christ, is always there for us, always accessible, never too busy for us.

One of the areas where the human beings that make up the church have made many mistakes in the past, and which continues to cause confusion and pain to many people, is sexuality, relationships and marriage. The Hereford Deanery *Living in Love and Faith* course advertised in this newsletter is designed to help us to discuss these questions together, wherever we may stand on the issues. Please email ruthhulse@hotmail.co.uk to receive the Zoom link.

With every blessing to you all for the week ahead,

Anne

With every blessing,
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Family and Community News

We have been saddened to learn of the death of Janet Evans, a very longstanding member of the congregation at St Martin's. Details of Janet's funeral arrangements will be publicised once they have been finalised. Please keep Janet, her family and friends in your prayers.

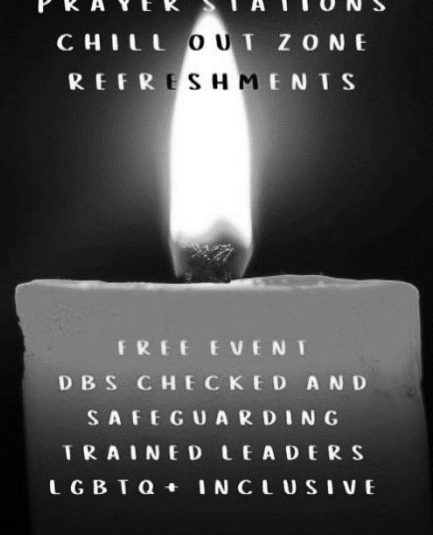
Chill and Church

A NEW YOUTH MEETING
FOR AGES 11-16
AT ST MARTIN'S CHURCH
TERM-TIME THURSDAYS
7-8.30PM

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PRAYER STATIONS
CHILL OUT ZONE
REFRESHMENTS



FREE EVENT
DBS CHECKED AND
SAFEGUARDING
TRAINED LEADERS
LGBTQ+ INCLUSIVE



PRE-SCHOOL PRAISE!

We are delighted to announce that our free tots group, Pre-School Praise, has returned, every Monday in term time, 1.30-3pm in St. Martin's Narthex.

This is a lovely, welcoming, friendly group, which has singing, story-telling, play and refreshments, so please let any of your friends or family with young children know about it.

**Evensong At St. Peter's Church,
Bullinghope.
31st October at 4pm
All welcome!**

THIS
"MELCHIZEDEK"
CHARACTER...



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HE WAS A
FAMOUS
PRIEST AND
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*GENESIS 14

BUT JESUS IS BETTER. AS OUR
PRIEST, HE OFFERS *HIMSELF*
AS THE SACRIFICE AND HIS
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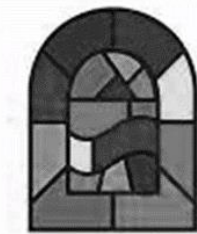


HOW CAN HE BE
FAMOUS IF I DIDN'T
KNOW WHO HE WAS?



HEBREWS 5:5-10

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LIVING IN LOVE & FAITH



How do questions about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage fit within the bigger picture of the good news of Jesus Christ? What does it mean to live in love and faith together as a Church?

We are taking up the bishop's invitation and are exploring the issues of sexuality, relationships and marriage in our course, which starts on 21st October and runs for 5 weeks.

The Living in Love and Faith project has been led by a group of Bishops and representatives from other parts of the Church of England in response to the disagreements about same-sex relationships in the Church, and the pastoral response to it. They have produced resources in order to help local churches discuss these questions together.

“The hope is for people in Church of England churches across the country to use the LLF re-sources to study and pray together. The resources are designed to encourage and enable engagement and learning in a variety of settings. This church-wide learning together, listening to one another, and listening to God is part of discerning a way forward for the Church of England in relation to matters of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. The purpose of the resources is to enable the Church of England churches across the country to participate in a process of learning and praying together as part of discerning a way forward in relation to matters of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage.

The Church of England is keenly aware that issues of gender and sexuality are intrinsic to people's experience; their sense of identity; their lives and the loving relationships that shape and sustain them. We also know that the life and mission of our Church – and of the worldwide Anglican Communion – are affected by the deep, and sometimes painful, disagreements among us which have been debated and discussed on many occasions over the years.

The LLF resources explore these matters by studying what the Bible, theology, history and the social and biological sciences have to say, and by telling the real-life stories of followers of Christ with diverse experiences and convictions.” (from The Church of England website)

This Autumn, Hereford City Deanery will be running the Living in Love and Faith course, using the resources mentioned above, on the following dates at 7.30pm:

21st October, 28th October, 4th November, 11th November, 18th November

These sessions will take place on Zoom, to allow for any restrictions that may be put in place in the coming months, and will be facilitated by Mr Stuart Vince.

For more information, or to register and receive the Zoom link, please email ruthhulse@hotmail.co.uk

Herefordshire Community Recycling And Reuse Group are now using the garage at the Rectory as a collection point. Donations can be made on Thursday mornings between 9am and 12noon (please don't leave donations at other times.) This list of items for collection also gives information on how the group uses your donations.

The recycling group can no longer accept printer or toner cartridges or bottle tops (the collection point they used has closed, there is one in Hull but the group would have to pay delivery costs!) However, blister packs from medication can now be recycled, they must be in a plastic bag and placed in the yellow bin by the person bringing them (volunteers are not supposed to touch them)

Crisp packets, the Walkers, TerraCycle Scheme, raising money for Born Sleeping Appeal at Hereford County Hospital Please do not put other types of wrapping or plastic in with the crisp packets.

Videos, DVD, CD and cassettes :- these go to the Butterfly Garden in Cheltenham who look after vulnerable adults, forming both a recycling and teaching exercise for the students.

Drinks cans, foil and unwanted garden tools :- these go to Widemarsh Ventures in Hereford, cans and foil are weighed in, tools are repaired and sold raising much needed funds for them.

Mobile phone cases :- another TerraCycle Scheme, supporting Stretton Sugwas Primary School

Spectacles :- collected for Bromyard Lions Club, helping those in need of glasses all across the world. Wheelchairs and walkers (not those provided by NHS, which can be returned) :- collected for Hereford Lions Club to safety check, repair and give out free to those in need.

Pens :- a BIC TerraCycle Scheme collecting used and unwanted pens fundraising for Garway School

Toys The Toybank was set up to reuse unwanted toys, games, and puzzles and distributes toys, especially at Christmas via social services, support workers and health workers, primary schools and nurseries.

Bras - now collected for the Breast Cancer Unit at Worcester County Hospital (following closure of Hereford Breast Cancer Haven)

Bikes :- Hereford Cycle Hub and Envirobility in Ross restore the bikes, the adult bikes are sold on to cover costs and children's bikes are distributed for free through social workers to families in need.

Plant pots :- initially collected for recycling, now most go for reuse to allotment societies, schools and individuals, we have collected about 5,000 this year so far, along with watering cans and hose pipes.

Children's clothing and equipment :- from new-born to about 14 years it is sorted and stored for reuse by agencies in Herefordshire to help children who need used but clean clothing, shoes or coats along with cots, baby baths, push chairs, bedding etc.

Adult clothing :- Collected initially for the homeless and women's refuges and now used for any adult referred to us. We have emergency suitcases filled with clothes and toiletries divided into sizes and ready for immediate use when needed, for example by clients at the Refuge.

Furniture, crockery, cutlery, saucepans, rugs, bedding Collected and used to help anyone in need through Taurus Healthcare, CCP, West Mercia Women's Aid, Citizen Housing, Spring Housing, Herefordshire Housing, Hereford Homeless Support, Children's and Adults Services, health workers and support workers.

Electrical cables, leads, phone chargers :- these are weighed in locally to fundraise for the group

Books : books are sold online by Goldstone Books in Carmarthen, to raise funds for the group.

Wellies :- used wellies both adult and children are sold on at £1 per pair all are donated and on one day in December we sold 400 pairs, those with holes or not in pairs we recycle with our clothing. rough the county. They have recycling bins in 60 of the County's primary schools.

For our Prayers

Those who are ill or in need of your prayers, including:

Gaynor C	Ann W	Carol	Lee	Roger	Dot G	Marcia R
Oliver	Chrissie	Hana	Nick D	Brenda B	Bob	Michael
Harry	Viv	Helen	Andrea	Marie	Enid	Emma
Daphne	Yvonne	Rob	Marian	Doris	David	Gwenda
Tony	Ian	Claire	Rose	Claudia	Sue	Steven
Brooke	Claire					

Those who have died and those who mourn their loss:

Maxine.. Dorothy.. Ron. Patricia. Janet

Anglican Communion: The Province of the West Indies - The Most Revd Howard Gregory, Archb

Porvoo: Sweden: Växjö, Bishop Fredrik Modéus; England: Oxford, Bishop Steven Croft, Bishop Olivia Graham, Bishop Colin Fletcher, Bishop Alan Wilson.

Hereford: Leominster Deanery: Rural Dean – Jane Davies; Lay Co-Chair – Lydia Davies; Sub-Warden of Readers – Culain Morris.

South Wye: For our military families and veterans throughout our parishes

The Wider View: Pray for our Nuremberg friends as they continue to prepare to host the German Kirchentag in June 2023. The Kirchentag was formally announced to the city on 18th September, an event which included a midday service presided over by Bishop Elisabeth. People of the city are invited to contribute towards the formation of the programme, and a Biblical “headline text” for the Kirchentag is due to be presented at about this time.

This Week: Sunday is kept as Child Poverty Day. The Children’s Society is one of the organisations using this day to highlight the hidden reality of child poverty in our society, and situations where parents are not able to afford the basics of food, clothing and shelter. St Luke’s Day on Monday prompts prayer for doctors and all involved in medical care, and for the work of hospital chaplaincy. Pray for those many people working in health care who are feeling exhausted and burnt-out by the additional stress imposed by the Covid pandemic. Thursday is Trafalgar Day which celebrates that decisive naval victory, and may also prompt prayer for all who serve today in our Royal Navy. Pray that as churches we may take seriously the opportunities we have to save energy, and to use energy from more sustainable sources as we heat and light our church buildings. Pray for our Diocese as we work together to comply with the Church of England decision to reduce carbon emissions to ‘net zero’ by 2030, following its adoption by our Diocesan Synod last year. International Stammering Awareness Day, on Friday, draws attention to the problems of stammering and other speech impediments faced by many people around our world. It seeks to encourage inclusive programmes in schools and workplace, to widen our understanding of the causes of speech impediments, and to develop therapies and strategies to help people overcome or reduce the impact of stammering. Pray for all who have found themselves excluded or ridiculed because of a speech problem.

Services on-site, online and on TV and Radio For the week beginning 17th October

South Wye Services

Through the Week:

8am Morning Prayer from Common Worship – on St. Martins Facebook page

8pm Night Prayer from Common Worship – on St. Martins Facebook page

10am Thursday 14th October Said Communion at St Martin's

Sunday 17th October

9.30 am Holy Communion at St. Martin's

11.15am Holy Communion at St. Peter's

The 9.30am service will be streamed on St. Martin's Facebook page and will be available on the St. Martin's and the St. Peter's Facebook pages and the St. Martin's YouTube channel later in the day.

Thursday 21st October: 10am My Perspective – on St. Martin's Facebook page

Diocese of Hereford

Diocese of Hereford Facebook: Sunday Service 10am.

Diocese Freephone Prayerline: Dial 0800 304 7052 to hear a prayer.

Church of England

National Weekly Service Facebook at 9:00am.

TV and Radio on Sunday 17th October;

BBC H&W 8am Sunday Worship.

Radio 4 8.10 am Sunday Worship – 'A New Song', from Ely Cathedral

BBC 1 1:15 pm Songs of Praise – Black History

Prayer for the day:

The Church of England website has audio and text of the Prayer for the Day.

Prayer for the Nation

In response to reaching the terrible milestone of 100,000 deaths from COVID-19, the Archbishops invite all to call on God in Prayer. We invite you to set aside time every evening to pray, particularly at 6pm each day. More than ever, this is a time when we need to love each other. Prayer is an expression of love. Find more details at [churchofengland.org/resources/prayer-nation](https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/prayer-nation)

Collect

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:

by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings for 20th Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 53: 4-12

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.
But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.
By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.
They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.
Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.
Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.
Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Psalm 91: 9-16

Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,
no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.
For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.
On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.
You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.
Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.
When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honour them.
With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.

Hebrews 5: 1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,

today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Mark 10: 35-45

The Request of James and John

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

Bible Study on Mark 10: 35-45

Explore and respond to the text *Start by reading the Bible notes below. You may want to read them more than once, or pause after each paragraph to reflect on what you have read.*

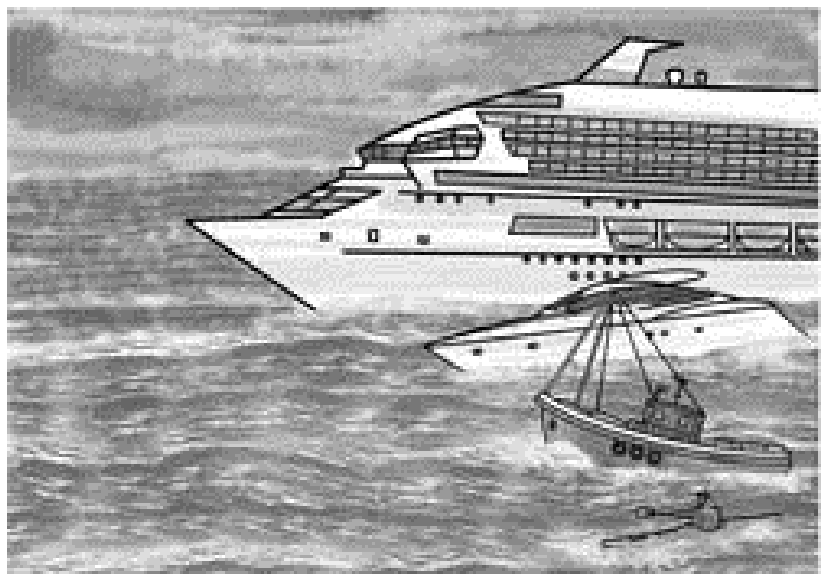
Bible notes As Jesus continues to Jerusalem, the disciples are still struggling with what is happening. In this week's passage, the focus is on the question asked by the brothers, James and John. Once again, the disciples grasp the wrong end of the stick. Despite Jesus' words about the Son of Man and the coming of a new age, with new expectations, they ask a question almost as if they hadn't been listening or watching. The question (v.37) assumes that Jesus, as king, is going to Jerusalem to claim his throne. They are even confident in themselves and their relationship with Jesus (v.39). But even now, despite Jesus' predictions of what will happen, they simply fail to grasp just what sort of king Jesus will be (vv.39-40). In the second part (vv.41-45), Jesus explicitly reiterates what he has been saying in his predictions. But he goes even further, introducing the idea of being a servant. Most translations soften Jesus' actual words because the Greek word in verse 44 (*doulos*) means 'slave'. In the light of the rejection of slavery since the 19th century, and of Black Lives Matter in more recent times, this is a concept we find more than difficult. However, we should remember that, at the time of Jesus, slavery was common and not racial. People owned people as well as land and things. Slaves were owned by someone who had total control over their lives, but who also had responsibility for the slave as a person – even if this was often problematic. In Jesus' account of greatness, the normal pattern of the contemporary world is inverted. It is God's slave who reveals what it means to be great. Note that it is the Son of Man, Jesus, who is the servant/slave, and it is the fulfilment of this role that is his purpose in going to Jerusalem. There will be no king in an earthly sense; Jesus the King belongs to God. How do we understand what it means to follow Jesus?

Reflection *Spend a few moments thinking about what stands out for you from the Bible reading. This idea may help.*

Jesus follows the road to Jerusalem, as is asked of him. James and John follow, but they try to do so on their own terms. Are we like James and John, do we do the same? Is it the cost of discipleship that puts us off, or is it something cultural (in a world where independence and being your own person is constantly emphasised)? When asked if they can share with Jesus in what he is doing, James and John say yes – but are they really in this together? Similarly, we who follow Jesus and ask God to act for us, how committed are we to hearing and doing what God might be asking of us?

Questions for reflection *You may wish to use these questions and the picture to help you think about or discuss issues of sharing.*

- When/in what context did you last hear the phrase, 'We're all in this together'?
- How do our circumstances affect challenges we may face together?
- What can we do about those inequalities?



Sudoku (Easier!)

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