



South Wye Team Ministry Newsletter

6th Sunday after Trinity

11th July 2021

Hello Everyone, I hope that you are all safe and well.

It's been another exciting week in the Diocese and the parishes. As I said last week, it was a real privilege to attend the ordination of Jo Jennings as priest (Jo Burden when she was with us as intern) and the ordination of Lauren Bell as Deacon. The services were wonderful and uplifting – and also disconcerting, because of the restrictions on numbers and activity. Jo was Deacon of the Gospel at the ordination of Deacons – but in fact her role was more accurately “Deacon of the Sanitiser.” As the Bishop laid his hands on each of the 11 Deacons, those hands had to be sanitised between each head. All very strange – and all very wonderful. Lauren has now started her curacy with us. If you see her around the parish, introduce yourself – but please remember that she will be meeting many new people, so she may not immediately remember your name the next time. Please pray for Lauren and all the new Deacons as they look forward to their new ministries.

There is lots to look forward to. The new Dean of Hereford Cathedral was announced on Wednesday. Canon Sarah Brown has been the Canon Missioner at Peterborough Cathedral and will start in the Autumn. Back in South Wye we have been able to restart on-site Messy Church and are piloting *Chill And Church*, a group for Secondary School aged young people in St Martin's, building on the *Chill and Chat* sessions that have been part of Jo's Chaplaincy work at the Hereford Academy. We'll have two sessions before the holidays start and then be ready for the new term in September. Do you know someone who might be interested? Why not ask?

We are also looking forward to the next steps of lifting restrictions in our Sunday Services – the day when we can sing together indoors is approaching, and the ban on the congregation receiving the wine at Communion will lift at some point. It's so exciting for us – although I am a bit nervous about being able to remember the tunes! It's important to remember too, that singing in services may make some people more nervous about attending. We may include some people who have not been comfortable in on-site Eucharist without receiving Communion wine whilst at the same time excluding others whose health makes it more difficult for them to attend as the risks increase. We will make every effort to make on-site worship as safe as it can possibly be – and to improve the quality of our on-line offer, so that we can meet the range of needs of our community. If you have specific ideas or concerns, please do get in touch. The detailed guidance from the Church of England has not yet been published, so as soon as we have more information, we will let you know.

With every blessing to you all
Anne (07864938898)

Family and Community News



Chill and Church

A NEW YOUTH MEETING
FOR YEARS 7-11
AT ST MARTIN'S CHURCH
THURSDAY
15TH & 22ND JULY
7-8.30PM

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PRAYER STATIONS
CHILL OUT ZONE
REFRESHMENTS

FREE EVENT
DBS CHECKED AND
SAFEGUARDING
TRAINED LEADERS
LGBTQ+ INCLUSIVE

St Martin's Afternoon Tea Party on 7th August.

This will be our first chance to catch up with old friends, meet up and socialise again since the first lockdown began in March last year. We can look forward to cups of tea and a variety of delicious cakes.

St Martin's Fun Day – afternoon of August 14th

St Martin's Fun Day will be an afternoon of activities around the church and churchyard to bring the community together for an afternoon of fun without trying to make money out of them! There will be sideshows, games, refreshments, activities and more.

St Martin's Gift Day 19th August and Grand Draw

In an effort to separate our fundraising efforts from our fellowship events which are so important and popular with our South Wye community we are planning our Annual Gift Day on Thursday 19th August. This will give all of us an opportunity to think about making a meaningful donation to church funds to enable us to continue to serve our community. This way we can enjoy our community activities without the worry of separate fundraising.

We are adding a new service to our Food Share sessions (and maybe to other things we do). A talk community hub is a safe space where people might receive help navigating the council's online Talk Community Directory to find about activities and services that might improve wellbeing. It has been funded by Herefordshire Council and we are looking for volunteers to find out more about this project with a view to helping out. The training, via zoom, is July 8th 9:30-11:30 and there is no requirement to decide if this is for you until after the training. Please let David Bland know if you are interested in the training or would like more information.

TALK COMMUNITY

HUB

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.

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.*

Plastic bottle tops :- turned into 6' x 3' boards which are used to make refugee homes in Syria

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.

Printer ink and toner cartridges :- recycled raising money for Herefordshire Wildlife Trust.

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.

The Group also includes the Widemarsh Brook stream cleaning team and have adopted the gardens at Hereford Railway station. They have William, Jimmy, Brummie, Ermentrude and Holly, life sized bulls and cows made locally by our fabulous sculptural blacksmiths and used to promote Recycling through 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	Joe D	Nick D	Brenda B	Immie B
Bob	Harry	Viv	Helen	Barbara W	Andrea	Marie
Emma	Daphne	Yvonne	Rob	Marian	Doris	David
Gwenda	Tony	Ian	Victoria	Claire		

Those who have died and those who mourn their loss:

Enid.. Cynthia. Marjory. Pat. Ann. Margaret H. Marlene W. Iris.

Anglican Communion - The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

Porvoo - England: Newcastle; Norway: Møre -

Hereford: The Bridgnorth Deanery: Rural Dean: Mark Daborn; Lay Co-Chair: Martin Elcock; Sub-Warden of Readers: Garry Ward.

Sarah Brown just announced as the new Dean of Hereford Cathedral

South Wye: We pray for all those ministering with children and families in South Wye, with Messy Church, Superstars, AfterSchool Club, the Craft packs and Summer Fun Day

The Wider View:

Following the death in office of President Magufuli, Tanzania now has a female president, Mama Samia Hassan. Pray that her administration will be effective in tackling the economic, structural and health challenges that face the country, including that of Covid, and will value and uphold the principles of freedom, democracy and national unity.

This Week:

Pray for the members of **Deanery Synod and DBF**, which meets on Saturday. This is the last meeting of the present Synod, and the election process for the new Synod should be substantially complete. Give thanks for the service of members of the present Synod, and pray for any newly elected to serve from this autumn. **John Keble**, commemorated on Wednesday, is remembered not only as a churchman, hymn writer and poet, but also for his "long, patient and affectionate study of Scripture", which flowed through all his writings. Give thanks for all that enables meditative study of the Scriptures today. The **Festival of British Archaeology** this week reminds us of the wealth of history there is around us (and beneath our feet), as well as of the importance of archaeologists to our understanding of ourselves and our forebears. Currently there is anxiety about the loss of archaeology departments and courses from some of our universities - pray that this important area of study may be maintained. Give thanks for the **parks and gardens** - both public and private - that are so important to our wellbeing. Pray for gardens used as places of meditation and prayer, and for the Quiet Garden Trust and other organisations that encourage this. Pray too for **Caring for God's Acre** and for all that is done to encourage conservation areas in churchyards, burial grounds and other open spaces. Pray too for this summer's Open Garden events at the Cathedral.

Services on-site, online and on TV and Radio For the week beginning 11th July

South Wye Services

Through the Week:

8.00 am Morning Prayer from Common Worship – on St Martins Facebook page
8.00 pm Night Prayer from Common Worship – on St Martins Facebook page

Sunday 11th July 2021;

9.30 am Holy Communion at St Martins
11.15am Said Communion at St Peter's Bullinghope

The 9.30 am service will be streamed on St Martin's Facebook page and an edited version, with hymns added will be available on the St Martins and the St Peter's Facebook pages and the St Martins YouTube channel later in the day.

Thursday 15th July: 10:00am 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 11th July;

BBC H&W	8am	Sunday Worship.
Radio 4	8.10 am	Sunday Worship – A New Beginning
BBC 1	10.30am	Sunday Morning Stories – with Rev Kate Bottley
BBC 2	1:15 pm	Songs of Praise – Cheddar Gorge

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 [churchfengland.org/resources/prayer-nation](https://www.churchfengland.org/resources/prayer-nation)

Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 6th Sunday after Trinity

Amos 7:7-15

This is what he showed me: The Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD asked me, "What do you see, Amos?"

"A plumb line," I replied. Then the Lord said, "Look, I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer. The high places of Isaac will be destroyed and the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined; with my sword I will rise against the house of Jeroboam."

Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: "Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words. For this is what Amos is saying: "'Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land.'" Then Amaziah said to Amos, "Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. Don't prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king's sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom." Amos answered Amaziah, "I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

Psalm 85:8-13

I will listen to what God the LORD says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—

but let them not turn to folly. Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven.

The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.

Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him."

Others said, "He is Elijah." And still others claimed, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago." But when Herod heard this, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!"

For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him.

Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests.

The king said to the girl, "Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you." And he promised her with an oath, "Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" "The head of John the Baptist," she answered.

At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: "I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter."

The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

Bible Study on Mar 6: 14-29

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 This passage is a departure from Mark's usual narrative style; there is none of the breathy storytelling pace, full of 'and then...immediately'. This is a longer story told in retrospect.

It begins with Herod's guilty conscience. Even the mention of Jesus' amazing ministry immediately makes Herod think that John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. In Herod's troubled mind, at least, there is no escape from John. What follows is a tortuous backstory of self-interest, violence and abuse. It is a clash of spiritual and temporal power. Herod is manipulated into an execution because Herodias is determined to destroy John. She no doubt wanted to eliminate the questions he was raising over her place within the royal household. She is utterly ruthless in making use of her own daughter to request John's head.

Herod comes across as weak and vacillating: he was indecisive when listening to John's preaching; pig-headed when it came to keeping a rashly made vow. He comes across as the victim of his own whims and feelings, rather than someone who makes decisions based on principles or values.

The role of Herodias' daughter (traditionally known as Salome, from the account in Josephus) has sometimes been interpreted as that of a Mata Hari temptress, choosing to be part of her mother's plot. It makes more sense to see her as an abused minor, the victim of her mother and her stepfather, who is also her uncle.

Reflection

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

Herod's relationship with John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, is intriguing. In many ways, Herod behaved like a modern-day populist leader – he was rash, whimsical and keen to please: which undoubtedly resulted in John's beheading. Where was the wise counsel to Herod to steer him from such folly? His wife and her daughter clearly did not have his best interests at heart when it came to advice. While we do not hold the power of life and death in our hands, we all make decisions from time to time. To whom do we turn for guidance? If to friends or colleagues, how do we know whether or not they are advising us wisely? Do we ask God to give us the wisdom to do the right thing? How do we know what is right?

Questions for reflection

You may wish to use these questions to help you think about or discuss issues of sharing.

Questions

- What or who influences – or perhaps rules – your thoughts and actions?
- How do we make sure that God has a say in our key decisions

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Weekly Wordsearch

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