



NEWSLETTER

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A SEASONAL MESSAGE FROM:

Revd Richard Hayes, a retired priest serving in this parish of St Peter's Shrewsbury

Greeting to all who will read this **FIRST** edition of **St Peter's Parish Post**, at a moment of history – and of hope!

It's a moment of history, because on 1 January 2026 St Peter's church on Monkmoor Road became a parish church. Since it was built in the 1930s St Peter's has been part of the Abbey parish, including Shrewsbury Abbey. Now, nearly 90 years later, the area has become home to over 7,000 people as ever more houses have been built. The Abbey, now called the parish of Holy Cross, has over 5,000 residents. Dividing the whole area into two separate parishes makes the spiritual care of all who live here more possible.

This is where hope comes in.

This last month, since Christmas has been the time when we're invited to think about the visit of Three Wise Men (or Kings) to the infant Jesus. They are said to have come from the east. What brought them? Perhaps they discussed things together, and agreed that their lives were missing something. There was more to life than their daily routine. They had the time, and sufficient cash, and decided to go on a pilgrimage, and it brought them to Jerusalem. Here they met the king, Herod, and were advised to go to Bethlehem. Herod had a reputation for ruthlessness and it's just possible that when he urged the Kings to come back via Jerusalem to [Continued over]

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STOP PRESS..... STOP PRESS If you spy trucks, diggers and scaffolding at the hall during February, you are witnessing the new roof and installation of solar panels. It has taken 5 years of planning. Hurrah! Praise the Lord!

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report on their experience, so that he could go too to Bethlehem, something inside them made them feel a trifle suspicious of his motives.

When they arrived in Bethlehem, they offered their gifts to the child Jesus and they rejoiced inwardly because they knew that they had not travelled in vain. Their hope was realised – there was indeed a God-given purpose for them, and they would travel on in hope looking for opportunities to realize the meaning of their lives in this world. The first big decision they made was NOT to go back to Herod in Jerusalem but to travel on by an unknown road – not knowing the way, but hopefully as they future unfolded.

And that's where we are now – setting

out on an unknown road full of hope that God who, in love, created each one of us a unique being, will guide us on the way to bringing good news to the people in this parish of St Peter's Shrewsbury. We do not know what ideas for spreading the Christian message of love in our deeply troubled world may emerge, but let us, the people of St Peter's, pray for the grace to listen to one another, to consider ideas and allow ourselves to be open to the unexpected, the seemingly unattainable – and even if we don't think much of a proposal, in humility to pray about it – and, if so moved, to change our minds!

May Jesus Christ our Lord accompany and bless us on our pilgrimage.

Richard Hayes (Revd)

Some regular dates for your Diary

All events happening in St Peter's Church or in the parish hall behind the church.



WORSHIP:

Daily:

Monday to Saturday: **Morning prayer** 8.30am at St Peter's Monkmoor

Weekly:

Sunday: **Holy Communion**, 10.00am at St Peter's Monkmoor

Monday: **Get Moving**, 10.00am-11.00am, gentle exercise to mobilise your body, in the Parish Hall, behind St Peter's Monkmoor

Tuesday: **Coffee & Chat**, 10.00am—11.45am, in the Parish Hall, behind St Peter's Monkmoor

Wednesday: **Midweek Communion**, 12 noon, Shrewsbury Abbey

Thursday: **Coffee & Chat**, 10.00am—11.45am, in St Peter's Church Monkmoor
Prayer Group, 7.00pm—8.00pm, St Peter's Church Monkmoor

Friday: **Homegroup**, (occasionally) 10.30-12 noon—please ask for the address

Monthly:

Wednesday: **Forget-Me-Not Tea**, 3.00pm-5.00pm, first Wednesday of each month, in the Parish Hall, behind St Peter's Church, Monkmoor Road, so that is Wednesdays, **4 February, 4 March and 1 April 2026.**



St Peter's Parish Update—from our Churchwardens Bernice Firmin and June Marshall

A Joyous New Beginning for St Peter's Parish Welcoming 2026 with Hope and Celebration

As fireworks lit up the skies to welcome 2026, a new chapter began in Monkmoor, Shrewsbury. At midnight on 31 December 2025, the former Holy Cross Parish closed, and St Peter's Parish was born. After years of planning, this historic moment marks a fresh start for our community and church family.

St Peter's Church, founded in 1939 as a daughter church of the Abbey Church, has now come of age. Like a bride stepping into married life, we embrace this exciting future with faith and joy.

First Service and Green Beginnings

Our first service as an independent parish took place on 4 January, and it brought wonderful news! The long-awaited contract for installing solar panels on the church hall roof was signed. Work began immediately, with cables laid to enable heating powered by solar energy. This is a tangible sign of our commitment to caring for God's creation—a theme that will guide our future actions.

Celebrating with the Bishop

On 25 January, we welcomed the Rt Revd Michael Ipgrave, Bishop of Lichfield for the inaugural Bishop's Service, followed by a celebratory high tea in the hall. All parishioners were warmly invited to join this special occasion. By then, our new Parochial Church Council (PCC) had been elected and it met on 26 January to set the framework for parish governance and

begin the process of recruiting our first vicar—a historic appointment for St Peter's.

Looking Ahead

Exciting developments continue! By the end of January, the hall had a new roof ready for solar panels, moving us closer to becoming a net producer of electricity and contributing surplus energy to the grid.

While the first funeral has already taken place, we look forward to happier events—weddings and baptisms—in the months ahead.

Morning Prayer at 08:30 is now part of our daily rhythm, a cherished addition to parish life. Regular services and outreach will continue unchanged, ensuring we serve the 7,000 residents of Monkmoor with love and faith.

A Parish Truly Come of Age

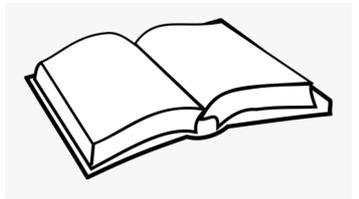
Later this year, St Peter's will be consecrated as a Parish Church, completing its transformation and affirming its place at the heart of our community. This is more than a structural change—it is a celebration of faith, fellowship, and a shared vision for the future.

Together, we step forward with gratitude and hope, ready to write the next chapter in the life of St Peter's Parish. Here's to a future filled with worship, service, and joy!

Bernice and June

From our lectionary Sunday readings

February to April 2026 [Using the given related readings]



Sunday / date	1 st reading	2 nd reading	Psalm	Gospel
1 February	1 Kings 17.8-16	1 Corinthians 1.18-end	Ps 36	John 2.1-11
8 February	Genesis 1.1-2.3	Romans 8.18-25	Ps 136	Matthew 6.25-end
15 February	Exodus 24.12-end	2 Peter 1.16-end	Ps 2 / Ps 99	Matthew 17.1-9
22 February Lent 1	Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7	Romans 5.12-10	Ps 32	Matthew 4.1-11
1 March	Genesis 12.1-4a	Romans 4.1-5, 13-17	Ps 121	John 3.1-17
8 March	Exodus 17.1-17	Romans 5.1-11	Ps 95	John 4.5-42
15 March	1 Samuel 16.1-13	Ephesians 5.8-14	Ps 23	John 9
15 March Mothering Sunday	1 Samuel 1.20-end	Corinthians 1.3-7	Ps 34.11-20 / Ps 127.1-4	Luke 2.33-35
22 March Passiontide	Ezekiel 37.1-14	Romans 8.6-11	Ps 130	John 11.1-45
29 March Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50.4-9a	Phillipians 2.5-11	Ps 118	Matthew 21.1-11
2 April Maundy Thurs- day	Exodus 12.1-14	1 Corinthians 11.23-26	Ps 116	John 13.1-17, 31b-35
3 April Good Friday	Isaiah 52.13-end of 53	Hebrews 10.16-25	Ps 22	John 18.1-end 19
4 April Holy Saturday	Job 14.1-14 / Lamentations 3.1-9, 19-24	1 Peter 4.1-8	Ps 31	Matthew 27.57-end / John 19.38-end
5 April Easter Sunday	Acts 10.34-43	Colossians 3.1-4	Ps 118	Matthew 28.1-10 / John 20.1-18
12 April	Acts 2.14a, 22-32	1 Peter 1.3-9	Ps 16	John 20.19-end
19 April	Zephaniah 3.14-end	Acts 2.14a,36-41	Ps 116	Luke 24.13-35
26 April	Acts 2.42-end	1 Peter 2.19-end	Ps 23	John 10.1-10
3 May	Acts 7.55-end	1 Peter 2.2-10	Ps 31	John 14.1-14



Open the eyes of my heart.'
[Ephesians 1: 18-19]



Prayers that may be of interest and or help during Lent



Here is a prayer from Bible Reading Fellowship by Martyn Payne:

**Gracious God,
this week,
and every day this new year,
may we be a people of light, love and life,
shining with your light,
showing your love
and sharing your life
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The CHAOS of our time but also the HOPE. In words of a Christian Aid prayer from Asia,

"There is dignity here, we will exalt it; there is courage here, we will support it; there is humanity here, we will enjoy it; there is a universe in every child, we will share in it; there is a voice calling through the chaos of our times, there is a spirit moving across the waters of our world. There is movement, a light, a promise of hope."

[thanks to Wendy Ford]

A prayer of comfort for us all each day

In moments of confusion,
God keep us safe.

In moments of clarity, God grant us joy.

In moments of frustration,
God give us peace.

In moments of sorrow,
God bring us comfort.

May God who sees into the secret places of our mind,
beyond anything which limits us,
To the person that is us,
Has always been and will always be us,
Encircle us in his arms,
Until that day when all is made new in his eternal home. Amen.

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[Ephesians 1: 18-19]

Carers and care givers

God of Heaven, thank you for those who care for older people.

Encourage and bless them as they give of themselves to support older people at work and at home.



St Peter's has got to know many carers along the years—we continue to pray for their continuing enthusiasm, involvement and commitment.

We pray too for those who are enabled to join our worship and who are part of our church family.

**Generous God,
forgive us for the times we fail to see the causes for joy that surround us.
Open our eyes, open our hands,
open our hearts to recognise and receive your gifts. Amen.**

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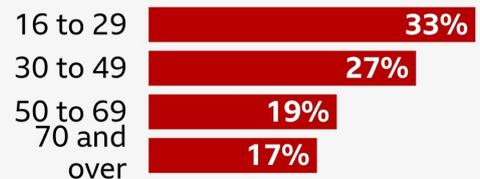
A Psalm for Busy People

The Lord is my pace setter, I shall not push,
He makes me to stop and rest for quiet intervals,
He provides me with images of stillness, which restore my serenity,
He leads me in the ways of efficiency,
Through calmness of mind.
And His guidance is peace.
Even though I have many things to accomplish each day,
I will not fret for His presence is here,
His timelessness, His all-importance will keep me in balance.
He prepared refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity by anointing my mind with His oils of tranquillity,
My cup of joyous energy overflows,
Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours,
For I shall walk in the pace of my Lord, and dwell in His house for ever.

[thanks to George Hodkinson]

Young people most likely to feel lonely

Proportion of each age group that felt lonely often, always or some of the time, Great Britain, October 2025



Source: Office for National Statistics

BBC

Lord Jesus,
may our resolution for this Year be firmly fixed on playing our part in seeking out the lonely and the lost, the exploited and the enslaved, so that they too may taste new life and learn to rejoice in your goodness and grace.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

[WE SEE YOU. The Clewer Initiative]

O Christ, you are within each of us.

It is not just the interior of these [church] walls: it is our own inner being you have renewed.

We are your temple not made with hands. We are your body.

If every wall should crumble, and every church decay, we are your habitation.

Nearer are you than breathing, closer than hands and feet. Our are the eyes with which you, in the mystery, look out with

compassion on the world.

Yet we bless you for this place [St Peter's Church], for your directing of us, your redeeming of us, and your indwelling.

Take us outside, O Christ, outside holiness, out to where soldiers curse and nations clash at the crossroads of the world.

So shall this building continue to be justified.

We ask it for your own name's sake, Christ Jesus. Amen.

Other dates for your Diary

LENT GROUP

Friday mornings in March, 11.00am-12 noon in St Peter's Church:

- ♦ 6 March
- ♦ 13 March
- ♦ 20 March and
- ♦ 27 March

WAYS OF PRAYING

Revd Richard Hayes will lead a short course of 4 sessions during Lent to help us with our praying. We all need a refresher! ***Do come a join in!***

Soup lunch afterwards!

Join all or just a couple, depending on your own diary commitments.

MESSY Church:

always Wednesdays 10-12.30pm
18 February, 8 April, 22 July and 28 October. Hope to see you there!

Ten ways to show love this LENT

1. Listen without interrupting (Proverbs 18);
2. Speak without accusing (James 1:9);
3. Give without sparing (Proverbs 21:26);
4. Pray without ceasing (Colossians 1:9);
5. Answer without arguing (Proverbs 17:1);
6. Share without pretending (Ephesians 4:15);
7. Enjoy without complaint (Philippians 2:14);
8. Trust without wavering (Corinthians 13:7);
9. Prove without punishing (Colossians 3:13);
10. Promise without forgetting (Proverbs 13:17).

Lent worship at St Peter's Church

Ash Wednesday—18 February—7pm Holy Communion and imposition of ashes;

Palm Sunday—29 March 10am worship;

Maundy Thursday—2 April—10am Holy Communion followed by coffee;

Good Friday— 3 April

10am Walk of witness in town centre, Churches Together in Shrewsbury;

2-3pm "A quiet hour before the Cross" led by Rev George Hodgkinson;

Easter Sunday—5 April—10am Holy Communion for Easter

Decorating St Peter's in readiness for a glorious Easter morning service

Saturday **4 April** 10am-12noon.

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[Ephesians 1: 18-19]



Regular Events at St Peter's Monkmoor and in the Parish Hall

COFFEE AND CHAT

Weekdays, 10-11.45am

*Tuesdays in the St Peter's Hall and

*Thursdays in St Peter's Church

Hope to see you there! No charge and all welcome. There's a rota for serving and new helpers will be most welcome! Please speak to Steph Fahie.

**Coffee
Morning**



**Dementia
Friendly
Church**

The year 2026 will be an auspicious one for Forget-me-not Tea! The monthly event celebrates its tenth birthday on Wednesday 3 June, incredible though that might seem! How marvellous it will be for us to share that with you.

In the meantime of course, we have already begun with COLOUR as our overall theme this year. In January, **BLUE** was our topic. We acknowledged those who feel blue in the winter months. Some of us suffer from 'SAD' whilst others feel a general sense of loss. Yet, the colour blue has many shades and we joyfully celebrated the bright blue skies of a sunny winter's day, sea blues, blue glass and denim jeans. We reminisced about music from other eras, eg, ELO Mr Blue Sky! Being Epiphany, the night sky of deepest blue was included that enabled the Wisemen to follow the star that led them to find the Christ Child.

On Wednesday, 4 February we shall celebrate **RED**. Forget-me-not Tea is for those living with memory loss, carers and anyone else who's interested! May be we'll see you there!

Bernice Firmin—Dementia Champion

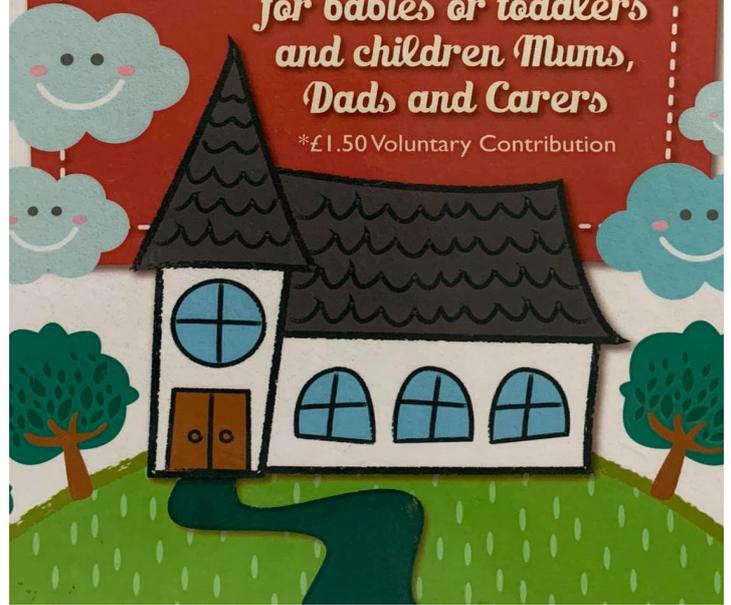
Toddle-in at St Peter's Church Hall

Term times
Wednesday Morning
10-11.30

Stay
and
Play

for babies or toddlers
and children Mums,
Dads and Carers

*£1.50 Voluntary Contribution



Helen Comerford-Roberts and Nicola Edwards are the new Toddle-In Leaders. How wonderful is that!? We pray for their continued enthusiasm and energy as they set up, meet and greet and clear away.

At St Peter's we pray regularly for all the little ones and their families who come to play at Toddle-In; incredibly 36 little ones plus their grown-ups attended the sessions on 14 and 21 January!

Thanks go to Helen, Nikki and to all the parents, grandparents and carers who join in with each session.

[Editor]

Baptisms take place at St Peter's church. If you'd like your child baptised. Contact: Revd Steph Fahie—details on the back of this newsletter.

Your recent reading

Our readers enjoy book reviews of fiction, non-fiction, light reading or things more challenging. If you have contributed, thank you very much!



When God Whispers your Name— Max Lucado

It's a series of short stories that offer support and acknowledgement to each of us in times of struggle. I have had this book for many years and return to it from time to time. I've also given copies to friends when they are going through tough times and I think this book will be comforting and helpful—as I have found it.

During the last eighteen months or so, three of my close relatives have passed away and this book has helped sustain me as I look forward, even in my grief.

[Thanks to Tess, a regular contributor from the north west]

Iona Abbey—Worship Book

I recently purchased this worship book. I was aware of the community having camped on Mull many years ago. Its contents may be of interest to readers (like me) looking for an alternative to our present C o E Common Worship morning prayer service.

[thanks to David]

What we talk about when we talk about God—Rob Bell

I found this extract from Rob Bell's book "What we talk about when we talk about God".

I must have read it in a book group years ago (and illegally, I expect,) copied a page. I like the centre bit particularly ...

***"God is in the best
and also in the worst.
God is in the presence,
And also in the absence.
God is in the power,
And also in the powerlessness.***

God is there too."

[thanks for Wendy]

Butterflies and Moths—John Farndon

I've had this hardback, slim book for many years and use it often to lean on when tackling my newspaper puzzle pages, pencil poised. Yet the other day, I opened its cover.

How neglectful I've been of its contents! Its illustrations are wonderful! I now know that the **Monarch** butterflies migrate between North and Central America and a few have crossed the Atlantic, settling on islands off Africa, Portugal and even Ireland. Another interesting fact is that people with sensitive noses say that the pheromones of the **Wall Brown** butterfly smell like chocolate!

[thanks to Katherine]

A colorful illustration of a woman in a traditional Japanese kimono, standing and holding a fan. She is surrounded by several butterflies of various colors. The background is a light beige color.

Madame Butterfly
One of the most famous operas is Puccini's *Madame Butterfly*, written in 1904. The opera is set in the 1800s in Osaka, Japan. It tells the story of an American officer, James Pinkerton, who falls in love with a beautiful young Japanese girl. His nickname for her is Butterfly. They have a child, but Pinkerton abandons Butterfly for his wife in America. The opera ends as Butterfly dies broken-hearted.

A New Year, a new beginning. Readers and other contributors have shared the inspirations, aspirations and events planned (and for some unplanned) for 2026! If you have shared with us, Thank you!

"I love it when I travel and have no idea what the journey might bring. An over-night tramp / hike brought much joy, smiles, waterfalls. I was grateful for my travelling companions and the gift of chocolate that they brought along!" **Christine**

[Kiwi Christine—who's enjoying summertime in NZ—Ed]

Steph shares something a friend enclosed with their Christmas letter!

"Age is not a limitation, but a celebration of the accumulation of knowledge, wisdom and resilience."

(inspired by Maya Angelou)



Beginnings and endings - MUST be TS Eliot's famous last line "*In my end is my beginning*" from his poem East Coker (one of his Four Quartets). The poem begins with the line "*In my beginning is my end*", reflecting the circle of life, birth, death, rebirth or his spiritual journey - beginnings, transformations / rebirths. East Coker in Somerset, is where TS Eliot is buried in the village his ancestors came from, though he was born in America. Again - cyclical.

Wendy

I usually wake up with a song in my head. Today it was one of my own compositions based on Colossians 3:16-17.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your heart to the Lord.

And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Today I was reading Matthew 20, and as I read this, I thought how hard it is to put the words that St Paul wrote into action.

The reading from the gospel of Matthew is about being the last, not the first, and to be the servant of all. Not easy in today's world!

Alison

None of us knows when our earthly life will end. I don't think it is helpful to dwell too much on that.

What I do find inspiring is how many dear people are still living life to a really great age—well over 90 years! And in our own community around St Peter's Monkmoor too.

The story of those people's lives are rich and interesting—they've gathered wisdom along the way—perhaps wisdom learnt in hindsight—but wisdom nevertheless.

And I find it comforting (at 68) that there are those around about who could still (by age) be my parent! Praise the Lord for our older friends!

Katherine

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Sally tells us that, in January she “enjoyed a retreat on Holy Island during which the focus was on Matthew 2 v:1-12. We all travelled from distances and having arrived, reflected on and prayed about journeys—the setting off, sometimes into the unknown with faith, the arrival, maybe not what you expected and the challenges (Herod) and rewards (laying gifts before the Christ Child) of the endeavour. And then the return, changed by the experience and hopefully with renewed purpose and momentum!”



[thanks to Liz for photo: Lindisfarne Castle, Holy Island]

“A friend told me that faith can be an up and down experience. So it helps to have people to talk to and help you stay on the path. My prayer often these days is Lord, be with me, and keep my feet on the pathway, walking where you want me to go.” **Tessa**

Tess shares that she’s “waited for [husband] to retire We want to enjoy the coming years together.” Only a couple of months to go now and they have “a campervan hired for two weeks in May Heading to Glencoe ... Ardnamurchan Peninsular ... Loch Lomond”

[to name but a few places of focus. Wonderful! Ed]



In 2025, rather unusually, our family met up twice! That is four sons, their partners and two grandchildren! They each seemed to enjoy our get-together and we plan to do so again in the spring. It is so difficult to bring any group of people together when each has their work commitments, own plans and often limited holiday allowances. As their mother, I so very much enjoy being with ‘my lads’ and look forward with great anticipation!

Katherine

Steffie tells us that she and **Jono** have enjoyed two inductions on a tall ship, crew familiarisation on the Leeuwin II in Fremantle harbour. **Jono** says, “Hopefully we will get to sail one day.”



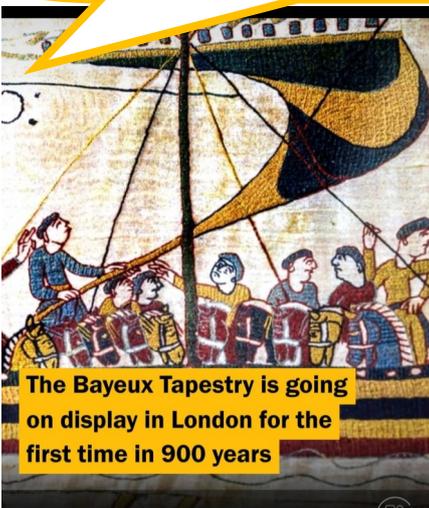
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The Aurora over Prestatyn [thanks for BBC Weather Watchers, 20/01/2026]

I have not yet been to Bayeux but the grand, ancient tapestry is to come to us in the UK. It is an exhibition I really hope to see in London this year.
Katherine

One clear night, I hope to be in the right place to witness the Aurora for myself! [Anonymous]

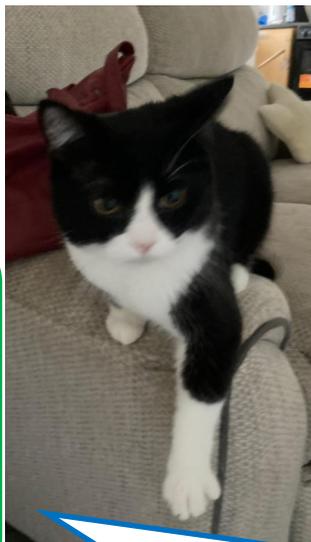


The Bayeux Tapestry is going on display in London for the first time in 900 years



"I had a great driving lesson recently with positive feedback. The instructor said he felt safe and I had good control of the car etc. It makes me believe [that] passing isn't that far off."

Zoe



"There's a family who can no longer afford to keep their 9 month old tom cat; I've been to meet Ralph (above) and now anticipate his arrival at my house next week!"
Jean

Phoebe says she's aiming for 5 A exam results in Highers this year because her last summer's results were disappointing. And She feels excited at the prospects of the camping holiday in Dorset again of course!

[who can blame her when the sun shines like in this photo (above) taken July 2025 by her father!?! Ed.]

The Children's Society - an update

A huge thank you to everyone who supports the Children's Society. Some £521.98 will go to the Society, the total giving from the Abbey's Christingle service and online giving in December 2025.

Children's Society research shows that many children, especially teenagers, find Christmas really hard: juggling family expectations, peer pressure, social media and looming exams are their main concerns at this festive season. This pressure continues throughout the year.

The last research shows that children are unhappier than they were the previous year, so support for the Society is even more vital to keep workers supporting the most vulnerable.

This is where the **BOX COLLECTIONS** come in. Now that there are two separate parishes, JANE MAGEE has volunteered as the Box Co-ordinator for St Peter's, liaising with WENDY FORD at the Abbey.

Please start to bring your boxes to the Abbey or St Peter's and we will make sure they find their rightful place. Candelmas, 2 February is our starting date for collections and we aim to pay the money in by Easter.

Many thanks for all your support and please ask for a box if you would like to join in helping The Children's Society to support our vulnerable young people.

Wendy Ford & Jane Magee



In English, we say,
"Winter is here."

But in poetry, we say,
*"The earth has pulled a blanket tight,
Of frost and snow and winter white.
The trees are bare, the rivers slow,
Waiting for the spring to grow."*



Fairtrade



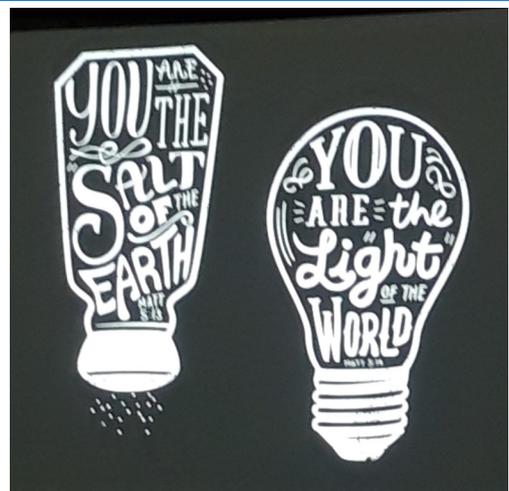
The Shrewsbury Fairtrade stall in the Market is now also open on Thursdays between 10:30 and 2:30pm.

The stall will take debit card payments.

Use **Fairtrade!**

Wendy & Roger Ford

(also looks out for more shop volunteers!)



Remember we are called to be salt and light in the world—reflecting Jesus Christ's love.

Others parts of the world have summer while we have the wintery days!

Jono [in Oz] recently shared
 “Hi All, I am having an adventure today. I have been stung by a bee. It was badly swollen. They have taken me to [...] hospital Will keep me here for a few hours as I was given adrenalin. They’re concerned about anaphylaxis! The registrar says that they’ll keep me under observation for 4+ hours.
 I’ve been abandoned in a corridor. I hope that they feed me!? I’m starving!”



Friend who makes wax and lots of honey



Friend who is extra fuzzy and really loves flowers



Friend who pollinates and eats pests but needs more personal space

[PS: he's fine and was discharged later in the day with an Epipen! We've since been advised by Revd Steph (who knows these things) that the Australian bee sting is particularly unpleasant. Ed]



One section of my 1000 piece puzzle, shows this relaxed pup dozing! That jig-saw took a few days to complete when the weather was especially chilly. [Katherine]

Technological innovations in medicine still pushing forward!

Medical interventions that save lives and improve the quality of life are changing all the time. Yes, some folk we know have waited unnecessarily lengthy periods of time for procedures that will relieve pain and illness And that is hard for all concerned.

But recently I heard of an intervention that was the subject of a joke in the 1950s and 1960s. The joke goes like this....

Question: ***what do you do for water on the brain?***

Answer: ***give a tap on the head!***

And yet, I know of two mature adults who have developed hydrocephalus in recent years, and this is precisely the treatment they have been given, thus relieving pain and damage to brain tissue. And babies born with the condition receive this treatment early on thus reducing the likelihood of developmental delay. Wow!

Our grandparents would be amazed! Our grandchildren probably may be quite unimpressed. One wonders what else is in the pipeline?

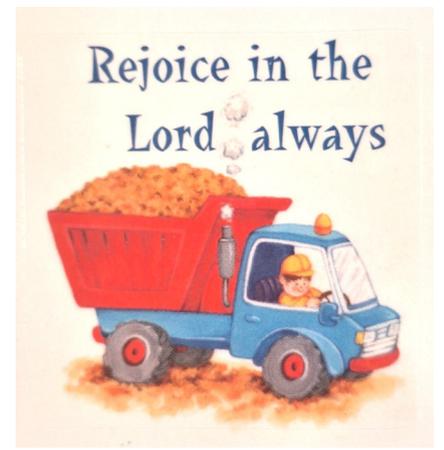
Puzzles and funnies

A Codeword [thanks to a little book of puzzles found at home. Ed]

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"I met someone recently who hailed from the town of **Dunlop**, Scotland. You don't often meet folk from there; they don't leave

Apparently, one never **tires** of living in Dunlop!"

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And finally

Solar Project - St Peter's goes eco!

After the first attempt to put Solar Panels on the Hall roof some six years ago, the project is actually happening as we go to press! Go-Green Systems Ltd, a local firm in the parish, is covering the West facing roof of the Hall with inset solar panels. These will supply electricity for both the Hall and the Church.

The discovery that the Hall roof tiles contain a very small amount of asbestos has meant that the whole roof is to be stripped and reroofed with slate.

The project is being funded from a Trust formed by the money paid when part of the site was compulsorily purchased to build Robertson Way in 1980s!

A Good Use for the money!

Steph Fahie

“Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” Matthew 6.34



[Tall sail boats, Fremantle harbour, Oz. Shared by Jono]

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