



Connection

Sunday 14th November 2021
Second Sunday before Advent



Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Hebrews 10: 11-14, (15-18), 19-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, 'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds', he also adds, 'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.' Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Mark 13: 1-8

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.'

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen

Reflection

There is no reflection this week.

Requests for Prayers



We pray for all those who are sick everywhere and for those who have asked for our prayers and for their carers: Roy and Margaret Putnam, Brian Bolam, Yvonne Seward, Ros and Rob, Jo Gunner, David Fenton, Michael, Allison and Sophie Leven, Andrea Randles and family, Frances and Robin Fairclough and family, Sky Redfern and family and Jessie Alexander.

We continue to pray for: Percy Blizzard, Jackie Pickford, Clive Hunt.

We pray for those who are in residential care: Barbara Milton, Rita Sheppy and David Wilkinson.

We pray for those who have died everywhere: Ric White (Besford) and his family; Samuel Wilkinson (Bredon) and his family. And also for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

If there is someone or something that you would like us to pray for, please email eckingtonvicarage@hotmail.com and we will include them on the prayer list



They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

Church Services on Remembrance Sunday

09.00am	Besford	Bishop Michael
09.00am	Bredon's Norton	Reverend Catherine Lack
10.45am	Bredon	Lay-Led (Peter Whitehead)
10.45am	Eckington	Reverend Allison
10.45am	Little Comberton	Reverend Alma Organ
10.45am	Ashton Under Hill	Reverend Katryn



*Please note that the Remembrance service at Elmley Castle has been moved to **Little Comberton** due to the ongoing heating problems at St Mary's*

Rota for November 2021

Date	Time	Place	Presiding
21/11/2021	09.00am	Eckington	Reverend Allison
	09.00am	Bricklehampton	Reverend Katryn
	10.30am	Bredon	Reverend Allison
	10.30am	Beckford	Reverend Katryn
28/11/2021	09.00am	Great Comberton	Reverend Katryn
	10.30am	Overbury	Reverend Allison
	10.30am	Elmley Castle	Reverend Katryn
	18.00pm	United Advent Service, Eckington	Reverend Allison

Midweek Communion at 10am

17th November - Little Comberton – Reverend Katryn Leclizio

24th November - Defford – Reverend Allison Davies



How Food Banks Started!

It's amazing how many people are being fed because of this crazy little thing we started. We're feeding millions and it is not costing anyone anything'

– John van Hengel

It may surprise you to learn that the first food bank was opened in 1967 at St Mary's Basilica in Phoenix,

Arizona. Today, there are food banks in over 80 countries but, sadly, the need for them is growing faster than ever.

John van Hengel, a devout Roman Catholic, is known as the 'Father of Food Banks'. He died, aged 83 in 2005. The idea came to him while working in a soup kitchen in Phoenix. In the evening he took leftovers to the homeless and, while doing this, he met a woman with 10 children, and whose husband was on death row. She was searching through bins for food that had been thrown away by a grocery store and suggested to John van Hengel that there ought to be a place somewhere that such food could

be deposited for the hungry, something along the lines of a bank where instead of depositing money you could put unwanted food, and the hungry could withdraw it.

John took the idea to his church, St Mary's Basilica, who gave him a derelict building and the money to set up the world's first food bank. He named it St Mary's.

In 1976, John left St Mary's to create an organisation called America's Second Harvest — since 2008 it has been known as Feeding America. This organisation established food banking standards and guidelines and worked with large national companies to develop ways of supplying food banks in ways that, as well as helping the hungry, was financially beneficial for the companies. Today Feeding America distributes 2 billion pounds of groceries to feed 23 million Americans every year. However, John van Hengel's work was not confined to America, he went on to help start food banks in Europe, Africa, Asia, and South America. He was involved in creating the Global Foodbanking Network (GFN) whose mission is 'to nourish the world's hungry through uniting and advancing food banks'.

GFN's statistics are amazing: 278,000 volunteers have served 40 million people in 44 countries with 2.4 billion meals, and they work with 59,000 food bank agencies. It is not difficult to see why John van Hengel is called the 'Father of Food Banks'.

Most food banks continue to reflect his Christian outlook on life and most of them have been set up and run by churches from all denominations.

The first food bank in the UK was not opened until 2000 because our welfare service at that time meant that the demand was not as great as elsewhere in the world. However, following the coalition government's Welfare Reform Act of 2010 - which introduced Universal Credit - the demand soon increased.

The story behind the UK's first food bank follows a similar pattern to that of John van Hengel. Three years previously, in 1997, Carol and Paddy Henderson were left a legacy by Carol's mother, Betty Trussell. They created the Trussell Trust with the focus on helping more than 60 deprived children who slept at a railway station in Bulgaria.

However, in 2000, a Salisbury woman told them that she was struggling financially and had to send her children to bed hungry. Her call prompted them to look more closely at poverty in the UK and resulted in the Salisbury Food Bank being opened by Paddy in his garden shed. The food bank aimed to provide three days of emergency food for local people in crises. Inspired by the words of Jesus: 'I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink ...' (Matthew 25: 35), the idea was soon picked up by churches around the country, many of which are now working in partnership with the Trussell Trust which supports about two thirds of all the UK food banks. Many of the other UK Food Banks come under the wings of smaller charitable trust funds set up mainly by churches.

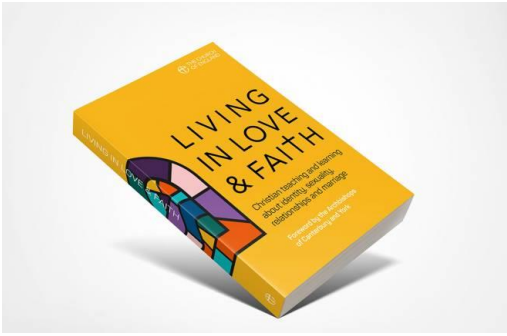
This information was provided by Colin Reeves – we have Food Bank collections in many of our churches around the Hill.



Bishop Martin's Pilgrimage of Prayer & Hope to Pershore & Evesham Deanery

On **Wednesday 17th November**, everybody is welcome to join Bishop Martin for the **Eucharist** to be held at **All Saints, Evesham at 7:00pm**.





Living in Love and Faith

Just a reminder of the following session:

Tuesday 23rd November 2021

LLF Digging Deeper: 7:15pm – 9pm

The Bible, Interpretation and Sexuality

Please let Reverend Katryn know if you would like to attend.



Rev Allison Davies



Rev Katryn Leclizio