



## TWYNING PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER 2025

*On **September 15<sup>th</sup> 2025** it is the **tenth anniversary** of **Bishop Rachel's inauguration at Gloucester Cathedral**. Here are excerpts from her message on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025, the tenth anniversary of her consecration as a Bishop.*

"Thank you to those across this diocese for the privilege of sharing in ministry with you – And to everyone, thank you for sharing in life together as we navigate its complexities, its joys and its pain.

I never expected that 10 years ago I would be kneeling in Canterbury Cathedral alongside Sarah Mullally (now Bishop of London), as we were consecrated as bishops in the Church of God.

At every consecration service we hear the words: "Bishops are called to serve and care for the flock of Christ. Mindful of the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for his sheep, they are to love and pray for those committed to their charge, **knowing their people and being known by them**."

Today, I am glad to carry the shepherd's crozier given to me at my consecration. We gather together as one flock, known, loved and called by name.

Please forgive me when I have failed to live relationship well or adequately, but I have endeavoured to place great importance on those words, '...they are to love and pray for those committed to their charge, **knowing their people and being known by them**'.

Alongside Bishop Robert, I have sought to get to know the people and places of this diocese, and not least the clergy committed to my charge and who share in the so called 'cure of souls'. I take seriously that call to love and pray for those committed to my charge – to *name* the people and places of this diocese in prayer.

I am deeply grateful for the culture of relationship in this diocese – and I hope you have heard me frequently underline the truth that every human being is created in the image of God and created to live in relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation, and that is because **relationship** is at the heart of who God is.



In Canterbury Cathedral 10 years ago, it was a privilege to have the then Bishop of Stepney, Adrian Newman, preach the sermon. Adrian was the bishop with whom I worked closely as Archdeacon of Hackney, and Adrian charged myself and Bishop Sarah to **socialise** – to live relational leadership for social transformation and join in with the bringing in of the kingdom of God.

Over the past 10 years every time I have visited a school or a place in the community or a prison (in my role as Bishop to HM Prisons), I have tried to find a moment to articulate that I am no more important than those with whom I am gathered. Yes, called in this season to be Bishop and to take up my authority as such, but I am first and foremost Rachel, a child of God, known by name as is every person; And it is my desire that every child, young person and adult across this diocese (and beyond) might flourish, and go on becoming who God has created them to be in every season of life. And of course, I long for every person to encounter Jesus Christ, who will always be discovered and known in and through relationship.

There are many things that bring tears to my eyes, but one of those is when as a bishop I have the privilege of confirming people, publicly proclaiming their faith for themselves. As I look at each one and mark them with the sign of the cross, it is a poignant privilege to pronounce '*God has called you by name and made you his own.*'

Yet in my passion for each person to know the love of God, and in the power of the Holy Spirit to hear Christ speak their name, I am equally passionate to articulate and live that mysterious truth that this is not about *individualism* – it is about how we go on becoming in relationship.

In that consecration sermon 10 years ago, Bishop Adrian also charged us to **subvert**: socialise and subvert. I like to think I might have done a little of that, but I also believe that a commitment to relationship and social transformation which we endeavour to live across *this* diocese, is in itself subversive.

We live in a world and society in which people so quickly walk away from each other, attack each other whether in words, on social media or literally in full blown war. We live in times in which people are so often angry, and so quick to blame and to accuse, and in such a world and society that commitment to relationship and community, with those like us and with those we too easily identify as 'other, that is something so seriously lacking. The way of Jesus Christ and the kingdom of God is very different.

And our calling to subvert and socialise is most supremely expressed every time we gather to celebrate **Holy Communion**. In the consecration service we are told that bishops are to gather God's people and celebrate with them the sacraments.. '*Thus formed into a single communion of faith and love, the Church in each place and time is united with the Church in every place and time.*' Communion. Relationship. Lived in the present, rooted in the past, and sent out committed to future transformation...

It's the tenth anniversary of my inauguration here in Gloucester [on] September 2015; at that service I spoke about 'trailing the wet footprints of our baptism wherever we go' – authentically sharing the love and hope of Jesus Christ in who we are among the people and places of daily life – in our places of joy and in our places of pain; in our brokenness as well as our loveliness.

And it is my hope and prayer that in this diocese, and indeed as Christ's Church, through the power of the Holy Spirit we will be ever more committed to relationship and transformation, humbly confident in discovering and sharing life in all its fullness as offered us in Jesus Christ, the good Shepherd who laid down his life for his sheep, who knows us, loves us and calls us by name."

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read '+ Rachel'.

### *A prayer for Bishop Rachel*

Lord Jesus, we pray for Bishop Rachel as she leads our diocese.

Grant her a heart filled with compassion, a spirit of humility, and a deep love for your people. May she continue to be a source of strength and inspiration, guiding us in faith and leading us to a deeper understanding of your word.

Bless her ministry, protect her from harm, and fill her with your grace. Amen.

# SERVICES AND EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER

- Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 12-2pm **End of Summer Picnic** on the Village Green
- Sept 7<sup>th</sup> **Sunday** 9.30am **PARISH COMMUNION**
- Sept 13<sup>th</sup> Saturday 10am **Ride, Stride or Drive**
- Sept 14<sup>th</sup> **Sunday** 9.30am **PARISH COMMUNION**  
with Acorns Stall and Refreshments



Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Sep 10am -12noon **PARISH COFFEE MORNING**  
with Sheila and John Hendy, 48 Hill View Lane \*\*\* note changed venue

- Sept 21<sup>st</sup> **Sunday** 9.30am *Pet Blessing Service* - MORNING PRAISE
- Sept 28<sup>th</sup> **Sunday** 9.30am **PARISH COMMUNION** with Refreshments

## OCTOBER

- Oct 5<sup>th</sup> **Sunday** 9.30am **PARISH COMMUNION**
- Oct 11<sup>th</sup> Saturday **Churchyard Working Party** (see page 7)
- Oct 12<sup>th</sup> **Sunday** 11am **HARVEST FESTIVAL**  
including Family Communion

*\*\*please note the time: 11am followed by  
a Bring & Share Lunch in Ann Townend Hall  
All are very welcome!!*



Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 10am -12noon **PARISH COFFEE MORNING**  
with Caroline and David Prior, Tudor Cottage, Church End

- Oct 19<sup>th</sup> **Sunday** 9.30am **MORNING PRAISE**
- Oct 26<sup>th</sup> **Sunday** 9.30am **PARISH COMMUNION**



Everyone is always welcome at all our services and events.

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## **Services, Readers & Hymns for Sept. & Oct. 2025**

<b>9.30am</b> unless time given	<b>readings</b> [small lectionary]	<b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>readings</b>	<b>hymns</b> NEH unless otherwise given
7 <sup>th</sup> September Trinity 12 Parish Communion	Deut 30.15-20 p881 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14.24-33	Muriel Russell	351 Come ye faithful 113 Love's redeeming work 265 Lord of beauty 478 Ye watchers and ye holy
14 <sup>th</sup> September Holy Cross Day or / Trinity 13 Parish Communion	Numbers 21.4-19 p1009 Philippians 2.6-11 p1011 John 3.13-17 p1012 OR Exodus 32.7-14 p886 1 Timothy 1. 12-17 Luke 15.1-10	Arthur Storey	236 The day you gave us JP 241 The king of love 278 When morning gilds 64 Great is thy faithfulness
21 <sup>st</sup> September <b>Pet Service</b> Morning Praise	tbc	Gemma Munro + Olivia	tbc
28 <sup>th</sup> September Trinity 15 Parish Communion	Amos 6.1a, 4-7 p896 1 Timothy 6.6-19 Luke 16.19-31	Pam Dell	334 All people that on earth 360 Firmly I believe and truly 146 Holy, holy, holy 495 God is working his purpose
5 <sup>th</sup> October Trinity 16 Parish Communion	Habakkuk 1.1-4, 2.1-4 2 Timothy 1.1-14 p.901 Luke 17.5-10	Mike Jones	tbc
12 <sup>th</sup> October <i>Harvest @ 11am</i> Trinity 17 Family Communion	2 Kings 5.1-3, 7-15 p906 2 Timothy 2.8-15 Luke 17.11-19	Jac Taylor	tbc
19 <sup>th</sup> October <i>Morning Praise</i> Trinity 18	<i>contemporary</i> Genesis 32.22-31 Luke 18.1-8	Lucy Jones	tbc
26 <sup>th</sup> October Last Sun after Trinity Parish Communion	Ecc 35.12-17 p917 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18 Luke 18.9-14	Richard Bailey	tbc
NB An <b>induction loop</b> for those with hearing aids is available at all services in Twyning Church			

Wedding: 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025   Emily Bullock and James Dudfield

# **or DRIVE**

Our event is on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2025**.  
We will start from Twyning Village Green at 9.30am.

**This year we propose:-**

2025 Strensham, Earl's Croome, Hill Croome, Ripple & Twyning Churches  
with lunch at Ripple 17 miles. Return for tea in the garden at Birds Farm.

Would you like to join in all or part of this route?

If you are not a rider why not come in a car.....

**Maybe you would like to sponsor us, for Church funds.**

You can give a cash donation to any rider.

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If you have any queries please contact:-Richard Bailey.  
on 01684 298 268 RABailey@btinternet.com

## SAT 13 SEPT 2025

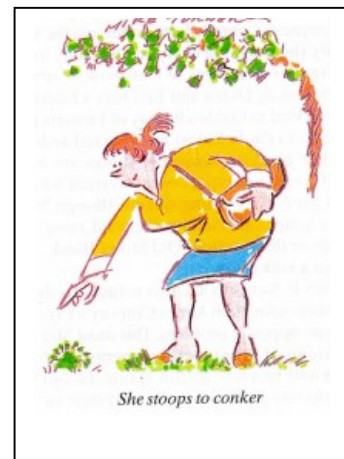
PLACE	LEAVE AT	MILES BETWEEN PLACES	TOTAL MILES
<i>At any stage if your cycle or your body is in need, then help will be at hand with car and trailer for rescue.</i> Contact for riders Richard on 07814 819 274			
	<b>DEPART</b>		
<b>START FOR RIDERS</b>	<b>09.30am</b>		
<b>TWYNING GREEN</b> - Ron & Vera's home			
via Downfield and Showborough			
and Strensham village to		3.6	
<b>1. Strensham Church</b> Depart	10.30am		3.6
via Dunstall Common 'Castle'		4.7	
<b>2. Earls Croome Church</b> Depart	11.30am		8.3
via Baughton Court		2.4	
<b>3. Hill Croome Church</b> Depart	12.00noon		10.7
via Naunton & A38 crossing		2.8	
<b>LUNCH at RAILWAY INN, RIPPLE from 12.30pm</b>			<b>13.5</b>
Depart Railway Inn at 2.00pm	<b>2.00pm</b>		13.5
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<b>4. Ripple Church</b> Depart	2.30pm		13.7
via the Bow & Puckrup to		2.8	
<b>5. Twyning Church</b> Depart	3.00pm		16.5
		0.7	
<b>TEA at Birds Farm, High Street, TWYNING from 3.30pm onwards</b>			<b>17.2</b>

## Autumn Churchyard Working Party – Saturday 11 October 2025

The Autumn Churchyard Working Party takes place on the Harvest Festival weekend.

It is good to have our Church looking at its best inside and out!

A big thank you to all who have helped to keep the Churchyard in such good order. With a variable climate and periods of optimal growing conditions for grass, the care and maintenance of the Churchyard has been a challenge over the last year but you and our splendid contractors rose to the challenge! Your efforts are appreciated by all who visit the Church.



However this is no time to sit back on our laurels!!

***Whatever time you can spare on Saturday 11th October will be gratefully received.***

Our working party in the Spring was very successful and made a real difference to the appearance of the Churchyard. We were able to tackle tasks which normally have to give way to the regular round of mowing.

If you can join us this time..... ***we will gather at 0930 or whenever you surface!***

There are usually plenty of jobs to do, so bring a few tools with you....shears etc.... coffee/tea and biscuits will be provided.

With all your help....our churchyard is a credit to our parish.....let's keep it that way!

Hope to see you on Saturday 11th October. If you need to know more, don't hesitate to contact me.

Ron Hesketh 01684 299773/ 07745 758899 or [ronhesketh@gmail.com](mailto:ronhesketh@gmail.com)

## HARVEST 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Canon Nick suggests that this year's Harvest is a child-centred celebration on Sunday 12 October at 11am. During the service that he will lead, the youngsters may be creating their own food. We will all then have lunch in the Ann Townend Hall – the adults providing their own Bring to Share food. Please put the date and time in your diary!



## Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

All Saint's Day is on 1<sup>st</sup> November

On the next day, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, we shall be remembering our loved ones and names will be read out. The list of names used previously has been augmented with those who have recently died. The sheets will be in church from Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October for any amendments you wish to make - please print in capitals.

# THE STORY OF THE CHURCH PROJECTS 2006 – 2014 - Part 3

A booklet has been printed to tell the story- see the excerpts in this newsletter which began in July. There are copies in church to take to read the whole story.



FLAGSTONES READY FOR LAYING



THE ENTRANCE DOOR



THE GLAZED ARCH EAST VIEW

As the major building work neared completion, **flagstones** were sourced from the Forest of Dean and were laid to create an open space.

**A new doorway** was created at the back of the Nave with the Store to the left and the Toilet to the right.

A necessary and valuable addition was the **glazing of the vast stone arch** leading into the Tower Vestry. This helps with sound proofing and stops the draught – no longer is there a need for floor to ceiling curtaining.

## Completion of first contract by July 2009

The first contract was for

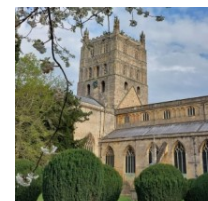
- the toilet and store
- open space and access for the disabled included expenditure on architectural design, gaining approvals
- contract preparation, letting and supervision
- removal / repositioning of pews
- construction of floors
- installation of sanitary ware
- heating modifications
- additional glazing of Nave/ Tower
- and the special refreshment facility.

**The total payments were £103,962.**

*next month: the new 'kitchen' area*



# Tewkesbury Benefice



We are part of the Benefice of **Tewkesbury with Walton Cardiff & Twynning** with Revd Canon Nick Davies as our vicar & Revd Hannah Barraclough as associate vicar.

## Theocsbury

*In the pulpit, Canon Nick recently mentioned the name Theoc'. Who was he? – read on!*

The name Tewkesbury comes from *Theoc*, the name of a Saxon hermit who arrived in the area in the 7th century. Then it was known as Theocsbury and became Tewkesbury over the centuries.

*Theoc* is believed to have settled on the site of Tewkesbury Abbey but the building there today has its roots in the 12th century. Consecrated in 1121, and credited with one of the finest Norman towers in the world, the Abbey marked its 900<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2021.

## Current Revision of Sunday Services at Tewkesbury Abbey

Following much prayerful research and conversation with members of the Abbey congregation and ministry team, the Abbey has now revised its Sunday morning services. There will be the service of High Mass using contemporary language at 10.30am every Sunday.

<b>Sunday</b>	7.30am	Morning Prayer	<b>Wednesday</b>	9am	Morning Prayer
	8am	Holy Communion BCP		4pm	Centering Prayer
	10.30am	High Mass	<b>Thursday</b>	9am	Morning Prayer
	5pm	Evensong		11am	Holy Communion (BCP)
<b>Monday</b>	9am	Morning Prayer		5.30	Choral Evensong*
	5.30	Choral Evensong*	<b>Friday</b>	9am	Morning Prayer
<b>Tuesday</b>	9am	Morning Prayer		5.30	Choral Evensong*
	12 noon	Holy Communion	<b>Saturday</b>	9am	Morning Prayer
	5.30	Choral Evensong*		4pm	Evening Prayer
			*Choral Evensong sung by Schola Cantorum in term-time, otherwise said Evening Prayer 4pm		

## Hospital Chaplaincy – repeat of a message from Revd Hannah

I am chairing the Hospital Chaplaincy team that goes to Tewkesbury Hospital (on a rota basis) to take holy communion.

I was wondering if there was anyone **from the Twynning parish** who might want to think about whether this might be a good opportunity for them.

Please email me, Hannah, if you are interested in exploring this further:

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## **Come to explore Tewkesbury Abbey and bring your visitors**

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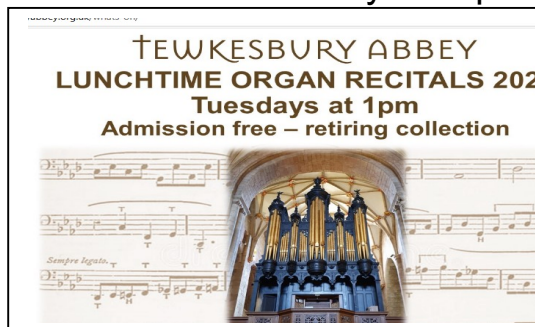
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**The Touching Souls Tea Room** is now open Monday to Saturday from 9am till 4pm and Sunday 11am to 3pm.

**The Abbey Shop** is open Monday to Saturday from 10am till 4pm and Sunday after the morning service till 4pm

## **Upcoming events at Tewkesbury Abbey:**

If you haven't been to one of these FREE organ recitals, you are missing a treat. Come on Tuesdays at 1pm for 45 minutes to hear the organ played by experts.



## **SEPTEMBER**

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|----|---|
| 2  | Stephen King (Brentwood Cathedral)            |
| 9  | David Saint (St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham) |
| 16 | Angela Sones (St Alban's Highgate)            |
| 23 | Piers Maxim (Malvern Priory)                  |
| 30 | Carleton Etherington (Tewkesbury Abbey)       |



**The Sixteen –**

**Angel of Peace**

13th September

3pm



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## It aced the seasonal transition

## Leaf -tunes

It couldn't squash its schedule.

Peace and blessings to you all,

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