



TWYNING PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER 2026

Building a society worth logging off for

The Government's announcement of a social media ban for under-16s has prompted a lively and important debate. Many parents, teachers, youth & community workers will recognise the concerns that lie behind it.

WRITTEN BY THE VERY REVEREND ANDREW ZIHNI, DEAN OF GLOUCESTER

We know that social media can expose young people to harmful content, unrealistic expectations, bullying, exploitation and addiction. We've seen the impact on mental health, self-esteem and relationships - and it's understandable that many welcome decisive action.

Yet whatever our views on the proposed ban, it seems to me that an even more important question lies beneath the headlines.

If young people spend less time online, where will they spend more time?



For more than a decade, we've watched as increasing amounts of life have migrated into digital spaces. For many young people, social media has become, not simply a source of entertainment but a place of identity, friendship and belonging. If we seek to limit access to those spaces, we must ask what alternatives we are offering.

The Christian faith begins with a profound truth: human beings are created for relationship. In the opening chapters of Genesis, we discover that we're made in the image of a relational God. We flourish not in isolation but in community. We need places where we're known, valued and loved.

The question before us, therefore, is not simply how we protect children from harm. It is how we help them flourish.

A society cannot thrive by restricting harmful influences alone. It must also cultivate what is good. If social media occupies less of a young person's life, then we must ensure there are other opportunities for friendship, creativity and community through activities such as sport, music, volunteering, worship and service.

We must invest in youth provision, community spaces and the networks of trusted adults who help young people navigate life's challenges

Sadly, in recent years, many of the institutions that once provided these opportunities have come under pressure. Youth clubs have closed. Community groups have struggled. Families are often stretched by the demands of modern life. The result is that many young people experience profound loneliness despite being more digitally connected than any previous generation.

SERVICES AND EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Sep 6th **Sunday** 9.30am **PARISH COMMUNION**



Wednesday 9th Sep 10am -12noon **PARISH COFFEE MORNING**
with Angela & Chris, Shieling Fleet Rd

Sept 12th Saturday 10am **Ride + Stride or Drive** (see pp5-6)

Sep 13th **Sunday** 9.30am **PARISH COMMUNION**
with **Acorns Stall** and **Refreshments**

Sep 19th Saturday 2pm Wedding: Jessica Nevin+John Smith-Maxwell

Sep 20th **Sunday** 9.30am **MORNING PRAISE**



Sep 27th Sunday 9.30am PARISH COMMUNION
with Refreshments

OCTOBER

Oct 4th Sunday 9.30am PARISH COMMUNION

Oct 11th Sunday 11am **HARVEST FESTIVAL**
including Family Communion & **Acorns Stall**

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



Oct 14th Wednesday 10-12noon Parish Coffee Morning with Pam Dell
at 9 Orchard Drive

Oct 18th Sunday 9.30am PARISH COMMUNION

Oct 25th Sunday 9.30am MORNING PRAISE + Refreshments

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HARVEST FESTIVAL on 11th October 2026, 11am, led by Canon Nick

We're celebrating **Harvest Festival** on **Sunday 11th October at 11 a.m.** All, including families, are welcome for a traditional harvest service & to stay for a **Bring and Share** harvest lunch in the Ann Townend Hall afterwards. It should not only give us an opportunity to celebrate the harvest but also our local community. **Donations of harvest produce and groceries** are welcome for display in the Church. Non-perishable gifts will go to the Tewkesbury Food Bank & those who kindly bring harvest vegetables / fruit are asked to take these home. On Sundays 11th & 18th October we will make a **special cash collection** for donations to two charities that support those in great need: Gloucestershire Farming Friends and Mary's Meals.

Readings, Readers & Hymns

9.30am unless time given	readings [small lectionary]	1 st & 2 nd readings	hymns NEH unless stated
6 th September Trinity 14 Parish Communion	Ezekiel 33.7-11 p315 Romans 13.8-14 Matthew 18.15-20	Mandy Hunt	449 Soldiers of Christ arise 410 My God how wonderful 296 Lord, enthroned in heavenly 475 Ye holy angels bright
13 th September Trinity 15 Parish Communion	Genesis 50.15-21 p321 Romans 14.1-12 Matthew 18.21-35	Mike Jones	468 Through the night of doubt 364 God is love let heavens 417 O God our help in ages past 362 Glorious things of thee
20 th September Trinity 16 <i>Morning Praise</i>	<i>contemporary</i> Exodus 16.2-15 Matthew 20.1-16	Lucy Jones	<i>Junior Praise</i> 41 Father hear the prayer 64 Great is your faithfulness 17 Bind us together Lord
27 th September Trinity 17 Parish Communion	Ezek 18.1-4.25-32 p327 Philippians 2.1-33 Matthew 21.23-32	Nicola McKeever	332 All hail the power omit * 393 Lead us heavenly Father 437 Praise the Lord, ye heavens 338 At the name of Jesus omit*
4 th October Trinity 18 Parish Communion	Isaiah 5.1-7 p338 Philippians 3.4b-14 Matthew 21.33-46	Richard Bailey	205 Christ is made the sure 234 Christ whose glory fills 206 Christ is our cornerstone 186 Tell out my soul
11 th October <i>Harvest @ 11am</i> Family Communion	Isaiah 25.1-9 p344 Philippians 4.1-9 Matthew 22.1-14	Nick Reeves	259 Come ye thankful people 260 Fair waved the golden corn 262 We plough the fields 263 All creatures of our God omit*
18 th October Luke the Evangelist / Trinity 20 Parish Communion	p1018 Isaiah 35.3-6 2 Timothy 4.5-17 Luke 10.1-9 OR p350 Isaiah 45.1-7 1 Thess 1.1-10 Matthew 22.15-22	Mac McKeever	360 Firmly I believe and truly 372 He who would valiant be 420 O Jesus I have promised 485 Thy hand O God has guided
25 th October Trinity 21 <i>Morning Praise</i>	<i>contemporary</i> 1 Thess 2.1-8 Matthew 22.34-46	Olivia	125 Love is his word RED 19 Bind us together Lord 45 For the healing of the nations

Everyone is always welcome at all our services and events.

See our website: <http://www.achurchnearyou.com/twyning-st-mary-magdalene>

NB An **induction loop** for those with hearing aids is available at all services in Twyning Church

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		info@tewkesburyabbey.org.uk



or **DRIVE** on Saturday 12th Sept

starting from Twynning Village Green at 9.30am.

For the cars and the oldies:- Strensham, Earl's Croome, Hill Croome, Ripple & Twynning Churches with lunch at "The Railway Inn" at Ripple from **12.30 to 2.00pm** – a total of 17 miles.

For the youngsters and their leaders:- Strensham, Hill Croome, Ripple & Twynning Churches with lunch at Ripple: 12 mls (or less)

Return for tea in the garden at Birds Farm from 3.30pm

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

- give a cash donation to any rider or donate directly the Twynning PCC account: Lloyds Bank sort code 30-91-87 acc't no 04635199

If you have any queries please contact:-Richard Bailey

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At any stage if your cycle or your body is in need, then help will be at hand with car for rescue. Contact for riders Richard on 07814 819 274		LEAVE AT	MILES BETWEEN PLACES	LONG ROUTE MILES	SHORT ROUTE MILES
PLACE		DEPART			
START FOR RIDERS & DRIVERS		09.30am			
TWYNING GREEN - Ron & Vera's home					
via Downfield and Showborough and Strensham village to			3.6		
1. Strensham Church Depart		10.30am		3.6	3.6
via Dunstall Common 'Castle'			4.7		
2. Earls Croome Church Depart		11.30am		8.3	NO
via Baughton Court			2.4		
3. Hill Croome Church Depart		12.00		10.7	5.6
via Naunton & A38 crossing		noon	2.8		
LUNCH at RAILWAY INN, RIPPLE from 12.30pm				13.5	8.4
Depart Railway Inn at 2.00pm		2.00pm		13.5	8.4
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4. Ripple Church Depart		2.30pm		13.7	8.6
via the Bow & Puckrup to			2.8		
5. Twynning Church Depart		3.00pm		16.5	11.4
			0.7		
TEA at Birds Farm, High Street, TWYNING from 3.30pm onwards.....				17.2	12.1

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The map displays a proposed walking route in the Raughton area. The route is highlighted with a thick green line and green arrows indicating a clockwise direction. Key locations and features include:

- Geographical Features:** Marsh Common, Raughton, Green Street, and the River Trent.
- Infrastructure:** A network of roads and paths, including a road labeled 'SHORT ROUTE'.
- Landmarks:** Various fields, commons, and small settlements like Raughton and Marsh.
- Other Markings:** Red squares and circles are placed at specific points along the route, possibly indicating checkpoints or points of interest.

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On **All Saint's Day, Sunday 1st 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 18th October for any amendments you wish to make - please print in capitals.

Richard Bailey was perusing Margaret's Bible one Sunday and he found interesting pages of information at the back.

Here is the final offering

Thank you, Richard.

PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS

Acts and New Testament Letters

Crucifixion of Jesus	A.D.30	Paul's visit to Jerusalem (Acts 21)	A.D.57
Pentecost (Acts 2)	A.D.30	Paul's arrest (Acts 21-24)	A.D.57
Stephen martyred (Acts 7)	early A.D.35	Paul in prison	A.D.57-59
Paul converted	summer A.D.35	Paul's sea voyage to Rome	A.D.59-60
Paul in Damascus (Acts 9)	A.D.35-37	Paul's first Roman imprisonment	A.D.60-62
Paul to Jerusalem (Acts 9)	summer A.D.37	<i>Ephesians written</i>	A.D.60
Paul in Tarsus	A.D.37-43	<i>Colossians written</i>	A.D.61
Paul in Antioch	A.D.43-48	<i>Philemon written</i>	A.D.61
Paul's first missionary journey	A.D.48-49	<i>Philippians written</i>	A.D.62
<i>Galatians written</i>	A.D.49	Paul released and travelling	A.D.62-64
Jerusalem Council (Acts 15)	A.D.49	<i>1 Timothy written</i>	A.D.62
Paul's second missionary journey	A.D.50-52	Paul travels to Spain	A.D.64-66
<i>1 Thessalonians written</i>	A.D.51	<i>Titus written</i>	A.D.66
<i>2 Thessalonians written</i>	A.D.51	Paul in Greece	A.D.67
Paul's third missionary journey	A.D.53-57	Paul arrested and taken to Rome	A.D.67
<i>1 Corinthians written</i>	A.D.56	<i>2 Timothy written</i>	A.D.67
<i>2 Corinthians written</i>	A.D.56	Paul put to death in Rome	A.D.68
<i>Romans written</i>	A.D.57	City of Jerusalem destroyed	A.D.70



Benefice of Tewkesbury Abbey with Walton Cardiff & Twynning



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



Links with those at the Abbey are becoming stronger naturally as the months and years go by. Canon Nick takes at least one service a month at Twynning so we see him regularly.

Ven Ron and Angela, Lay Reader, as part of the ministry team attend bi-monthly meetings and are on the rota taking services at the Abbey, including Morning and Evening Prayer. Claire, as our benefice administrator, often emails or phones with information or queries, for example about rotas, funerals and/or the churchyard. Feel free to get in touch with any / all of them – contact details for most are on page 4.

CONGRATULATIONS!

to **Carleton Etherington**, the Abbey organist and Director of Music, who has been elected an Associate of the Royal School of Church Music (ARSCM) in recognition of his work in the world of church music.

TEWKESBURY ABBEY LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITALS 2026 TUESDAYS at 1.00-1.45pm

September

- 1 – Keith Hearnshaw
(Concert Organist)
- 8 – Alison Howell
(Keynsham Parish Church)
- 15 – Roger Judd (Hereford)
- 22 – Anthony Gritten (London)
- 29 – Carleton Etherington
(Tewkesbury Abbey)

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(please check with Abbey Bulletin)

Sunday	7.30am	Morning Prayer	Wednesday	9am	Morning Prayer
	8am	Holy Communion BCP		4pm	Centering Prayer
10.30am	High Mass with Children's Church		Thursday	9am	Morning Prayer
	5pm	Evensong		11am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Monday	9am	Morning Prayer		5.30	Choral Evensong
4pm	Evening Prayer / 5.30 Choral Evensong		Friday	9am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	9am	Morning Prayer			ng
	12 noon	Holy Communion	Saturday	9am	Morning Prayer
4pm	Evening Prayer / 5.30 Choral Evensong			4pm	Evening Prayer

What's On – see the full details at [What's On - Tewkesbury Abbey](#)

Wed 26 August 7.30pm - The Music of James Bond with the Great British Film Orchestra

Sat 29 August 5.30pm - The Tallis Choral Foundation: British Choral Classics

Sat 12 September 3pm – The Sixteen Choral Pilgrimage: Lead Kindly Light

Sat 26 September 7:30pm - Fulltone Symphony Orchestra with New World Symphony

Tues 29 Sep – Sat 3 Oct - Classics in the Abbey: Pride & Prejudice: times vary 2.30/7.30

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COMING IN OCTOBER: MAJOR EXHIBITION – BAYEUX TAPESTRY EXHIBITION

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September's Synopsis

Katharine Parr of Sudeley, Queen, died 5 September 1548

Katharine Parr married the ailing King Henry VIII in 1543. The marriage was an immediate success. Queen Katharine was an admirable and caring wife and nursemaid to the King. She was a loving stepmother to Edward, Elizabeth and Mary, encouraging their education and their Christian piety. Katharine was an intellectual with a passionate interest in theology, and attracted courtiers sympathetic to the reformed faith. After the death of the King, Katharine married Thomas Semour and moved to Sudeley Castle, Winchcombe. It was a love match, but all too brief as Katherine died of childbirth fever a year later on 5 Sep 1548. She was a friend & patron of many of the reformers including Latimer & Cranmer and wrote two devotional works: *Prayers or Medytacions* and *The Lamentation of a sinner*.



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Many thanks to those who contribute: please send items for the next issue – by 20th September

Peace and blessings to you all, *Angela*

Reader, Parish Lay Minister

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