



TWYNING PARISH CHURCH NEWSLETTER 2026

I couldn't help but notice the hymns chosen for the first Sunday in October. The first three begin with "Christ", used by Christians as both a name and a title, that unambiguously refers to Jesus. As a title it is used both in the form "Christ Jesus", meaning "the Messiah Jesus", and independently as "the Christ". The earliest texts of the New Testament often refer to Jesus as "Christ Jesus", or simply "Christ". And then, the fourth hymn for that Sunday is a great favourite:

"Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord".

The second half of the 20th century saw a flood of exiting new versions of the Bible in English as well as an upsurge of contemporary hymn-writing. When Timothy Dudley-Smith, an evangelical priest, later bishop of Thetford, and much involved with Christian mission within the Church of England, was sent a review copy of the 1961 *New English Bible*, he was very struck by the beginning of Luke's Gospel. In this version, the *Magnificat*, or "Song of Mary", begins with the words "Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord". These inspired him to write a paraphrase, now one of the most popular modern hymns.

The event to which Mary assented - the presence of God within her - does indeed "magnify" her and we can recognise that she could identify on one level with "the humble and meek". Also, as she took on the mantle of the mother of God, she was saying quite simply that she was exalted and blessed beyond any other person because she was to be the bearer of Christ into the world. Mary spoke of this extraordinary event in an ordinary context, on a visit to her cousin, Elizabeth, herself miraculously expecting a son, known later as John the Baptist.

This song of Mary was probably introduced by St. Benedict for the office of Vespers or Evening Prayer. Then, 1500 years later in the early 1960s, the editors of *The Anglican Hymn Book* asked Timothy Dudley-Smith if he had any hymns for their new book. He replied that 'having no music whatsoever' he could not write hymns but that he had written a poem, "Tell out my soul". Since then, the poem has appeared in many hymn-books. The words have been set to a variety of tunes but one called *Woodlands*, first chosen by the editors of *100 Hymns for Today*, expresses the overjoyed, elated expression of Mary's words.

Here's the hymn of praise and personal mission for you to savour and act upon:

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his Word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy Name, the Lord, the mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight;
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his Word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and forevermore!



Twyning Village Fete Monday 31st August -

The church again organised a most successful stall for the Village Fete making over £100 for the charities we support. Many thanks are due for the gifts you gave to support the games and to all the willing volunteers who welcomed visitors to the stall.



or **DRIVE** on Saturday 12th Sept

Our cyclists and those in supporting cars started from Twyning Village Green at 9.30am. The churches visited were Strensham, Earl's Croome, Hill Croome, Ripple & Twyning Churches with delicious lunches at "The Railway Inn" at Ripple.

The brave ones, including youngsters, all cycled a very commendable total of 17 miles, although some tyres needed pumping up many times. The tea in the garden at Birds Farm was most welcome – thank you Richard.

There is still time to sponsor them for Church funds - give a cash donation to any rider or donate directly the Twyning PCC account: Lloyds Bank sort code 30-91-87 acc't no 04635199
If you have any queries please contact:-Richard Bailey, 01684 298 268

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Presentation to a long serving bellringer

Though Brian Gray recently retired as a bellringer and steeple keeper at Twyning, he kindly continues to look after the clock in the church tower.

On Friday 4th September, Brian came to the church, expecting to meet only David Bagley to investigate the current church clock issues. However, he was greeted by the church warden, Chris Cole, and a representative group of ringers: Rachel Bagley, David Bagley and Leonie Parker.

To his complete surprise, he was formally thanked for his long service to Twyning Church as a bellringer and keeper of the steeple and presented with a mounted silver bell.

This was obtained by Twyning's tower captain, David Bagley, engraved by Nick Yates [Tewkesbury Trophies] and fixed to a beautiful mount made by Clive Border, who often rings at Twyning. Rachel Bagley took this group photograph:



Presented to
Brian Gray
with thanks
for services to
Twyning Tower

SERVICES AND EVENTS

OCTOBER

Oct 4th Sunday 9.30am PARISH COMMUNION

Oct 10th Saturday Churchyard Working Party (see page 6)

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

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



Wednesday 14th Oct 10am -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



NOVEMBER

Nov 1st **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY** 9.30am PARISH COMMUNION
remembering loved ones

Nov 8th **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**
9.30 short parish communion in Church - no refreshments
10.45 service at War Memorial



Nov 11th Wednesday 10-12 **PARISH COFFEE MORNING**
with Nicola and Mac, The Willows, High Street

Nov 15th Sunday 9.30am **MORNING PRAISE**

Nov 22nd Sunday 9.30am **PARISH COMMUNION** + Refreshments

Nov 29th **ADVENT SUNDAY** 9.30am **PARISH COMMUNION**
sometimes considered to be the Church's Birthday!!
We begin Year B for readings from the lectionary (the small red books)

Readings, Readers & Hymns

9.30am unless time given	readings [small lectionary]	1 st & 2 nd readings	hymns NEH unless stated
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 <i>omit*</i>
18 th October Luke the Evangelist Parish Communion	Isaiah 35.3-6 2 p1018 Timothy 4.5-17 Luke 10.1-9	Nicola 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>	contemporary Exodus 20.1-27 Matthew 22.34-46	Olivia	196 This is the day RED 125 Love is his word 62 I, the Lord of sea and sky
1 st November <i>All Saints Day</i> Parish Communion	Rev 7.9-17 p370 1 John 3.1-3 Matthew 5.1-12	Arthur Storey	236 (JP) The day thou gavest 215 (JP) Seek ye first 341 (NEH) Blest are the pure 197 (NEH) For all the saints
8 th November <i>Remembrance Sunday</i> Parish Communion	Amos 5.18-24 p380 1 Thess 4.13-18 Matthew 25.1-13	Muriel Russell	15 The Lord will come 408 Love divine 443 Rejoice the Lord is King 485 Thy hand O God 489 National Anthem
15 th November <i>Morning Praise</i>	contemporary 1 Thess 5.1-11 Matthew 25.14-30	tbc	86 I am trusting you JP 188 One more step along 259 To God be the glory
22 nd November <i>Christ the King</i> Parish Communion	Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24 Ephe 1.15-23 p388 Matthew 25.31-46	Dorothy Williams	457 The King of love 352 Crown him with many crowns 295 Let all mortal flesh 338 At the name of Jesus
29 th November <i>Advent Sunday</i> Parish Communion	Isaiah 64.1-9 p393 1 Corinthians 1.3-9 Mark 13.24-37	Robert Cockrell	9 Lo he comes 5 Hark! A herald's voice 11 O come, O come Emmanuel 272 All for Jesus

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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A collection of gardening tools including a wheelbarrow, shovel, rake, and a birdhouse.

Whatever time you can spare on Saturday 10th October, will be gratefully received. Our working parties, last year, were very successful and made a real difference to the appearance of the Churchyard. These enable us to tackle tasks which normally have to give way to the regular round of mowing.

A vibrant illustration for a Harvest Festival. At the top, the words "HARVEST festival" are written in a stylized font, with "HARVEST" in bold orange capital letters and "festival" in a black script font. Below the text, a bright yellow sun with a smiling face is positioned behind a large orange pumpkin. To the left of the pumpkin is a woven basket filled with red apples. In the foreground, there are clusters of purple grapes and a head of green lettuce. To the right of the pumpkin is a yellow corn cob. The entire scene is framed by golden wheat stalks and small red berries on thin branches.



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.

Significant dates at the Abbey

On Sunday 27th September, the service included celebrating **Carleton Etherington's 60th birthday and 30 years at the Abbey**. The preacher was The Very Reverend Michael Tavinor, whom many of you will remember moved from Tewkesbury to Hereford Cathedral. Michael is retired now and living in the Presteigne area of Powys.

On 4th October there will be a celebration of **Revd Charles Witney's 80th birthday**. He has asked Canon Nick to preach on this occasion and the service will be followed by drinks and canapés at the back of the Abbey. We send our congratulations to Charles and wish him all happiness and blessings in many years to come.

What's On: Sat 17 October 7.30pm - Wish You Were Here & The Dark Side of the Moon: Everything Under The Sun return to Tewkesbury Abbey with their live celebration of the music of Pink Floyd - a 2-hour show that features the Abbey's Milton pipe organ as part of the 7-piece band, accompanied by synchronised video content. **Buy tickets online**

On Thursday OCTOBER 22nd coming to the Abbey is a

MAJOR EXHIBITION: Bayeux Tapestry & Norman Heritage Trail

This will include an image of the tapestry printed on an enormous material banner displayed in the North and South aisles. It will remain there until 11th July 2027.

Plan your visit:

The Abbey is open to visitors Monday to Saturday – 9.30am-4pm and Sunday 12.30-4pm
The exhibition is FREE, entry to Abbey is by voluntary donation e.g. £5 adults, £10 family
Exhibition and trail guides are available at the welcome desk for a small fee. A free map and Bayeux trail sheet for younger visitors is available at no charge.

There is NO TIME LIMIT to your visit: explore the tapestry and exhibits at your leisure, stop at the Abbey Garden Café, or pop into the Abbey Shop, and revisit the exhibition as you choose.

SERVICE TIMES AT TEWKESBURY ABBEY (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		11am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Monday	9am	Morning Prayer		5.30	Choral Evensong
	5.30	Choral Evensong	Friday	9am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	9am	Morning Prayer		5.30	Choral Evensong
	12 noon	Holy Communion	Saturday	9am	Morning Prayer
	5.30	Choral Evensong		4pm	Evening Prayer

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A black and white oval portrait of a woman with light-colored hair styled in an updo. She is wearing a light-colored, high-collared blouse with a dark, striped tie. The portrait is set against a dark, textured background.

In the Anglican Church, 12th October is the commemoration day of Edith Cavell. She was a British nurse in charge of a hospital in Belgium during the First World War. She saved the lives of soldiers from both sides & helped Allied soldiers escape from German-occupied Belgium, for which she was arrested. Her strong Christian beliefs led her to help all those who needed it: she said, "I can't stop while there are lives to be saved."

Despite international pleas for mercy, she was shot by a German firing squad. The night before her execution, she told Revd. Gahan, the Anglican chaplain who gave her Holy Communion: “Patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone.” What an example!!

if you had toothache?	Dentista Apollonia Peter
if you had a migraine?	Aspren Aspirin Anthony
if you had a sore throat?	Blaise Flannel Godelina
if you had sore knees?	Neale Gangulphus Sebaldu
worst of all, if you got the plague?	Agricola Adrian Quirinus

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1. Apollonia
2. Aspren (honestly!)
3. Both Blaise and Godelina
4. Gangulphus
5. all of them

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