

**Wye Brooks Group
UPDATE for 9 October
TRINITY 17
GREEN**

TRINITY 17 READINGS

**Jeremiah 29:1,4-7
Psalm 66:1-11
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19**

**FROM THE VICAR
HOPE AND A FUTURE**

Forty two years ago today it was when I boarded a train in my home town of Southport, on the Lancashire coast, and headed off on a journey across the country to start university at Hull. University had never been on my agenda, but my very close friend Vic had gone off to uni; I had visited and after that simply had to try. At 25 I was a mature student, but that didn't matter. I was the first person in my family to do a degree. My parents hadn't, and neither had my grandparents, or my uncles and aunts, or my cousins.

After the initial excitement and fear, it settled into being a pretty ordinary time. I joined the karate club and eventually got my 1st kyu—the last belt before a black belt, and I played squash three or four times a week. I didn't do a lot of drinking because I had no desire to and little money. I did join the Christian Union and a local Methodist church and preached in the Methodist circuit. And I studied - not too hard!

When I graduated after three years my widowed mum came to watch the ceremony, and as far as I was concerned it was all for her. I had been a horrid child and teenager, completely beyond her control, expelled from two schools, and I wanted her somehow to see that her efforts and tears on behalf of her wayward son hadn't been wasted. It was a great day and I was so proud. I went back to do a teaching qualification.

I have been a committed Christian from the age of twenty, and one of the Bible verses which struck me from very early on was from Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

The promise there is to a nation, but in my own experience it's true for an individual too, that faith brings hope for the future, and I have been pretty constantly aware of God's loving, guiding hand for nearly the whole of my adult life. He has taken me into study, marriage, parenthood, ministry, missionary work, school chaplaincy and parish ministry and has blessed me richly despite my own weaknesses and

**(ALTERNATIVE) COLLECT
FOR TRINITY 17**

**Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all
good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

failures My eternity is in his hands. My truly blessed life is not because I am good, but because God is, in creation and in Christ. In the words of the hymn:

The King of love my Shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.

Looking back now on 47 years as a committed Christian and 42 years since I went to university, I see the abundant sense in those familiar words from Proverbs 3 in the Old Testament

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.
Be not wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.
It will be healing to your flesh
and refreshment to your bones.

**THE BISHOP'S MESSAGE
DECISIONS! DECISIONS!**

Go to
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l3oOwKS_0_M

LIGHT BITE

This week's is on **The Atonement**
<https://youtu.be/lurYhu3Lfq8>



WELCOME BACK SIMON AND CAROLINE

We welcome back into our midst Simon and Caroline Tarlton.

You'll remember that Simon was ordained just a few short years ago and served his first incumbency in the Bartestree Group of churches in this diocese. He and Caroline were also married at St Giles' Church and have a house here.

He has been asked to lead up the work of a charity though, so they are leaving Bartestree and moving back to Goodrich.

Simon is being licensed to this benefice on Tuesday evening, and will take two services a month for us.

Caroline was an unstoppable force as Churchwarden, and we wait to see how God leads her in her return to life among us here.

Of course, we wish the pair of them God's very richest blessings in this next chapter of their lives.

Simon's Licensing Service

St Giles' Church Goodrich

This Tuesday 7.30

Everyone welcome



WEEKDAY GROUPS

The ZOOM HOUSE GROUP will happen as usual on Tuesday at 10.00am.

The ZOOM PRAYER GROUP is cancelled because of course it clashes with Simon's licensing, to which you are all invited.

REMEMBRANCE 2022

Remembrance Sunday is 13th November. In the benefice, we have the following events:

9.15 Act of Remembrance at Welsh Newton War Memorial

9.45 Act of Remembrance at Llangrove War Memorial

10.15 Act of Memorial round the war grave in Llangarron churchyard.

10.50 Holy Communion including an Act of Remembrance at Marstow Church.

10.50 Remembrance Service at Goodrich Church

12.00 Act of Memorial in Goodrich War Memorial.

CHRISTIANITY IN THE NEWS

MILLIONS MORE IN POVERTY



The head of the national debt help charity Christians Against Poverty (CAP) has strongly criticised the government's economic policy, saying it will push millions more people into poverty.

CAP commissioned YouGov to carry out a poll of across the UK in August and following that CAP's CEO Paula Stringer said: "We found that costs have risen and one in three low-income households are really struggling. That's compared to one in ten of those who are on higher incomes.

"Almost half the population are currently struggling financially in some way or another. Twenty percent of adults are in financial trouble overall, and then about 35 percent are just about coping and are at risk as costs go up this winter.

BROTHER ANDREW R.I.P



The man known to Christians around the world as 'Brother Andrew' has died at the age of 94.

Brother Andrew was Dutch, born in 1928.

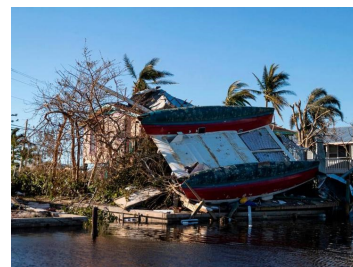
He founded the ministry of Open Doors in 1955 setting off for his God-inspired mission to smuggle millions of Bibles into countries where Christians were persecuted. Travelling in his Volkswagen Beetle car stuffed with illicit Bibles, he ventured into Soviet Bloc Communist countries including East Germany, Poland, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia.

After an account of his adventures was published in 1967, he became known as God's Smuggler and inspired Christian missionaries across the world. The book was translated into 35 languages and sold more than 10 million copies.

When East/West relations thawed, Brother Andrew turned his attention to the leaders of the

IT'S A THANKSGIVING THAT WE ARE HERE

A church in Florida sheltering mostly elderly congregants from Hurricane Ian has continued its services, despite suffering substantial damage.



The pastors at the Southwest Baptist church in Fort Myers were determined to hold a service of prayer for the damaged city.

Despite the wreckage that continues to lie around them, including overturned cars, a toppled steeple and soaked bibles, seniors gathered on the porch of the church.

During the Sunday service, those gathered were encouraged to lean on their faith.

"It's a thanksgiving that we're here," Jane Compton, 77, told the news outlet. "We're so fortunate."

underground church in China. In one expedition in 1981, missionaries from Open Doors floated a barge into China under the cover of darkness. They were able to deliver a million Bibles to a silent group of waiting Chinese Christians, who spirited them into the country.

Brother Andrew also turned his attention to the Middle East and North Africa and was one of the few Western public figures to regularly meet with Islamic leaders as an ambassador for Christ. After Osama bin Laden was killed by US forces in 2011, he expressed sadness :

"I believe everyone is reachable. People are never the enemy—only the devil. Bin Laden was on my prayer list. I wanted to meet him. I wanted to tell him who is the real boss in the world."

When asked a few years ago whether he had any regrets, his response was,

"Yes, I should like to have been a lot more radical!"

WHITCHURCH WEEKLY



10.30 every Thursday at St Dubricius Church, Whitchurch

A simple informal half hour communion without a sermon or a collection.

Followed by a cuppa and biscuits.

It has always been open to anyone from both the Wye Reaches and Wye Brooks benefices.

Please do come. Relax and enjoy God's presence with us.

RESPONDING TO THE UKRAINE CRISIS



The Diocese has a web page encouraging us to respond in prayer and action to the ongoing crisis in Ukraine. Go to <https://www.hereford.anglican.org/our-faith/prayers-for-ukraine/>

UKRAINE FOOD COLLECTION

Tinned food is being collected at KTS Craft Warehouse, Trenchard Street, at the bottom of Edde Cross Street in Ross. They have already made deliveries of clothing and medical equipment, and now it is tinned food which is needed, (no glass). Tins - soup, spaghetti, pies, meat, fruit, plus cereal bars.

JUST TO DELIGHT YOU REUNITED

Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UkhCUz8MVho>

MINI BIBLE STUDY PICTURES OF THE ATONEMENT

Bank

Luke 7:41-50

We were in hopeless debt and Jesus paid the debt for us

Slave Market Ephesians 1:7

We were slaves and Jesus came to the marketplace to redeem us from bondage.

Law Court Romans 5:16

We were condemned criminals before the judgment seat of God and Jesus bore our penalty in order to set us free.

Temple Ephesians 2:13-14

We were unclean Gentiles, excluded by our defilement of sin from the presence of God in the temple, and Jesus gave himself as a sacrifice to consecrate for us a way to the throne of mercy.

Home Ephesians 2:18-19

We were children in disgrace far from home and Jesus brought us back to the family circle

Battlefield Colossians 2:15

We were captives confined to the fortress of Satan and Jesus broke in to deliver us

A TOUCH OF HUMOUR INSURANCE CLAIM QUOTES

Coming home I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have.

He was all over the road. I had to swerve a number of times before I hit him.

I had been driving for forty years when I fell asleep at the wheel.

An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my car and vanished.

The indirect cause of the accident was a little guy in a small car with a big mouth.

SERVICES CALENDAR FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

Date	Time	Place	Service	Leader
9 October	8.30	Welsh Newton	Benefice Holy Communion	Ben
9 October	10.00	Llangrove	Sunday Praise	Wendy
9 October	11.00	Marstow	Harvest Festival	Ben
9 October	11.00	Goodrich	Morning service	Lay led
16 October	8.30	Welsh Newton	Meditation and Bible Study	Lay led
16 October	10.00	Llangrove	Benefice Holy Communion	Ben
16 October	6.00	Llangarron	Evening Prayer	Penny
23 October	10.00	Llangrove	Community Service	Lay led
23 October	10.00	Marstow	Morning Service	Lay led
23 October	11.00	Goodrich	Benefice Holy Communion	Ben
23 October	08.30	Welsh Newton	Holy Communion	Penny
30 October	9.00	Welsh Newton	** Explore Quiet Morning	Sue
30 October	10.00	Llangrove	Benefice Holy Communion	Penny
6 November	8.30	Welsh Newton	Meditation and Bible Study	Sue
6 November	11.00	Llangarron	Benefice Holy Communion	Simon
6 November	4.30pm	Llangrove	Lay led	Ben

CHANGES TO WORSHIP

With Simon's arrival and the input of the lay worship team we find ourselves potentially able to move back towards a full programme of services. Aims at the moment, per month, from January

- Goodrich - 2 x HC, 2x lay led
- Marstow—1 x HC, 1 x lay led
- Llangarron - 1 x HC, 1 other
- Llangrove - 2 x HC, 2 x lay led
- Welsh Newton - 2 x HC, 2 x lay led

**Celtic morning prayer followed by a time exploring our relationship with God. Discussions and quiet times spent apart. It will last until about 12.00. Refreshments will definitely be served. All welcome.

LIGHT BITES

For anyone who hasn't tumbled to it yet, a *Light Bite* is a home produced 'event' of about 20 minutes on YouTube. It will consist usually of an introduction, a bible reading, a talk a hymn and a blessing. They are supposed to TEACH something about our faith or CHALLENGE us.

Today we are on the ninth in a series on Bible words—the words that are difficult to understand.

THIS WEEK'S LIGHT BITE

This week's big word is ATONEMENT

Next we will have a look at SALVATION then take a well-earned rest from big words.

CHRISTIAN QUOTES HOPE

Let this one great, gracious, glorious fact lie in your spirit until it permeates all your thoughts and makes you rejoice even though you are without strength. Rejoice that the Lord Jesus has become your strength and your song - He has become your salvation.

CH Spurgeon

This is Christian hope, that the future is in God's hands.

Pope Francis

Christian hope does not promise successful days to the rich and the strong, but resurrection and life to those who must exist in the shadows of death. Success is no name of God. Righteousness is.

Jürgen Moltmann

JARGON BUSTER MITRE



A mitre is a headdress worn by a Bishop or, in other denominations, sometimes by other senior clergy.

It's a symbol of dignity, authority and holiness.

It is not worn on its own. A bishop, when he is wearing his mitre, will also be holding a crozier (a staff like a shepherd's crook) and a large cross.

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

The UK

- HM the King
- Our Prime Minister and Cabinet. It's somewhat chaotic at present.
- Rising prices and the hardship they bring
- The increasingly important work of food banks.

World

- Please continue to pray for the Ukraine, and for Russia, especially in view of the annexation of parts of Ukraine and the bridge explosions.
- Pray for China and Taiwan.
- Pray for the US. The political chaos is severe. There is anger at the Roe vs Wade decision, but gun rights and the continued fallout from the last presidential elections continue to split the country.
- Pray too about the famine in East Africa, the migrant problem, threats from nations like North Korea and of course Iran, which has just declared itself to have nuclear weapons, and so on.

Covid.

- Covid is still with us, and of course is still killing people, though not as many.
- Those who have lost loved ones or watched them suffer.
- Those who continue to be isolated
- Our NHS

Our churches and clergy

- For right actions leading to sustainability and growth.
- For the prayer life of our churches
- For the hard decisions which will need to be made about clergy numbers.
- For mission mindedness

Our villages

Our pubs, parish councils, local businesses and schools. Pray for all our communities in these difficult times.

Pray for people

Please pray for all those you know who are sick or in particular need, and those facing big changes in life.

- Chris as he continues to recover slowly.
- Ruth (not Ruth Davis) undergoing stem cell treatment.
- Geraldine—not well at present
- John— undergoing tests in hospital
- Frida - ill in hospital
- The family of Joyce Rollinson, whose funeral was last week
- Rob Cole. Rob is grieving over the death of his father and his mother only a couple of weeks apart.
- The family of Carol Palmer, who died this week.

REGULARS

MAKING A DIFFERENCE—WILLS



Want to make a difference to your local church? Why not leave it something in your will? It's easy to do, and helps what you care about.

COMPANION WORK NEEDED

One of our parishioners would like to find paid work as a companion to someone —cooking, housekeeping, shopping etc. If you or someone you know might be able to offer this kind of work, please leave me a message (01989 770454) and I'll put you in touch when I am back from holiday.

PARISH GIVING SCHEME

We are pushing the Parish Giving Scheme because it is the best way of giving to your Church, not just because of *how little hassle* it is to you, but also because of how *safe and tax efficient* it is, how *easy it is for treasurers to administer* and how it usually does actually *drive the income of churches up*. And GOOD NEWS—you don't even have to fill in a form. You can set it up by phone. By all means ring your church treasurer for details and fill in a form, or call the number below.



The Llangrove Milk Shed at the Village Hall,
For farm fresh milk and a few other things like butter, cheese and cake.

Support local businesses!

PARISH GIVING SCHEME

Tel 0333 002 1271

Church	<u>Parish Ref</u>	Church	<u>Parish Ref</u>
Goodrich	180618231	Marstow	180618241
Llangarron	180618239	Llangrove	180618240
Welsh Newton	180618256		



Our local eateries are important, and without our patronage they risk not being able to survive, especially in this climate.

Llangrove - The Royal Arms
Phone **01989 770267**

Goodrich - The Hostelrie
Phone **01600 890241**

Goodrich - The Cross Keys
Phone **01600 890692**

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CLERGY HOLIDAYS

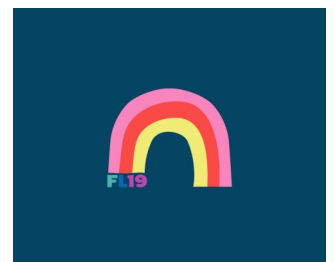
25 October to 6 November

CLERGY DAY OFF

My usual day off is MONDAY

BLESS THE NHS

Thanks to Helen Shipton, who belongs to our Tuesday prayer group, for giving us details of this initiative to provide a bit of support for NHS workers. Do have a look.



<https://www.frontline19.com/hopeline19/>



Food Bank

St Mary's Welsh Newton want you to know that they have started an informal, voucher-free food bank at the church.

The church is open 24/7

Anyone who feels under pressure financially can just slip in and take what they need without having to register anywhere.

Do gossip this information to anyone whom you think might find it helpful.

Please also feel free to donate food to it yourself.

Thanks.



Another Food Bank

Christ Church Llangrove have set up the Benefice's Second Food Bank

The church is open during the day.

Anyone who feels under pressure financially can just slip in and take what they need without having to register anywhere.

Please also feel free to donate food to it yourself.

Do gossip this information to anyone whom you think might find it helpful.

Thanks.